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Chakra's



Summaries

Aquarius Sun ☿ ♊ and ☾ ♋ Cancer Moon man

([838] i.thehoroscope.co)

An Emotional Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Strong, convincing and energetic;

Negatives: Untrustworthy, moody and indecisive;

Perfect partner: Someone who will help her create a comfortable home;

Advice: Be careful about breaking rules and taking risks.

Sun ☉ in XII 12th House

([870] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very compassionate - Summary:

Strengths: Intuitive, perfectionistic and affectionate;

Challenges: Aloof, judgmental and stubborn;

Advice: They need to allow themselves free and uninhibited expression.

Moon ☾ in V 5th House

([876] i.thehoroscope.co)

Can't run away from their own instincts - Summary:

Strengths: Magnetic, passionate and enthusiastic;

Challenges: Dramatism and coldness;

Advice: Learn to let inhibitions aside.

Neutral: They should pay more attention to their feelings

Moon ☾ in 7th Nakshatra: Purnarvasu

Short Version [2]

Strength: good hearted, kind, considerate, friendly, content, nurturing, generous, easily makes connections with others, profound imagination, lives in the moment, prefers simplicity, religious inclination, interest in philosophy and spirituality, purification for spiritual development, strength in communications field, good writers and inspirational speaker, involved in successful projects.

Weakness: fickle, indecisive, critical, an over-simplified approach to life leads to lack of intelligence, focus on spirituality creates a lack of material drive, lack of foresight brings complications, frequent changes in living situation, unstable relationships, multiple career changes, ill health, over-intellectualizes life, easily bored.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in fourth pada

(0°00–3°:20°degrees' Cancer): Cancer. navamsa You often put others' needs before your own. You are compassionate, nurturing, and sensitive. Although sensitivity is sometimes associated with fragility, you have a great inner strength that will see you through life's ups and downs.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♊ Gemini man

([888] i.thehoroscope.co)

The bare facts of Mercury in Gemini:

Style: Curious and social;

Top qualities: Playful, adaptable and gregarious;

Challenges: Superficial and easily bored;

Advice: You might want to stick to some areas in which to become an expert;

Mercury ☿ in IV 4th House

([911] i.thehoroscope.co)

Quite subjective individuals - Summary:

Strengths: Adventurous, eccentric and knowledgeable;

Challenges: Pessimistic and unstable;

Advice: They should also listen to their intuition, not only to reason.

Venus ♀ in ♑ Capricorn man

([939] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Strong and resilient;

Negatives: Superficial and deceitful;

Soulmate: Someone who is affectionate and a good conversationalist;

Life lesson: He shouldn't pay so much attention to those who criticize.

Venus ♀ in XI 11th House

([955] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Friendly, cheerful and devoted;

Challenges: Pretentious and inconsiderate;

Advice: Follow your gut feeling without doubting yourself.

Neutral: Loving but a little naive

Mars ♂ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([973] i.thehoroscope.co)

A charming companion - In a nutshell:

Positives: Communicative and ambitious;

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

Mars ♂ in X 10th House

([990] i.thehoroscope.co)

Ambitious and righteous - Summary:

Strengths: Talented, original and practical;
Challenges: Needy and stubborn;
Advice: Avoid doing something in excess and aim for balance.

Jupiter ♃ in ♊ Gemini man

([995] i.thehoroscope.co)

Your luck go-to sources - In a nutshell:

Style: Sociable and curious;
Top qualities: Versatile, witty and restless;
Weaknesses: Easily bored and noisy;
Advice: Try not to agonize over important decisions.

Jupiter ♃ in IV 4th House

([1008] i.thehoroscope.co)

Expansive personalities - Summary:

Strengths: Prosperous, determined and elegant;
Challenges: Manipulative, loud and overly emotional;
Advice: They shouldn't keep any toxic people in their lives.

Saturn ♄ in ♒ Aquarius man

([1027] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Saturn ♄ in XII 12th House

([1040] i.thehoroscope.co)

A different view of the world - Summary:

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

Uranus ♀ in ♎ 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 X 10th House

([1062] i.thehoroscope.co)

Looking to express themselves freely - Summary:

Strengths: Confident, unconventional and kind;
Challenges: Opportunistic and obstinate;
Advice: They should understand that professional recognition is not everything in life.

Neptune ♀ in ♏ Scorpio man

([1072] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Neptune ♀ in IX 9th House

([1085] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great spirituality - Summary:

Strengths: Educated, focused and caring;
Challenges: Elusive and indecisive;
Advice: They shouldn't let themselves get carried away by dreams.

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

In a nutshell:

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

Pluto ♀ in II 2nd House

([1102] i.thehoroscope.co)

Nothing truly puts them down - Summary:

Strengths: Observant, confident and ambitious;
Challenges: Moody, speculative and extravagant;

Advice: They shouldn't let themselves driven just by money.

North Node ♊ in ♊ Gemini

([1115] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Straightforward, honest and friendly;

Challenges: Unpredictable and too curious

Charming companions, A need to keep changing

South Node ♐ in ♐ Sagittarius

([1133] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, honest, adventurous and witty;

Challenges: Obstinate and insecure;

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

North Node ♋ in IV 4th House (Cancer)

([1116] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Comfortable, ambitious and responsible;

Challenges: Fixed, criticising and stubborn

Continuously developing and evolving, More focused on their ambitions

South Node ♑ in X 10th House (Capricorn)

([1134] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Determined, authoritative and straightforward;

Challenges: Anxious, insecure and controlling;

Positive and comfortable, In need of respect and recognition

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♈ Aries

([1137] elsaelsa.com)

Lone Pioneer

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in II 2nd House

([1150] elsaelsa.com)

Guardian of the Gate

► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°10') ♎7 | ♋5

([160] astromatrix.org:) Subconscious Need

Opportunities: 1. Working with Others 2. Creating Your Ideal Family Life

Challenges: 1. Not Overidentifying with Your Emotions 2. Discovering Your True Needs

► ***Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Mercury*** - (1°12') ♃2 | ♎4

([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

► ***Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Venus*** - (0°20') ♃2 | ♍11

([180] astromatrix.org;) Giver And Receiver

Opportunities: 1. Following Your Higher Callings 2. Finding a Stable Home Life

Challenges: 1. Figuring Out Your Life 2. Achieving Both Success and Satisfaction

► ***Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars*** - (4°11' S) ♍11 | ♃10

([40] astromatrix.org;) The Sensualist

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Your Emotions 2. Not Sweating the Small Relationship Stuff

Challenges: 1. Overcoming Jealousies 2. Having Better Relations with Opposite Sex

► ***Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Venus*** - (0°15' A) ☾5 | ♍11

([153] astromatrix.org;) Social Inappropriateness

Opportunities: 1. Helping Those with the Same Difficulties 2. Developing a More Open Social Persona

Challenges: 1. Taking Social Risks 2. Dropping Your Self-Protections

► ***Moon ☾ Opposition ♂ Mars*** - (3°56' S) ☾5 | ♃10

([154] astromatrix.org;) Don't Tred On Me

Opportunities: 1. Living Life with Less Volatility 2. Embracing Broader Perspective

Challenges: 1. Rebalancing Yourself 2. Admitting Your Flaws

► ***Ascendant ASC Square ♀ Mercury*** - (5°26' S) ☾1 | ♎4

([410] astromatrix.org;) Unrecognized Genius

Opportunities: 1. Relaxing More with People 2. Working Patiently Towards Goals

Challenges: 1. Understanding Misunderstandings 2. Accepting Difficulties

► ***Midheaven MC Square ☾ Moon*** - (7°26' S) ♎8 | ☾5

([397] astromatrix.org;) Emotionally Tense

Opportunities: 1. Finding Your Direction in Life 2. Getting a Friend's Advice

Challenges: 1. Growing Up 2. Balancing Reason and Emotion

► ***Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus*** - (7°11' S) ♎8 | ♍11

([422] astromatrix.org;) The Loving Soul

Opportunities: 1. Exploring Your Creativity 2. Finding Someone to Love

Challenges: 1. Living by Your Own Standards 2. Being Independent

► **Sun ☉ Square ♀ Lilith** - (4°27' S) ♁12 | ♃2

([652] astromatrix.org:) Strong-willed Persona

Opportunities: 1. Developing a healthy ego 2. Attuning yourself with norms & Laws

Challenges: 1. Following your heart 2. Adjusting scenarios to multi-task

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☿ Mercury** - (0°08' A) ♄8 | ♀4

([330] astromatrix.org:)

Opportunities: 1. Getting the Job Done 2. Using Writing for Your Benefit

Challenges: 1. Getting Outside Your Comfort Zone 2. Learning what You Need in Life

► **Venus ♀ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (5°51' S) ♃11 | ♃2

([648] astromatrix.org:) Honouring your unique gifts

Opportunities: 1. Illuminating limiting beliefs 2. Becoming more authentic with others

Challenges: 1. Maintaining your truth 2. Releasing stagnant attachment

► **Mars ♂ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (1°40' S) ♃10 | ♃2

([649] astromatrix.org:) Speaking your truths

Opportunities: 1. Stronger sense of empowerment 2. Channeling inner wild through creativity

Challenges: 1. Conforming to traditional rules 2. Overcoming Insecurities of society

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) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°10') ♏7 | ☾5
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°20') ♏2 | ♏11
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°32') ♏12 | ♏4
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°06') ♏12 | ♏12
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°52') ♏4 | ♏11
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°16') ♏4 | ♏2
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°24') ♏11 | ♏2
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°23') ♏10 | ♏10
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°09') ♏10 | ♏9
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°58') ♏10 | ♏10
- 11) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°38') ♏4 | ♏12
- 12) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°32') ♏10 | ♏9
- 13) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°11') ♏9 | ♏10
- 14) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (0°15' A) ♏4 | ♏4
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ☊ North-Node** - (0°26' A) ♏4 | ♏4
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (4°11' S) ♏11 | ♏10
- 17) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ☊ North-Node** - (0°11' S) ♏4 | ♏4
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Venus** - (0°15' A) ☾5 | ♏11
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♂ Mars** - (3°56' S) ☾5 | ♏10
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♅ Uranus** - (4°33' S) ♏4 | ♏10
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♅ Uranus** - (4°48' A) ♏4 | ♏10
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (4°25' S) ♏8 | ♏10
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (4°10' A) ♏12 | ♏10
- 24) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♃ Jupiter** - (5°11' S) ☊1 | ♏4
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus** - (7°11' S) ♏8 | ♏11
- 26) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♇ Pluto** - (6°46' S) ♏12 | ♏2
- 27) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♆ Neptune** - (1°06' S) ♏12 | ♏9

- 28) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°38' A) ♀1 | ♀9
- 29) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°23' A) ♀8 | ♀4
- 30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°18' A) ♀8 | ♀12
- 31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (8°10' S) ♀11 | ♀2
- 32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (3°59' A) ♂10 | ♀2
- 33) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (6°55' S) ♀4 | ♀12
- 34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (6°44' S) ♀12 | ♀4
- 35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Semi-Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°24' S) ♀12 | ♀11

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♒ Aquarius 0° 28'

(Betty Lundsted)

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

Aquarians bring new concepts to everything they touch. They make innovations in social work, spirituality, humanitarian areas and the scientific world. They take the traditional

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

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

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

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

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

to or dominated.

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

Static

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

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

Dynamic

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

Awareness of the power of your identity and natural independence allows you to share insights in a balanced way. This revitalizes you and the relationship. You can recognize the power and the willfulness of the free child within yourself. This gives you the clarity to handle relationships with a sense of humor and perspective, to relate peacefully.

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

Aquarius females

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

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

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

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

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

Aquarius males

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Always ahead of your time, you are seen by others as a bit different or unusual - an

image you encourage. You like to shock people and shake up institutions that have become too rigid. You have the ability to bring a breath of fresh air into stale, stagnant environments.

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

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

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

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

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

(Sasha Fenton)

Aquarians, while being very friendly, are actually quite hard to get to know; and some of

them are so strange that it is difficult to work out what they are doing and why.

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

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

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

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

Most Aquarians love to teach and have a real talent for the job, and many of them work in the field of education, while others are happy to coach others in a more casual

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

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

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

Aquarians are so varied in their nature that they can do almost any kind of work. However, self-employment and owning a small business appeals to many of them. Some years ago, my friend Denise had to hire a fairly large gang of workmen at her place of work, and she commented to me that out of the twelve workmen with whom she was dealing, eleven were Aquarians! It's not surprising that Aquarians find their way into

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

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

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

There are Aquarians who have a multitude of fascinating and wonderful possessions, ranging from the latest in computers to mobile games, ornaments and even, perhaps, a spaceship in the garden. Others collect antiques, junk or animals. All Aquarians seem to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

Aquarians have an original, idealistic streak; and the more positively this is shown, the more fulfilled they will be. However, this originality must not become too idiosyncratic or perverse, as others can then be at best embarrassed and at worst seriously annoyed.

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

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

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

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

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

Aquarian parents can have a very individual attitude to the education of their children. They must remember that the child may be more conventional than the parents, and it is

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

You like new things and new ideas, and are bored by old ways of thinking and acting. The friends you choose are people who feel the same way. You are an individualist and a free spirit, but at the same time you need to work and share your life with other people.

Friends are very important to you, although if they try to hold you back or make you conform to their ideas, you will rebel and go your own way.

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

he attempts to explain himself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

your life you cut out emotionally in the first place - and why, for it holds the key to how you got to be this way.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of originality manifests through inventiveness.

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

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

Since Aquarius stimulates the mind, as its opposite sign Leo arouses the emotions, the native of this sign is governed by his head rather than by his heart. His love nature is

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

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

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

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

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

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

seem to be tuning in on the vibrations of the Aquarian Age in this negative fashion.

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun ☉ in 12th House

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests an emphasis away from the outer world towards an inner direction, in an attempt to shine the Sun's light into those darker recesses of the emotions, mind and psyche. Your conscious identity needs to be redefined in a way which takes account of your whole nature, and has the healing quality of inclusiveness rather than tending towards a separatist exclusive bias which has consequences of inner alienation and personality splitting.

The 12th house has deep associations with the collective unconscious mind, the personal subconscious, and the past; and it is the psychic content of these that interferes with and influences your present life experience. Residues from the past and the constraints of 'unfinished business' may still litter your psyche, and you may need a phase of releasing energies and blocked emotions from your nature by experiencing a healing and liberating inner cleansing. If you suffer from feelings of guilt, irrational worries, or a sense of unease, then it is likely to be patterns agitating within your unconscious mind, which if left unresolved could begin to form neurotic complexes or inhibit your capacity to form satisfactory social relationships.

You may be highly self-aware, and this can be restrictive, especially as you may register empathic vibrations from people around you which could become uncomfortable or even distressing, particularly if you fail to identify that you are being receptive to others' feelings and pain, and that they are not necessarily your own.

Your unconscious mind is demanding access into your life; and a confrontation with those inner ghosts is essential to begin resolving certain conflicts. These un-lived or repressed aspects of your nature plus any absorbed psychic accretions from your environment have to emerge into the light, or else they will unbalance your identity and personal stability. You may sometimes feel as if you are struggling to maintain barriers, fearing that those inner dam walls will crack and those stormy waters will break through, tearing down all attempts at control and limitation. One of your strategies is often denial; but this is sowing seeds of later problems, as energies are repressed and personality splits amplified by such an approach; or you try to establish fixed habit patterns and worldviews which you hope will support security and stability in life, ignoring and disregarding anything that fails to fit the constrictive boundaries that you have established around yourself for protection.

Your path of development has to be two-fold: an inner healing is required which purifies and liberates any blockages, and offers a transformative attitude of self-acceptance as its foundation; and the next stage is then to begin opening the parameters of your self-circumscribed barriers against life, so that a new and more inclusive identity can slowly form and be more suited to deal with life.

This can involve a fusion of your conscious and unconscious mind, of your ego and higher self, and requires a greater flexibility of your personality than you have previously allowed or believed possible. This step may not be easy to take; and you may feel that everything is falling apart, but it is a phase of dissolution prior to a new re-assembly of the psyche, and is a transformation of state similar to the phases of the new creation in the alchemist's crucible. A reunification of the separated components of your nature is required; this is your solar quest and task, and when achieved will open a whole new dimension for you to enjoy, as your inner life takes on a new vitality and cohesiveness.

It is unlikely that you will discover this path early in life, but you may find it later once you

have undergone certain experiences. You have to heal yourself, and may need periods of relative privacy or seclusion to generate the healing silence. You will probably feel uneasy about intimate relationships during youth and early adulthood, and may choose to withdraw from deeper human contacts. Transcending any feelings of inferiority and insecurity may take you several years of effort, but will be worth your attempts to change. Mundane life may seem to lack a vital spark with you, and you may not be at your best in dealing with the demands of everyday reality; it is not your favoured dimension, and you prefer the inner life, even when it is not so pleasant. Discovering a life purpose, meaning and direction is likely to be difficult until you re-orientate your inner life.

There may be artistic and creative talents present; and these should be consciously developed as a medium for self-expression and as a channel through which to release blocked energies. Dance, music and art may be specific areas, and there will be a latent psychic ability which could be exploited for both your own and others' benefit. Mediumistic tendencies may lie close to the surface of your nature, and through your sensitivity healing powers may also be contacted; but until you rebalance your nature and have healed your dilemmas and conflicts it may be wiser to leave such types of expression alone. Similarly, prophecy and visionary tendencies may also be present, emanating from that close connection to the collective unconscious mind. Esoteric and occult work may appeal, especially the type of inner meditative service that invokes spiritual energies and potencies into fertilising, influencing and overshadowing the collective mind of humanity, and which inspires the global vision of interdependence. Participation in this service is an act that all can join.

Your potential is considerable, but it is imperative that you redefine your identity in more inclusive ways, so that you expand beyond the walls of your self-imprisonment, achieving this through an inner redemptive healing. Then your social contribution and desires for service can become more effective. Refusing to take such actions is liable to intensify your discomfort as inner pressures are amplified and become more insistent, breaking those dam walls which cannot remain intact for ever as the 'water level' rises. The preferable alternative is that through your using healing and creative 'valves' the pressure can be regulated and directed into positive channels.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the ego is under great pressure. They have the same powerful ego thrust as those with the Sun rising, but are met by so much opposition in youth that the ego either swells to immense proportions to crush out all opposition, or retreats from battle altogether. In youth, they are so determinedly and uncompromisingly themselves that they attract the opposition of family members, schoolmates, friends, and neighbors, who never cease to give them a hard time.

They will learn to live with others the hard way. Some truly learn to compromise, and

some to dissemble and intrigue, pretending to compromise while pulling strings and making secret deals to get what they want; while some retreat from all confrontation, if they can. Those who attempt to retreat often find that life has a way of coming after them and forcing confrontations that they would rather avoid. Some become monsters of egotism, seeing enemies everywhere and crushing all who stand in their path. Anyone not with them will be considered against them, and even their friends may be suspected of being enemies in disguise. Still others will go the opposite way and come to suspect their own egos, and ego itself, as a negative, selfish force. These people will be inclined to champion the voiceless underdogs of the world and give endlessly of themselves to others.

Most people with this position have an intensely private side that they keep hidden from all but their most intimate friends. On the other hand, there are those who go to the opposite extreme and live only for the spotlight and, as their close associates know, have absolutely no private life at all. They have an instinct for the public mind and can capitalize on (or even create) popular trends, though there is always a strong streak of the purely individual in everything they do that brands it theirs.

They are usually quiet on the surface and become talkative only with those closest to them, though even this can go to the opposite extreme, in which case they can be compulsive talkers, pouring out a continual stream of egotistical self-applause.

They are usually involved with an institution for a while, whether as a patient in a hospital, as a student in reform school, in an orphanage, as an inmate of a prison, or as a worker in one of these facilities.

Given to working for causes, they can even create a cause in order to give themselves something to work for.

The overall truism about the twelfth-house Sun is that it tends to go to extremes; what sort of extremes will be indicated by the aspects to the Sun and its dispositor. Often, these people will go to one extreme in youth, then overcompensate at mid-life by swinging to the opposite extreme, coming finally late in life to more perspective and a more comfortable position near the middle of the road.

Those who rise to power have a tendency to misuse it. The tendency to go to extremes and to vacillate from one extreme to another can have terrible consequences, both for them and for their constituents. Those who become successful in other fields often carry a reputation for misbehavior or suffering; for instance, actors or writers may prefer to portray martyrs, villains, or underdogs, than more upbeat types. In almost any field they may have a reputation for being hard to get along with.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Fantasy is central to your life-purpose. No dreams, no life-energy, it's that simple. Fantasies are constructed around two sets of images: monumental self-importance where the whole universe is commanded by your particular essence, or total surrender, the release of self as you dissolve into the cosmos. The difference is that one image expands ego while the other evaporates it, but the end-result is identical: reunion with everything. The pitfall is losing the distinction between what is real and what is only possible, what's actually happening and what you imagine to be happening. Don't get lost in the Twilight Zone; you could go crazy. The challenge is to offer no resistance to either realm. Allow dreaming to influence and be influenced by real life; and let fantasies gently guide your development rather than blinding you to what is true.

Unfocused intuition: Give intuitive receptivity high priority in your life, without controlling the specifics of what you receive, and your life sings with vibrant energy. Shut down your intuition, and you close off access to cosmic juice. Don't strain to figure out why you pick up flows of imagery and feeling, bits of information and insight. Don't strive to figure out what they mean nor what you should do with them. Your task is to remain radiantly quiet, vibrantly still, pregnantly calm. The pitfall is misinterpretation, creating sophisticated forms while missing the truth. The challenge is to become a clear channel for the universe to speak through, a prism for otherwise invisible light.

Withdrawal or isolation: You require frequent periods of isolation from ordinary life. You need time away to recharge. It is when you are most isolated that your purpose is revealed. This propels you back into the world with renewed enthusiasm. You are everywhere and nowhere simultaneously, both a real person and yet a mere vessel for greater divinity. Your power comes from balancing the paradox, allowing both poles to exist simultaneously. Meditation in some form is an essential.

Selfless giving: When you give of yourself with total compassion, you plug directly into your Godliness. When you act with forgiveness, you absorb life-force. When you give of yourself, you fulfill your destiny. Giving does not mean martyring yourself. Don't give yourself away. Instead, give the understanding that we're all in the same boat. Don't strive for sainthood, for too often that course boomerangs back toward egotism. Let your life respond to a power beyond that of mere selfhood. 'Not my will, but Thine.'

'Past lives': Your past lives are pressing in, trying to be felt and understood. You're at the end of a life-series; it demands integration through this current life if the whole evolutionary pattern is to be made spiritually meaningful. The precise nature of the lives in question cannot be seen from the Sun's placement alone. We can suggest, however, that they focused on developing personal effectiveness through the integrity of individual power. In addition, your relationships to your father or to other authority figures have karmic rhythms. Naturally enough, the pitfall lies in replaying the mistakes of the past without letting go of the attachment that cause such patterns to exist in the first place. The challenge is to see in every action the signature of prior momentum, and to adjust your understanding accordingly. Eventually you can achieve true spontaneity rather than

be undermined by repetitive cycles of unconscious reaction.

(Robert Pelletier)

You can achieve significance and successfully exploit your creative potentials if you use your skills for some cause that improves the quality of life for others. You may have to maintain a low profile, but that should afford you privacy to come and go freely according to the demands of your work. You need to go your own way in your career, so you can grow into increasing opportunities to demonstrate your skills. You invest your resources as necessary, and you expect a favorable return. An imaginative and creative person, you realize you can't do everything yourself, so you obtain the services you need from people who are qualified in their fields. It is important to establish your own roots to prove to yourself that you can achieve on your own. You keep your private life separate from your professional affairs, rarely allowing one to interfere with the other.

Your career allows you to utilize your ideas in a program designed to satisfy your need for personal security. You need to know that you are independent and that you can extend your field of influence when the opportunity comes up. You see what goals can be achieved by capitalizing on your resources, and you have the focus and determination to pursue your objectives with consistent effort. Your ability to improve your financial condition is unlimited, and you have the imagination required to succeed where others fail. Success inspires you to even greater achievements.

You will always be challenged to find worthwhile ways to use your skills creatively to get the results you want. You will have to be very discriminating in handling challenging situations, which may occur often in your career. This may cause some problems if your partner resents the time and attention you give to your professional interest. Getting an education will enable you to define your goals and objectives and decide on what training you need to pursue them. You have always known that you have the potential for success; and you spend much time formulating plans for making the most of your creative ideas. Success depends on paying attention to all the details of a project, so that you know the results in advance.

You must invest in your creative potentials if you want to derive any benefits from them, and you should establish priorities in your professional and personal objectives. It's simply a matter of deciding which is more urgent. Your career may have to take precedence over personal considerations, for that requires the greatest coordination of your skills. Succeeding in the marketplace also satisfies your need for gainful employment and security. Ideally, your partner should get involved in your career; but he or she should also realize that you need some time to be alone with your thoughts. A sympathetic mate will stimulate you to greater achievements.

Failure to recognize your potentials can be a serious liability. You can succeed if you promote your skills aggressively. Obscurity in your developing years doesn't matter if

you know your efforts are appreciated by those who benefit from them. You might prefer to keep a low profile so that you can have a private life away from the public eye. At the same time, you will know you've made a significant contribution to improving the quality of life for other people. You can satisfy your own needs when you work to serve others.

(Howard Sasportas)

There is a basic archetypal discrepancy between the solar principle and the essence of the 12th house. The Sun's task is to establish, clarify and perpetuate a separate identity, while the 12th house dispatches forces which threaten to dissolve, undermine, de-structure and overwhelm the boundaries of the individual ego. Resolving the conflict requires that the person's sense of 'I' extends in scope beyond the more normal or usual reaches of consciousness. With the Sun in the 12th, the ego must play its part as a servant of the soul.

Those with the Sun in the 12th need to learn how to straddle the borders between personal and universal, conscious and unconscious, individual ego and collective self. This is challenging: the personal ego needs to be flexible enough to allow entry to these elements and yet not so weak that it is overwhelmed by them.

In the effort to maintain a solid and firm identity, the person may reject the existence of a personal or collective unconscious altogether. In the name of clarity and reason, barriers are erected to prohibit the entry of anything fuzzy, vague, irrational, mystical or transpersonal. The daytime border patrol follows the orders of the ego with the utmost alertness and alacrity, but the nightwatchmen are notoriously inefficient. As soon as they fall asleep on the job, what has been hidden or kept out of consciousness slips through and invades. The next morning the day patrol is back at work and the intruders are driven out once more. And so it goes on - vast reserves of psychic energy are spent keeping one part of ourselves away from another part. Alienated from aspects of our own make-up, it is not surprising that we suffer so much conflict and disease, not to mention the feeling of being cut off from other people. The Sun in the 12th, however, is given the opportunity to join the two sides of the self - personal and universal, conscious and unconscious - in an attempt to help these make friends with one another.

The coalition between the forces of the ego and the hidden, deeper realm of the psyche is potentially very fruitful. Those with the Sun in this house can act as channels or mediums for the expression of mystic or archetypal images in the collective unconscious, whether it is through art, poetry, dance, music or some form of psychic work. Their sensitivity and openness to that which is beyond the requirements of the personal self make them effective servants and healers who respond to the needs of others. They may be used as vessels for invoking changes on the level of the collective. In some way the personal identity meets and incorporates something larger and more universal.

In line with traditional 12th house associations, those with the Sun here may need to spend a good deal of time on their own. So receptive to others, they continually absorb influences from the environment. Periods of withdrawal and retreat help them to shed what they have 'picked up' and regain a sense of their own boundaries again. Sometimes, crisis and confinement precede an experience of awakening and illumination. Others may be so confused and undermined by unconscious forces or outside elements that leading an ordinary day-to-day existence is severely hampered.

Various forms of institutions may play a part in their lives. The vocation could involve work in hospitals, prisons, museums, libraries, etc.. Certain astrological texts suggest that those with the Sun in the 12th have used their will-power too selfishly in a previous lifetime. Now they must employ their power for the sake of other people, or have the experience of being at the mercy of somebody else's authority. Hidden pride and arrogance or the unconscious belief that the world owes them a living and should without question recognize them as special could cause problems.

The Sun is a 'male principle'; and in the nebulous 12th it could mean some confusion around the father or other males in the life, or sacrifices to be made regarding them. Sometimes, there is a strong psychic link with the father.

Moon ☾ in ☊ Cancer 1° 37'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have an impulsive tendency to trample on or ignore the feelings of others when you habitually seek to fill your emotional needs first. If you indulge in the Cancerian world of self-centred emotion, it may be difficult to see beyond your own needs to the solutions offered by others for emotional balance. Wanting others to pay attention to you can lead to feeling crushed if you are rebuffed. This can result in a negative self-image, of feeling unable to create positive and nourishing emotional situations in your life.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating the emotional closeness you need, you may notice that the methods you have been using do not work. The truth is that others cannot provide your fulfilment because you already have a surplus of emotional fullness. Your lesson is to empty your own cup first so that it can be refilled. You can do this by discovering the other people who exist in your universe.

After first choosing to sacrifice your emotional demands, you can fill the cups of others

by discerning their needs for self-confidence and by encouraging them to assert their feelings. When you give your attention to others and fill their needs for personal closeness and empathy, you find yourself experiencing the tender intimacy and security you want.

General

You have a basic insecurity and fear of needing to be taken care of by others. You fear needing someone else's sympathy to survive. There are active subconscious fears of sustaining a physical injury or handicap that might prevent you from being able to take care of yourself; or you fear becoming too old to take care of yourself of having to rely on family members to do things for you.

Such fears lend urgency to your need for an emotional 'parent' figure to rely on for protection and care. Thus, family is extremely important in this incarnation and is subconsciously related to basic survival. This insecurity results in unhealthy patterns of manipulation through dependencies, clinging, and controlling family members by being overprotective.

The lesson here is to enjoy the nourishment of intimacy and empathy without accompanying debilitating bondage. To do this you must learn to rely on authority within yourself. Tendencies to cling need to be redirected to 'clinging' to goals and ideals that are larger than your personal life. Then the sense of dependency will shift to depending on yourself to hold true to your goals and ideals.

Since you are learning that there is a 'higher authority' you can rely on to take care of your needs, you are able to release family members from these debilitating dependencies. In this way you open yourself to experiencing true intimacy and loving closeness because the clinging attachment has been replaced by an atmosphere of freedom, support, and confidence in your family member's ability to achieve great heights and to take care of him- / herself.

(Tracy Marks)

If our Moon is in Cancer, coming to terms with our lunar needs is particularly important, since Cancer is the sign of the Moon. Our basic well-being is therefore dependent upon our connection to our lunar source. If we were either deprived or over-indulged as children, we may have become excessively attached to food, home or nurturing figures who cared for and comforted us. When we are in touch with our needs and feelings, we may be inclined to: a) eat or seek oral gratification; b) expect others to cater to us; c) cry incessantly, either in self-pity or in an attempt to compel other people to be more responsive to us; d) cling to people or possessions; e) withdraw into a private world. An alternative pattern is to seek vicarious satisfaction through compulsively nurturing others. It may be easy for us to become helpless little girls or boys or even Big Mommies or Big

Daddies, but difficult to experience full satisfaction or to respond to others in ways which do not infantilize them but instead respect their integrity and individuality. If we have squares or oppositions to our Moon, we may have erected powerful defences against our needs both to nurture and to be nurtured, and may as a result experience psychological or physical (often related to the stomach, uterus or breasts) problems which require us to learn to care for ourselves more fully.

Our Cancerian Moon suggests that one or both of our parental figures may have been maternal, protective and empathic, capable of internally perceiving our needs and satisfying them. However, if our Moon is afflicted, our lunar parents may have unconsciously been influenced by their own unmet needs and encouraged us to remain helpless and dependent upon them for gratification. Such parents are frequently martyrs, doing for us what we needed to do for ourselves, or paying excessive attention to their own emotions and physical ills in an attempt to gain from us the sympathy and consideration which we ourselves may have needed to experience.

As a result, we may have learned to give ourselves internal messages which lead us to feel sorry for ourselves, to indulge our pain, to expect too much from others, or to become overly attached to food, home, loved ones or other external forms of security and gratification. One of our most important tasks may be that of fully mourning the symbiosis our inner child never had or inevitably had to relinquish as part of maturation. We may have to experience the depth of our needs to nurture and be nurtured, and as adults to establish patterns of behavior and interaction which fulfill those needs without catering to them. Our lunar lessons may also include: a) contacting and communicating our real needs and feelings; b) building an inner foundation of security; c) overcoming behaviors based on helplessness or which use helplessness and neediness as weapons; d) learning to support the adult as well as the child in other people, and to love without possessing; e) devoting ourselves to self-nourishment rather than giving undue attention to giving and receiving in relationships.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Cancer takes himself seriously, feels he is 'destined' to fulfill a certain role, and is loyal to family tradition, or at least to family members. He may battle them himself, but will brook no interference from outsiders. He must think of how outsiders feel, think, react.

There is 'unconscious' selfishness evident. The native appears to feel that others are too sensitive to accept favors or show appreciation. The astrologer should attempt to make him see the situation as it exists and to see persons in light of their everyday problems. The Moon here depicts one who seems, somehow, to believe that others truly understand what he means by some kind of osmosis. The native should be taught greater respect for hard, cold facts, including the economic ones. He needs to be taught to have greater interest in what others think, feel, need, hope, dream and aspire to

accomplish.

The native reacts inwardly; he takes a kind of fierce pleasure in brooding, pondering the 'toughness' of the world in general and his associates and friends in particular. His family and security mean much - but he often appears to do everything in his power to endanger his chances of success. He is a puzzle, but an interesting one - he wants to know himself and the world. He is creative, sensitive, strong in the belief that he is 'special'; but he seems fated to wander in many directions. He wants comfort in his home but tends to complain if things go too smoothly.

The native, a bit like the Sun in Leo, needs an audience, wants to impress others and requires recognition, but is suspicious of the source once it is received. He can do more to harm himself than any enemy would dream of doing.

His need for a creative outlet is evident: he would make a good writer, painter, one who deals in an unusual manner with liquid, food and the thoughts of others. He can be found in news, advertising and public relations, and in affairs connected with security, marriage and real estate.

He is a complicated individual, although he will deny it, insisting that he is simple and easy to get along with if only others would understand him. The astrologer's job is to make the native play his part in the role of understanding - including family, finances, and members of the opposite sex who want to receive as well as give a feeling of well-being. The Moon in Cancer is sociable, emotional, changeable, and sensitive to the point of being psychic.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon rules the sign of Cancer, and this emphasizes your experience of deep emotional intensity. One likelihood is that as childhood conditioning influenced the development of your later adult personality and behavior, you will have stronger connections to parents and your current domestic or family life than do people with other Moon placements.

Your foundations exist in emotional depths, so you have a great need for security and stability within anything that evokes emotions and feelings. Relationships need to be reliable, trustworthy, and relatively predictable, in actuality as well as in appearance, because you possess a degree of psychism that operates on feeling levels; if a partner is unhappy and discontented, even if this is not openly communicated, you will feel it through the subtler senses. Excessive absorption of others' moods and feelings, both positive and negative, will influence your behavior and state of well-being. This will probably register through the stomach / solar plexus / heart area of the body, and you may be advised to psychically protect yourself from all external and unwanted influences.

As most of your life is conditioned by deep feeling responses and childhood behavioral patterns, you will benefit from a greater understanding of them. Look especially toward your mother's influence on the formation of your values, attitudes, and beliefs. Review existing memories related to emotional suffering - those about which you may still brood - and look at any unresolved emotional wounds; note how you often overreact to others' personal comments, how you tend to imagine 'what they think / feel' about you; and explore the fluctuations in how you relate to people. Observe how you evaluate others and experiences through emotions and intuitions; realize how your attitudes, beliefs, and values are connected to emotional biases; see the emotional power shaping your major decisions, and how your reactions are generated by emotions.

You may experience emotional instability, ranging from denying needs to emotional possessiveness, dependency, and suffocation of intimate partners and family. Accepting the needs of Moon in Cancer is vital, as they will persist through your life. Only an understanding of how they operate within you will diminish the compulsive unconscious nature of much of their activity. With greater clarity, you should perceive these patterns activated within you, then choose how to respond more consciously, instead of simply allowing the dominance of automatic reactions.

You need to love and be loved, to experience a deep contact between yourself and partner or family. Allowing this will strengthen your sense of security. Excessive dependency should not be indulged, because these traits will make you too vulnerable to others' inconsistent behavior and liable to emotional manipulation. Your tendency to retreat into an inner shell should be modified, so that it does not prevent expanding your social activities or releasing personal potential beyond a restricted familiar environment. You need greater self-confidence to move beyond challenging situations and make new progress, instead of remaining within repetitive habitual circles.

(Skye Alexander)

You are highly emotional and very sensitive. From day to day, your emotional state fluctuates noticeably, and you might discover that the Moon's changing phases affect you significantly. Unless many of your planets are in air and / or earth signs, you may 'wear your heart on your sleeve'.

Inclined to let your heart rule your head, you can have trouble making rational, detached decisions. Actually, your intuition is quite keen and you'd be wise to trust it. You have the ability to tune in to what other people are feeling, and are quite psychic.

Security is of primary importance to you, but often you feel your life has no inherent stability. Thus, you may attempt to find security in external things: family, country, money, your home, traditions. Your family provides a sense of belonging, as does your country on a larger scale. Your home offers protection from the dangers of the outside

world. Because you fear being dependent, you can be overly concerned with having money, and believe wealth will bring you the security you desire. Or, you may look to your partner to take care of you.

At the centre of your universe is your family; and your children are your pride and joy. Naturally maternal and nurturing, you adore all children, not only your own, and are a strong supporter of the traditional, nuclear family.

The emotional attachments you form are strong and binding. You cling tightly to other people and it is almost impossible for you to separate your own needs from theirs. This is especially true in the case of your partner and / or children. This Moon position symbolizes the archetypal mother, but your tendency is to be a 'smother' to those you love. You are willing to devote yourself entirely to your loved ones, but your love is not unconditional. You never want your children to grow up. With partners, you can be every bit as possessive and jealous as someone who has Moon in Scorpio. Even friends and employees are seen as part of your extended family, and you expect their complete loyalty and dedication.

Because you feel vulnerable and defenceless, you sometimes imagine threats to your security that are not real. A difference of opinion or lifestyle can seem downright dangerous to you. For this reason, you find it hard to tolerate individuality and diversity - in your family, workplace, city or country - and tend to view others as being either with you or against you.

Both the Moon and Cancer are associated with the mother, and your mother is very important to you. Regardless of your age, it is unlikely that you've severed the umbilical cord. Your tie to her can be either positive or negative; even if you were orphaned at an early age, the loss of your mother is a significant, underlying dynamis in your life. If you live near your mother, you probably see her frequently; if career or other demands take you far from home, you undoubtedly miss her greatly.

Your own role as a parent is very important to you, and you are protective, nurturing and devoted to your children. However, you may have trouble seeing your children as individuals, and need to guard against thinking of them as extensions of yourself. You also worry too much about your children and can be overly protective of them.

Providing nourishment to others is one of your fortés; you are probably a good cook, or at least enjoy cooking. The 'Jewish Mother' cliché certainly describes you, and you demonstrate your love for family and friends by feeding them. You enjoy having family and friends over for dinner, and no-one goes away from your home hungry. You also like to eat and appreciate fine food. However, you must guard against a tendency to use food as a substitute for emotional nourishment, and try not to overeat when what you really want is love and attention.

Going out on the town doesn't appeal to you much; you'd rather stay home with your family or partner, and prefer that others come to visit you. You especially like to celebrate holidays in your home. Your home is important to you, and you want to own the nicest one possible. Your home serves many functions for you: security, status, stability; a place where those you love can gather. Because permanence and family traditions are important to you, you'd probably like to continue living in or near your childhood home even as an adult, if possible.

Since Cancer and the Moon embody one of the female energies, women usually respond to it more easily and express it in a more obvious manner than men do. Women with this placement enjoy being mothers and homemakers, and are comfortable in traditional female roles (unless they also have Aquarius or Aries prominently figuring in their charts). They show their emotions openly and are able to empathize with others' feelings.

Men with this Moon position may project this energy onto the women in their lives, and might seek mates who provide them with the maternal nurturing and emotional support they desire. You may attempt to find a substitute mother in your partner. Like the woman with this placement, you are a devoted and protective parent, but are less likely to reveal your feelings. Frequently, the man with Moon in Cancer attempts to satisfy his needs for security by working with a large, established company where he can feel he is part of a bigger family.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Maternal, sympathetic, but sometimes patronizing, you naively trust your feelings, but you are apprehensive in matters outside your control.

Your sense impressions are very accurate, but you do not often act upon them. Your mind is meditative and your reactions are slow and uncertain. Sensitive to outside influences, you pick up negative vibrations from others; this can make you moody and unhappy if these feelings spill over into your personal relationships. You hide your true feelings and strong emotions under a hard shell.

You have a great deal of placid affection and passivity that results in a special love for home and family; this is your primary attachment. You are inclined to gentle, peaceful, romantic love rather than grand passion. This position of the Moon promises a very deep and strong bond with the mother. If the umbilical cord is not severed in time, relationships may be problematic.

You are very intuitive and overly sensitive to outside influences; you sense conditions, both consciously and unconsciously, and are often psychic. You are easily imposed upon, and when this happens you feel a deep resentment.

You love your home, and you always need a home base to retreat to; yet you often travel and make changes in your life. Your domestic, nurturing nature likes to take care of others, and you are very understanding of their feelings.

The Moon in Cancer is thrifty, economical and careful with property and money. You don't like to see these misused or wasted. Artistic, creative and dramatic, you have a natural flair for music, poetry and dancing. Your love of home and family can also express itself in true patriotism.

In a man's chart, this placement of the Moon can be a bit too emotionally sensitive. In looking for a partner, he is attracted to a woman who is more mother than mate. A woman with the Moon in Cancer is easily hurt and tends to dominate the home situation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is the planet which rules Cancer; therefore it is quite at home here. The Moon rules the inner person, therefore like those who have the Sun in Cancer, your reactions to people and places are very strong, and this will automatically be taken into account in any decisions which you make. Your feelings are very sensitive, which means that you link in very quickly to other people's feelings to the point where you can feel whether they are unhappy or in pain. You can sense a 'funny' atmosphere as soon as you walk into a room. Unless there are very conflicting forces on your chart, you should have the usual Cancerian ability to listen sympathetically. In business, you would have an instinctive feel about a deal which was about to go wrong - or go right!

The negative side of this coin is over-sensitivity. Like the other feminine water signs of Pisces and Scorpio, you can take things too personally, brood, sulk and shut yourself off from others. They say that Cancerians' moods change with each tide, but this is an exaggeration. Women with the Moon in any of the water signs will be very susceptible to period problems and hormone-related mood swings. The very worst aspect of this placement is that you may indulge in emotional blackmail by shutting off from others and sending out disapproving vibes. On a very bad day, you might be beset by feelings of paranoia or the kind of envy which would make you behave in a thoroughly resentful manner. You can also be over-critical and fault-finding on occasions. This kind of behaviour is rare because you are much too kind and thoughtful a person, far too receptive to the needs of others to be this unpleasant for long.

You have the ability to adjust yourself to your surroundings and fit in fairly well with other people (water signs find their own level). You may complain about the situation you find yourself in, but you will make the best of it and will often find a way of changing and manipulating the circumstances to suit yourself. Remember Cancer is a cardinal sign and the Moon represents one's instincts. Your instinctive reaction is to put things right and create a better atmosphere. Some people are starters and others are runners; the ability to initiate projects and / or to see them through would depend upon a variety of

factors in your birthchart, but your instinctive reaction is to set things in motion and then encourage others (or find someone else) to see them through. If you are really stuck for an answer to your problems, you can always look a bit pathetic in the hope that someone will take pity on you and help you solve them.

You are considerate towards others, especially your family, whom it would be almost impossible for you to desert - you would only do so under extreme duress. I think that you would try several times to put things right before giving up on them. You have patience with children and young people, and are probably very fond of animals. You are not entirely selfless; it is only when you are settled and satisfied that you can relax and give sustenance to others. Your greatest requirements are for emotional security, for example through a partner you can rely upon, harmony in the home, and friends who help build up your confidence. Lack of confidence in your own abilities and feelings of relative worthlessness are your worst enemy, and it's these that can make you feel jealous and resentful towards others, often quite without justification.

You like children and enjoy having them around you, and are not only good to your own children but kind to other people's as well. However, you greatly resent having other people's children being dumped on you. Your gentle inner nature responds to the vulnerability and honesty of children. You may remain a bit too close to your own children after they have grown up, or you may want them to be independent but find that you can't get rid of them! Alternatively, your own mother may continue to smother you long after you have grown up! It may be quite difficult for you to forget your own childhood as you have a slight tendency to live in the past.

You react to any difficult situation by worrying. You genuinely worry about your family; also money, health, the state of the nation and the imminence of nuclear war. There is a tendency for you to attract parasitical people who hang themselves on to you and make demands upon you. This is most evident among those of you who have your Sun or Ascendant in a steady Earth sign or an enthusiastic Fire sign. Fortunately for you, you are astute enough to be able to spot these types coming and to off-load them far more easily than, for instance, a soft-hearted Moon in Pisces person could. When you care for someone you are very good to him / her if he / she is ill; being kind and sympathetic, you can become worked on on his / her behalf if you think that he / she is being hurt by someone else. Unfortunately, unless there is a lot of strength elsewhere on the chart, you won't actually do anything practical to help.

You might be sensual but you are not greedy. You don't have a large appetite for food; you prefer small amounts that are very well cooked and presented. Your sensitive stomach may reject spicy foods. (One Moon in Cancer friend tells me that he cannot eat raw onions.) You probably enjoy good wines, but there is no evidence of this Moon placement leading to overindulgence. You could be a good cook yourself, but this will depend upon other factors in your birthchart, and also upon your lifestyle. You hate scenes and rows, and are easily upset by harsh, discordant noises. You can put up with

any amount of chaos around you at work, but you need peace and harmony in the home. You may have the Cancerian trait of collecting things, ranging from valuable antiques to junk. You don't like losing anything - or anyone.

Your senses are all strong, especially that of hearing - you really hate discordant noises. The senses of smell, touch and taste are well-developed, and you could be long-sighted. Sexually, you absolutely come into your own. The whole concept of an experience which involves all the senses plus love and affection is just too much for you to miss. Being basically kind and thoughtful, you should be a considerate - even a practised lover. The fact that you are the faithful type possibly mitigates against much variety in sexual experiences. Two of my friends who happen to be married to Moon in Cancer subjects tell me that their partners are good lovers.

You enjoy the company of new people and visiting new places, but also you have an attachment to old ones. You enjoy gossiping almost as much as your Gemini cousins do. You have a habit of observing the behaviour of others as a form of self-protection. Being emotionally cautious, you are slow to fall in love and open yourself to the prospect of hurt and rejection. Others may fall in love with you because you have an immediate understanding of their problems. You seem to know others psychically. If the one who falls for your sympathetic attitude expects you to go on and solve his / her problems, he / she may be disappointed. This rather depends on your Sun and rising signs.

Being cautious, you may react in a slightly hostile manner towards new people. If you have something very outgoing, such as Sagittarius, on your Ascendant, there will be an open, confident attitude; however, the caution will still be there hidden away underneath. You are basically honest both with your money and in most other senses; you can be trusted in any kind of confidential situation and with any information. However, one less pleasant attribute is that you can occasionally display a touch of smarminess, flattering those whom you wish to get around or out of whom you wish to make capital. This is a successful ploy in most cases, but it won't wash when dealing with people who are particularly perceptive.

You can be slightly mean in small matters. This peculiarity also applies to the Moon in Pisces and Scorpio. My friend Linda tells me that she gets annoyed when her children waste toothpaste and she saves the last bits of used bars of soap, jamming them together so that they can be completely finished off! Both solar and lunar Cancerians find it hard to get rid of anything. Once in a while you decide to turn out the cupboards only to put almost everything back again. There is too much sentiment attached to your junk for you to be able to throw it out. You need a base to operate from; therefore, not only your home but also your office are important to you, and you don't want these to be disturbed or 'cleaned-up' too much. Unless there is a strong dose of Libra or Virgo on your birthchart, you are not over-fussy about the appearance of your home; you could make a home anywhere.

Your likes and dislikes are strong. You also have courage in odd places where others lack it. For instance, you are adept at asking questions, probing, finding out what makes people tick and keeping up-to-date with the local gossip. You are not above giving a gentle form of 'third degree'.

Lunar Cancerians have a long memory; therefore, you can hold a grudge if you are hurt, but you also remember those who have helped you. Being rather sentimental, you like to remember birthdays and anniversaries and you feel peeved if yours are forgotten. Your intuition is very strong, and this may just be a helpful tool in everyday life, or you can actually be drawn towards psychic work of some kind. Quite a few lunar Cancerians have paranormal or psychic hobbies. Because you can be trusted with secrets, you could work as a psychic consultant of some kind where you have to listen to people's confidences. You like the countryside and really love the sea. If a Cancerian Moon is very prominent in your birthchart, you could choose a job on or near the sea. Another of your interests is the past. You may study history or collect things which have been around for a long time such as antiquities.

In relationships, you play the part of parent and may take an over-responsible attitude to others and try to organize them too much or dictate to them too much, or play the child hoping to be forgiven for bad behaviour just one more time. This too many jump back one generation, and you may be on the receiving end of this behaviour rather than dishing it out yourself. It is natural for you to worry about those about whom you care. If backed up by other planetary factors, you could be a blamer and complainer in a relationship - this would be especially true if there was a strong Pisces factor somewhere on your chart.

Unless there are other factors on the chart, such as an emphasis on the sign of Libra, you will be a hard and conscientious worker. Your inner nature leads you towards the kind of job where you can be helpful. Many lunar Cancerians work in hospitals, in schools and with the elderly; others are attracted to the world of business. Some of you are drawn towards the field of antiques, rare coins, stately homes or genealogy. Insurance may attract you because of its 'protective' image. Many of you retrain later in life if your original career ceases to be viable or if you find that you lack certain qualifications which would help you to get up the career ladder. Many solar and lunar Cancerians run small businesses, shops and small agencies. Being good with your hands, you could work as a plumber, carpenter etc.. Lunar Cancerians make excellent teachers too.

You will not stand in the way of a partner who wants a career; in most cases, you are only too willing to see him / her get on, and you will help if you can. Your sensitivity means that you could make a good salesperson or business executive, personnel manager or counsellor. Politics may appeal, as could accountancy. Most of you have a theatrical side to your nature, and might be drawn to the world of entertainment or sports. The drawback to this is the irregularity of work and the general uncertainty of this

field. Being a worrier, you would probably be happier in a secure job while singing and dancing during your time off. You would be a good partner for a very goahead person, but you haven't really got the stomach for high-risk or slightly criminal ventures.

The Moon in this position suggests that your mother gave birth to you easily. Your parents' home will have been comfortable, and the relationships there will have been pleasant. The chances are that you are the eldest in your family (although this is much more likely if the Ascendant were in Cancer). The background and history of your family is important to you, and you may try to trace your family tree. The family may travel a bit, taking you with it, but there is no evidence that you moved home a lot. Mother may have been traditional and ordinary, but possibly over-protective towards you.

This Moon position suggests strong health with good recovery from illness and operations. The weak areas associated with the Moon in Cancer would be chest, breasts and stomach, but the Moon is not the most obvious indicator of health in a chart.

You are very much in tune with your body; therefore, you would feel pain almost before something began to go wrong! Unless the Moon is very afflicted and there are other very important factors on the birthchart, there is no reason to suppose that you are any more susceptible to the dreaded disease of cancer itself than any other sign.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The Moon is always the third most important factor of a birth chart; but because it rules Cancer, its influence is considerably increased when placed in this sign. The well-known natural defensive system, which is such a prominent characteristic of those with a Cancerian Sun sign, will be equally - if not more powerfully - present. Defensiveness will be the immediate reaction, not only when the individual is challenged, but also in less threatening situations.

The emotional and intuitive levels are second-to-none, and those with this placing should learn to trust in and rely on them - their instincts will not let them down. However, it is important that you look for other practical, down-to-earth indications in the chart, so that these marvelous facilities can be controlled and not allowed to dominate in a negative way.

The Sun or Mercury in an Earth sign, for instance, or perhaps a trine aspect to Saturn from the Moon itself, would be of enormous help. Such a stabilizing influence is necessary because, in addition to a powerful intuition, there is plenty of imagination that, triggered in a negative way, can be expressed through worry.

When worried, the individual will tend to think that the very worst has happened. He or she may not necessarily have a depressive outlook, but apprehension over loved ones can cause these powerful responses to build up out of control. For instance, if a child is

unexpectedly late home from school, the subject will soon imagine that there has been a serious accident. Nevertheless, both sexes tend to make excellent and loving parents.

From a physical point-of-view, the digestive system will be upset by worry, and it is frequently the case that those with this placing have very sensitive skins, whatever their ethnic coloring. Caucasians will quickly turn beet-red in the sun, while the other races will find it difficult to get rid of even quite minor scar tissue. Protection from the sun, and additional care over cuts, insect bites and so on, is absolutely essential.

The past is a frequent subject for reflection and nostalgia; and the subject's childhood background may be allowed to dominate his / her outlook on life. Coming to terms with the attitude and treatment received from parents, whether that was beneficial or difficult, may take longer than for other Moon sign placings.

The family instincts are very powerful indeed, and these people often have to face problems when their children have grown up and want to leave home. Such an occurrence runs contrary to much that is of instinctive and genetic importance to them. At such times, they will have to call upon other, more forward-looking, areas of their charts to help them through any period of emotional and physical readjustment that is needed.

The Cancerian tendency to hoard is another strong instinct for the subject with this placing. As a result, clearing out the resulting clutter can be a chore that is avoided at all costs, perhaps because hoarding such items adds to the individual's muchneeded sense of security.

There may be quick changes of mood, which can frequently be disconcerting for loved ones to witness. Women with this placing may suffer in an above-average way from premenstrual tension, but should try hard not to let it dominate their lives.

The face is usually round, with a quite literal moon-like shape and glow to it. When the Moon is placed in Cancer, no matter what its house, it can influence the individual's facial expression: a tiny frown-line may appear between the eyebrows.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in Cancer is in the sign of its rulership, indicating depth and intensity of the emotions. There can be strong ties to the mother, the family, and the home. Natives with this configuration may be good cooks and homemakers and concerned parents. Domestic security and marriage are important for their emotional wellbeing.

Individuals with the Moon in Cancer have a sensitivity to the moods and feelings of others that can border on the psychic; their extreme sensitivity to others' opinions and reactions may lead them to imagine slights, even when not intended. Consequently, they

are inclined to withdraw and brood.

If the Moon is afflicted in Cancer, there may well be excessive emotional instability and a tendency to smother the children with love, to the point of wanting to dominate their lives.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a caring though potentially clinging soul. You have the need to be safe and secure with Other - but this could become dependent and suffocating. You have the instinct to make home and family - but there can be a restrictive resistance to the unknown. Your mother is seen or expressed as being very maternal, but could be emotionally manipulative.

You naturally respond towards Other with a strong urge to make him / her feel he / she belongs and is cared about. You respond to Other's emotional situations with great sympathy and support. You respond in a hospitable and congenial manner that puts Other at his / her ease.

Your inner child reacts with hurt and sulks if Other should fail to appreciate your subjective idea of what an emotional relationship should be like; by swamping Other with the attention that you need rather than the space that he / she needs; and in a cloying and overly sentimental fashion, in an attempt not to feel threatened.

You gravitate towards Others who need mothering or supporting in an emotional way and / or who tie you to the home; Others who act as a mother figure to you in that they look after you instinctively; and romantically-minded Others who seem to be one or more of your dreams come true.

You can get caught up in relationships which lean on you with little thanks, recognition or return, thus forcing you to be more self-motivated or selfless; in being overly dependent on Other, who eventually wants his / her own space, and so then rebels; and in situations where you have mistakenly put all your eggs in one basket, so that you have to learn to cut your losses.

When you are alone, it is usually a highly unpleasant experience for you, and so therefore something which you try to avoid at all costs. This is because for you life means always having someone close to you, be it a whole family or one Other in particular. You simply do not like being alone, and can often limit or undersell yourself because of such a need to belong. Being alone is rather like being a little bird who has been tossed out of its nest by a cuckoo. But should this highly unwelcome situation come upon you, it will be because your self-diminishing neediness has reached a critical point where those needs much be looked at for what they are, and why they have come to rule your life so much. In 99.99% of cases, it will be something to do with your mother.

She gave you either too much or not nearly enough - and so you would have to find a way of breaking those ties and being more, but not too, emotionally self-sufficient.

You take yourself very seriously, as a person to be reckoned with. You feel that you understand others and that you deserve to be understood yourself; yet you frequently feel misunderstood. Things are very clear to you; your intuitions are powerful, and whether right or wrong, they convince you utterly and are likely to control your actions. Sometimes your hunches are way off track, especially if emotions are involved. You regard your inner nature as something precious, to be guarded from the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune'; and are all too likely to think the slings and arrows are aimed at you when no-one else in the world is even thinking about you. You exude a desire to be understood, to be loved - also, to understand, and to love, if you have objectified your approach, which you must do if you are to be happy or successful. Your tendency is to withdraw, to meditate; and meditation often turns to brooding, brooding to depression. Activate your sympathies by becoming interested in others. Deserve their understanding by acting so that they can understand with approval. Forget yourself, your emotions, your reactions; harness your instincts to other people's problems or to creative work in business, science or the arts. To use, to become, to prove, to love must replace in your nature the deep tendency to be content with to have, to be, to know, to expect. No doors are closed to you when you have turned your understanding outward to the world - and no doors are open to you when you turn it exclusively inward. Know your self first, through pain and struggle if necessary; and once you know it, don't brood about it; get to know something else.

(John Townley)

You have a very sympathetic nature, and you are always willing to listen to someone else's problems and sorrows. While you are young, you may be very involved with people who are in emotional difficulties, which can be a great drain on your personal strength. As you get older, you learn to avoid such people even when you are attracted to them.

The best way to handle this problem is to take a middle road, if possible. You will derive great satisfaction from helping and comforting a troubled lover, which is fine as long as you can avoid letting your partner's problems take over the affair. In a balanced relationship, you can be a refuge for your partner without becoming a doormat.

You may find that you are often involved in several relationships at once, not because you want variety but because you are so unwilling to let go of a relationship that is finished. Old lovers tend to linger in your imagination, which can get in the way of current involvements. Once you have established a relationship, although the quality and nature of your love may fluctuate considerably, it will never die.

(Robert Hand)

Because Cancer is the sign most strongly connected with the Moon, you can be very strong and secure emotionally. Being close to your mother is especially important, and you need a lot of love and affection from her as well as from others in your family. When you're older, you'll be very good at giving the same kind of support to others and taking care of people in need. Even in youth, you may do this with your friends or younger brothers; and you probably like to play games in which you pretend to be the mother or father. Later in life, you may play the role of parent to many people.

Feelings are more important to you than logical thinking, which seems cold or boring. You get very attached to certain ideas, points of view and even objects, for reasons which others don't always understand. They don't realize that if the things you care about are not worth it, you will find out for yourself soon enough.

You are easily hurt by criticism, especially if you feel that someone is criticizing you rather than your actions. It's not that you are weak or fragile, but that you are unusually sensitive to other people's feelings. You often know how they feel before they say anything; and you care very much how they feel.

(Arlene Robertson)

The Moon in Cancer is the strongest position of the twelve, for here in its own sign it operates freely with no contradictory, defeating or frustrating characteristics to diminish its natural function. The best placement is in the fourth, where it performs with undiminished power.

You with the Moon in Cancer respond to daily life on a highly emotional basis. All the commonplace events filter through your instincts; and much of what occurs is unconsciously linked with past conditions as far back as childhood happenings. More than any other sign, you, the Cancer native, were shaped and molded by your early experiences. As a child, you absorbed the atmosphere, whether pleasant or unpleasant, loving or no-loving; and these instincts are a deep part of your adult responses to life. Any unfamiliar emotional events may cause much stress and unhappiness, for you do not know what to tie them into from your past.

You are, consciously or unconsciously, psychically tuned in to others, picking up their reactions, moods and feelings. Sometimes this ability can be helpful in understanding them, but at times it can be overwhelming, so that all their hurts and pains are absorbed as your own. Your greatest instinct expresses itself freely in your desire to care for others - your children, your mate, your family, your friends. Whatever their problems might be at the moment, they are assured, in talking with you, of a warm, sympathetic response.

You long to have your loved ones close by so that you can reach out and touch them,

hold them in a snug embrace. For a woman, such closeness can often be exaggerated into rampant negativity. There is the familiar sight of the mother who clutches onto a grown son, discouraging his attempts to break away and function on his own. She may often substitute his presence, his companionship, for that of a husband lost either through death or divorce. Or she may enlave a daughter, keeping her in bondage to insure against the loneliness of old age. The negative part of the Cancer Moon is unable to face being alone, bereft of family. This type of woman may resort to all kinds of subtle or overt manipulation, including financial ones, to bind the son or daughter to her until she dies.

The Cancer father, while he may not depend on such emotional extremes, is often deeply loving of his daughters, and may find it difficult to accept their departure from the household when they marry or strike out on their own. But for you, the Moon in Cancer person, whether male or female, these energies can be used positively to maintain the family circle in a close, rewarding relationship.

Because of your love of home and familial history, you hold onto possessions, collecting memorabilia about the family, old photographs and letters, which you carefully tuck away in a safe spot. You are wounded and upset at any well-meaning tactful suggestion that you weed out and discard some of this accumulation. These mementos, links to the past, represent a necessary part of your emotional security. You are also frugal, able to construct something out of very little. Women are especially adept at creating decorative pieces, and often manufacture articles out of bits and pieces that a Moon-in-Virgo person would have long since thrown out. In a choice between spending money for luxuries or family activities, you choose the family activities with no hesitation. This frugality, however, does not necessarily carry over into food, for you love cooking and serving bountiful meals for your family and friends. Whether male or female, this is your way of telling them how much you care.

Your home is your retreat, your sanctuary, your refuge against a brusque and heartless world. Throughout your life, it will be extremely important to you. Many times you will not care to leave it for the pleasure of traveling. Being in alien surroundings, strange motel rooms and unfamiliar beds does not appeal to you at all.

If you are a female, you look for a mate who will enthusiastically share your love expression and who is as much of a homebody as you are. You need someone who can reinforce your efforts to beautify your home, often with do-it-yourself projects - sewing, needlework, handwoven rugs, canning the vegetable crop, painting the kitchen, building a garden walk - and who will understand your dedication toward making it a place of beauty and serenity stamped with your personality and individual touches. You would be miserable with a husband who didn't care about the furniture arrangement, was bored with your discovery of an antique bedstead, cared nothing about gardening, and was inept at household repairs.

If you are a male, you desire a wife who expends her energies in the home, who devotes her time selflessly to you and the children, cooks superbly, and delights in planning family get-togethers. While you appreciate and love her for her womanly qualities, you would definitely discourage her from any participation in the women's liberation movement.

Your emotional security depends on allowing your feelings to show. When you feel like crying, you cry. When you are depressed, you withdraw and sulk. Whatever your emotion of the moment might be, you allow it full sway and always expect your loved ones to respond and understand what you might be experiencing at the time. You vitally need such reaction, for you seek emotional expression in love - in a warm giving and receiving, hugging, kissing, handholding, cuddling the babies - all very physical, all very real.

(Isabel Hickey)

Too sensitive. Must not react to feelings of those around them: subject to moods. Easy-going and sociable. The need to mother others very strong. Everything experienced held in feeling memory. Introverted on subjective levels. Conservative. Operates in a deliberate social way. Can be carried away by tides of emotions. Far too sensitive in response to environment. In a male chart, would attract a feminine more mother than mate.

Moon ☾ in 5th House

(Haydn Paul)

Your lunar requirements will manifest through creativity, love affairs, children, and pleasure. Romances may play a pivotal role; emotional fluctuation is related to love affairs, arising from your innate changeability. This is especially likely if your Moon has challenging aspects, as these can diminish clarity of feelings and the recognition of deeper needs. There may be parental interference in your romances, perhaps not objectively, but through shaping attitudes, values, and beliefs absorbed during childhood, or through living in the psychic atmosphere of the parental marriage relationship.

These sometimes unrecognized needs will influence your adult relationships, possibly emerging as imaginative desires, or through idealizing a partner. Emotional dependency will probably be projected onto any lover; and becoming reliant may leave you vulnerable to later disappointment and suffering if the relationship fails, or if your partner proves to be less reliable and trustworthy than you believed. The role of children is highlighted, and you will greatly enjoy their company. It is probably that your 'creativity' in

this area will potentially be fecund; having a large family is likely, or at least a family structure that becomes highly demanding of time and attention. As a parent, you may tend to repeat parenting patterns absorbed from your own childhood experience.

Artistic creative talents are probably present, although it may require determination to exploit them; if undeveloped, they will remain latent and unrealized, which would be regrettable, especially as you would feel good when expressing creativity. It could be through this route that you become known publicly, if your creative endeavors and communicative abilities enter the public domain and attract attention.

You are self-confident, perhaps possessing a 'lucky streak'; and this can encourage impulsive speculative adventures in business, the stock-market, or gambling. Such activities can generate excitement, especially if progress and good fortune occur at first, although their unpredictability may later tax both your emotional stability and your financial security.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a very strong and positive position for the Moon, as it is often trine both the Ascendant and the Midheaven. It gives a strong sense of self and a competitive nature with a hunger for creative self-expression. These people have a great desire to accomplish something; to be better-looking, smarter, quicker to make money, or faster to turn out more work than anybody else. There is a great desire for victory against competition, yet not to the point of damaging competitors. They know instinctively that a strong competitor is the best means to their own improved performance.

Men with this position will be attracted to and try to win the prettiest girl, the one all the others want. A woman with this position wants to be that girl, and probably will be. She will want to be more than that, though, and will probably try to handle both a career and kids. These people have a great love of children. They make good teachers, particularly of small children.

They also love sports and games. They like sports where they can participate, as well as watch and take sides. They generally like to gamble, although they aren't inclined to become steady gamblers because they don't enjoy losing.

The Moon in the fifth house adds an aura of self-confidence that is very attractive to others. Romance will be very important; and there will be romantic episodes from early in life (though they may be quite brief if the Moon is square its dispositor). If the Moon is trine the ascendant or a rising planet, the personality is very powerful and attractive to others. There is a theatrical flair to it that is excellent for actors, politicians, salesmen, entertainers, and athletes. It gives the power to attract an audience, or a broad circle of admirers. It is also good for novelists, screenwriters, playwrights, directors, impresarios, and others of that sort, because it gives a theatrical imagination.

Men with this placement of the Moon will be attracted to younger lovers. Both sexes have a lifelong sense of romance, and will be on the lookout for romantic adventures or, rather, for adventures with romantic overtones, for the love of home and family usually prevents real philandering. They just want to be assured from time to time that they can get it if they want it. Once youth is past, they are generally too busy being creative in a thousand other ways to keep playing romantic games. In an Earth or Water sign, there is bound to be a 'green thumb' that can grow anything. Actually, there is likely to be at least one hobby at which they excel, and possibly several.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: The 5th house is an area of active radiance and conscious behavior - life as a stage with the ego as star. The Moon is a psychological function of responsive caretaking and habit-oriented behaviors. How can you be the star in what is - by definition - a supporting role? How can you be conscious and unconscious at the same time? You often adopt a role coming from childhood imprints, especially those surrounding protection. The pitfall is overly self-centered nurturing - seeing others as needy when in reality it is you who has the need - the need to give, to feel necessary and important. The challenge is to make these emotions as conscious as possible, and to respond in a way that offers others what they truly require. Give boldly, but only when it is requested.

Romance, giving love: You're drawn to courtship like a moth to a flame. It is one of the basic necessities of life, like food and shelter. Love is more automatic than conscious, more a product of habit than an intentional pattern of action. Even desire is to some extent automatic. Characteristically, your romances are based on security - yours, your beloved's, or, more probably, both. If there's one pitfall to watch out for, it's the syndrome mentioned above: fostering neediness to create an artificial sense of dependency on your strong, capable shoulders. The challenge is to nourish your beloved, but to do so in a way that promotes healthy, independent adulthood.

Sexual performance: This is the placement of 'mother-as-lover' (or vice versa), and it carries with it all the complications implied in such a melding of roles. Sexual activity is seen as food to quell inner hungers. But since your sexuality is responsive in nature, you often have to manipulate your beloved to initiate the contact. The sexual tone is emotional, lodged more in feelings than physicality; and you are rarely happier than when sexuality is ongoing. You judge your performance by how 'full' your partner feels. Literal fertility is more emphasized here than in other placements. The challenge is to respond in appropriate sexual ways, without creating the pitfalls of codependency, and to fulfill your personal needs for security through warm and moist sexual expression.

Personal creativity: Creativity is second-nature to you. However, it does tend to be somewhat more synthetic than original, in that it emerges out of the stockpile of

everything you've ever absorbed. This is not to suggest that there is anything invalid about what you create, but rather to emphasize that the act is aided by processes occurring beneath the level of your conscious awareness. If you have children, much of your creativity is likely to be directed toward their upbringing; and while this may be somewhat more emphasized if you are a woman and a mother, it is still a strong likelihood even if you are male.

Competition: You need to be competitive, and yet the whole notion of risk is antithetical to the Moon's basic function of security and self-protection. Paradoxically, you can only protect yourself by continuing to risk your ego. The Moon shows how a person stays fluid and well-fed, and here that method involves stepping beyond the ordinary boundaries of self, out into the world, onto fields of battle or play. However, your caretaking can both obscure and complicate the natural competitiveness of the placement. As a result, you often support others by challenging them, and this may or may not succeed.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your imagination is stimulated by learning about people who have succeeded by exploiting their talents. A romantic at heart, you daydream about having public attention for your achievements. There are many outlets for your creativity, but you must get formal training so you can meet the challenge of competition. You have many ideas for putting your imagination to use; and you only need someone who is already established to provide inspiration. Your sensitive romantic nature makes you especially vulnerable to the distractions of personal relationships. Your major problem is to establish your priorities and then plan your life accordingly. Once secure in your profession, you will be more free to indulge personal desires. Love is very important to you, because you feel secure only when you know you are loved. You must dedicate yourself to developing and using your creative gifts.

You have a flair for meeting and talking with people easily. You learn much from the people you contact every day, because you are very sensitive to external conditions. You easily accept the challenge of competition because you understand people's frailties and can establish your own position more firmly. You are romantically drawn to people who enjoy conversation and who are sympathetic with your objectives. You need to know you are loved, and you will do almost anything to show that you appreciate it. You want a partner who will support you in your efforts at selfexpression, and you want to work toward goals that will be satisfying to both of you. You spend much time trying to find the proper medium for your creativity; and because you have considerable potential, you may have several choices.

You dream about the future, when you will reach your goals, gain financial security and be satisfied with your accomplishments. But before you can achieve that goal, you must learn to balance your finances to avoid a drain on your resources. Indulging in romantic

affairs or gratifying your taste for pleasure will keep you from acquiring enough money for the training you need. You should make your creative talent available to others, but this demands self-discipline. You want the public to consider you worthy before you extend yourself, because rejection is very painful to you. But proper training will make rejection unlikely. Living up to public expectations will be your greatest stimulus, motivating you to achieve even more.

If you underestimate your creative potential, you do yourself a disservice. You must accept responsibility for developing your skills. Although obscurity may be painful, it is only temporary. Sacrifices are always necessary when you establish a goal. It doesn't mean you aren't talented; it just means you aren't ready to assume the position you want until you are properly trained. You have to make an investment of yourself so that you will be secure in the position you aspire to.

Take advantage of the assets that your parents provided, and use them for your own development. The worst thing you can do is to lose interest in achieving your goals because you are used to having others take care of your needs. You might justify your inactivity by saying you are obligated to your family. It is imperative that you develop your creative potential and apply your skills so that you can be completely independent.

(Howard Sasportas)

The Sun in the 5th stresses and strengthens its individuality through tackling hobbies, romance and creative pursuits; those with the Moon in this house, however, engage in such outlets in the search for comfort, security and relaxation. While 5th house Suns struggle to be creative, 5th house Moons feel most 'at home' when creating. Often artistic expression is innate and natural. An inborn sense of importance and specialness allows them to enjoy themselves - they don't have to prove anything. Of course, aspects to the Moon must be examined in this respect to see with what degree of difficulty or ease this principle is operating.

Unless the Moon is difficultly aspected by Saturn or the outer planets, there is normally a desire to produce children. We meet the mother in whatever house the Moon is in. In this case, patterns established with the mother during the growing-up years may be re-enacted through their own children. For instance, if they felt that mother didn't like them when they were small, they may then fear that their children won't like them or they may be afraid that they won't like their children. The Moon in any house evokes old memories and associations. Similarly, issues around the mother could be relived through romantic entanglements.

Very often, those with 5th house Moons have a great appeal to the public in general. Their way of presenting themselves is pleasing, engaging and usually nonthreatening to most people, as if there is something vaguely familiar about them.

Mercury ♀ in ♊ Gemini 9° 11'

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind is always active, always seeking. You want to know something about everything, and eagerly pursue each new idea that comes along - for a little while, at least. Like a butterfly flitting from flower to flower, you enjoy sampling a bit of everything but rarely stick to anything for very long. There's always something more interesting just over the next hill. One day your passion might be archaeology, the next day stock car racing, and the next gourmet cooking. You're the sort who'll try anything once, but you haven't the determination or focus to develop any of your many interests and hobbies into a serious avocation or career. In short, you're a dabbler.

You skim the surface, picking up odd bits and pieces of information about a wide variety of subjects, but rarely probe deeply enough into any of them to become truly knowledgeable. Your concern is collecting not evaluating, and you have trouble discriminating or deciding what information is useful and what is drivel. With such a storehouse of random figures and facts, you could be a whiz and crossword puzzles and games like Trivial Pursuit. You collect things in the same way, purchasing 'bargains' whether you need them or not; and you can be something of a pack rat.

Mentally agile and clever, you learn quickly and joyously; as a child you were probably a favorite with your teachers. In particular, you excelled at languages and all subjects that involve communication skills: typing, computers, literature, creative writing. A lifelong student, you not only want to gather as much information as possible, but also wish to share it with others. Thus, you might enjoy being a teacher, especially at elementary levels where you'd have a chance to teach a variety of subjects.

A voracious reader, you enjoy the classics, trashy paperbacks, and magazines, and even may peruse the encyclopaedia or dictionary on occasion. It is most likely that you read the great works of literature at some time or other, but missed the deeper significances; and dark, brooding emotional dramas - by Racine, Dostoyevsky or Joyce, for instance - seem to you much ado about nothing. Philosophy, psychology and metaphysics don't interest you much either, for you have difficulty grasping abstract or theoretical concepts and holistic views. Your worldview is almost childlike in its naiveté, and you simply can't comprehend the complexities of human nature in the cosmos.

Your love of the written word may led you to become a writer yourself. Unless you have strong Saturn aspects or other stabilizing influences in your chart, however, you'd be better at composing short pieces - newspaper articles, advertising copy or short stories - than full-length books. So many ideas vie for your attention that you are easily distracted from the project at hand, and generally lose interest almost as soon as you start.

Communication in all its myriad forms is central to your existence. You maintain a large circle of friends, associates and acquaintances with whom you speak frequently, and you stay in touch with the ones who live far away via 'phone or letters. You love to talk (even though you aren't always the best listener) and are never at a loss for words. Because you possess at least a smattering of knowledge in many areas, you can find something to say to everyone you meet. You enjoy meeting new people and sharing ideas with them - each individual you encounter teaches you something. Friendly, cheerful and outgoing, you're a good person to have at social gatherings and parties for you keep the guests interacting with each other and the conversation flowing.

Word games, crossword puzzles and card playing are favorite forms of amusement for you. You also enjoy taking classes, attending lectures, visiting museums and historic sites, making short trips, shopping (especially at flea markets and bargain centers), and talking with friends - anything that teaches you something new and / or engages your facile mind briefly without taxing it, allowing you to display your cleverness.

Mercury and Gemini rule the hands; therefore this planetary position signifies a high level of manual dexterity and agility. Perhaps you are skillful at playing a musical instrument, draw well, enjoy handcrafts such as quilting, weaving or basketry, or are accomplished in a sport that requires good hand-eye co-ordination, like baseball or tennis.

Saturn or Pluto aspects to your Mercury will help you to focus your restless and flighty mind, and improve your memory.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Gemini is in the sign of its rulership. If it is well aspected and strongly placed by house, pure, logical reasoning can be carried to its highest expression. The Gemini Mercury is versatile, unbiased, and impersonal in its ability to perceive the truth because Mercury in Gemini is more concerned with facts than with attitudes and personal preferences. People with a well-developed Mercury in Gemini are capable of deep scientific thought. They are generally well-educated, knowledgeable on many subjects, and able to communicate easily, rapidly and accurately in speech and writing. They usually have an excellent vocabulary, which is one of the secrets of their eloquence and clarity of expression.

People with Mercury in Gemini have a highly sensitive nervous system which makes it difficult for them to shut out external stimuli; all speech and activity in their environment is registered with intensity and vividness in their awareness; and they are forced to deal with many thoughts and impressions at once. This is the basis of their agile minds, which have the capacity to register two impressions or think two thoughts almost simultaneously. However, if these people are subjected to complex, busy environments

for too long a time, their nerves become frazzled; fatigue, confusion, and sometimes irritability will follow. Therefore, they need periods of solitude to become quiet, meditate, and refocus their minds.

People with this position of Mercury possess an intense curiosity; they want to know about everything. But they run the risk of spreading themselves too thin and dividing their attention too often; they may lack the continuity of purpose to complete the projects they undertake. When this tendency is carried to extremes, it produces the typical 'Jack of all trades and master of none'. Because it is possible for these people to see any situation from many points of view, they can experience difficulty in making up their minds, and may change their minds often, thereby confusing others. In extreme cases they earn the reputation for being fickle.

Only Mercury in Aquarius can equal this position for mental originality. The inventive minds of the natives are adept at finding new and surprising solutions for problems and emergency situations. These people need to be well educated in order to make the best use of their mental capacities. This position is common among scientists, mathematicians, computer experts, secretaries, writers, reporters, teachers, and lecturers.

If Mercury is heavily afflicted in Gemini, there can be incessant talk about trivial matters which is an annoyance to others. The horoscope of an undeveloped person may reveal a tendency to get sidetracked and miss the main issue.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Mercury is placed in one of the signs it rules, strengthening its influence. It gives a considerable need to exchange ideas and opinions; and generally the subject likes to be heard and really needs to communicate with others - from talking to the next person in a line to participating in public debates. He or she is able to think very quickly and be involved in more than one task at a time, perhaps talking on the telephone while making notes on a quite different matter! Quick decisions will be made, but not necessarily adhered to, for the mind is often changed - sometimes with the individual denying that this has happened. Facts will be a bore; so in an exam., for instance, there is a tendency to show off opinions at great length without the support of real knowledge or long, hard study. Often, too, there is a flair for selling. Impatience - especially with people of a slower turn of mind - is common, and the individual will easily be able to talk his way out of tricky situations. Adaptability is a great asset, but at all times superficiality of thought and action must be guarded against. Look for other elements in the chart to counter such traits. Cunning and craftiness may also be present.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, the slow, steady Taurean type will be less aided by quick thinking and be far less stubborn than those with Mercury in other signs. While still liking routine, there is less chance of getting into a rut, since the strong influence of Mercury

will add some versatility without sacrificing the excellent Taurean sense of purpose and determination. The subject will take a less conventional, more up-to-date outlook on life, and be able to reassess his or her opinions with the passing of time. Any Mercurial superficiality is unlikely.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, the subject has many Geminian characteristics, especially those strongly relating to Mercury - i.e. the need to communicate, quick thinking, changeability of mind, versatility, and the ability to talk his or her way out of difficult situations. Geminian faults (superficiality and restlessness) must be guarded against. Very often there is a tendency to question the self when the emotions are aroused, since they can be mistrusted; he must justify these reactions to his own satisfaction. If the speedy thought patterns can be controlled there is more than a touch of brilliance. Inquisitiveness is common.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, Cancerian changes of mood will be exacerbated by Mercurial changes of mind, but this placing will counter the Cancerian tendency to over-sentimentality, endowing the individual with more forward-looking thinking and planning ability. The high emotional content always present in Cancerians will be spiced with an element of scepticism, so that the out-and-out romanticism and sometimes over-colorful imagination is less likely to get out of hand. The Cancerian memory, which is usually excellent, should not be impaired; and this Gemini / Mercury influence will speed up decision-making; and, most importantly, help mitigate the overwhelmingly powerful Cancerian tendency to worry.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here the senses are keen and alert, almost too much so. This is a very restless mind, and there is apt to be an overdevelopment of the 'thinkbox' at the expense of the vital forces. Restless anxiety and overwork can lead to a breakdown. Anyone with this position of Mercury needs a quiet time every day in order to get away from themselves and the world of appearance. Mind is clear but intellectual rather than instinctual or intuitive. Apt to jump to conclusions and miss the necessary facts. Can be silly but never stupid. Great versatility, but lacking in steadiness. With planets in Taurus, there is more stability for this position of Mercury.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you are afraid of losing the ability to connect on a surface level with a variety of people and ideas, your rational mind might become submerged in superficial thinking. This master of trivia can collect bits and pieces of information that may or may not be of any practical value. Indulging in the Gemini tendency to flit from thought to thought may result in a great deal of talking and no true communication.

Dynamic

When your attention is concentrated on any one of your many interests, your quick mind, adaptability, and pure logic can bring about clear communication with a variety of people. By focusing, communicating clearly, and reaching a conclusion before moving on, you can cease to be the perpetual student and are able to teach and direct others to various sources of knowledge.

(Grant Lewi)

All the senses are keen and alert. The ability to react to shades of difference of light, color and sound makes you sensitive to beauty and needful of gratifying your senses with art (visual) and music (auditory). Too great awareness of everything that goes on around you tires your nerves, and you need solitude and dim lights once in a while to give your sense a vacation. You frequently give the impression of a hound sniffing the air to catch some scent in it - of having all your 'feelers' out for whatever is going on. Your sense reactions are impersonal, detached and critical; you have likes and dislikes, but they don't elate or depress you. To you it is joyous to live in a world that continuously gives exercise to your senses; you know that a sight, sound or smell that you don't like isn't going to plague you forever - another that you like better will replace it; and even this, too will go its way and should not be mourned, because something else is tripping over its heels to get into the limelight.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Gemini, Mercury keynotes versatility, and a tendency toward scattering forces. The native is inventive, has wit and humor, and is capable of acquiring knowledge through travel and reading. He tends to be nervous because he 'takes on' the problems and foibles of those around him. It is important for the astrologer to make the native realize the importance of his surroundings. If they are not orderly, the native's thoughts wander - he becomes discouraged and depressed. If, on the other hand, his surroundings spell out discipline and orderliness, then the native begins to think clearly and his work reflects this state of mind. Often he is in love with life, but can find it difficult to remain faithful to one person. It is possible for the native to love more than one individual at the same time.

He can break with convention and announce he is willing to let the chips fall where they may. But inwardly, there is apt to be confusion, for that sense of the orderly cannot be denied. The astrologer must help the native realize this apparent contradiction and come to terms with it.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a clever, though potentially crafty, mind.

You see life in terms of contrasts such as interesting or boring, bright or dull, relevant or inapplicable - and you do so quickly. And so you get to the point, or dismiss it, easily and swiftly. You see life as being only as good as what is mentally assimilated, then imparted to or shared with Other - you communicate with ease and enthusiasm, in fact.

You tend not to see subtle or grey areas, and issues that you have rationalized as insignificant - but really it is because they are the ones that you cannot deal with emotionally, and which inevitably give rise to difficulties with Other that your quick mind cannot simply cast aside. You tend not to see Other's point, because it does not form part of the reality that interests you.

(John Townley)

You have a distinct ability to express your sexual needs and desires verbally; and you are happiest with a lover who can express love on a mental as well as a physical plane. You can learn to use words with great erotic impact; and the better your love vocabulary, the more expressive your lovemaking will be.

This ability can be useful in simple courting as well as in making love, for your verbal expressiveness greatly enhances the experience. Indeed, you and your partner will derive much pleasure from erotic conversations or discussions. Even a 'phone call at the appropriate time can be turned into a love affair.

You may also enjoy discussing lovemaking with your lover both before and afterward, affectionately going over every detail and exchanging ideas about what each of you enjoys most. Fantasies are also a fertile topic, and your prolific imagination can dream up many scenarios that are impractical in reality but that are great fun to talk about.

Reading about sex will further enrich your fantasy life and give you new paths to explore. By developing and trying out a variety of sexual techniques, you can have a fuller love life and greater communication with your lover.

(Robert Hand)

Your mind is very active, restless and fond of change. You may get bored easily, unless something stimulating comes along. Your desire for constant activity may make you appear extremely nervous and unstable, but what is happening is that you mentally process the world around you faster than most people. This should make you a better-than-average student in school, as long as you receive intellectual stimulation from your parents. No-one wants to learn unless encouraged early in life. One problem stemming from your desire for new knowledge and experience is that you may never really finish anything. Try to be disciplined enough to stay with one train of thought long enough to

learn something from it.

You are fond of communicating with others; and in fact, you may be more talkative in childhood than grown-ups want you to be. You should learn to speak only when you have something to say instead of chattering merely to keep the airwaves moving, as you often do. On the plus side, you should become a fairly articulate speaker and good at expressing your ideas clearly in writing as well. Again, this talent will develop only in a supportive home environment. You should read a lot while you are young, because your mind can absorb a great deal of information in this way.

You may also be fond of travelling; and certainly you do not like to be tied to one place for very long. Even if you don't travel very far from your immediate circle, you always want to move around, even if it's just getting out of your chair and pacing around.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Ideas are communicated clearly and rationally.

Symbol: A technician feeds data into a computer.

The person with Mercury in Gemini has the type of purely logical mind that cannot see why human beings insist upon making so much trouble for themselves. He is convinced that if they would only behave reasonably and look at their problems realistically, most of their sufferings might be avoided. It frustrates him that they do not run their lives more intelligently. In defence, he periodically retreats into a world of abstract studies where he can indulge his proclivity to arrange items systematically.

As ruler of Gemini, Mercury can vent its volatile nature in this sign without being continually impeded by practical considerations. It is plain to see why this lightfooted lord of the mind, nerves, and of all tubes, wires, and channels of communication should have suzerainty over the sign of connections. Mercury carries the messages which link the diverse elements within a given system and enables the system as a whole to adjust to the environment. Thus, it bifurcates into the awareness of the inner and outer realms, which enables the conscious ego to look two ways at once and to relate the objective world of physical existence to the subjective world of ideas.

The Mercurial Geminian can use his mind lucidly and effectively in order to convey his own and other people's opinions. His thinking is neither instinctive in the manner of the Moon, Mars and Venus, nor intuitive in the manner of Uranus and Neptune, but is as strictly rational as he can make it. By clarifying issues and stringing ideas together in logical sequences, he endeavors to make facts speak for themselves. He has a compulsion to find out why things behave as they do, and is convinced that there must be a causal explanation for everything that occurs. Mystery-mongering irritates him. He has little patience with sentimentalists who allow emotion to befog their thinking. He likes to keep his ideas neatly sorted and defined, and makes it a point to void people whose

intellects fail to grasp concepts that to him seem patently obvious.

People with Mercury in Gemini long to be as free as the air. They need not travel far to feel refreshed, but they must circulate and exchange ideas with compatible thinkers. They have an adroit sense of humor, and can often make a point by the clever couching of their phrases. This is an excellent position for a writer, speaker, or journalist. It also gives scientific acumen. Such people should enter professions which exploit their versatility and do not demand unremitting concentration on a single task.

Mercury in Gemini is often brilliant. For enduring accomplishment, however, this individual is better off collaborating with someone who can bring his ideas down to earth and turn them to material advantage. His facile mind lacks stability unless the Sun is in Taurus, in which case his thoughts may dwell on business and more practical concerns. Even so, he will generally keep one step ahead of his competitor through the use of his wits. With the Sun in Cancer, there will be a deeper, more sympathetic interest in the problems of other people, and a desire to speak out on their behalf. When the Sun and Mercury are both in Gemini, the mind prefers to function on the plane of pure reason, unimpeded by mundane considerations. The Sun in Gemini shows the intellect to be an uncommonly ingenious instrument. To discover how this tool is employed, however, it is necessary to consider the natal chart in its entirety.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury rules Gemini, and people with the planet placed in this sign can be good communicators, eloquent and with quick, versatile minds. They may place much value on the power of logic and be unaware that emotions and intuition also constitute part of mental expression. We have seen this reflected in the many myths of Hermes's treatment of women. Logic and great curiosity may lead them to an awareness of many facts, but they don't necessarily help to discern the truth, be decisive, or become aware of other people's emotional needs. Some people with this placement may become confused because their minds are overstimulated by too many options. Attempting to keep all the balls in the air is as much an issue of control as one of fear.

Living with much nervous tension can cause them to be irritable and intense, and to tire easily. Their need for original intellectual expression in many areas of involvement may indicate much superficial knowledge, but with little depth of understanding. They may benefit from a commitment to developing their understanding of the interconnectedness of human nature and quietening their minds by focusing on fewer, carefully selected areas of interest and activity.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Taurus:

This is really a very fantastic combination. The Mercury mind is flexible, acquiring much knowledge, and coupled with the practical, realistic, materially-oriented Taurus can give the native advantage in the business world. It indicates people who realize which idea will work and which one will not work. These people are very sharp and very willing to allow the Taurus ego to stabilize all ideas. It is similar to two people talking things over. The Mercury presents ideas, and the Taurus determines which is productive and which is not. In the final accounting, this represents people who can be way ahead of others because time is not wasted on trial and error.

If there is a rather conflicting attitude or influence, it is that the Taurus Sun may get into a rut or into stubborn determination, and will not listen to new and current ideas either from his / her own mind or from others. If this happens, there can be a stalemate in growth.

In one sense, these people know how to communicate with the populace; and, because of this talent, people begin to think they are easy and flexible, but just let some situation or a person touch a stubborn spot, and the old bull starts to snort, much to the surprise of those at hand.

This combination can represent the people who can become very successful executives, for their ideas can be very favorably centered on money-making deals and high finance. Whatever ideas come from Gemini Mercury, they can be made solid by Taurus, and usually turned into money or resources of some kind. If an idea strikes these people and the idea is really accepted, and if at first the idea doesn't work, they will try, try again varying the idea until finally it works. This can be very good for the Gemini Mercury, for there is much more stability, giving ultimate success with any given project. Not only does the Gemini Mercury make this Taurus more flexible, but it gives more determination to the Gemini.

These are the people who can be one step ahead of all the others in their field of endeavor. This is true because of their ability to quickly judge an idea's practicality and workability, and also their ability at communicative repartee. Here, too, is humor, which makes them much adored within their circle of relationships. But look out for the angry and mad bull, for he shows up at the oddest unexpected moments.

If the Sun sign is Gemini:

Sun and Mercury in Gemini has the talent for conveying not only what they have in their own minds, but also what other people think. These people are like telegraph wires in a lot of ways, and are capable of putting all the facts together, making a total point that speaks for itself to all concerned. Sun and Mercury in Gemini does not analyze or try to interpret for others. The facts are given in sequence, and the ideas are transmitted for you to interpret for yourself. This combination is not analytical or critical. They dislike experiences and facts that are fogged up. If these people have a fault or a lack, it is their inability to bring the ideas down to the practical, workable level. They leave this up to

others to make the ideas workable, unless this Sun / Mercury in Gemini is trined or sextiled by Saturn.

With this Sun and Mercury both being in Gemini, the mind works well with and for the purposes of the (ego) Sun. There are no distortions, no dilutions. What you hear is what you get, right down to the full extent of the ego purpose. This is a position where the people possessing it do not like to take the trouble to see how an idea works or, as they put it, 'who wants to bother with the details of it'.

This influence allows those having it to take a lot of short little trips here and there. Sun / Mercury in Gemini likes travelling within short distances, as it may not appeal to them to travel to far away places.

They completely communicate all the purposes, desires and values of their Sun, and they fully understand the environment around them. They are aware of everything from the tiny bird singing in the yard to the smile of the child next door. From young on, they are aware of what they have to do in life. Their consciousness is fully alert at almost 100%. The Mercury door is fully open, and allows full awareness and approval of the Gemini way.

This subjectivity means freedom, freedom to relate to each person they meet on an individual basis, relating to others in a very human, person-to-person fashion. The subjectivity of Gemini/Gemini means seeing his piece of the human puzzle, whereas objective people see the whole puzzle. It is knowing 'no strangers'.

Being subjective is being able to relate to all those around you. It is being a part of the community, not being apart from it. Sun / Mercury in Gemini is the most subjective combination in the whole set of Sun / Mercury combinations. To express themselves by speaking, by writing, or in whatever form of concrete expression of life appeals to them, is breath itself to them.

All other things considered, this combination causes the people to think faster and move faster. The Mars sign is conditional to the speed of the movement. If they have an Earth Mars there may be considerably more stability and much slower action. With an Earth Mars, they may be less likely to be compulsive with activating ideas and thoughts, but may take time to plan. If they have a Fire Mars, the action is as good as accomplished immediately after the ideas hit their consciousness.

The people born with this Mercury / Sun are expression itself. Famous people born with this combination possess a variety of talent.

If the Sun sign is Cancer:

This is a position where the conditions within the family and with the home are the main

purpose for ego satisfactions, so the Mercury in Gemini talent will have the means of speaking out and communicating easily with family members and / or with conditions in the home. The urge is to communicate either emotional satisfactions or emotional problems. The need is to communicate with others and to sympathize on an emotional level and to understand. This emotional understanding and the expression of that understanding does much to alleviate the problems of others with whom they come in contact. These people do much to comfort others with words.

However, this could take a negative influence also. There can be a possibility this can lead to gossip, needless chattering about others resulting in tearing them down. A very positive influence with this combination is the ability to bring mental logic to the emotional side of their natures. When there is an emotional difficulty, the Mercury in Gemini mind can take over and bring reasoning back to the situation. In other words, Mercury in Gemini says 'let's talk about it'. This influence also gives the talent for expressing very deep emotions and bringing these emotions to the surface, which could not be done by the Cancer Sun all by itself.

Through their thinking process and their sensitive heart, they can take the whole community into their world like one big, happy family. They have the ability to pick up moods of others around them. This influence gives them the ability to combine the subjective approach in a caring fashion so that they can soon gain a reputation as problem solvers to a lesser or greater degree. The end-result would be 'the neighborhood listener' or emotional buff for others either in their personal little world or on a larger scale as a professional counsellor.

They should definitely have some artistic expression, even if only for their own satisfaction and as an outlet for their feelings. It would be emotionally healthy for them to get involved with painting, writing, poetry, dancing, or crafts as part of their daily therapy.

Mercury is a door or a mirror by which the ego (Sun) can reflect that which it has to do in this lifetime. Mercury can either work fully with the Sun or display some distortion. It is well to realize what elements are involved in this association and whether the Mercury will or will not work fully toward the destiny or goal. Never discount the fact that the combination of Mercury and the Sun is a kind of marriage, a marriage that individualizes the purpose for each person in this life. For example, a person who has a Cancer Sun, which indicates a certain purpose, but it depends upon which of the three Mercury combinations this Cancer Sun has, as to how more distinctive the purpose becomes. A Cancer Sun / Mercury Cancer destiny will be decidedly different from a Cancer Sun / Mercury Gemini or Mercury in Leo.

There is either going to be a conflict between the Sun and Mercury or an understanding of what each individual has to work with to achieve a grand and glorious distinctive destiny that can only be fulfilled by this combination of Sun / Mercury. In other words, don't fight it, join it; understand the combination. Let tolerance rule between the Sun and

Mercury. I might mention that the solstice point for Gemini is Cancer, and as I see it the solstice point can indicate a potential solution to a personal problem.

Used at its best, this Cancer Sun and Mercury Gemini can be a problem solver either with the individual destiny or for others. But the solstice points are for another book, another time.

Mercury ♀ in 4th House

(Freda Edis)

A fourth house Mercury indicates people whose mental activities may include an awareness of their roots and the foundations on which they build their lives. In many cases, this is reflected in perhaps unconscious, predisposed emotions and attitudes to the home and family. At a day old, Hermes was very aware that he and his mother were living in a cave on Mount Kyllene, far from Hera's wrath on Olympus, but also isolated from the other Olympians. For people with this placement, sometimes what is deeply buried within needs to be brought to the surface, but it may take them years to do so, especially where Maia is more active than Hermes in the placement. Though Maia herself expressed no desire to go to 'Olympus', it was among Hermes's first thoughts. But if Mercury makes his presence felt early, then people with this placement could experience changeable home conditions while they are children. They may also project many of their intellectual faculties on to their fathers or the less dominant parent. Often there is a desire to make the home a safe hive of intellectual activity or a place of work. These tendencies are likely to be enhanced where Mercury is in strong aspect to, or conjuncts, the IC; but, equally, as life progresses, there may be an increasing urge to uncover what is essential to the self, risking some of the safety that the environment provides.

Most of us like at least one place where we feel safe; but a fourth house Mercury needs intellectual stimulation there, too. If it isn't provided, then the person with Mercury here may decide to look elsewhere, as Hermes did when he left Mount Kyllene to reside with his father on Olympus - when he wasn't travelling, that is. There is more than a suggestion in the myths that Hermes, unconsciously, took the action he did over Apollo's cattle in order to obtain some of the variety and wider experience of life he needed, having to move away from home in order to do so. Mercury in the fourth house can sometimes feel closed in, even in a safe environment.

Cusp signs will affect the strength of such feelings. Mercury with Gemini here may increase the intellectual restlessness to be found in the home, but it can also give the curiosity necessary to discover if the father, for instance, is really as critical as the person seemed to experience. On the other hand, Mercury with Aries on the cusp of the

fourth could give an overforceful and impatient expression in any matters which might lead to uncovering the origins of behaviour.

Aspects, too, particularly where the IC is also involved, will influence this placement.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With this position of Mercury, there is a great love of motion and travel, a great desire to see faraway places and to know exotic people, partly as a means for acquiring perspective on their own roots and early environment.

There may be a severing of ties with roots and early environment; and they may ultimately end up far from where they started. There may be quite a bit of travelling during childhood and the school years, with the family relocating a number of times.

Later in life, they may move away from their early roots and environment in a cultural as well as geographical sense, sometimes adopting a less civilized, less highly-educated, more basic lifestyle, or at least adopting its point of view, and working toward an understanding of such a lifestyle through writing, speaking, and so forth.

This position of Mercury is a partial testimony to a strong current of inner growth and self-development throughout life that takes them far from where they started in every sense, not just physically. There is often the lifelong styling of the self after an ideal and, consequently, a lifelong development along those lines, although it takes other factors to show what sort of an ideal - not always a noble one.

These people have a very private mental life, and are highly individualistic in their way of thinking. They may have a rather lonely mental life and feel somewhat isolated, particularly in youth. The truth is that they are not afraid, as are most people, to think differently, and willingly forge ahead along new lines of thought, taking each new idea and testing it, rejecting what doesn't fit their current system, yet basically maintaining a respect for all systems of thought. There is a lifelong search for a basic reality that can unite all disparate and seemingly opposing systems of thought, a search for what is basic to all of them. Ideas are loved, not for their intellectual patness, but for realism and practicality. There is usually an interest in history, anthropology, archeology, as evidence of what has been, upon which their own personal world view can be based. The mind here is a digger, ever working down through facts toward fundamental truths rather than flying high after dreams and beautiful but insubstantial fantasies.

Those with a fourth house Mercury have an innate feeling for 'the people', although they themselves generally remain aloof from large groups. They feel their own selfhood intensely, and it is hard for them to reach past it and touch the lives of others. It is often the sign of one who walks alone. They may become leaders if others urge leadership upon them, or they may shun it, but they will never be followers.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: With Mercury in the 4th, thoughts, ideas, and all forms of communication are linked with the most personal levels of self. You spend much time thinking about yourself and those you love. What is known is often kept secret; and though it's certainly natural that you be conservative with your information, this can occasionally work to your disadvantage. The challenge is to realize that your thoughts are private rather than secret, and to learn to share these private thoughts selectively, joyfully, with those you most trust.

Personal security: Home is correctly a place of mental stimulation, a movable feast of ideas and physical change. Mobility is essential, for boredom and stultification lie in wait, ready to pounce whenever stagnation overcomes vibrancy, so you may want to think of yourself as having a 'mobile home'. Mercury is naturally subordinate to the Sun; and the actual tendency toward frequent relocation is subject to the Sun's condition, as well as that of the chart in general. However, no matter what is revealed by the rest of the chart, ties of communication are always important: conversational, by telephone, or written. These are the tools with which you build a sense of permanent security. The pitfall lies in uprooting yourself or being uprooted too often; and the challenge is to keep extending your security, moving and changing with the times as growth requires.

Emotional imprints: Your imprints were basically derived from observed behavior and mental instructions. What you saw and heard were powerful motivators of future behavior, for imitative modelling is the rule here: 'monkey see, monkey do'. Your intelligence was emphasized, either positively or negatively. In and of itself, however, Mercury is the least important of the ten planets in revealing the imprint structure.

'Inner-link' parent: Though Mercury's placement acts mainly as a modifier of the Sun's more primary impact, its placement here indicates that your mother had greater than ordinary importance as a teacher. Her imprint effect involved structuring your nervous system and mental machinery during infancy. Especially with the Sun in the 3rd or 5th houses, she may have vacillated a great deal about her maternal role, possibly preferring the cool dryness of mental contact rather than the warm wetness of the emotional.

Private intuition: Rational processes are the natural key to private intuitions. You must figure things out with this placement; and much time is spent 'in conversation' with the inner self, getting a handle on situations, problems, or choices. Answers may not be straightforward, but questions abound in an ongoing Socratic dialogue: You ask questions, and your guides respond by posing other questions. Even when they give you direct answers, it will stimulate you to further questions. They are more than willing to engage you in conversation; but be sure to keep the channels open, since they depend on your call. Reach out and touch someone, even if the being in question does not have

a body.

(Robert Pelletier)

Being so close to the other members of your family makes it difficult for you to think for yourself. You are inclined to pattern your habits and attitudes on your parent's line of reasoning. Because of this emotional conditioning, you tend to keep your opinions to yourself unless they concur with your parents' ideas, for you feel obligated to them. Eventually you will have to take responsibility for using your mental abilities for your own interests, even if it causes you some temporary anxiety. Your keen imagination will serve you well if you are daring enough to exploit it openly. A formal education will help you understand how capable you can be; and from this will come the self-confidence you need for success. Along with your intellectual abilities, you have great sensitivity to other people's feelings, and you try to do what is best for them.

You may often change your course of action in working toward your goals, which is all right if you keep your primary objective in focus. The need to establish security for your later years will help you maintain a plan of action and see it realized. It would be ideal if the same force would stimulate you to stand on your own. Money is very important to you; and few people can match your talent for acquiring it. You know that money is necessary to achieving your goals. You hate to depend on anyone for support, so you try to capitalize on your own ideas to make that unnecessary.

Your highest priority should be to accept the challenges of competition. There is no easy way to gain public recognition for your accomplishments except through selfdiscipline and determination to succeed. That will improve your self-image and assure your growth in your position. Your partner may be more helpful than you realize; and you should pay attention to any suggestions he or she offers, because you will probably benefit from them. Even your competitors can serve your purposes if you learn how they succeed. But your mate is your best source of inspiration; and you both will be rewarded by living up to each other's expectations. You need a partner who understands you and who will support you when your self-confidence sags.

Your best motivation comes from people who need your expertise to solve their problems. You owe them your continued understanding and professional skill as long as they need it, for it is through this kind of interchange that you will attain your future goals. Be wary of friends who make excessive demands unless they give you some consideration for your efforts. At the same time, you must know that only hard work will bring you the security you need and are so preoccupied with.

Take advantage of your excellent mind, and develop it into your greatest asset. You are enormously resourceful in capitalizing on your ideas; but you must avoid people who try to distract you from your plans. The knowledge you've gained will help you secure a career position. The worst trap you could fall into is to allow family considerations to

inhibit your development. With a little imagination, you can accomplish a great deal by exploiting your creative potentials. You will have to sell yourself and your ideas; but don't underestimate their quality. It is unlikely that you would exaggerate your abilities, anyway.

(Howard Sasportas)

Mercury in the 4th sometimes indicates an intellectual or academic home background, where the emphasis was on being sensible and rational, perhaps at the expense of feelings, warmth and physical closeness. Intelligence may be inherited through the family line. If the 4th house is taken to mean the father, then in some way he would have carried the Mercury projection: he might have been experienced as expressive, articulate, critical or possibly tricky and elusive, someone who 'comes and goes'. Mental attitudes could be mixed up with those of the father. There may even be more than one father - the actual father and a stepfather or another person who fills the role of a father-figure.

Early changes of residence may bring to the surface underlying qualities of flexibility and adaptability. Some with this placement might prefer a nomadic lifestyle. If Mercury is difficultly aspected in the 4th, there could be more than the usual amount of bickering, arguments and back-biting within the early home or later home environments. Mental and educational activities could be carried on in the home. Even well into the second half of life, the person would benefit from further learning or studying.

Venus ♀ in ♄ Capricorn 1° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might place too much value on your projection to others of being absolutely on top of everything. This may stifle your special ability to exemplify and share awareness of social appropriateness. If you neglect demonstrating such knowledge, you may feel self-doubt and lack of control when others reflect your ineptitude.

When relationships are used for the purpose of ensuring your social position, people can become mere objects on the way toward your prestigious or sensual ends. Thus, the spirit of true relationships may be lost in pursuit of materialism that eventually leaves you alone with only your tangible assets for company.

You might deny your special ability to achieve material success in every area of your life because of giving in to fears of social rejection if you fail. This may lead to feeling sorry for yourself. You might lose your sense of self-worth if your values are not accepted and

praised by others and are not reflected through material success.

Dynamic

You possess the ability to demonstrate social appropriateness as a means toward attaining a desired social position. You can express your unique gifts by sharing your perception and encouraging others to execute their intentions in a practical way. This produces a result that brings you a solid sense of your own worth.

You have the ability to use the social and material values of others for your own goals. Thus, in attaining material success you set an example and demonstrate your awareness of social values. This assists others in tangibly expressing their talents and intentions at the highest level of public acceptance.

You are able to establish a firm, reliable sense of self-worth when you share with others your understanding of how to manipulate the material world toward one's intended ends. Above all, you become an inspirational example when you demonstrate your natural knowledge of social suitability, utilizing those standards in a creative way to produce the desired results.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Love is a serious business for Venus in any of the Earth signs; but for Venus in Capricorn it is deadlily serious. These people will be extremely cautious about getting involved. They will take a long time getting to know a prospective partner and checking out his or her credentials. Unless the prognosis for the relationship is good, they would rather not embark. Ever-practical and achievement-orientated, they do not want to waste their time on something that is not going somewhere.

Someone with Venus in Capricorn will want and offer to make a major commitment if a relationship feels right to him or her, and will probably not begin to open up to his or her more sensual side until this is established. He / she wants to be sure of his / her partner, and will not want to invest him- / herself emotionally until then.

Within a relationship, practical security will be very important. People with Venus in Capricorn need to feel that the things around them are stable, in order for them to relax. They are not happy if conditions are uncomfortable. They may expect a partner to provide a stable, secure situation for them, or at least not to threaten one that they have already created for themselves. Hence, a partner's financial situation may be important to them. Venus in Capricorn has a reputation for marrying for money, which is not as mercenary as it sounds when it is realized that these people are attracted by stability and security.

People with Venus in Capricorn can also be drawn to someone who has a certain status

or reputation they find desirable. They may gain status themselves through their relationships. They may be attracted by someone who has a dignified air or is distinguished in some way. Their own dignity will be very important to them, and they will be careful not to compromise it. Even in an established relationship, they will always behave with restraint and propriety in public. They make very good partners for ambitious people who need someone prepared to do the necessary formal socializing. They will be in tune with how important this aspect of life can be for someone in getting on, and can be extremely supportive of their partner's ambitions and useful to them in many practical ways.

(Skye Alexander)

Although this sign position doesn't in itself signify artistic talent, if other factors in your chart denote creative ability you probably will express it in a traditional, conservative or practical manner. Your tastes are conventional and reserved, and you look to the past for inspiration, using forms and techniques that are 'tried and true'. Perhaps you will not discover or express your artistic interests until later in life; and you may have to overcome blocks of some kind that stand in the way of your creativity - family responsibilities, financial concerns, lack of education, or fear of failure.

It is important for you to create something material and tangible, that is useful and will endure for generations to come. Thus, your preferred art form could be architecture. Or, you might be a collector of art, an investor in antiques and / or 'old masters' (rather than someone who takes a chance on unknown artists). Another possibility is that you would make a business of art.

In relationships, you are cautious, practical and traditional. You seek stability and permanence in both romantic and business partnerships. Not one to take relationships lightly, if you make a commitment to another person you stick by it faithfully. One-night stands and brief affairs don't interest you much. You like constancy, predictability, and the security that comes from an established partnership with clearly defined parameters and patterns. Therefore, your relationships have a better chance than most of enduring. However, your desire for stability and permanence can cause you to stay in a relationship that is no longer satisfying, or one that has ceased to grow and develop. People with this placement can let themselves and their relationships get 'in a rut' and become more of a habit than a joy.

When it comes to matters of the heart, you are a realist, a pragmatist. You aren't the type to fall head-over-heels in love with someone; and usually you want to know your lover for a long time before making a commitment. You may even view love relationships as a business arrangement, and are more likely to marry for money, status, security or convenience than out of passion. Therefore, others might consider you cold-blooded or mercenary. You aren't very romantic or affectionate, and tend to be reserved and constrained when it comes to expressing your feelings for your partner. What you lack in

romance, however, you make up for in loyalty. Duty-conscious and reliable, you won't shirk your responsibilities to your loved ones or dump your partner of many years for a younger, prettier face.

Though you appear to be aloof, unfeeling or superior in love matters, in truth you are terribly shy and sensitive. You often hesitate to make a move for fear of being rejected. Perhaps there is some obstacle - physical, emotional, financial or otherwise - that keeps you from involving yourself in love relationships. You undervalue your attractiveness, and are afraid that others don't like you. Because love to you is serious business, you usually won't take a chance if you aren't certain of the outcome beforehand. Thus, you may miss out on many romantic opportunities or wait until rather late in life to form a love relationship.

Women with Venus in Capricorn view maturity and wisdom as desirable qualities in a woman; and, therefore, are less likely than others to dread growing older. You also tend to be career-oriented, and might place work ahead of marriage and children. Being successful professionally makes you feel good about yourself as a woman; and you certainly don't believe that businesswomen are less feminine than homemakers. However, your attitudes toward love and relationships are traditional and somewhat old-fashioned, so you may have difficulty reconciling your professional ambitions with your conservative views about male-female partnerships.

Men with this planetary position are most interested in women who are mature, refined, no-nonsense types. Your ideal woman looks as if she just stepped out of *Town and Country* magazine. Her public image is proper and dignified, but in private she's sensual and passionate. Classic beauties with old-fashioned values and blue-chip stocks are the stuff of which your romantic fantasies are made. You also might be attracted to women who are older than you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Capricorn indicates those who need material status and wealth in order to achieve emotional security. Often they seek to improve their status by marrying above their station in life, with the attitude that one might as well fall in love with someone wealthy. In dating and courtship, they are attracted to those who will take them to expensive restaurants and prestigious places of entertainment. Proud and reserved in their public behavior, they dislike overt public displays of emotion and affection, considering such conduct beneath them. Their dignified air can be based on their desire to feel superior to the common lot; sometimes this is resented by others as snobbishness.

Because of the Saturn rulership of Capricorn, people with this Venus position can repress their emotions and sexuality, as does Venus in Virgo; but they are capable of being very sensual in private. They attract sympathy through their quiet personal dignity

and refinement. There is also a sense of aloneness about them, which generates a subtle mystique that appeals to others. The classic chiseled features of Greek beauty are typical of Venus in Capricorn.

People with this position of Venus, if they marry young, seek older, more mature partners. However, if they marry later in life, they choose younger mates whom they can stabilize and provide with security in return for affection. Though not openly demonstrative, they are loyal and steadfast to those they love, because they innately sense the personal responsibility in important relationships.

In art, these people have a strong sense of composition and structure; like Venus in Sagittarius, this position endows them with an attraction to classical music and other traditional art forms that have preserved their value through the test of time. Since they have business and managerial ability in matters related to art, they may become antique dealers, museum curators, and art gallery directors.

If Venus is afflicted in Capricorn, there can be emotional coldness and overconcern with property and material goods. Calculating and ulterior motives may supersede affections; marriage can be made for money and status, and love can go a-begging.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is in the domain of Saturn in this sign so there is an entirely different expression of the love nature and emotions from that in the sign of Sagittarius. Here will be the seriousness, caution and pride of Saturn. Intensifies ambition and a desire for prestige and status. Behind an outer assurance is a timidity in love and reserve in expressing feelings. There is a fear of giving too much of oneself, and a desire to shield the self from hurt. Disappointments in love during the youth, especially if Venus is afflicted, can be overcome by willingness to go the way of love and hold no bitterness or resentment toward the one who brought the suffering. Fear and selfishness must be overcome; and Venus in Capricorn has the strength and patience to do it.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although the worldly ambition associated with Capricorn does not easily blend with the Venusian need to relate and love, when the planet is placed in this sign it gives someone who will, once committed, want to remain faithful and constant. Because of the differing characteristics of the sign and principles of the planet, there can be inhibition in the full expression of feeling, so it is important that, while there may be no desire to gush forth with affirmations of love, the partner really knows how much he or she is loved. Sometimes, in order to make worldly progress, a partner will be chosen as a status symbol of some kind. However, true, constant love should be the aim, with the Capricorn ambition geared towards joint development of the partnership, materially and emotionally. Here is a faithful friend who likes to create an impression. Money is spent in

a calculated way, often to show off; yet a careful streak will also be evident.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus placement links the deep intensity and passion of Scorpio with the cool calculation of Capricorn. Here are people who will get what they want, but may not consider a partner's feelings carefully or sympathetically. They are demanding friends who will encourage others in their ambitions. Ruthlessness in all areas of life must be countered. Business- and money-making abilities are excellent.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placement calms the passion of Sagittarius; and the love life is taken seriously. The subject is thoughtful and fairly constant (more so than other members of this Sun sign), but there can be conflict between the Sagittarian need for freedom of expression within a relationship and the Capricorn urge to do the right thing. Here is a friend who enjoys demanding challenges. Financial growth can occur through clever and calculated risk-taking.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, faithfulness and loyalty join with a reserved expression of feeling. The general characteristics of Venus in Capricorn detailed above will be very evident. Ambition for material progress must not be so great that the partner and children are neglected as a result.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the very independent Aquarian lifestyle will cause a reluctance to be committed to an emotional relationship. The romantic tendencies often present in this Sun sign may be suppressed. The impression given is cool and distant, but there are magnetic powers of attraction. Here is a good, faithful friend, but someone who will be difficult to know really well. The management of finances may or may not be good, so balance is needed.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the blending of Earth (Capricorn) and Water (Pisces) is excellent, since Venus will help steady the gush of Piscean emotion. If a practical approach to love can be achieved, there should be no conflict, but the coolness of Venus must be recognized as a positive factor, helping to channel and give an element of caution and common sense in this sphere of life. Here is a kind friend who will offer plenty of sensible suggestions when called upon to help. There will be some fiscal ability but, if Mercury is also in Pisces, professional financial advice is to be recommended.

(Grant Lewi)

You are wise beyond your years where emotions are concerned, accept naturally the dictates of society, and will rarely be found in a compromising position. Emotional response will genuinely be along the lines of conventions, sometimes even of the main chance; you won't marry beneath you. You could love more easily where money is involved. Since your emotions are geared to your defence and ambition responses, you will rarely find yourself struggling between love and duty, desire and ambition; they automatically work together. Your emotions are not so much controlled as they are

natural adjuncts to practical wishes; you instinctively do the right thing, make the tactful response, refuse to be hurt, and easily refrain from doing things that hurt others. Emotional response is self-repressed and may even become selfish. If you have a lot of trouble with your emotions, it is from something else in your Vitasphere, and not from Venus in Capricorn.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, Venus tells of a native who is adaptable, moves with the times, is able to make adjustments, and strives to make his loved ones happy and secure. There are basic disappointments, but he thrives on them and accepts them as challenges - nevertheless, he does not go unscathed. Gain is indicated from foreign travel and legacies. He must be wary of those who 'talk a good game' but have little to offer. Otherwise, he becomes involved with individuals who use and insult him, and then complain because he appears cold or indifferent.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a dutiful, though potentially inhibited, lover. Love for you is something that has to be tried to be true, and so you favour the conventional values of fidelity and duty, the passing of time through commitment, and probably the enduring institution of marriage, in order to establish a relationship or Other as reliable and worthwhile. When carried too far, however, such hide-bound relating can cause you to want some sort of release; but be careful this is not merely some fancy.

You attract with a serious and considered attitude which bespeaks dependability and substance; with commitment and involvement with matters besides Other, such as a profession or worthwhile goal; and with a resourcefulness and possible affluence that promises ease in the material world.

You repel with an inhibited and distrustful approach towards emotional matters; with a cold self-containment that betrays the fact that Other is just another responsibility in a life full of duties and commitments; and by putting money and status above feelings, especially those of and for Other.

You are attracted to a mature, responsible and utterly trustworthy Other; to an Other who has an elusive or mysterious quality that you cannot put your finger on - or control, for that matter; and to an Other who is a firm, recognizable member of your social or cultural group.

You are repelled by sloppy, irresolute types who are looking for someone to use as a step up life's ladder; by those too eager to fit in with your plans and opinions, for in truth you only trust and respect an Other who is his / her own person; and by situations where you feel ill-at-ease because there are too many 'unknowns'.

When you are alone, it is because you have not trusted anyone to come close enough to discover the real you. This is not to do with making yourself known as a personality with all your various strengths and weaknesses too, but more a case of revealing your very soul to Other, and trusting him / her with it in a real way. You can be very adept at presenting yourself in an apparently candid fashion, but this can be a bit like paying lipservice to emotional honesty. In other words, for all your apparently straight dealing, you always hold back the very part of yourself that is chaotic and lost, or at least is what you regard as such. This is the part that love and love only can heal, but it is love that you ultimately do not trust. You too often mistake the formalities and conditions placed upon love for love itself - so it is no wonder you do not trust it and find yourself alone.

(John Townley)

Your tastes in sexuality tend to be simple, even austere, for you feel that too many complications get in the way of and distract from the course of events. You do not require a great deal of physical attention, for you can glean plenty of substance from what seems little to others, and fine meaning where many would overlook it.

You may find satisfaction in a relationship in which one partner dominates the other or in which each person's realm of authority is very clearly delineated within an overall balance. At any rate, clarity is essential, for a muddled relationship will not allow you to fully enjoy your sexuality.

A partner who is quite a bit older or younger, probably older, best suits your sexual style. This is not so much for the sake of knowledge and experience but for the quality of distance mixed with intimacy that often characterizes such a relationship.

Although you want sure and certain affection from your lover, you prefer someone who is fairly discreet and treats your relationship not frivolously but with respect and decorum.

(Robert Hand)

You keep your feelings under control, and at times you may find it difficult to make friends. This is because you express your feelings more seriously than most people your age. For this reason, you may prefer being with older people or people who can teach you about how to get along in the world. You very much need to respect the people you like. However, make sure that your relationships are not based solely on what others can do for you, because sometimes people with this placement of Venus use friendship and love to get ahead in the world. If you use your friends in this way, you won't learn what love and friendship are really about.

You are not self-indulgent, and you can control your desires quite well, so you are not likely to waste money or other resources. You will plan very carefully how to bw rather

thrifty. Your eating and drinking habits will also be moderate; in fact, you are at your best doing everything in moderation. And you don't especially like people who go overboard, particularly in expressing their feelings.

(Donna van Toen)

This placing gets almost as much bad press as Venus in Virgo. Again, while slow to warm up, it's not devoid of passion; it just doesn't place sex quite so high on its list of priorities as do some of the other signs. You need a purpose in life; and the object of your affections must be able to fit himself / herself into this purpose. It's been said that Venus in Capricorn is inclined to marry for money or prestige. While this may have been true once upon a time, I've yet to see anyone with this placing who puts money or prestige at the top of his / her list of needs. But while you don't expect your mate / lover to necessarily improve your material or social standing, you won't allow him / her to interfere with it or cause it to deteriorate either. You need a mate who understands that an ivy-covered cottage teeming with kiddies just isn't enough for you, no matter how much love you get there. To feel worthy of love, you must feel you're doing something to deserve it. For you, that means proving yourself in the business world, or in your community, in some way, by earning the respect of those beyond your four walls. But it also means you have a need to be sure of your mate / lover's respect and support. To work so hard only to have your partner undermine or belittle your efforts would be a crushing blow for you.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Steadfast, creative, ambitious, image-conscious, responsible.

Capricorn, the cardinal Earth sign symbolised by a goat ascending a mountain, is, along with Scorpio, the workaholic of the zodiac. Just as the persevering, goal-orientated mountain goat climbs slowly but surely until it reaches the top, people with Venus in Capricorn leave no stone unturned in their never-ending exploration of their creativity and money-making potential. Because Saturn-ruled Capricorn represents discipline, structure and the foresight needed to bring budding ideas to fruition, Venus will add creativity and co-operation to whatever they attempt, be it in the corporate, governmental or artistic arena.

Since their self-esteem is intrinsically rooted in the successful fulfilment of their ambitions (to be president of a company or to buy a beautiful home), marriage is often postponed until they feel themselves well established. Conversely, they may choose emotionally supportive, financially comfortable or socially connected partners to help them to achieve their goals. Due to the single-minded sense of achievement that Venus in Capricorn people demand of themselves (and, as a result, of others), they usually do not rush headlong into a relationship. In fact, they devote so much time and energy to building a career that their partners must recognise that success is essential for their

self-esteem and, therefore, their capacity for love.

Serious and dutiful, Venus in Capricorn individuals require professional and personal partners who will provide the support, devotion and security they need to continue climbing the ladder of success. Because Capricorn is such a conservative and prudent sign, men with this placement still exhibit many traditional attitudes towards women's roles both in the workplace and at home. By the same token, Venus in Capricorn women may be attracted to strong, successful and protective men.

If Venus in Capricorn is well aspected, these individuals are quite confident and place enormous value on friendships and relationships. While not always verbally expressive, they are none the less loyal and offer unconditional support to their loved ones - and expect the same in return. If Venus is poorly aspected, there may be an insecurity regarding their position or ability to fulfil ambitions, thereby placing a strain on their home life. Their expectations of complete loyalty from personal and professional partners coupled with their obsessive drive to succeed can make them resent any time not utilised in their behalf or in pursuit of common goals.

At times, students of astrology tend to forget that, like all Earth signs, sober, judicious Capricorn is also sensual and, as a result, Venus in the sign of the mountain goat represents one of the most ardent positions of the zodiac. It obviously takes a long time for individuals with this placement to fall in love as they are preoccupied with their careers and / or do not approach any facet of their lives - especially love and commitment - lightly or superficially. When these perfectionists ultimately surrender to love, they will not settle for anything less than a long-term commitment - unlike, for instance, Venus in Aries people, who half expect their relationships to fail. In fact, Venus in Capricorn people have feelings that run so deep they can even lead to obsession and jealousy - in extreme cases. While their public displays of affection are minimal, their sexuality is, in fact, exceedingly intense; and their commitment to relationships is loyal and steadfast.

The intensity, devotion and pervading sexuality of Venus in Capricorn is typified by show business personalities.

Very often, Venus in Capricorn people who have truly obtained self-worth from their careers do have committed, long-term relationships founded on love and admiration for their partner, both personally and professionally.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual experiences the faithful quality of enduring love. His feelings are deep and lasting, his loyalties growing secure and richer with the passing years, with an outlook on life to conserve and preserve that which he solidly builds. Having a strongly practical love nature, he tends to be conservative and restrictive,

experiencing great difficulties in expressing his feelings. Thus, rather than using up his storehouse of love, he puts limits on how much he will allow himself to feel. In essence, he holds back and withdraws hermit-like into himself as if to find a safe hiding place for his squirrel-like sensitivities which are always seeking future security.

This is an especially difficult placement for Venus, as the individual's love nature is often so burdened with worries, insecurities, and karmic self-doubts that it is few and far between moments when he actually feels his attunement with life. He tends to be overprotective, with a narrow-closed outlook which is unduly concerned with social acceptance. As a result, he has a tendency to be susceptible to marrying for convenience, money, social status, prestige or other motives less than love.

The Saturnian influence here tends to crystalize emotions, delay love, create attractions to an older or conventional partner, and inhibit the free flow of feeling which is the very essence of life's fulfillment. The individual's ability to love is often hidden behind a selfprotective wall. And, it is this very wall that must be overcome if he is to experience fulfillment in life.

The Yod to this Venus placement is formed by the signs Gemini and Leo; and it is from these two signs that the individual learns his greatest lessons about love.

From the sign Gemini, he learns how to put activity and motion into his life. The inhibited feelings of the Capricorn Venus become loosened, and the person discovers his ability to express his love to others. The social qualities of Gemini teach him about adaptability. He learns to break the rigidity of his overly-structured love nature, lighten up his serious and often somber attitude towards life, and realize that he can have a youthful sense of presence which enables him to be as much attuned to his current feelings as he is to the conventional past patterns in which he tends to dwell.

The communicative inclinations of Gemini help teach this individual how to tell his feelings to another. He realizes that the cold sense of isolation that he assumes to be his prison is absolved by understanding how his innermost sensitivities are commonly shared with others. In this way, he establishes his link to humanity.

From the sign Leo, he learns how to come out of his shell, gathering the courage and boldness to break through his fears and inhibitions, and actually taste what life is like. Leo symbolizes generosity and an openly honest expansively warm nature. From this sign, the individual must realize that if he is to experience the fulfillment of love he is seeking, he must first overcome his 'miser-like' tendencies which on all levels enclose his life in the meager proportions of a fearful and limited imagination. He learns that the courage it takes to show his feelings and openly give his affections not only becomes the very essence of his ability to feel life, but also puts him in touch with the one force that overcomes karma.

The sextile from Gemini to Leo encourages the individual to participate in the active sunshine of life. Rather than forcing others to pry into his shell, expanding his efforts to understand his blocked-in feelings, or perhaps even testing their ability to earn his love, he begins to realize how the reciprocity of open exchange (Gemini) and the expansive generosity of a giving nature (Leo) bring him to experience the warmth and acceptance he is seeking.

Once the lessons of the Yod are learned, this individual begins to understand the true beauty of the Venus in Capricorn placement. He finds that by openly and honestly sharing his inner feelings, he receives not only the acceptance he so strongly needs, but also the encouragement to discover the niche in life through which most of his energies will filter. It is through this niche that he will devote his endearing loyalties towards a purpose with meaning; a dedicated mission of devotion towards a lifetime that will not only stand for something important in the society his love is helping to establish, but also have the enduring quality to outlast him.

His very special Gift of Love will come from his ability to communicate and expressively show the beauty of this sense of lasting value to others.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are serious but restrained.

Symbol: A beautiful woman buttons herself into an old-fashioned dress.

Although Venus is in many ways agreeably situated in Capricorn, people born with this configuration have some very contradictory impulses to resolve. Much depends on whether the higher or lower side of the combination prevails. If Saturn's chill hardens the heart and restricts the Venusian capacity for love, this position can betray the calculating ambition of one who marries for money and trades on sentiment for the sake of personal gain. A need to fortify the ego by surrounding it with possessions of demonstrable value crushes the tender emotions of Venus under the wheels of the Capricornian drive for power. Sexual inhibitions may grow out of fears instilled by strict social taboos, or there may be a rather mechanical approach to sex in which erotic techniques are substituted for the simple capacity to love.

When well aspected, Venus in Capricorn is loyal, trustworthy, and steadfast. Feelings may be more profoundly experienced as a result of being held in reserve and not wasted in casual demonstrations of affection. Sometimes a desire for security, combined with a fear of being rebuffed, delays marriage and tempers ardor with caution. One way or another, love is hedged round with practical considerations. The necessity for restraint, although frustrating in youth, pays unexpected dividends as the years pass. Saturn needs time to mellow before it can show itself at its best.

In women, this combination can bestow a becoming reticence which may be extremely

appealing. When young, they often have a demureness associated with the old-fashioned virtues of modesty and chastity. In later years, they come into their own and frequently rise to positions of authority. Since Saturn represents the father, they may dedicate their lives to the male parent and bear the burden of his ideals. Often they marry an older man.

Men of this type tend to be self-abnegating; and their romantic impulses are subordinated to their professional duties. Such men wed for a variety of practical reasons, but, in reality, their first love is their work. Often their wives help them in their business, a practice which may benefit both marriage and career.

In the lives of immature people or of those driven mainly by physical appetites, this blending of influences can have a coarsening effect. Venus panders to the senses while Saturn hardens the ego, intensifying the materiality of an Earth planet in an Earth sign. For mature individuals, this same position can be remarkably productive. It gives a sense of order and proportion which contributes to the success of their endeavors in whatever field they make their own. If a thing is to be done at all, they will take the time and care to see that it is done right.

Venus in Capricorn translates personal affections into emotional discipline. True love must have time to grow. It endures patiently, suffers uncomplainingly, and remains faithful to the finish. Ultimately, this abiding devotion justifies all the vicissitudes of a life lived for others, and serves as an example of the highest moral precepts held forth by the teachers of the race.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern, the Venus in Capricorn people have learned to be very cautious and controlled in how they express themselves and relate to other people. This external pattern is a reflection of how they have learned to inwardly relate to themselves: the Venus in Capricorn people have very deep feelings and needs that take time to surface into their conscious awareness. Even when they do surface, these individuals require time to make sure, and feel secure, that what they are feeling, or needing, is correct. Even then, they can be very slow to relate, share, or communicate these feelings and / or needs to others because of a pre-existing fear of rejection and / or false judgement. This pre-existing fear has occurred because these individuals have experienced rejection and / or wrong judgement all too often early in their life, from one or both of their biological parents.

The nature of Capricorn, as an archetype, correlates to the phenomena of time and space, and how time and space are structured or organized. It correlates to the phenomena of finitude and mortality, and to the nature of how collectives of people organize themselves into structured groups or societies with consensus-formed, man-made laws, regulations, norms, taboos, and customs. This in turn creates social

expectations of how people should integrate and conduct themselves within the group or society (the expectation to conform) which, in turn, becomes the basis of social judgements. And when the expectation to conform to what the consensus expects does not occur, this becomes the basis of guilt.

In addition, Capricorn correlates to the structure and nature of consciousness in human form, to the nature of structure in any form, and to the use of form. It also points to the need to change the nature of structural form when that form has become counterproductive to necessary change - that is, when it has served its use and become crystallized. In psychological terms, Capricorn correlates to the function of conscious reflection which allows for a simultaneous awareness of the overall state of our beingness and what we need to change, inwardly and outwardly, in order to grow. Because of Capricorn's correlation to time and space, finitude, and mortality, it also correlates to psychological / emotional maturation, aging, defining the focus of our life via goals and ambitions, and the self-determination that this requires. Negatively speaking, this can produce the psychology of futility, pessimism, fatalism, and self-defeat.

The Venus in Capricorn person has typically been born into family structures in which the parental reality has been defined by the consensus of the society in which they live. Consequently, the parental reality has typically had a heavy undertone in which the child has been expected to conform to the parental value system. When the child deviated from these expectations to conform, he or she was made to feel guilty in covert or overt ways through the use of judgement. A related dynamic within the general pattern of expectation to conform to parental values is one wherein the parents have projected on the child a rigid code of conduct that the child is expected to adhere to even when the parents themselves do not. The cliché 'Do as I say, not as I do' applies here. This creates the very real perception in the child of hypocrisy and double standards. Within this, the very way in which the parents related to themselves has typically been very rigid, controlled, emotionally distant, and perfunctory. There is a lack of spontaneity, and a lack of any real demonstrations of affection or love between them. Quite the contrary: the parents are generally very controlled in their emotional interrelatedness with one another. The nature of their relationship is commonly defined by predictable routine and order which each parent expects the other to adhere to and maintain. There is also a mutual fear of being too vulnerable with one another; and their sexual life is either blocked or distorted in some way. All of this has served to 'imprint' the overall psychology and emotional reality of the Venus in Capricorn child.

As a result of this, the Venus in Capricorn individual learned as a child to deeply compress and protect his / her feelings. These children learned that their needs could not be acknowledged, supported, or nurtured by their parents. As a result, they learned to either conceal or suppress their needs. This process of learning to control their emotional demonstrations is a reflection of the survival instinct. It is based on the situation in which the parents expected the Venus in Capricorn child to act almost like

miniature adults, to shoulder many duties and responsibilities - in short, to control or suppress the normal behavior of the child. This undermines and stifles the child's true nature and activities.

Because there has been no real emotional support or nurturing relative to their actual needs and desires, there is a deep wellspring of insecurity that is born out of this type of parental environment. Thus, the normal emotions and needs of the child have become buried deep into the subconscious of many individuals who have Venus in Capricorn. These emotions and needs become psychologically displaced, and surface later on in their adult life. This is important to understand, because whatever any of us supposes, for whatever reasons, becomes distorted. Thus, the emotions and needs of these individuals have typically become distorted as adults because of the psychological displacement caused when they were children.

One of the displaced emotions that can surface in a distorted way concerns the nature of authority. Because of the typically authoritarian nature of the parental environment, the Venus in Capricorn people have had their own inner sense of authority fractured, suppressed, or crushed. In adulthood, this displaced emotion can manifest in a few different ways depending on the overall nature of the person in question, as seen in the totality of his / her birth chart. For some, their underlying insecurity will manifest as a very timid, shy, reserved, and fearful way of relating to other people in general. In their intimate relationships, this type will typically attract controlling, dominating, willful, judgemental, hypocritical and authoritarian individuals who more or less expect the Venus in Capricorn people to be vicarious extensions of their own reality and to be dependent on them. This type of Venus in Capricorn person would have had almost no sense of being emotionally nurtured as a child. Thus, this additional displaced emotion now manifests as wanting to be taken care of by this type of partner: to be dependent in order to feel safe and secure.

For others, this will manifest in an almost opposite way. These types have so thoroughly imprinted the nature of the authoritarian parental environment that they become very intense, authoritarian types who perpetually need to assert and project their own sense of authority in order to feel secure. The underlying insecurity that haunts all Venus in Capricorn individuals becomes compensated for in this way. As a result, these types are instinctively fearful of losing their authority, and will do almost anything to sustain it. To them, the end justifies the means. They will typically feel afraid of anyone else who has legitimate authority, and will generally challenge, or in some way attempt to undermine, the authority of such people, in order to sustain their own. The means most commonly used are contrived and harsh negative judgements and pronouncements, and power plays in which they attempt to block or thwart the goals and ambitions of others. This type, even if they have no actual authority, will attempt to associate with others that do. Their sense of authority is thus created through vicarious association. In their general relatedness patterns with others, they will appear stoic and controlled, project an authoritarian stance, and attempt to control others through the use of judgement in one

way or another. An example of this point could be the person who was the co-author of a book, who continuously reminded the other author that it was important to keep their names in the public eye in one way or another - the implied judgement being that if they did not, then no-one would give them any interest or attention. On an inner basis, this type is emotionally frozen and fearful of his / her vulnerability.

In their intimate relationships, these types attract one of two types of partners. One type will be just as oriented to outward success, appearances, and social ambition as they are. Their inner life will be just as emotionally frozen as well. They may relate well through the commonality of their external goals and ambitions; yet their inner emotional relatedness will be slim to none. The other type will be just the opposite: a very emotionally needy individual who is essentially looking for a de facto parent to whom to be in relationship. This type will be very dependent, and essentially attempt to live through the Venus in Capricorn's identity and reality. They will have no real life of their own, and subconsciously feel safe in being dominated and controlled. When this type of Venus in Capricorn attracts that type of partner, it is really a reflection of his / her own subconscious desire to lose control, to be cared for, and to be nurtured more or less like a baby. Of course, they would never admit to this even though it is true. This subconscious desire reflects yet another form of the displaced emotions of childhood that were conditioned by living in the antithesis of a warm, caring, and supportive emotional environment.

Within all Venus in Capricorn individuals lies a very deep and reflective consciousness. To others, this can create the appearance of a withdrawn, quiet, reserved, conservative, and serious person. One of the potential causes for this reflective, inward-looking focus is the fact that many Venus in Capricorn people are born with an unresolved grief, or a grief that has been created in their early life which is also unresolved in adulthood. As a result of this, the Venus in Capricorn people can seem as if they are in a perpetual or cyclic state of mourning. Their hearts seem to be burdened and sad. There can be many causes of this condition. The typical causes are childhoods in which there was not real love, caring, or nurturing; adult relationships that were devoid of any real emotional interaction, love, or support; the witnessing and experiencing of political or religious upheavals in which many people were hurt or destroyed; and / or political or environmental conditions in which great plagues, famine, or physical destitution occurred. Another typical cause can be a situation where the Venus in Capricorn person was, or is, in a relationship lacking in any real inner relatedness with the partner and which, in turn, created an attraction to another who could or would give them what they needed. Yet, because the Venus in Capricorn people are inherently oriented to honoring their commitments based on their sense of obligation, duty, and being responsible, the attraction to another has been typically suppressed and not acted on. Thus, this creates a deep inner suffering leading to a state of grief or mourning. The results of whatever the causes have been have produced a more or less traumatized heart, and an emotional structure that lies deeply buried within these individuals. In the Anton Chekhov play 'The Seagull', there was a character that was always dressed in black. A person asked her

why she always dressed this way. Her answer was 'because I am in mourning for my life!' This character symbolizes the heavy heart of Venus in Capricorn people until they are unblocked.

This is a rather sad state of affairs because, in reality, the Venus in Capricorn individual is a highly emotional person. Deep within themselves they are intrinsically warm, caring, nurturing, and sensual. Yet because they have learned to protect themselves due to the fear of being vulnerable and wrongly judged, and because their emotional body is essentially traumatized due to the above causes, it requires a very special kind of person to help them unlock their emotional nature. This kind of person must be very patient and gentle in encouraging the Venus in Capricorn people to access their feelings and needs. He / she must be the type of person who can help them understand the basis of what constitutes their own inner judgemental patterns, and to help them be free of those patterns. Within this, this type of person must have a deep understanding of the nature of societal and parental imprinting, and how it has caused the Venus in Capricorn people to conceal and suppress their natural emotional needs. He / she must be able to teach these individuals that it is necessary for them to learn how to relate, express, and communicate themselves freely and openly - to ask for what they need. This is essential, because all too often the Venus in Capricorn people silently expect that their partner should just know what they need without asking. In this way they recycle their sense of disappointment linked with childhood - the inner child's disappointment in its parents' unwillingness to give to it what it needed.

All of this must be done through positive reinforcement and non-judgement. Over time, this approach will help the Venus in Capricorn people hear differently. Instead of hearing and being over-sensitive to judgemental, critical, and authoritarian words which reflect the nature of their childhood imprinting, they will now hear words of acceptance, empowerment, and encouragement. They will hear that they are good and loving people who do not need to feel guilty for who they are. They will accept encouragement to define their own unique values, and to structure their life accordingly. They will begin to examine the nature of their conditioning patterns, and, in so doing, to be as free from those patterns as possible. Above all, the Venus in Capricorn people need another who will hold and touch them so that the early lack of nurturing in their early environment can be healed in adulthood. In fact, the key to unlocking the Venus in Capricorn people occurs through touch. Once they feel a sense of safety in this way, the Venus in Capricorn people will naturally begin to open up in a very slow and methodical way.

Venus ♀ in 11th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Enjoying group activities and friendships, having high ideals and hopes.

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

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

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

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

Since the eleventh house is categorised as one of Air, the placement of Venus there epitomises the ethereal, cerebral Goddess who assigns more importance to platonic love than to physical love. Since the eleventh house signifies one's hopes and dreams,

those with Venus in this house have extremely high and often unrealistic expectations for their partners, whom they expect to live up to the ethical standards of the organisations to which they belong - an almost impossible task. It is very important that these individuals separate everyday reality from their exaggerated idealism without relinquishing their dedication and activism. On the other hand, an afflicted Venus may cause such devotion to causes or even to friends that elements of insecurity and jealousy may enter their relationships, thus jeopardising otherwise meaningful associations in both the personal and the professional sphere.

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is found in the idealistic wonder of man's cosmic spirit, the beauty of his universal resourcefulness, and the lofty aspirations which elevate his consciousness to a progressive visionary understanding of life. He admires the beauty of individual differences while at the same time being capable of realizing the aspirations of group consciousness. Thus, through a liberal and humanitarian outlook on life, he makes friendships easily, while contributing the beauty of his universal ideas towards groups, associations or philosophies which harmoniously unfold through social

change. He seeks the kind of love which is forever evolving towards a hopeful future. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are realized, he has much to learn about how his impersonal values affect his ability to feel love on a personal level.

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

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

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

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

Thus, he sees how love fosters the evolution of his race. He learns how to devote himself to the furtherance of worthy causes which bring out man's humanity to man. Many with this placement direct their lives towards expressing a message of humanitarian love, for the individual is capable of feeling how everything in the universe is in harmony with everything else. As a result, he realizes the beauty of individual freedom, yet at the same time sees the common thread through which all is connected to the whole.

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

his brother.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

In your struggle to achieve your goals, it is important to recognize your limitations so that you don't waste your time and energy in unrewarding enterprises. You know what you want out of life, and you have a feel for how to go about getting it. You know that a formal education will further qualify you to accept a responsible and rewarding position. You are willing to make any necessary adjustments in your plans to get the training you need to satisfy your objectives.

You are attracted to persons who seem destined to succeed in their endeavors, and you will probably select your partner from this group. It is important to you that you and your partner have equal opportunities to demonstrate individual talents in your respective careers. You look for situations in which you can promote your creative talents to the maximum. You may have to curtail your plans to satisfy your family's more immediate needs. In time, you will find a way to achieve your long-range plans. You must be

content to build slowly and consistently, expanding as your resources allow. much of your desire for financial independence and a rewarding lifestyle comes from observing those around you who have arrived at those goals. You may get many helpful suggestions from your associates.

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

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

Mars in Sagittarius 27° 41'

(Donna van Toen)

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

You have a strong sense of justice and an inner strength based on a positive philosophy of life. You're also courageous and very good at debating, persuading, and popularizing. Your spontaneity is a plus, although at times it can contribute to sloppiness or slapdash work. And should your Mars be under severe stress - in a Grand Cross, for example - your tendency to act without thinking can get you into a fair amount of difficulty.

Sexually, you're expansive and undoubtedly not the sort to 'save yourself for marriage'. You tend to approach any kind of sexual encounter optimistically, and sometimes with not a lot of discrimination. If it's offered, after all, it must be a sign that somebody 'up there' thinks you need it. If it's not offered, men with Mars in Sagittarius can be quite bold, blunt, and even crude about asking for it. And they have few qualms about one-night or even one-hour stands. What they do have qualms about is committing and

taking responsibility; they are not, by nature, Boy Scouts, and hence do not always come prepared. Women with this Mars placement tend not to be really good at 'feminine wiles' and often wind up being the best friend rather than the lover. They do, however, enjoy sex - although they sometimes, to their detriment, get it mixed up with love.

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

others with demonstrations of self-righteousness.

Dynamic

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

You probably enjoy sports and have natural athletic ability as well as energy, speed and enthusiasm. Since Sagittarius is associated with the legs, you might excel at skiing, running, soccer, basketball or bicycling. Or, your love of speed and gambling could make you an auto- or horse-racing enthusiast. Unless you have some stabilizing factors in your birth chart, though, you may not have the discipline and determination to develop your talent fully; you want to have a good time, and once it becomes work you lose interest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mars in 10th House

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars at the top of the chart gives a powerful thrust toward recognition. Whether this is for good or ill will be shown by Jupiter, Saturn, and the aspects to Mars and its dispositor. If these are mostly supportive, there will be early and enduring success.

Stimulating aspects from the Sun, Uranus, or the Moon, without balancing trines, bring recklessness, notoriety, an early rise followed by downfall, and / or early death. Oppositions, conjunctions, or squares from Neptune or Saturn can slow or deny recognition, causing intense frustration. Mars conjunct Neptune can distort recognition, causing them to be misunderstood, and their deeds misinterpreted (down through history, if they are famous, or infamous).

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

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.

Jupiter ♃ in ♊ Gemini 9° 26'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone communicating insights to others, you may experience an endless accumulation of trivial information. When you use your buoyant expressions carelessly as a defence mechanism against other people's unfamiliar points of view, you may undergo a transitory trust in yourself. But this may unwittingly lead to shallow conversations and a frivolous attitude, lessening your chances to better yourself in the world.

Dynamic

When you actively expand your curiosity into dealing with information creatively, you might find answers instead of being stuck in a perpetual question machine. As you take the leap of faith and seek information from others and yourself, trusting that there is an answer and listening for that answer, you can experience truly meaningful communication with others. You can build inner faith by sincerely listening for the right answers to your questions.

(Marilyn Waram)

This is an extremely restless combination, doubly intellectual. Gemini has a light touch, and this can be evident in the manifestation of this placement. This individual could be extremely bright, able to pick up complex philosophical concepts rapidly. He may learn so quickly that he is often bored, particularly while in school, where he can absorb the day's lessons in a few minutes and spend the rest of the day causing trouble with his ceaseless activity and need for stimulation. A smart teacher will keep this person occupied. In later life, he will continue to learn quickly, but his lack of attention span may catch up with him if his chart emphasizes the Fire element or mutability. He may have quite a conflict between the Gemini propensity to gather in information without any distinction or discrimination, and the Jupiter function of assigning meaning and significance. He may think everything is important; knowledge is an ultimate value. With the high and often unrealistic standards so often a part of Jupiter, he may try to know everything about everything and burn himself out. Somewhere along the line, he needs

to learn how to deal with this conflict or he will frequently find himself overwhelmed with information and unable to make sense out of it all. Clarifications of goals and values would be valuable exercises for such an individual, as they provide for him a much-needed framework within which to distinguish between what is important enough to spend time and attention on, and what is not.

A person with Jupiter in Gemini may know a great deal of information and be an encyclopaedia of information, useless as well as helpful. He usually values the intellectual approach rather than the emotional. He does not, unless other chart placements show it, have much patience with or understanding of deep feelings, especially if those are connected to values and beliefs. This individual may be quite detached from his ideas and opinions. Unlike someone with Jupiter in Aries, who can feel personally insulted and threatened when his cherished ideas are challenged, the person with Jupiter in Gemini treats that information as new data. It has nothing to do with him as an individual. Consequently, he is very open to new ideas and perspectives. He may not go into them very deeply, however, before his attention is caught by something else and he will go off to explore that.

Philosophy, values, and personal codes of behavior may not occupy more than this person's mind. In other words, he could be something of a chameleon, playing with the values and codes some other people find so sacred. He doesn't necessarily mean disrespect. He just doesn't attach quite the sanctity to them that others do, unless other chart factors indicate it. This could lead him to be somewhat unethical by other people's standards, as he may not feel deeply bound by moral standards. In really extreme cases, he may not have any moral standards at all. He could be among the harshest of people if he gives all value to the mind and none to the rules which govern conduct or to the feelings of other people.

The ability to learn, speed of thought, multiplicity of interests, and ability to communicate could all be highly valued, as might commerce and travel. This individual is often pleased to simply acquire information; the more the better. He often displays a particular talent for linguistics, language and foreign languages, though his own manner of speaking is frequently peppered with slang. He might have considerable talent, for example, as a simultaneous translator. He could overinflate the importance of the intellect and expect his mind to provide him with ultimate fulfillment. Or he might project and see a sibling or close neighbor as the extremely intelligent one, the one who knows something about everything, the one who speaks easily and fluently.

It is unlikely that an individual with this placement would be overly interested in sports unless other chart factors favor this. Nor is he likely to be physically or sensually oriented. He is very much oriented toward the mind, and may neglect both fitness and nutrition because he pays so little attention to the body. If he places all his faith in the mind, logic, and rational thinking processes, he may not have much faith in spiritual matters. Again, if other chart placements indicate spiritual inclinations, they will add

depth. On its own, this placement emphasizes intellectual development, not spiritual development.

Gemini is still one of the personal signs, so this individual does not usually display too much political interest, but may follow education with a passion. He can be an excellent teacher, with facts at the tip of his tongue; a lively, wide-ranging mind; genuine enthusiasm for study; and a lack of heavy-handed discipline. In fact, a teacher with this placement may not employ enough discipline.

Jupiter in Gemini is one hint that difficulties with values, morals, ethics, beliefs, faith and expectations tend to be associated with lack of commitment and overidealization of the mental function.

When Jupiter in Gemini is handled constructively, the individual places great value on education and methods of education, on the thinking and learning processes, and on communication. He is the person who envisions more ideal ways to communicate and teaches them to others. He has much to teach us about an effective way to handle Jupiter in that he is the least likely to become offended or angry when his values are threatened by new knowledge. He is simply interested and open, and as such may have the most capacity to learn, precisely because he keeps knowledge separated from personal identity and worth.

(Skye Alexander)

You believe you can learn just about anything by reading a good book on the subject. Your understanding of life, the world around you and your place in it comes from reading everything you can get your hands on: the classics, religious texts, newspapers and magazines, National Geographic, popular novels and how-to guides. Through reading, you become aware of things you would never be able to experience directly. But although you may have plenty of 'book learning' your 'real life' understanding might be rather limited.

You also learn and grow by exchanging ideas with others: talking, writing letters, attending classes and lectures, and through all other forms of communication. Because you also want to share what you know with other people, you may become a writer, teacher or lecturer so that you can help them to expand their knowledge, too. A lifelong student, you are always studying something new; as a result, you probably know a little bit about almost everything. However, because you are interested in so many areas and lack focus and mental discipline, you tend to be a dabbler, never acquiring more than a superficial understanding of anything.

You derive great pleasure from learning, and may have been the only kid in your class who didn't mind going to school. Learning comes easily to you, and you are especially adept at communication. Perhaps you can speak several foreign languages or have a

gift for oratory. However, you can be verbose. Or, you might possess special writing talent. Success and recognition could come to you as a result of your writing and / or speaking skills. The birth charts of many notable authors include Jupiter in Gemini.

Because Gemini is associated with the hands, your manual skills might be exceptional. Perhaps you are talented at such things as handcrafts, drawing, carpentry, typing or handball.

Your pleasures in life are usually of an intellectual sort. Reading is particularly enjoyable to you, and you prefer curling up with a good book to going out on the town. You're not a misanthrope, however - far from it. Talking with friends - in person or on the telephone - is one of your favorite pastimes. Once you get going, it's hard to shut you up. You also love to play games that exercise your mind or add to your storehouse of information: card games, crossword puzzles, chess, Trivial Pursuit etc.. Though you might not be very active physically, your mind is never idle.

You glorify intelligence; and the 'god' you worship is the mind. First on your list of important people are those who possess exceptional mental ability or writing talent, and you'd like to be respected for these things yourself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Gemini indicates a love of philosophy and the study of important ideas in the history of religion, education, law, and philosophy. The ensuing expansion of the mind opens new lines of communication and areas of social contact, which bring benefits in the course of travel, writing, study, and business connected with the development of new ideas.

Natives have an intellectual curiosity that leads to mental development so that they are considered intellectually advanced although they may not have received a formal education. Often they do seek university training as a means of mental self-improvement.

Jupiter in Gemini can give broad intellectual comprehension spanning a number of fields. Natives tend toward mental restlessness; and constant dabbling in many areas of study and interest. If carried too far, this activity can produce an intellectual dilettante.

However, the broad sampling of different intellectual experiences enables these people to piece together the general outline of social, political and historical trends, giving them insights into the future and destiny of mankind. Thus, this position can produce skillful social commentators and historians.

Because of the natural trine of Gemini to Libra and Aquarius, these people attract many friends, acquaintance and partnerships, and so can broaden their intellectual horizons in

new and unusual directions. These social contacts also provide opportunities for creative expression of the mind.

Jupiter is in its detriment in Gemini since it is in the opposite sign to Sagittarius, which it rules. This condition can be manifested in the native as a broad but superficial knowledge, or as book knowledge unsupported by practical experience. The lesson of Mercury in Virgo shows us that the most accurate, detailed knowledge comes from direct experience through work and personal service. This position of Jupiter, in contrast, has a danger of providing an ivory-tower scholar, unless other factors in the horoscope encourage practical experience. If Jupiter in Gemini is afflicted, then, the product may be an intellectual snob.

There is ability in teaching, writing, and lecturing with Jupiter placed in Gemini. Travelling lecturers often have Jupiter in this sign. Natives can also earn money and expand their business interests through publishing, travel, personal services, importing, communications industries, and mail-order businesses.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Traditionally, Jupiter is not very well placed in Gemini; and this is true to an extent, since this placing can cause intellectual restlessness. Changes of opinion and too much versatility may interfere with real progress, especially when at college or university. There can also be a scattering of intellectual energy so that the mind becomes serendipitous. Consistency of effort must be encouraged and also sought in other areas of the chart. A generally stabilizing influence, such as positive aspects from the Sun, Moon or Mercury to Saturn, will help.

The individual will be broad-minded, up-to-date in outlook and often very clever, but should be aware of the benefits of in-depth knowledge in one or two areas at least. Alas, this can seem very boring, but his or her eventual success may depend on it, for, despite getting away with 'murder' for 99% of the time, he or she will be caught out in the end, no matter how quick the arguing skills nor how brightly criticism is countered. There can be considerable craftiness, but sadly not much discretion! This placing is an excellent one for teachers working with children in the eleven-plus age group.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Gemini, one seeks to grow and to impose oneself through communication, developing a wide range of skills, and broad learning. Faith comes through immediate perception and verbalization of all connections; wide-ranging interests contribute meaning to life. Optimism is sometimes hindered by changeable curiosity and excessive thinking and worrying. There is a need to develop intelligence and reasoning power in order to experience trust in oneself and in life; an urge to connect with a larger order that is rational and logical. One has an innate understanding

of the importance of good communication, and a desire to benefit others by being a source of information.

Although traditional astrology designates Jupiter in Gemini as being in 'detriment', since it is in a sign opposite one that it rules (Sagittarius), generations of readers can only be grateful that some people are able to tell fantastic stories with a myriad of details that yet impart larger meanings. At best, Jupiter in Gemini can weave a large-scale creation through correlating many diverse details and facts. Those with Jupiter in Gemini often have a sense of the public's emotions and aspirations, and can appeal to the public in original ways.

Those with Jupiter in Gemini don't generally consider that they are taking any risk in their intellectual endeavors, but certainly many of these people readily take risks in frank communication and in exploring ideas that are not generally considered conventional. There is an innate openness to the new and an endless curiosity. At worst, they are unfocused and have no discrimination about ideas or people. Yet, they remain constantly busy. They usually have great instinctive communication ability (and linguistic ability) with a wide variety of people. They tend to be glib and easily exemplify the 'gift of the gab', but also - unlike many people with Sun or Mars in Gemini (more aggressive Geminian expressions) - they find others' ideas not only interesting but also worthy of being listened to! Those with Jupiter in Gemini are often good listeners and perceive quickly what the other person really means, even if one can see that they have to make an effort to bite their tongue long enough to let the other person finish speaking!

Rashness of speech is not unknown in these people, but at best their easy way of sharing ideas and trading observations with a variety of people makes them extraordinary in professional pursuits that emphasize exchange of ideas, sales, design of communication media, publicity, etc.. After all, positive (Jupiter) thinking (Gemini) is widely accepted as the key to successful sales and promotional efforts! Like Jupiter in the other Mercury sign, Virgo, these folks can always find a reason not to believe in something; but, at best, they have an ability to express abstract ideas and ideals concisely and energetically.

Mayo wrote of this position: 'Highly intelligent, varied talents, broad-minded; or crafty, diffuse and scattered interests, indiscreet'. Ebertin wrote: 'Versatility in obliging others, an aptitude for making social contacts... a love of change, the desire to have many connections. A carefree attitude towards life, superficiality'. Hickey wrote: 'Fond of travel. Does well in the travel business or any occupation that involves selling, communication of ideas or teaching'.

It would be too large an omission to fail to mention the importance of Jupiter in Gemini's cleverness and ingenuity, on a number of levels. Remarkable inventors had Jupiter here. Many writers have had a Gemini Jupiter, although since Gemini likes to do two things at once, a great many of these have also had other careers. In virtually all people

who have Jupiter in Gemini, mental exploration and growth is a key to their self-improvement agenda.

(Grant Lewi)

You have an adventurous attitude toward opportunity. The far-off, dangerous, exciting venture is where your chance lies, and you will be found following the light that never was on land or sea. Tends to make you impractical and charming; you're willing to try anything once, for opportunity to you means not a chance to make money or acquire fame but one to do things and go places. You can be a wanderer of the wastelands, a hobo, a traveller, an adventurer of the spirit or of the flesh. You may also acquire some, even much, of the world's goods - but this will be more the result of good luck than of good management, for the almighty dollar is not your beacon, and if there is a pot of gold at the end of your rainbow you will stumble over it by accident rather than come upon it by design.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Gemini, the Jupiter position tells the astrologer of a native who scatters his forces, wants to expand too quickly, wants all the world to be 'related', and demands recognition, but balks when it comes to the kind of serious research which gains solid recognition. He needs to learn the lesson of concentration. He has a marvellous sense of humor, but often laughs when he should cry. He needs to learn the lesson of being practical.

He reaches out for friendship, but the 'friends' he attracts, very often, only make demands of him and are not at all willing or able to give anything in return.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an information giver, but potentially a doubt-giver. You have the goodness to judge everyone on his / her own merit - yet should pledge to avoid superficial appraisal. You have the morality to be intellectually honest in your relationships, and so avoid being contrary. You have the reverence for the written and spoken word - but should pledge to place little value on gossip and rumour.

You can be trusted to know a little about everything and everyone, and have an opinion concerning all of them; to have a healthy sense of scepticism regarding any matter so that you do not go overboard about anything or anyone, checking the facts first; and to not be gullible intellectually.

You may be excessively concerned with, and dabbling in, the affairs of others, trying to manage their lives and tell them how to behave; excessively questioning so that nothing ever gets given the benefit of the doubt, so all you have is an array of contradictions, no

solid feelings, and little or no faith; and excessively gullible emotionally.

You believe in the right, ability and opportunity to go where one pleases, talk to whom one wants, and generally to be a 'citizen of the world'; in the principle of 'thinking globally and acting locally', the 'global village', and the Internet; and in the power of reason.

You disagree with Other stuffing him- / herself away in some corner or being similarly self-absorbed; and with only entertaining a narrow band of contacts and therefore possibilities. Be aware that only by looking within, into the realm of feelings, will you know who you truly are on the outside.

When you are alone, it is a very unusual event because you are, by your very nature, a contact-maker. So when you are alone - or at least, or rather especially, when you admit to being alone but still with an Other - it has to be for quite a serious reason. Most probably, such aloneness is forcing you to look more deeply into yourself in order to find out why you are as you are - alone, that is. By the nature of the beast, little else would have forced you to do so - after all, with all those people and things to explore on the outside, why should you have to go looking within? This does not mean to say that you haven't done any inner searching - of course you have - but it is the degree of depth that is the crucial issue now. Without going deeper than before into your make-up, you are not going to find out why you now feel so disconnected from (any) Other. You can be sure that the reasons will be found within, and it is to be hoped that these very words are helping you in this. Understanding how the inner state creates the outer one is now an important issue for your Jupiter sign.

(John Townley)

You have a seemingly endless flow of ideas about love, how it can be made more beautiful, more expressive and more fulfilling for you and your lover. Particularly in a new affair, your imagination awakens and stimulates your creativity.

You consider love a subject of material beauty and not something to be hidden away or avoided in conversation. You may be more eager to approach the various aspects of love than others are. In such cases, you must trust your own judgement in determining which partners will deal with sex directly and which need a more delicate touch.

You should seek a partner with the same sense of humor and fun about sex as yourself. Much of the hesitancy involved in some forms of sexuality can be washed away by a gentle laugh or loving smile. Generally, you will not find comfortable companionship with those who are too sensitive or take sex too seriously.

You should get along best with a lover who encourages your creativity in developing new and enjoyable expressions of love, one who will not inhibit fertile imagination. Your physical expression need not fulfill all the details that your mind creates, but you must be

free to express your innermost feelings, as this is the mainspring of your love life.

(Robert Hand)

This is traditionally considered one of the less beneficial placements of Jupiter, in part because you tend to use your mind as the sole tool to get ahead in the world, neglecting to grow spiritually and emotionally. Unfortunately the rational, analytical and logical mind has limitations; many aspects of the world can be felt emotionally, but not understood logically. But with this placement you may exclude from your life everything that cannot be reduced to an intellectual statement or principle.

Obviously Jupiter in this sign helps the development of the rational mind, and should be useful in school. But it is very important that your parents and family help you develop your feelings and emotions along with your intuitive faculties, so that you will not try to work exclusively with your mind.

There is a strong danger of emotional insensitivity. You may enjoy playing on others jokes that actually hurt their feelings, even though you don't mean to. And when they try to tell you why they feel hurt, you pay no attention.

Fortunately, there are many other factors in the chart that can compensate for this one, so there is no excuse for letting the negative side of this placement become dominant. And there is a very real positive side to it - that is, the ability to examine life with logical detachment, to be objective and to see every possible point of view. Also you understand the larger, more important issues of life, and you can communicate your understanding to others.

Jupiter ♃ in 4th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Action on the emotional and soul level.

Although quite a private house, fourth house placements become at once more publicly attuned (because Jupiter is so outgoing) and more confidently action-oriented when Jupiter is found here. The self-confidence is often quite strong, emanating as it does from the depths of the person's being, although it is not flaunted. Just as Jupiter is exalted in Cancer, so it is also quite at home and prosperous in the unpretentious fourth house - a conclusion one must draw after considerable research. It seems that many people with this Jupiter placement are not fooled by the superficial allurements of the outer world and instead remain quite comfortably rooted in an inner security with which they are born. An inner generosity of spirit is often also apparent, and - with Jupiter's

tendency to broaden the scope of everything it influences - this largeness of spirit is not limited to family, as one must expect. As Charles Carter wrote, psychologically the fourth house 'probably rules the depth and sincerity of the affections, especially those arising from family ties'. But with Jupiter there, one might expect that such feelings would not be confined only to a small circle of people.

These people do need time alone to explore their inner world; and their religious orientation may well be strongly influenced by their upbringing. With the prophetic planet Jupiter in a 'watery', psychically sensitive house, one should not be surprised to find people with considerable psychic sensitivity and intuitive abilities. And, as Isabel Hickey writes, they are usually 'openhearted and generous'. Although some of these people do become well-known, there is still something very basic and 'down home' about them that persists and which the public sees and likes. As Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas wrote, those with Jupiter in the fourth house 'want to feel a sense of belonging to the community in which they reside, and would rather lead a rich and full life than struggle for worldly fame'.

A certain loyalty to and comfort with past traditions persists throughout the lives of those with this placement.

Reincarnation and karma are ideas to which Jupiter in the psychically-oriented fourth house might gravitate.

(Marilyn Waram)

Someone with Jupiter in the fourth house may place great value on childhood, mother, nurturing ability, nurturance / absorption-type relationships, privacy, the family and / or clan, national group, and so on. There is a natural conflict between these, however, and the needs of Jupiter to range far and wide, so she could at the same time experience a great need for freedom from any or all of these.

She may move around a lot, roam a great deal in childhood, or own a mobile home as an adult. She may want large, open rooms with a lot of light. She is quite likely to prefer a rural home or one near trees or other country scenery. If she cannot achieve this, she may wish to decorate her home, if at all, in a way which brings nature inside: lots of glass and open vistas, or plenty of animal prints, or objects from various cultures from around the world.

She may make her home a place of continual study, with books and / or course material everywhere. As dearly as she loves to learn, she may be too restless to really focus on any one subject for long. or she may have a home in which artifacts of religion are prominent. She may hold study groups in her home, teach from home or hold travelogues at home. She may own a home in a foreign country.

Her mother could have modelled freedom needs and / or optimism, positive attitudes and confidence. She may have been very religious (positively or negatively), travelled a lot - a way to maintain her freedom - or have been an intellectual, always studying, expanding her mind, searching for more inclusive ideas. This parent also modelled how to live out ultimate values and world beliefs. She may have had a deep faith, or constantly searched for more knowledge and understanding. If she lived according to her own principles and morals, who provided a positive model, as long as she had realistic values. If she espoused standards and expectations for others which she didn't live up to herself, or if she held unrealistic values and unattainable standards but refused to modify these, then she provided a negative role model. Then the individual with Jupiter in the fourth will have to work harder to resolve the issues within herself. If mother repressed the Jupiter qualities, again the individual with Jupiter in the fourth house will have a more complex task to integrate the divergent needs of house and planet.

If the nurturing parent was religious, she may have taught a good lesson on faith. It may still be part of the deepest emotional security needs, especially religious ritual. The individual may feel closest to God when in her own home, or she may engage in church-oriented activities at home, or feel that to nurture others is her highest spiritual expression.

She may value motherhood highly, even consider it to be an ultimate value and preach its worth to others; but she will still personally require a great deal of freedom, and cannot stay devotedly in the nurturance role without giving up her own needs. She may, however, do precisely this if she considers mothering to be the thing to do, and everything else to be not as worthwhile. She could expect a kind of ultimate fulfillment from the motherhood experience, or even be unwilling to give up the childhood experience because it was valued so highly. Being a baby, being taken care of by others, may also become an ultimate value!

This can be a difficult combination, because Jupiter represents an intellectual drive which requires and desires great freedom to range as widely as possible and to take risks in the quest for more knowledge, or more of anything. The fourth house, on the other hand, symbolizes the urge for absorbing closeness, confinement, and complete emotional security and safety. The individual with Jupiter in the fourth may therefore place a great value on her home, and feel that a warm nest is a necessity. Yet contentment can elude her if, the moment she settles in, she begins to feel too confined and becomes agitated and feels smothered. Some people deal with this by having a home (preferably with high ceilings and large open rooms), but they travel frequently. For others, the solution comes when they buy a trailer or motor home. They take their home with them!

If she goes to extremes, the person with Jupiter in the fourth house may expect her home to be flawless, which may mean extremely expensive designer furniture or an

unrealistic degree of cleanliness and tidiness, though Jupiter is frequently too busy with other interesting pursuits to get too hung up over housework. She may expect to find an ultimate sense of fulfillment just being at home.

She could have expected mother to be perfect, and suffered a tremendous sense of disappointment when mother wasn't available for her; or she could have thought mother was a perfectionist and had overly-high expectations. She may have thought mother was an ideal parent, only to be disappointed as she grew up and noticed some shortcomings. Mother may have even set herself up as God, or as a guru with all the answers. Or she may have been an excellent role model for optimism, high principles and enthusiasm for living and learning, or for sports. She might have eventually revealed herself to be hypocritical, cavalier, dishonest or foolish. She may have had extremely high standards for herself in the role of mother, perhaps even extreme, expecting herself to never let the children down over anything. Or she may have acted harshly to protect her own rights yet not expected or allowed others to have their own ideas, input or rights.

The individual who handles the drives of Jupiter in the fourth house effectively can search for deep understanding and consciousness of motherhood, emotional security needs and absorption / nurturance. In spite of the tremendous value she places on motherhood, she balances this with full awareness of her own need for a lot of freedom and intellectual stimulation or travel. Books, philosophy, religious pursuits or sports may all fulfill her deepest emotional security needs; and she makes sure to provide herself with them as a way to nurture herself at deep levels.

(Eve Jackson)

While the Midheaven may be said to represent a peak of conscious striving, the face we present to the public - and indeed quite often identify with - the IC has to do with those private depths we may fall back into if consciousness is diminished, a pool of early experiences often partly hidden even from ourselves. It refers to the fundamental sense of belonging - or lack of it - which forms the base on which our conscious structures are built. Those with Jupiter in this house may not have been born with a silver spoon in their mouths, but there has usually been a feeling of promise around them in their early days, so that they are not later limited by narrow expectations of themselves.

Although the parent logically to be associated with this house would be the mother, and I am willing to accept that this may sometimes be the better interpretation, my experience generally confirms the traditional view that this is the house of the father. With Jupiter here, there is generally a father or father-figure who conveys to the child something of the breadth of the world and encourages exploration ('he broadened my horizons', said one client); and although he may have exhibited some of Jupiter's worst characteristics - unreliable or somewhat tyrannical - he is usually remembered with gratitude.

Home is not usually felt by those with this placement to be a narrow retreat or cosy nest;

the opposite extreme of keeping open house is more common, a liking for company to enliven the situation. In one of his roles, Zeus was the protector of host and guest; and his hospitable side can be seen here particularly. In most cases, this was a feature of the childhood home which is carried over into later life.

Planets in the fourth have a way of popping up unexpectedly, without conscious control; and Jupiter here is prone to emerging as a spontaneous sense of fun which comes to the rescue in situations that would otherwise be tricky.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here Jupiter promises a rich, warm family life, though not always from the beginning. If there are bad aspects to Jupiter from its dispositor, the ruler of the chart, or angular planets, or if it shares the fourth house with the Moon, Mars, Pluto, Neptune, or Uranus, there may be loneliness or privation in childhood. However, the power and faith of Jupiter will succeed sooner or later in surrounding them with the love and warmth of family life. There is a great desire to assist in making basic changes in society, helping to reform it for the good of all. Artists try to create a new way of looking at things; politicians, a new social order; musicians, new forms and style; writers, a new look at life, at love, morals, etc..

The only danger for people with Jupiter in the fourth house is that they do not always aspire as high as they might, but are so content with the family and community that their goodwill and understanding can be reserved for just the inner circle, while the needs and rights of those outside are disregarded.

With good aspects, it gives a loving, giving father. With difficult aspects, the father may be too self-indulgent, or be gone on business or pleasure too much of the time, or be gone altogether, although his loss is sometimes compensated for by someone who becomes a father figure. Good aspects can indicate the inheritance of a home, land, or real estate.

(Howard Sasportas)

At first, the hidden and insular 4th house seems an ill-suited domain for a sky-god like Jupiter. However, true to his nature, he manages to make a very comfortable life for himself in this sphere - provided that his home life does not fence him in too much.

I have seen many charts with Jupiter in the 4th in which the people were born into aristocratic families or had a few well-known ancestors. Through the father's line, there is often the influence of a foreign culture in the blood. But even if they can't claim descent from Louis XVI, the last Czar of Russia, or the king of the gypsies, they inherit a religious, philosophical or travelling nature through the background or early home conditions. Like the genie in the bottle, residing deep within those with Jupiter in the 4th

is a powerful and expansive spirit wanting to be freed.

They can invest a great deal of energy in establishing the home of their dreams, but they had better ensure that there is enough room in it to satisfy their need to move around. Often they benefit from living out of the crowded conditions of the city, and in the more natural and open setting of the country where views and vistas are unobstructed. (I always picture them living on a ranch.) Some may travel from country to country looking for their spiritual home. Rather than aiming for public or professional recognition, they might devote themselves to work on the soul and inner growth.

Jupiter in the 4th may colour the paternal relationship. In some cases, the actual father is confused with the image of God: he is seen as noble, majestic and larger than life. Reflecting some of the other qualities of Zeus, the father might be experienced as a promising figure full of potential and inspiration, but with an incorrigible roving eye and bags full of wild oats. Sometimes the father will suppress the Jupiterian side of his nature for the sake of structure and security expected of him; in this case, the child with this placement may grow up with an irresistible urge to enact what the father has not played out.

If Jupiter in the 4th is well-aspected, there is an underlying optimism and faith in life which will come to the fore as the person grows older. Generally, it favours a promising old age filled with many interests and pursuits. Contemporaries may lag behind while Jupiter in the 4th is still lively and progressive.

Saturn ♄ in ♒ Aquarius 16° 21'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

committed to expressing nonconformity in humanitarian or political roles, you can experience a new security in your social identity.

General

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

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

(Zipporah Dobyns)

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

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

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

brought us into a family which fit us, we will repeat the same patterns.

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

One of the things you fear most is loss of liberty; and you may be particularly sensitive and defensive about your rights. Perhaps you interpret any rule or regulation as an attempt to limit your freedom; and you might over-react and rebel against even reasonable laws and responsibilities. The opposite response is also possible. You may have great difficulty handling independence, and try to clamp down on yourself and everyone else. The responsibility of making your own choices and expressing your individuality frightens you, and you look to 'authorities' to tell you how to live your life. You are afraid of change and intolerant of anyone who is 'different', and feel you must cling to the status quo or everything will dissolve into chaos. Your fear, however, is the result of your own rigidity and your reluctance to let go and allow even small changes into your life. Whichever way you respond to this energy, one of your life lessons is learning to balance liberty and responsibility, change and stability, new and old.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

You seek self-justification and acclaim and material success as much as Saturn in Capricorn, but aren't likely to be so hard-boiled about it. Saturn in Aquarius wants fame, recognition or power, but is more concerned with keeping the good opinion of other people in getting it, and will rarely if ever hurt them. This position adds gentleness and strength to any chart: the ego requires the approval of society for its own justification - requires the good opinion of men more than their obedience, and is willing to trade

respect for love. The social urge in this way is strong; and Saturn in Aquarius will spend a lot of time justifying its transgressions (which may be numerous) and making explanations and excuses for shortcomings. Since society is important to you, you tend to assume that you are important to society; and if your whole chart is very passive, you may come to think that it owes you a living and that your existence is best justified when you are collecting unearned increment. This is an inversion of the urge to serve society which is the best Saturn-in-Aquarius type of self-assertion. If this goes into reverse, you succeed when you enable society to demonstrate its goodness with you as the recipient. To cultivate the social urges on their positive side, to seek the approval of men for progressive and constructive works, to accept responsibility to society as your true means of self-justification, is to live up to the best of this idealistic position of Saturn.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

is often very important to the subject, although at times it can bring loneliness.

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

Saturn ♄ in 12th House

(Liz Greene)

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

This is often called the house of karma, based on the idea that planets found here are in some way denied normal expression and are often operating as unconscious rather than conscious drives. It is also called the house of self-undoing because isolation, incarceration, helplessness, and bondage are often the lot of the person with the heavily active twelfth house - literal or symbolic - and it is his own actions which draw these conditions to him. Whether a long past is considered or not, the inference is certainly present that the ego, built through the efforts of the previous eleven houses and signs, must eventually be laid on the altar of sacrifice so that the man may become a functioning part of a larger whole and give of his wisdom and energy for the good of the group. For the man who refuses to comprehend this, it is the house of hospitals and prisons, for only through the loss of individual power can a man realise that he himself is nothing without a link to the rest of life.

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

desires. Yet loss of will is the price which all planets pay when found in this house, although the finding of inner serenity is often gained in exchange.

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

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

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

Guilt looms large with this placement of Saturn although it is generalised rather than specific guilt. It may cause a man to seek penance through solitude, or there may be religious penance in the literal sense resulting in the monk or nun. It may be apparently involuntary penance as is the case with incarceration; but the man himself chooses this course although he may not consciously believe he will have to pay. It may result in sickness or withdrawal from conscious awareness through drugs, alcohol, or insanity. Or

it may be much more subtle and less drastic, as in the case of the man who is always alone and always feels separation from the rest of humanity and the rest of life, no matter how many people he surrounds himself with.

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

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

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

Understanding the meaning of this position takes us beyond the field of orthodox psychology, which has certainly mastered the fourth house and some of the eighth but is lost when confronting the mysteries of the twelfth. Recognition of the urge for evolution, for meaning, for the spiritual side of life, as a valid psychological drive in man, is now becoming widespread, however; and when it is understood that this is perhaps the most basic and most important instinct in man - although an instinct of the psyche rather than of the body - then it will not be such a painful experience for a man to sacrifice his personality to permit his total self-expression. The real potential of Saturn in the twelfth house is unfortunately only available now to those of a mystical bent who are inclined toward the path of inner contemplation. To them it is the final sacrifice of the sense of separateness, and is willingly undergone because it is the last door between man and his freedom. It depends in the end on one's perspective. Trying to hunt Saturn down through the mazes of the unconscious is difficult enough in the eighth house where there are still some personality links; but the twelfth is wholly of the soul, and analysis does not help understanding unless it is backed by a knowledge of man's innately spiritual nature.

The gold available from a twelfth house Saturn is the power to serve, not to 'do good' - which is not service at all - but to experience the sense of unity which the mystic is forever seeking and the sense of responsibility and detached love which accompanies this unity. This will, of course, make no sense to the earthy man, and may offend more pragmatic astrologers; but the fact remains that the twelfth house has not yet been satisfactorily explained any more than has the nature of man. It may be that as scientific evidence piles up, slowly but surely, in demonstration of the occult teachings of the past, the interrelationships of all living things and their essential underlying oneness will be a fact on the objective plane as well as a subjective experience on the part of the mystic.

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

(Bil Tierney)

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

Saturn can never get that far away from its ability to be aware of form and limitation. Saturn retreats to the Twelfth House to deeply contemplate why things turn out the way they do. Saturn will dig deeply to understand the purpose behind the endings of situations and relationships, especially when they've ended badly or without sufficient explanations. The Twelfth House is where we hide a lot of our loose ends, but Saturn always finds them and gets very anxious. However, its strong point is organizational power, which is no easy feat in this house of formlessness and anti-matter. What could be suggested is soul structuring, where we learn to build consciousness carefully on our most internal levels. Saturn is learning not to fear the limitless world of the spirit within. By establishing a meditative atmosphere where stillness is emphasized, we can learn to recognize the reality of our spiritual self and feel its constant, protective presence. Saturn always wants a solid connection wherever it's located; and in the Twelfth house,

we have an ability to bring more of our Higher Self into earthly manifestation, perhaps through the power of visualization. But first we have to dissolve a lot of barriers that block our path to such self-awareness.

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

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

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

Uranus ♅ in ♊ Sagittarius 4° 38'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new philosophical directions and new horizons for society's moral behavior.

Disruption occurs in hanging on to belief systems and moral attitudes that justify old social behaviors.

(Joan Negus)

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

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

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

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

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

During the next period of Uranus moving through Sagittarius (1981-88), technological developments were centered on space travel and computers - emphasizing the

revolutionary broadening of our horizons in true Sagittarian fashion. The idea of 'trust-busting' came before the public again with the suit brought against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, after which AT&T had to relinquish rights to local phone companies. Revolutions included the fall of the government in Haiti in 1986 and US intervention in Grenada. Human rights were important in both cases, and correlate with Sagittarian idealism.

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

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

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

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

In terms of creativity, if you have Uranus in Sagittarius you will probably find anything

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

This planetary position also is responsible for changes in education. When Uranus was last in Sagittarius, the progressive education movement in the United States, influenced by the philosophies of Rousseau, Froebel and others, introduced industrial, social and agricultural subjects into the school curriculum. Changes in the education system during

the most recent transit of Uranus through Sagittarius include a marked increase in the number of students attending private primary and secondary schools rather than public institutions, and enormous increases in the price of higher education. Computers, both as a field of study and as a tool to aid study, have revolutionized educational programs at all levels. Sagittarius is associated with religion; and while Uranus has been in this sign, church-operated schools in the United States have proliferated. The debate over the church's role in public education has intensified, and attention has been focused on such issues as the teaching of evolution, school prayer and censorship of textbooks.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

Your originality requires scope and proceeds from vision. You generalize readily, feeling yourself most at home, and in the sphere of your greatest mental efficiency, when dealing in large terms, ideas, symbols. This can make you a great artist or thinker or philosopher or preacher - or it can make you just a fuzzy thinker, never getting down to case. You should learn the worship of facts, and you need never worry about getting stodgy, for facts will always be to you the stones to build generalizations from and will

never make you a groundling. You have a kind of fear and contempt for the earthbound, feeling that your true genius takes you out of the class of mere bookworms and grubbers into a higher atmosphere of the spirit. No idea is too lofty for you to grasp - or so you think. And by being willing to grasp facts first and build the ideas from them, you can be really as high and profound as you imagine yourself to be. When you learn the value of knowledge (as insurance for your ideas), you can be a real intellectual force; and it is in this role that you find your truest expression.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

rewarding. Certainly this is one of the most sought-after styles of loving.

(Robert Hand)

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

Uranus ♃ in 10th House

(Joan Negus)

Uranus in the tenth house can mean that you change jobs frequently, but there are so many other possibilities that it is a poor excuse for career failure. Although it can indicate a restlessness in the area of occupation, you could also be dissatisfied if you were unemployed for too long. Important requirements are that you have a degree of freedom in what you do in the world and that you are challenged in that area. If you are not working, you may be free, but you will be missing the challenge.

You are probably most content if you can use your ingenuity in your career. You thrive on spontaneous responses to situations and, therefore, prefer not to be involved in a job in which there are no surprises. However, you really do not want a totally unstructured situation, nor do you respond well when you feel another person is using surprise tactics to control you. You tend to resist any change suggested or instituted by someone else. If circumstances demand a new approach, you have the ability to come up with one that is fresh and original. But if you are supposed to carry out someone else's new and creative ideas, you might rebel. And you possibly would seem so unbending that you might be considered a reactionary.

If you have Uranus in the tenth house, your profession should ideally include a broad, stable structure within which you can operate, but enough flexibility to help you avoid monotony and boredom. You will want to be aware of company goals so that your direction is clear. But, you prefer to pursue these goals in a manner that you select. And, if left to your own devices, you will probably go beyond the company's expectations.

You could decide that having your own business is essential to your need for freedom, especially if you have had dealings with tyrannical bosses. Working for yourself can be very appealing to your urge for independence. But what you should consider before you embark upon this path is that there are responsibilities connected with self-employment

that are not part of working for someone else. When you have your own business, you have to deal with finances, advertising, marketing and probably a number of other issues, depending on the type of profession involved. In other words, when you are the one in charge, success or failure is based largely on your own efforts or your ability to delegate well.

If you are thinking about starting your own business, you should consider what needs to be done in order to make it succeed. Determine what you want to do yourself and what you would like others to do. You might like the idea of doing everything yourself and, if this is feasible, there should be no problems. If, however, your goals are too large to handle alone, you can still establish a successful business if you analyse your situation and take action accordingly. After you decide what parts you will enjoy doing yourself, find people for the remaining tasks who have capability in the sector of the business involved and are self-reliant, but not so independent that they might overthrow the power figure - you. This last possibility can be avoided if you select subordinates who are trustworthy and also report to you regularly in order to keep you informed of what is occurring.

What you do not want is to feel more tied down in your own business than you were when you worked for someone else. If you have to worry about what your subordinates are doing, you will feel weighted down. Responsibilities may interfere with your creative ideas which you started your own business to express. So if you are feeling uncreative or bored with your career, do not permit your restlessness to cause you to act hastily. Before you move in this direction you might first get away from the office for a short period of time. Go out into the world and do something exciting or creative but totally unconnected with your current career. This may be enough to renew your enthusiasm and give you fresh ideas. Another goal or dimension might be added to your business or, possibly, a new type of career could stem from your newfound excitement or creativity.

Another course of action could be to simply try a new or different approach to your work. Or you could investigate new equipment available to you that might be exciting to use and possibly streamline your business. That could make your work easier and give you more time to be creative. Also relying on machines instead of people could be appealing to you. A machine may break down, but you don't have to worry about its motivation in doing so. If, after various attempts to put new life into your business, you are still dissatisfied, you might then consider doing something else.

Although Uranus in the tenth house indicates that change can be undertaken in the career, you do not want to make abrupt changes without forethought. Sometimes restlessness and the desire for change, or pressure from others, may cause you to act too rashly; and you can create a situation that is worse than the one you left. Some of the suggestions mentioned above could be tried, or you might create other appropriate actions. Keep in mind that a change of attitude may be as satisfying as a change of career. There is a desire to make drastic changes, but minor adjustments may be all that

are needed. If you have made minor adjustments and are still dissatisfied, you might consider a career in a Uranian field such as astrology, computer technology, electrical engineering, or anything unusual or on the cutting edge.

(Haydn Paul)

The challenges confronting you with this placement are involved with your relationship to society, and your role and function within the collective expression of your generation. This will concern personal desires and the expression of your individual tendencies, as well as a potential social contribution that you may make.

There is likely to be an inner impulse to succeed and to rise socially, gaining prestige, status, authority, power and influence. Applying your strong will may make this quite possible, but much will depend upon the sometimes unpredictable Uranian activity, and whether this will undermine your conscious efforts. You may be quite able to organise yourself well, and progress through discipline and work, but much will depend on your sense of social relationship and obligation.

If the thrust of your desire is purely personal, for ego gratification, power over others, social status, or monetary gain, and fails to take due regard for others or the social consequences of your decisions, then Uranus may conspire to prevent further progress, perhaps through the influence of others in your social circles or by allowing you to over-emphasise several of your more damaging characteristics through hubris. This can often occur in business or political scenes, where the dynamics of the élite power structures can be difficult to handle successfully. Your ambition could be thwarted, perhaps through a Uranian lack of deference for an employer or authority senior to you in the hierarchy.

Often, your relation to authority can be difficult and touchy, and your feelings towards power can be ambiguous. An adjustment may be required in these feelings, so that you are able to develop your own personal power, instead of probably inhibiting it to some degree. If you can accept your own power, then your attitudes and understanding of the roles and functions of authorities and power will also change.

You will be really looking to discover your own role and function in society, a process of potential integration into the whole. You could fail, and become a reactionary revolutionary, feeding off rejected negative energies, and primarily being destructive rather than constructive in your response to your own failure.

Yet the most appropriate way could be the pioneering of new ways and concepts, where liberal humanitarian and radical social politics attracts you, satisfying the Uranian impulse for future-oriented social change. As usual, you will demand as much freedom as possible in your life, stalking around like a caged animal if it is denied. This need could develop into an unusual career or profession, which can absorb such a demand without any detriment, and it may be that over time your innovative perspective could

lead you to become a leader or spokesperson for some idealistic cause or scientific development. This will depend on that ability to generate personal power and to apply it in a socially influential manner; and this is unlikely to happen overnight but likely to emerge as a consequence of effort and persistence in a chosen direction.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 10th House correlates to in human consciousness is the need to give structural cohesion and definition to the totality of what one is inwardly and outwardly. It is the need to establish inner and outer laws, rules, customs, norms, and taboos that regulate the functioning of life itself. These laws, rules, or customs, establish inner and outer conditions that by their very nature condition, shape, and define the essence of anything: e.g., when water is poured into a certain shape, the inherent essence or spirit of the water now reflects the shape that it is defined by (poured into). It was stated earlier that Uranus correlates to the Creation that is projected outwards from its Source, and that the root principle of the projected Creation is Intelligence. This projected Creation is everywhere and constitutes everything. As this Creation / Intelligence is reflected in human consciousness, which simply means a consciousness that has the capacity to be aware that it is conscious (self-conscious), and from a metaphysical point of view the Universe being conscious of itself, the essence of consciousness is thus defined by, conditioned, and limited to consciousness in a human form: the structure of consciousness as expressed through time, space, and the time / space laws of cause and effect that are the essence of evolution. In reverse, this is why human beings project upon the Creator anthropomorphic images of their own form.

Uranus here means to learn the difference between the laws, conditions, rules, and norms that are made by the human being, and those laws that are intrinsic to the condition of being a human being. To give form, shape, and definition is an inherent law of the Creation, which is projected outwards from the Source, as an example. When this law is linked with time, space, and the law of cause and effect, the evolution of form, shapes, and definitions takes place. Similarly, this law is reflected in human consciousness as the need to give definition, structure, and form to itself, which changes over time through cause and effect. When a group of people live together in the same time and space, this intrinsic law manifests (projects) as the need to establish social definitions, laws, customs, norms, and taboos in order for the individuals, who reflect their own laws, to live together in a social unit that is regulated by the consensus of social contracts: laws.

Uranus in the 10th House is a natural paradox. On the one hand, any group of people who live together must have social contracts, laws, that allow them to live together. On the other hand, every individual within that social group is an individual whose individuality is subjected to the social conditions of the society that he or she is born into. It is this interface between the individual and the social group that induces the paradox

to manifest. Individuality and consensus are inherently antithetical. The challenge for those who have this archetype in their consciousness is to define, first, their own intrinsic nature in total, and then to objectively acknowledge the social system, the prevailing social conditions, consensus, rules, laws, regulations, taboos, and norms that they are living within in order to understand how to integrate within the social system with their inherent individuality intact. The resulting overall lifestyle of each individual will be reflective of the individual's actual nature, a nature that is not defined or limited by the consensus-held beliefs, values, norms, and so on.

Even though the challenge is for the individual to define his or her own inherent laws, beliefs, values, and identity, the most common reaction is to define oneself, to experience oneself, to reflect the nature of the times that one is living in. When Uranus is in an individual's tenth house, he or she may adopt the overall lifestyle of the prevailing peer group (the values, beliefs, etc.) in order to feel socially, thus individually, secure. If so, this reflects an emotional and / or psychological reaction to the inner sense of being quite different from the consensus that is reflected in the prevailing peer group.

Liberation for individuals who have Uranus in the 10th House means to be free from all judgement or perception patterns that are projected upon themselves or others (patterns that are based upon, or are reflections of, the consensus status quo of the prevailing peer group of the society in which they live), to realise that such judgements or perceptions are based upon and conditioned by the mainstream consensus of social contracts that allow for a group of people to live together. Liberation occurs when these individuals learn the difference between their conditional identities and their actual identities: the deconditioned / unconditioned Self. Freedom from the known occurs when these individuals allow for new ideas or ways of responding to life conditions, instead of hanging on to old ideas or ways of response just because a security exists with respect to the way they have always reacted to, or thought about, something. Freedom from the known occurs when these individuals realise the difference between natural or inherent universal laws versus the laws made by human beings, and when they harmonise individual requirements to reflect the universal laws and / or requirements.

A natural stress can occur in the skeletal system and bone marrow of the organism. The stress can lessen the secretion of fluids vital for the integrity of the skeletal system's maintenance. Brittleness of bones, arthritis, curvature of the spine, accelerated tooth decay through weakness in the enamel, and immune system problems associated with irregularities in the B and T cells can all result. Deficiencies in calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus either will be genetically present or will be transitorily produced. Pituitary and thyroid problems (commonly a deficiency in iron) can manifest, and toxic retention on a cellular level can 'pollute' the inner environment, which can lead to cycles of fatigue or, in extreme cases, to cancer in its various forms. Skin eruptions, sores, ulcerations, and abscesses can also manifest because of these toxins as the body attempts to purify itself. Dehydration leading to constipation can also occur in the intestines; the toxins that this produces generate, in varying degrees of difficulty, problems associated specifically

with the colon and generally with the intestines: the growth of polyps, cysts, abscesses, blockages or closures in the passageways, etc.. The increased pressure to eliminate can thus produce haemorrhoids, anal itching or burning, a 'frozen' sphincter muscle, etc..

Neptune ♆ in ♏ Scorpio 15° 15'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

Those of you who were born while Neptune was in Scorpio have lived your entire lives in the shadow of the bomb, and fully expect the Earth to be destroyed by nuclear war. Your generation feels powerless in the face of such a devastating possibility and is, perhaps, the most pessimistic of all Neptune-groups. To you, the future looks dismal, and you

believe that almost everything is beyond your control. This is the bleak message conveyed by some punk songs, a musical style that reached popularity with your generation.

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

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

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

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

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

Scorpio is the sign of subterfuge, secret knowledge and undercover intelligence organizations. While Neptune was in Scorpio, espionage became fashionable; and

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

The people and nations of the world are aware of the awesome, death-dealing possibilities of nuclear war. Atomic-powered submarines in the depths of the seas play their role in the struggle for power. Those born under this influence want to plumb the secrets of the Universe. The mystery of life and death is theirs to fathom. They are enthralled by occult studies, chemistry and invention. Neptune in this position intensifies

the emotional nature. There is a tendency to be secretive and mystical. Gain is possible through inheritance, financial ties with others, partnership and marriage. There is a great possibility of possessing marked extra-sensory perception. Caution must be exercised regarding drugs and strong beverages, and dabbling in spiritualism. The sex instincts must be channeled in the right direction since the craving for sensation is very strong. Recuperative power is present, as is a desire for reforms.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

Indeed, if your relationships seem quietly amicable and not stressful, you may subconsciously feel that something is missing. This is not necessarily the case, depending upon your personal style; and too much intensity may actually wreck a

relationship for you. You should follow your own inner guidelines, separating them carefully from the attitudes toward love and sex that surround you. In the end, it is you and you alone who can make love work.

(Robert Hand)

This generation is characterized by a love of the mysterious and strange. As these people grow older, the current increase in the occult and related subjects will probably continued, but they may use these energies to gain power over others, which could create very dangerous psychological forces. On the other hand, they will be more concerned with individual regeneration and techniques of healing, both psychological and physical. They will have extreme ideas, either very lax or very strict, about personal morality.

Neptune ♆ in 9th House

(Marilyn Waram)

Neptune is the planet of ultimate emotional, unconscious values; and the ninth house is one of the keys to our belief systems, and our partly conscious values. Both relate to issues and ideas that we accept as extremely important, perhaps vitally so, in our lives, often without awareness or examination. Sometimes even when we know what is an ultimate value for ourselves, we don't see the implications of that value, the way it affects our perceptions, judgements and decisions. Ultimate values can dominate our lives without our ever questioning their veracity. This tendency is doubled when Neptune is in the ninth house, which is associated with a strong tendency to jump to conclusions and to assume that the conclusions are correct.

With both Neptune and the ninth house tendencies to need the right answer, there is a strong possibility here of an enduring search for Truth. Both planet and house are mutable, leading to restlessness. Both are considered expansive; they tend to enlarge whatever they are associated with. In combination this means there might be no accepted limits - everything can continue to expand (ninth house) into infinity (Neptune). Both are connected to faith, and beliefs. Both are drawn to ever more comprehensive and idealistic viewpoints. Both are drawn to and haunted by the need for perfection, by their often fantastic expectations. Neither is noted for its common sense, nor its ability to do anything by half-measures.

Ninth house issues such as higher education, organized religion, philosophy, and a lifelong search for bigger and better truth could all become ultimate values with Neptune in this position. Often, with a chart otherwise leaning toward physical energy, athletics will become a driving force in the individual's life. The important point is that with

Neptune in the ninth, the person will have a strong tendency to greatly overemphasise whatever area or issues are valued. What is valued is strongly valued, defended and expected to be right.

On the natural wheel, Pisces (Neptune) and Sagittarius (ninth house) are square each other, indicating some fundamental differences which must be consciously worked upon in order to integrate these disparate energies. Neptune in the ninth house mixes a water planet with a fire house, a combination that is associated with a particularly high degree of emotional intensity. The receptive, inward-drawing and sensitive, overprotective nature of Neptune can definitely clash with the persuasive, outward-reaching, spirited and adventurous nature of the ninth house.

Neptune operates on emotional and spiritual planes. The person who expresses Neptune wants to follow his instincts, his psychic impulses, the dictates of his heart. He feels what is best. The ninth house relates to these but often stays on intellectual, rational-thought levels, at least on the surface. A person who expresses the ninth house may partially bury feelings so that he is free to follow the most logical idea; and in the process he will come up with some convincing rationalisations. He will also frequently react with self-righteous anger if it is pointed out that he has merely found logical reasons for doing what he feels is right, but that the feeling came before the logic.

The person who follows the dictates of the ninth house will often tell the truth regardless of who gets hurt. The person who flows with Neptune will prefer to protect others' feelings and may choose to lie out of kindness, misdirected or otherwise. The person who has Neptune in the ninth may be pulled in both directions and will need to find either a middle ground to satisfy the need for truth and the need for mercy, or a place for each. He will need to be alert to situations where he is pulled between what he wants to do - feelings - and between what he ought or should do - thoughts. The dictates of the head and the heart can both be questioned. Out of the challenge may come some clear insights about the best course of action.

When a water / fire combination occurs, there is always the possibility that the Water element will dampen or drown the fire. Water represents the unconscious, therefore it also can represent the tendency toward repression. When it is fire that is repressed, there is a build-up of emotional pressure. Unless the pressure is released, sooner or later there will be an explosion. The person can feel shattered by such an occurrence, which often seems 'out of character'. Yet when seen as the release of energy which has been held in for months or years, the blow-up only makes sense. To prevent such events, the individual needs to make all possible efforts to get in touch with inner drives and needs which are being ignored or held in. Then those needs are to be directed into some constructive outlet. Few drives in life are truly 'bad'; they usually only look that way because they seem to run counter to the dictates of the dominant value system. Once a person becomes conscious of his dominant values, he can choose when it is appropriate to act according to different values; in other words, he will allow contradictory sides of his

nature all to have room for expression.

Whatever is put on a pedestal, it is likely, in the ninth house, to be overdone, to be allowed to dominate the life; and many other issues will take second or third place. This can be hard on jobs, relationships and other ambitions. With Neptune in the ninth house, the individual will need to take a look at his illusions about the ability of education, knowledge or the endless search to provide the ultimate satisfaction in life.

There will be an important need to examine personal values, to see if too much unquestioning faith has unconsciously been placed in the creation of some sort of perfect ethereal beauty, in service to others without regard to self, in psychic or psychological insights, or in spiritual or mystical growth. There are also the negative possibilities, that abiding and deep trust has been placed in evasion, denial, pretence, confusion, drugs, alcohol or illness to protect the individual from whatever he does not wish to deal with consciously.

Balance is an important lesson for someone who has Neptune in the ninth. The temptation will nearly always be to go overboard on the latest exciting idea. The challenge is to learn to act on those ideas where it is practical and possible without dangerous disruption to other meaningful aspects of life. It is possible to chase one's dreams without immediately resigning from the job that one has worked toward for fifteen years, for example, or without selling all of one's possessions and giving the proceeds to a wonderful new religious organisation.

Honesty is another important lesson for someone with this placement. Neptune is the stuff of which dreams are made, and the ninth house is always looking for a better idea, the bigger the better. Both are therefore very susceptible to wild tales and con games. More to the point, both have strong tendencies toward self-delusion over the importance and veracity of the most newly discovered 'truth' or viewpoint. Philosophies easily become religions, and challenging questions soon become sins, yet even this process can be rationalised and, strangely enough, denied. If, however, the person with Neptune in the ninth can exploit his Earth planets to keep in touch with what is realistic, and his Air planets to keep some objectivity, he can become a genuinely spiritual student, a dedicated and ardent seeker of the truth, with ever more important understandings that he can share with others.

With Neptune in the ninth, it is particularly important for the individual to examine his personal beliefs, conscious and unconscious. He needs to clarify his expectations about truth, philosophy and the meaning of life. He needs to confront his values and his illusions, to be rigorously alert to righteous justification of ideas and to ensure that he is honest in his musings. With humility, this individual can be the most enthusiastic proponent of positive philosophies, an inspirational force with unflagging energy and a person who always balances the need for truth with the need for compassion.

(Haydn Paul)

In this position, Neptune is active on the level of mind, especially in the realms of philosophy, religion, morals, ethics and spiritual teachings. Belief systems are important to you, and you need to feel secure in the one that you have adopted as a guideline in life; or alternatively, you are searching for one that you can believe holds satisfying answers to those burning inner questions.

It is likely that you will feel a need to rely on some form of external teaching, and this can draw you towards involvement with specific religious groups, or mystical cults and guru-figures. As your mind is quite open and impressionable, and influenced by the Neptunian imagination, your clarity regarding such groups may be distorted by a desire to achieve redemptive salvation through association with a belief structure that promises universal answers.

This can result in a negative form of surrender, where your fantasies, clouded judgements and desires encourage you to submit to an external authority or acquiesce in an imposed belief system, creating a situation where you feel absolved of any need to think for yourself, as all the answers have been given to you. This is an abrogation of real responsibility; and no genuine teacher should demand absolute adherence to his or her teaching, or inveigh against any who disagree or choose to leave the self-selected élite. The type of dangers involved in such a course include spiritual inflation and self-delusions, guru imitation, and obsessive beliefs in being 'right' in your opinions and world view.

Neptune can lead you into such a philosophical minefield as a consequence of your own confusion and lack of direction, and by the need for some type of spiritual search for a higher unifying knowledge. The underlying intent may be to confront you with a collapse into disillusionment with that external search for answers, forcing you to turn within and to discover that what you are really looking for is hidden within your own nature.

The types of philosophy, religion or belief structure that will appeal most to you will often include themes of sacrifice, redemption, purification, martyrdom and selftranscendence: the themes of Neptune. You will need to express incisive discrimination in walking this path, as you are liable to reflect these Neptunian patterns quite unconsciously in your choices. Distinguishing the real from the false can be extremely difficult, and unintegrated natural tendencies will attract you towards the mysterious and glamorous; but as you should recognise, all that glitters is not the alchemist's gold.

Spiritual aspirations will be powerful, and you are likely to possess refined, mystically orientated emotions aching to achieve a transcendent and embracing unitive state of existence. Psychedelic drugs may appeal for similar reasons, as a means of opening doors to alternative realities; but great care needs to be taken where Neptune is involved; and mixing these with spiritual development techniques is unwise. Meditation,

contemplation, yoga and psychic unfoldment are likely routes which will interest you, or those more intellectual occult systems like the Qabalah and the Seven Rays, which offer considerable scope for mental fascination. Whilst you have a tendency towards daydreaming and fantasies, such an inward turning can make you more receptive to inner guidance and intuition; and in some instances this can develop into you serving as a channel for inspirational teachings to be transmitted to the world. Today, there are many of these, and a broad mixture of quality too, reflecting the mediumistic and mediatorship nature of Neptune, with both high and spiritual visions and lower astral and illusory ones being presented to an avid public.

Part of your own challenge will lie in unfolding your own path, relying on your own insight and understanding to light the way, and in being able to clarify your own direction and exploit that latent mind potential. Creativity through artistic expression could be useful, especially the sort which attempts to reflect spiritual values and vision into everyday life. The real spiritual path is never one of escapism from life, even though you may feel tempted to do that through travel, through pilgrimages and by surrendering to a high temporal authority as a guru figure. Neptune in this house can lead you towards the highest flights of consciousness, or restrict you within self-chosen realms of delusion; it can be a narrow line separating the two, but ensuring that your feet are firmly fixed on the ground is an important aim to maintain.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

A ninth-house Neptune brings great dreams of glory in youth. These people may dream of a career as a performer, politician, Show Biz personality, or the like; but other aspects are needed to make it happen. There is a great yearning to rise high, to make an impression on their community, audience, or constituency; but rarely do they succeed to the extent that they'd like. If they go into politics they tend to get stuck on the losing side. There is more likelihood of success as a performer, especially a singer. This position usually gives a good voice, both for speaking and for singing.

Those that are withheld from action will feel great frustration; the inability to take a brave stand or to do bold deeds can contribute to emotional problems and, if other factors indicate, there can be drinking, suicide attempts, or violent outbursts of one kind or another. With supportive aspects, they eventually learn to accept life's disappointments, and become philosophical about their own limitations.

They like the wide-open spaces, the sun, the great out-of-doors. This is an excellent position for anyone working in films or show business, for merchant mariners, workers in the oil industry, salesmen, or others who have to travel long distances in the course of business. They are inclined to fall in love with another country and to desire to live there. If they can't live there, they will vacation there as often as possible and, while at home, try to live in the style of the desired culture.

Pluto ♄ in ♈ Aries 23° 42'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♄ in 2nd House

(Ginger Chalford)

As a child, but more often as an adolescent, people can be very self-critical about their own worth and value. 'Am I good enough?' is a common anxiety to teens, as they compare themselves with other popular, good-looking and successful young people. Well remembered by every adult, this time is fraught with concern over one's self-image and how others are responding to it. Even though insecure, most adolescents will try to cover it up, pretending to be strong. This 'show' or game can go into adulthood as a habit, leaving adults at the mercy of their peer group's values. Emotions that may betray feelings of insignificance or low self-esteem are repressed or simply denied. Asking for affection can display weakness, and so affection may be hard to come by, too.

Usually, to compensate for feelings of inferiority or unworthiness, people strive to get self-validation from outside, from others. This includes getting possessions that are 'in' (be the first on your block!), or dating a popular person. A teenage boy gets a car and shows it to his friends, getting more social status. A girl may dress in the latest fashions, evoking an envious response from the other girls, and inviting male interest. Beauty and popularity are foremost; and those who have it flaunt it. Others without such natural assets have to accumulate some of their own in order to establish their self-worth and a positive self-image. Second house Pluto people may acquire possessions that can be shown off to advantage, or display talents that inspire the admiration of others. Possessions mean power. They mean validation, as in 'you're okay, since you have such neat things'. This is an elementary form of influencing and controlling others through money or things, of impressing others with a show.

This pattern shows up in adulthood as individuals strive for success, not for the pleasure of it, but for the rewards that justify and validate them. The rewards indicate that they are 'okay'. This motivation to struggle to the top CAN draw out natural talents and resources of the individual (which are plentiful given this Pluto position, as we'll see later), but that still does nothing to raise this person's level of self-esteem. Insecure, these people can be really slick and slimey business-wise, willing to go to whatever extremes are necessary just to pull a buck or a reward out of something or someone.

These people, not trusting themselves, will seldom trust others; but when they do, they will be victimised by them! There is a show of generosity to impress others, who may

then turn around and steal from the Pluto individual, or retaliate in some way. There is often no recourse for the Pluto person, as there may be an 'inside' or possibly even illegal aspect to the transaction. Victimized and isolated, the Pluto second house sufferer has justification for not trusting anyone ever again.

The reflections of a poor self-image can be extreme. On the one hand, these natives can be broke frequently, struggling to pull together their inner resources and turn around those financial landslides. These second house Pluto people may even turn down job offers out of insecurity, a fear of incapability, or out of an inflated sense of what type of work they must have in order to get the validation they need to prove to themselves they are worthy. This person gives the appearance of being very picky, without being able to afford that attitude, being virtually destitute. Also, they will balk at the idea of commitment to a job or work program, since they do not have the necessary self-knowledge to clearly make a good decision for themselves. Their insecurity and lack of self-trust can make it difficult to attract good opportunities. Generally, these people are the chronic complainers who are always in the midst of financial crisis or breakdown. Yes, they DO survive, but anything beyond that - such as a luxury, for example - is denied them. Indeed, they often have financial losses just before their anticipated successes. This is a result of a failure of self-confidence and self-trust.

The other extreme of this Pluto placement involves the struggle for domination over money. If self-worth is such an issue, those people with large amounts of energy are going to work and struggle really hard in order to make a lot of money, which will enable them to not have to think about money ever again. This sends them on a work pace that is never-ending, for they may not be able to judge when they have enough money to be secure and happy, and thus keep on working. That stopping point, if there can indeed be one, can only be recognised when the person has sufficient selfworth. Then she / he knows when to stop! But the Pluto second house struggler misses that grand finish, and one million dollars just doesn't become enough. Neither does the second million dollars. Neither do the summer vacation houses, or the four Mercedes cars, the servants, the private beach. None of the glitter will fill up that inner hole in the psyche, or cause the person to say "I am worthy, and I am unique, significant, and important to myself - and my knowing this is all that truly matters". Although the behaviour of people driven by insecurity can look terrific - they can be superachievers, super-manipulators, etc. - the motivation will still trip them up at some point, especially when they begin to realise that they are not really fulfilled with owning impressive things (this includes spouses too) and knowing famous people. Then they will be faced with a self-image crisis, and will have to re-evaluate their feelings of worthiness. Those who never come to realise this discrepancy between motivation and results will drive themselves into the financial ground, and will burn out their energy, their resources and / or their bodies by literally working themselves or their spouses to disease and death. The disease of cancer is often a companion to mischanneled Pluto energy, as it is one of degeneration - a Plutonian principle.

Fortunately, a positive use of Plutonian principles and power will bring in great results much more easily. The incredible amount of resources available to second house Pluto people is simply staggering. They can utilise things which others have given up as useless. They have ingenious abilities to revitalise a dying company or concern, to turn it around and make a sizeable profit out of it. They are able to turn financial tides around, in their own sphere as well as in their extended environment (which includes family and friends). They are not possessive, as the negative Plutouers are, for they are basically secure in themselves. They are selective with their trust, and seldom get 'burned' by others, since they have a clear head and reliable intuition upon which to base their decision whether to trust or not. They have what is known in common lingo as 'street smarts'. They have extraordinary talents with their hands, and can indeed do well at anything that interests them.

The amount of money they make, and the amount of prestige and power they get in society, reflects rather than validates their own inner sense of worth and self-trust. This appreciation of their own identity enables them to make money easily, without struggle. Their investments will tend to bring high returns and work for them (instead of them having to work for their money). Even when beset with legal difficulties, the final outcome is all right, and doesn't shock the self-worth. If all their possessions are taken away from them, such as in a divorce case, etc., they know that they can rely on themselves to build their resources back up again. They know they have the power and strength to do that, so the loss is one of possessions, not of self-image. They are not crushed, but pick up their power and ability to act and go on.

Later in life, their interests will turn from mundane financial concerns to higher values. They may become interested in inner growth, with metaphysical values and attitudes becoming more important than material ones. However, if this metaphysical interest comes too early in life, before a comfortable financial position is attained, there tends to be a reluctance or resistance towards financial success, for they will often get involved with the personal negative ego and thereby fall back into negative personality patterns (see above). Pluto here must be grounded by financial success and self-worth in the natural house of Taurus, a foundation house, so that spiritual values will not be warped by material concerns. Individuals who have this placement will experience unexpected financial shifts that tend towards the positive end of the spectrum, rather than the negative, disastrous end. Still, at times these individuals, whether they are thinking negatively or positively, will understand and know that resources, money, etc. can be had easily, without struggle or pain. It's only the attitude that makes the difference in the results! Most of the obvious events experienced by the Pluto second house person are covered in the previous paragraphs. Briefly speaking, the negative possibilities include: sudden financial losses just before an anticipated success; financial breakdowns and landslides; denial of resources and money; inability to develop their natural talents for some reason; risks brought on by greed; being bilked by a shyster; possessiveness; and legal difficulties, particularly if underground activities are occurring. These problems reflect the restriction of resources in one way or another, and they often come about

from the attitude that the struggle involved in getting something gives it value. Without struggle, there is no value, no importance, no significance. This attitude stems from a lack of inner self-trust and self-worth. On the positive side, Pluto second house experiences include: the appearance of financial partners when they are needed; an ability to revive faltering financial ventures; control of large investments, great talent and the power to develop it; high returns on investments; and the discovery of higher metaphysical values.

Many of the above patterns can be seen during a Pluto transit of the second house. For some people, Pluto moving through this house can create a conflict between the value systems of the individual and his or her parents. Throughout this transit, values will be overhauled, and the individual to whom this is happening should be prepared to change willingly. Pluto, just as importantly, will bring in the new values which are destined to create more power through the use of natural resources (such as inner talents). As this transit takes several years, the metamorphosis can proceed slowly and thoroughly - it would be hoped to be completed by the time Pluto moves on. Yet, this completion will always be subject to re-evaluation and change, since the process of examining and shifting principles and values is an evolving one. Any events in the life during this time will hinge upon the individual's estimation of his or her selfworth. A good self-review and positive self-image will create pleasing, exciting, and dynamically powerful changes and events.

Clarity of one's inner values and sense of self-worth will save many an individual from the onslaughts of Pluto power in the second house. If you have this placement, you'll need to develop self-trust and self-esteem. Start by making a list of your natural abilities. What are you good at doing? What natural talents did you have as a child or adolescent, but never developed? If you had to borrow a thousand dollars tomorrow, from how many sources could you get it? How many people support you in what you want to do? Answer all these questions to the best of your ability. Reflect on them. How can you incorporate any undeveloped talents into your life now? How can you expand the number of people who make up your resource group? How do you feel about using people as a resource.

Now look at your self-trust and self-confidence. Monitor each Tuesday for seven Tuesdays in a row, to see how and when you are confident and self-trusting, as well as how and when you aren't. Write down at least six examples of each, at the end of the day. Notice the areas of your life in which you are usually confident, and those in which you aren't. You cannot have zero self-confidence - if you did, you wouldn't have survived to this point! Recognise that your self-worth, self-trust and self-confidence are selective, working positively in some areas and negatively in others.

Examine your self-confident areas, and the talents that you know you have. Tune into the feeling of what it's like to be self-trusting. When you can really feel it, transfer this feeling over to the areas in which you don't think of yourself as worthy or confident. Imagine now that you are confident in these areas. How does it feel? Write this down, so

you can refer to it later. Now imagine yourself in the future, say two or three years from now. Imagine that you're confident in those areas where you previously didn't trust yourself. Feel how great this is! Enjoy yourself in this visualisation. Write down anything that you have seen in this imagined scenario, or any emotions you felt. Keep this for reference; and whenever you feel discouraged about this area of your life in the future, pull out what you have written and let it remind you what it feels like to be free of your anxieties. Get those good feelings going again! With a little practice, you will be able to more easily turn on your confidence when you feel the need for it. You will trust yourself more; and important things will start working out better for you. To reinforce this technique, you can (once a week is good) imagine being your confident, successful self - feeling good, feeling on top of things, etc.. Step out of it back into your current image. Step into the more pleasant image once more. Step back out of it again, back into your present self-image. Now drain all the colour out of your present image, turning it into a black-and-white picture. Imagine your current scenario with a chorus line of dancing elephants or something else silly in it. This can take away some of the seriousness of the situation. Now return to the more confident image, and fill it with colour. Make it more realistic than the other image. Touch it, smell it, taste it and hear it, as well as seeing it. This will reprogram your mind to accept the more confident and favourable self-image as the truer one. And as this happens, the circumstances around you will come to reflect the new image, creating for you a more positive reality!

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Sex is the force that individualises these people. It brings experiences that enable them to grow. It will be the road to power for some, and for some the road to despair and ruin - aspects will help to indicate which. They know this instinctively and therefore may fear sex and attempt to repress it. Almost always, they are very cautious with it, attempting to conceal its effect on them. They possess a compelling sexual charisma that does not always attract the ones they want. They may attract dangerous types or people who are not good for them, or who take advantage of them. They are apt to be sensualists and love good food, wine, and comfortable, active surroundings, including attractive companions. They are compelled into situations by their sexuality. Yet, at the same time, they are afraid of it, so they are liable to ignore, frustrate, or repress it, and this can cause them to take odd turns. They may turn to alcohol or drugs to relieve the pressure. If the sex drive is heavily repressed (as indicated by hard aspects to Saturn), their natural sensuality can turn to obsession, S. & M., cruelty, or hysterics. This is a good aspect for artists and writers, since these activities give a creative outlet for a sensuality that can be dangerous if given free rein, and equally destructive if repressed. They make good generals, as control of sexuality is a necessity of army life, and sexual repression a source of power; and they instinctively know how to channel their own repressed urges and those of others. They are often sexually attracted to those who are forbidden in some way, those of a different race, much younger, much older, married to someone else, or who come from a more primitive, less-educated or less-cultured background, or who gamble or are violent. They crave the excitement of the unknown at the same time as

they fear it. They will be much happier if they can accept their sexuality and allow it some freedom. They will be healthier and less liable to personality and emotional problems. Unfortunately they are inclined to go to extremes, and so if they don't repress it, they may flaunt it. It is best if they channel it into art, painting, sculpture, music, or writing. They can get involved with illegal, immoral, or dangerous methods of obtaining income, or become involved with someone who does. Although in general they are not highly acquisitive, pretty much taking what life has to offer without asking for more, they are capable of conceiving a passion for some object (or person) and going to great lengths to acquire it. It is wise for anyone with Pluto in the second to be cautious about maintaining accurate records, because these people are vulnerable to tax audit.

(Robert Pelletier)

You place much emphasis on accumulating possessions, because they give you an artificial sense of power. Regardless of your motives for acquiring these resources, you risk incurring other people's resentment if you use your assets to enforce your will. It is natural for people to fear and resent someone who uses this kind of advantage. You generally get what you want by impressing people in important positions that you can accomplish almost anything if given the opportunity. You should have little difficulty with superiors, for they will delegate to you the necessary authority to satisfy their objectives. You have the *savoir-faire* to use your skills effectively and attain the limits of your potentials. You will probably succeed because you are not afraid to take chances in demonstrating your abilities, which you do with dramatic flair. You realise the importance of making some contribution to fulfil your social obligations. Perhaps you are motivated by a feeling of guilt for having prospered at the expense of the public, or perhaps you understand and want to help solve the awesome problems of society. You doubtless will have everything you need to enjoy a fairly early retirement; and your free time will allow you to become involved in the needs of the public.

You have a powerful urge to be secure and totally independent of others. You will probably make investments or invest in a retirement plan that will assure you of this goal. But you will attract hangers-on who will try to talk you into sharing your bounty with them. The only way this could be a problem is if you've accepted favours in the past that you must repay. You know your abilities and your limits. However, the important factor is love, which may have inspired you to succeed. The need to serve your children's best interests will certainly be a major consideration as you exploit your creative talents to the fullest.

It will take a lot of moral fortitude to resist the temptation to get what you want through collusion or by issuing ultimatums. But with some religious training or spiritual awareness, you can easily achieve your goals without resorting to those methods. You've probably had to work hard to learn as much as you have; and you pride yourself on being a self-made person. You understand the power associated with money, and you also recognise the social responsibility this entail. Your intuition will help you make

wise investments, both for yourself and in counselling others. You put a high premium on your services because you know you can get the results people want. When the price is right, you don't deny yourself whatever you can get, either in acquiring worldly goods or in satisfying physical desires.

Try to communicate with people in terms that they can understand. Learn to relate to others and encourage them to trust you. You can be a positive force, helping people gain confidence to seek their own destinies. A little sharing can pay big dividends when you observe the fruits of your efforts to help people who need your stimulating encouragement. You cannot fail to win their appreciation. Don't be afraid to ask how you can help, for the chances are you can do much more than you realise. (Steven Forrest) In the tradition, the second house is often called the 'House of Money'. In practice, that's a valid association, provided we keep the idea in perspective. Here, as in many other areas of astrological interest, I find it helpful to recall that astrology is far older than human culture. I'm not speaking of the knowledge of astrology, but rather of the astrological mechanism itself. Primitive hominids nuzzling around the Olduvai Gorge a couple of million years ago had birth charts and responded to astrological stimuli. They didn't know it, of course, any more than does a modern Senator or physics professor. What did 'money' mean to that hominid, ages before the first VISA card? The best answer is probably food, rocks to throw, perhaps a warm animal hide to wear on a cold night. And how did that hominid feel if he had those resources in abundance? Probably pretty good. Confident. And if he lacked them? Insecure.

That's the core logic of the second house. To feel self-assured, we must feel that we are prepared and equipped to face the requirements of life. We need resources, both materially and in terms of skills, connections, and knowledge. Money is certainly one such resource, but far from the only one. With any planet in the second house, the skills, connections, and knowledge most naturally associated with that planet are at the heart of the matter for us when it comes to maintaining a pleasant feeling of legitimacy, self-respect and capability.

Pluto in the second house? Let's have a look.... Your high destiny: Every Age has its folk wisdom. Some of it is truly eternal and precious; some is hooked uniquely to the transitory blind spots of time and culture. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' - that, I think, is in the former category: eternal and precious. 'A woman's place is in the home.' 'Bpys don't cry.' Those nostrums seem less compelling today than they did a couple of generations ago. Here's another nostrum: 'You're good enough just the way you are'. We hear a lot of sentiments along those lines nowadays. How eternal are they? That's hard to say. Certainly exhortations toward loving self-acceptance can serve useful, healing purposes. But they don't help us understand the logic of the second house. Here we face the human need not so much to accept oneself as to prove oneself. How? Each planet has its own story, but with Pluto in the second house, you must prove yourself to yourself in distinctly Plutonian ways. And Pluto, as we have seen, thrives on extremity and intensity. With Pluto in this position, the realisation of your high destiny

involves going to your emotional limits. It might literally mean facing the risk of physical death - as for example when a person attains self-respect and self-realisation through climbing a mountain or fighting back against a violent attack or virulent disease. Very often, there is a Plutonian Rite of Passage in which some powerful taboo must be broken - a man or woman, for example, marries across a race line or 'comes out' as a gay person in conservative society. And thereby attains dignity.

Earlier in the book, quoting Robert Bly, we spoke of a 'witch' who guards the gate to higher states of energy, keeping out 'wimps' with all her treachery and ferocity. If you have Pluto in the second house, in realising your own high destiny that metaphor has particular relevance for you. Often, for people such as yourself, there is one critical fear-facing, taboo-breaking test that arises, often unexpectedly, like a crossroads in your biography. A friend says, "Let's quit our stinking jobs and move to Europe". If you do, you've crossed the Rubicon. A month later you're making ends meet by serving pizza in Zurich. Everyone you know back at the Insurance Agency thinks you're crazy. Some days you do too. But in that dramatic, taboo-breaking action you've proven something to yourself: that you have inside you the basic resources of survival, that your life did not depend on your job, and that you are far more autonomous than you ever imagined

.Your Distorting Wound: Zen Buddhists say that being born is like setting to sea in a leaky boat. Unless either you're very young or your Pluto is very weakly placed, you probably don't need me to explain that proverb to you. Life is full of perils; and sooner or later we die. None of that makes anybody very comfortable, and so there is an unspoken collective agreement not to emphasise such Plutonian perspectives in normal conversation. We designate a priestly class to handle those realities for us. We dress them in black, encourage them to wear long faces, and generally don't invite them to our parties.

Ever since you were small, you've had an instinctual sense of the fragility of our circumstances. Second house energy is concerned with arming ourselves against threats; and Pluto is particularly skilled at recognising even the most dreadful of those threats. The linkage of planet and house is very natural here; they reinforce each other. Thus, Pluto in the second house often represents a cautious quality. Caution is a virtue in many ways, but taken to extremes it can cripple a person. And if it is taken to extremes unconsciously, its effects can be devastating. How much fear was in the air in your family home? What was the nature of that fear? These are critical questions. Because your natural awareness of life's fragility was like a vacuum into which your mother's fear and your father's fear rushed. Unprocessed and left unconscious, that fear can profoundly affect your view of life, leaving you hesitant to extend yourself toward your most interesting potentials.

In the state of grace, a child with Pluto in the second house wants experiences of the 'edge'. He or she wants to climb high in a tree, wants to see the scary movie - wants to forge a basis for self-confidence, in other words. But all children are busily forming a

view of world based in large part upon parental and communal descriptions of 'what's out there'. The more the child perceives parents motivated by fear, the more he or she internalises a sense of being inadequate and powerless. "If they are scared, I guess I should be too." Complicating this dynamic, we also observe a tendency for any form of abuse, deception or betrayal to immediately lodge as a kind of poison in your second house circuitry - that is, in your self-confidence. Earlier in the book, we raised the question of 'where we carry the Wound', observing that not everyone who suffers the same hurt will bleed from the same place. For you, your self-esteem is the Plutonian lightning rod. The psychological wiring diagram looks something like this: 'There must have been something bad about me or I wouldn't have been hit, lied to, dismissed, ignored, abandoned, and so forth'. Your Navigational Error: The 'beer can' near your existential compass can manifest as a systematic underestimation of your ability to deal with whatever life hurls at you, leading you toward an unnecessary emphasis upon safety, guarantees, and certainty as you navigate through life.

In our culture, money is generally heralded as the ultimate guarantee. Certainly having money does solve a lot of problems - it would be naive to pretend otherwise. But one point is sure: people who make weak responses to their second house Plutos tend to give money too much power in their thinking. They pay too much for money. They squander their lives in safe work that bores them. They fear trading the money they've earned for joy, experience, and adventure. They imagine that a lack of money prevents them from doing what, in their hearts, they hunger to do. Money becomes a substitute for the inner security that this Plutonian configuration ideally signifies. Often a person going down that money-road will acquire a lot of financial clout. But will these people ever feel secure? Probably not. Furthermore, tawdry circumstances often surround money bought at that price and for that reason: the hint of crime, or shame, or of something that couldn't stand the light of day. Money is only part of the picture. Think of the vast array of factors that help you feel safer in the world. There's a good chance that none of them is an inherently 'bad' thing; and blindly dumping all life's safety nets is certainly not the ideal path for many people. Maybe you come from a traditional extended family, and living near your relatives gives you a sense of wellbeing and security. If so, those people are part of your second house net. Since you have Pluto there, you need to consider whether you are leaning too heavily on that family solidarity. How can you tell? Ask yourself what your dependency on those people is costing you in terms of intensity and fulfilment. Have you avoided looking for work in other states? Are you thinking too much about what the relatives will think when you choose friends, hobbies, belief-systems, clothing? These questions are not always easy to sort out, but there's one sure test: if your Pluto is unhealthy, no matter what house it's in, you'll feel a kind of dull, passionless emptiness in your daily life. If you do, and you have Pluto in the second, you're paying too much for safety somewhere in your life. And it may have nothing to do with money.

The Healing Method: Pluto in the second house must prove itself to itself in extreme, intense circumstances. It demands a Rite of Passage. Earlier, we used the colorful

example of a person quitting a boring job and moving to Europe: a scary experience, but she comes back home with a sense of being able to do anything, anywhere.

Pluto laughs at nickel and dime bets. It wants to see big bills on the table. It wants winning to be life-transforming... and the price is that losses are potentially catastrophic. To realise the best that's in your second house, you need to jurl yourself into frightening tests. Many times those tests involve facing your greatest fears. A young man might tell his domineering, shaming father to go to hell... and risk a beating or disinheritance. A woman might confront her boss about his sexual innuendoes, and risk losing her job. These two examples involve the classic Plutonian strategy of speaking the hard truth, eyeball to eyeball, with a person who might not want to hear it.

A man with severely limited eyesight might swallow his fear and travel abroad for an experimental corrective operation. He faces grave risks, but the potnetial reward is the inestimable resource of sight.

A fifty-year-old woman might take her life savings and use the money to finance going back to school to become a computer programmer. She's scared; and 'voices of reason' are telling her to hang onto that money as a hedge against Whatever in her old age. Instead, she invests in herself now... and her old age promises to be vastly happier and more interesting, and probably more prosperous as well. She trades the resource of money for the greater resources of marketable skills and the kind of selfconfidence that comes from challenges accepted, met, and conquered.

The Energising Vision: Security is an inners tate, not an outward one. That's one of the genuinely ultimate truths, so easily lost in a web of lesser truths. Certainly having money in the bank, a good job, credit, and so forth are not to be despised; and you'll not read anything here about holy poverty. Poverty is merely an outward state, and as such is not inherently holier than any other visible condition. But true security is a confident attitude one has toward one's capacity for survival in this universe: an attitude that, come what may, there's an excellent chance I'll be able to land on my feet.

Some of that security derives from practical sources: knowing that we possess an array of skills that make us valuable to others or knowing that we are linked to supportive human networks. Some of it comes from our own history: remembering that we have often managed to improvise methods of survival in dicey circumstances. Some of it comes from possessing the right tools and the knowledge of how to use them. Some small part of this confidence derives from money.

But the lion's share is an internal sense that we are wise enough, cunning enough, fierce enough, creative enough, to deal with whatever comes along. And that confidence can only be forged in a spirit of Plutonian venture and risk.

(Jeff Green)

Pluto in the Second House indicates a prior evolutionary desire and need to develop self-reliance and self-sufficiency. In the broadest sense, the Second House correlates to physical and biological survival of the human species. Just as the species has learned to survive physically by identifying the resources necessary to accomplish this, such as learning to make fire, so have these individuals learned how to identify their own personal resources to sustain themselves. Those with Pluto in the Second House have an extra strong survival instinct as a result. From a biological standpoint, they have a very strong sexual nature because a function of survival is to reproduce the species.

These individuals come into life with an emphasised need to survive and sustain themselves on the physical and, therefore, emotional plane. They will come into this life with a natural self-reliance and natural self-sufficiency. In prior lives they have been learning how to identify their own personal values and needs in order to develop these qualities. Whereas the First House Pluto had to initiate action and experience in order for self-discovery to occur, the Second House Pluto individual has needed to withdraw into him- or herself in past lives and will naturally gravitate to experiences of withdrawal in this life. By withdrawing, these individuals have internalised their conscious focus in order to discover their own values and needs from within.

By remaining rotted (fixed) in themselves, these individuals have experienced, sensed, or discovered their own essence as contrasted with the changing flux of circumstances around them. As a result of this process, these individuals commonly come into this life with what I have called 'frog in the well karma'. In other words, the frog in the well has identified a small piece of the sky - that which it can see from the bottom of the well. Furthermore, the frog has identified this small piece of the sky as the entire universe. The frog, of course, is quite secure and safe in the bottom of the well. In the same way, these individuals come into this life with a limited vision or knowledge about themselves and life in general. This limited vision is known, familiar and secure. Thus, there is a reliance upon this limited vision because it 'works'. This reliance upon the past can create an inertia or laziness, and a resistance and to jumping out of the well. The degree of resistance and limited vision is relative to the mitigating factors determined by the signature of the main karmic / evolutionary dynamic in each birth chart. As an example, if the South Node is in Gemini the degree of resistance and limited vision would be less severe as contrasted with the South Node in Capricorn.

Relative to physical survival, those individuals in a herd state evolutionary condition tend to identify material values as a vehicle to self-sustainment. We can see the implied limitation here. Others in the individuated evolutionary condition have learned to identify themselves as the resource creating the means to self-sustainment. Those in the spiritual or universal evolutionary condition have learned that the Source or Universe provides that which they need in order to sustain themselves when one is receptive to that provision. They commonly isolate themselves from the environment and others in order to concentrate upon their relationship to the Source.

In all cases, limitation is implied. For those who have related to material values as a means for self-preservation or self-sustainment, the limitations are the values themselves. The material needs and desires for these individuals can be a bottomless pit because they believe that physical security brings emotional security. Relative to the fear of loss intrinsic to Pluto, there is a subconscious fear of losing (or not having enough) material goods. Possessions and money equal power because of the status that is implied in material wealth. Some of these people are not beyond manipulating the possessions, resources, or money of others in order to gain them for themselves. Others are not beyond forming vicarious relationships to situations or people who represent, or are the embodiment of, this kind of power and status. In other words, some of these people have identified that they have these needs and desires, yet are too lazy to make the necessary effort to create the resources for themselves. It is easier not to do so. Instead they form vicarious relationships to others who have such resources, and become extensions of their identities and values.

A small percentage of those that manipulate the resources of others to gain those resources for themselves have used very devious or underhanded tactics to do so. A small percentage of those who have made minimal or no efforts to actualise their material needs may live beyond their means; driving the fancy sports car they cannot afford, charging the limit of their credit cards, going into debt. Individuals who have made the necessary effort to actualise their material needs can accumulate vast sums of money and possessions due to the concentration (Pluto) upon the desire and effort.

With the polarity point being the Eighth House, the evolutionary intent will lead these individuals into intense internal and external confrontations. Such confrontations will reveal the limitations implied in their value systems, in how they have learned to relate to themselves, and how they have identified the nature of their personal reality - the frog in the well.

For those who have amassed wealth, the shock of confrontation will involve the realisation that material abundance does not equal happiness or emotional security. The Eighth House, and Pluto itself, evokes or symbolises the awareness of deeper levels of reality; that there is more to life than material values.

Those who used devious means to obtain wealth will be haunted to their graves by a gnawing sense of guilt. Guilt would serve to shine a light upon the internal motivations leading to this situation. This in turn can lead to deep internal shocks of self-knowledge because these individuals have been typically 'unconscious' of these deeper motivational forces. In other cases, the wealth may be taken from the individual in order to enforce a re-evaluation of their value system. The issue of selfreliance is then experienced in a new way.

Under some evolutionary and karmic conditions, individuals with a second-house Pluto

are born into difficult material conditions of lack in order to enforce lessons of self-reliance. In other cases, some individuals will be born into life situations in which there is wealth linked to the parents but they are denied the material resources because they are not able to relate to their parents' values, or cannot conform to the dictates of the parents' desires. In a few rare cases, the individual experiences the shock of imprisonment if criminal means were used to acquire the material wealth. In other cases the individual will be made to struggle throughout the entire lifetime for material security. No matter how much effort they put into sustaining themselves, prior karmic causes will dictate that they live or survive on a marginal basis. An overall evaluation of the entire evolutionary / karmic issues pertaining to the individual's past must be made in order to understand the reasons why any or all of these conditions exist in this life.

For those who have been living beyond their means, the Eighth House polarity will at some point produce shocks of repossession because of the compulsive spending patterns. If material goods are repossessed, or if the individual experiences the increasing pressure to keep making money to pay for these material goods (which are a form of bondage), then at some point the internal or external shocks experienced may produce the necessary awareness as to why they are operating in this way. Again, the frog is forced from the well.

For those who have identified themselves as the resource for self-sustainment, i.e. some talent, capacity, or ability, then the Eighth House polarity enforces the lesson of merging with another or others. These individuals must open up to other people or situations through ways in which their own personal limitations and ways of relating to reality are exposed. They will have a deep sense of who they are, and they will relate to themselves and others from this more or less fixed sense of self-definition. This attitude not only produces self-limitation, but also produces personal isolation. These individuals may have identified their essence, their capabilities, their personal values; but if they do not know how to implement or apply them to 'forces' outside themselves, i.e. society and other people, then the Eighth House confrontation of limitation, denial or isolation will occur. It may be wonderful to have natural talent as a potter, yet if the effort is not made to integrate, apply, or link the ability to societal needs in ways that are compatible with others' value systems, it will not be possible to sustain oneself with that ability. Evolutionary and karmic necessity will create the effect of denying the individual's ability to sustain him- or herself relative to the intrinsic capability that they possess in order to do so.

Individuals with a spiritual focus must learn to open up to new rituals, techniques or methods that allow for a further deepening of their spiritual commitment. They must also learn to share their spiritual resources with others in some way, rather than living in isolation and nurturing only themselves. By their opening up and sharing themselves, a metamorphosis occurs due to the implied limitations from the past. If they do not learn to open up and share, then the Source or Universal will cease to provide the material needs necessary to sustain themselves. In addition, the small piece of the Universal sky

that they have identified from their wells will progressively become filled with the clouds of stagnation. As a result, the deep inner core of spiritual sustenance will dry up. The resulting inner confrontation can produce the necessary metamorphosis through which these individuals open themselves up to their karmic and evolutionary requirements.

In all cases the Eighth House polarity point demands a confrontation with personal limitations. The frog must be forced from the well to expose it to the full light of day. This process occurs by forcing the individual in upon itself in some way to examine the internal dynamics that are creating these life situations. Thus, they are being forced out from the well to examine the larger and deeper forces at work within them: the motivational patterns and the reasons for those motivational patterns, their desires and the reasons for those desires, how they have been relating to themselves and why they have been relating to themselves in that way, what resources they have identified with in order to sustain themselves and why those resources, and what personal values they have identified with and why those particular values. By doing so, these individuals create the potential for a total metamorphosis: to bring about a totally new way of relating to themselves, others, and reality in general. In this way, these individuals can adopt redefined value systems that allow for the necessary growth to occur. This natural evolutionary process occurs in such a way that these individuals subconsciously draw or attract life situations in which they experience the limitations associated with their value systems, needs, self-image, and the ways that they have been relating to themselves and others. The personal implosion that this produces forces the individual to examine all of these dynamics in order to find out why they have identified themselves in a particular manner.

Progressively these individuals will learn to unite their own resources and lives with others so that a personal transformation can occur; a transformation of limitations. Because of the implied inertia of the evolutionary past, changes occur slowly. Most of these individuals need to know 'why the change' prior to making the change. This fixity creates the potential for internal or external 'atom bombs' or cataclysmic upheavals through which the landscape is utterly transformed. Because of the evolutionary intent of the Eighth House polarity point, those with Pluto in the Second House will attract, at key points in life, intense and powerful people. These people will be timely messengers that deliver or create the necessary encounters and confrontations of personal limitations.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°10') ♀7 | ☾5
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°20') ♀2 | ♀11
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♄ Jupiter** - (0°32') ♀12 | ♀4
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°06') ♀12 | ♀12
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°52') ♀4 | ♀11
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♄ Pluto** - (1°16') ♀4 | ♀2
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♄ Pluto** - (0°24') ♀11 | ♀2
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (0°23') ♂10 | ♂10
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°09') ♂10 | ♆9
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°58') ♂10 | ♂10
- 11) ► **Jupiter ♄ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°38') ♀4 | ♀12
- 12) ► **Uranus ♄ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°32') ♂10 | ♆9
- 13) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°11') ♆9 | ♂10
- 14) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Jupiter** - (0°15' A) ♀4 | ♀4
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ☾ North-Node** - (0°26' A) ♀4 | ♀4
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (4°11' S) ♀11 | ♂10
- 17) ► **Jupiter ♄ Conjunct ☾ North-Node** - (0°11' S) ♀4 | ♀4
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Venus** - (0°15' A) ☾5 | ♀11
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♂ Mars** - (3°56' S) ☾5 | ♂10
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♄ Uranus** - (4°33' S) ♀4 | ♂10
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♄ Opposition ♄ Uranus** - (4°48' A) ♀4 | ♂10
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♄ Uranus** - (4°25' S) ♄8 | ♂10
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♄ Uranus** - (4°10' A) ♀12 | ♂10
- 24) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♄ Jupiter** - (5°11' S) ☾1 | ♀4
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus** - (7°11' S) ♄8 | ♀11
- 26) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♄ Pluto** - (6°46' S) ♀12 | ♀2
- 27) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♆ Neptune** - (1°06' S) ♀12 | ♆9
- 28) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♆ Neptune** - (0°38' A) ☾1 | ♆9
- 29) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Jupiter** - (0°23' A) ♄8 | ♀4
- 30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (7°18' A) ♄8 | ♀12
- 31) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♄ Pluto** - (8°10' S) ♀11 | ♀2
- 32) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♄ Pluto** - (3°59' A) ♂10 | ♀2
- 33) ► **Jupiter ♄ Trine ♄ Saturn** - (6°55' S) ♀4 | ♀12
- 34) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ☾ North-Node** - (6°44' S) ♀12 | ♀4

35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Semi-Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°24' S) ♁12 | ♃11

1) ► **Descendant** DC **Parallel** ☽ **Moon** - (1°10') ♏7 | ♎5

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition the Ascendant shows that you try to become personally involved in the affairs of the people you know. Not content with casual encounters or impersonal communication, you seek to be absorbed by others so they will turn to you for sympathetic understanding. Subconsciously, you need someone to need you at all times. You are trying to transfer the parental loyalty of your childhood to people with whom you can become intimately identified. This seems to be the only way you can conserve the emotional security you are accustomed to.

You have a wide circle of friends who think highly of you because of your generous and kindly disposition. Nevertheless, you find it difficult to form individual, binding relationships, because you are never really sure you can fulfill the responsibilities they entail. To avoid this problem, you circulate freely among a number of people you feel comfortable with, who appreciate the favors you do for them. You want to be loved, and you constantly dwell on this fact. Although you adapt fairly well to changes in a relationship between yourself and another person, you secretly worry that you've failed to make a sufficient contribution to sustain the relationship.

Because you function well in a social environment, public relations would be a comfortable field for you. You hate being alone, so any professional interest should involve personal contact with the public. You may have some difficulty in achieving your material goals, however. Your sometimes fickle behavior gives your superiors the impression that you are unstable and therefore unreliable. It is important that you learn to stand alone and secure in your independence. You persist in the hope that everything you desire will some day be realized.

(Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Descendant suggests that there is a very strong need for relationship and all the emotional, familial and domestic security it might provide. A need for relationships which will provide some measure of nurture, containment, protection and dependency. Whatever the real nature of a particular relationship - child-parent, employer-employee, or that between two lovers, those with the Moon Descendant somehow or other find themselves in a parent-child relationship, with them to be found at either end of the spectrum.

People with this placement often find, maybe several years into a relationship, that they have 'married' someone who closely resembles their mother or are re-enacting the

relationship they had with her or would like to have had.

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with this combination.

People with Moon conjunct Descendant are often very nurturant in relationship, and, indeed, in all one-to-one encounters, though, as Howard Sasportas says of Moon in the 7th, it may be 'over-sensitive or over-adaptive' to the needs of the partner. This placement is indicative of the formation of very strong bonds with women. People with this placement who are in therapy, for example, usually feel more comfortable with women therapists.

The placement can also be found in those who meet others through providing some sort of lunar skills; such skills might range from cooking and catering to working in security, or even such things as furniture restoration: those who provide some kind of service which involves caring or providing some kind of protection.

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

2) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♀ ***Venus*** - (0°20') ♀2 | 1311

(Robert Hand)

Your childhood home should be a place of warmth, love and friendliness; and while you are young your life should be reasonably calm. As a result, you will have an excellent relationship with your parents as you grow up, and you will feel secure within yourself. You will be able to give and receive love very easily and make others feel your personal warmth. Your family, as well as your own spouse and children when you are older, will always be important to you. Whenever you need help, you know you can turn to your parents.

You enjoy warm and comfortable home surroundings. Wherever you go, you will create a warm, friendly place where you can get away from the cares of the world. You enjoy having friends come to your home, because you like to share your personal world with others and make them feel as good there as you do.

While you are still quite young, but later in life especially, you will enjoy having objects of art in your home. You like to be surrounded by elegance and grace. In youth, your taste may border on the flashy, but you should tire of this quite quickly, and eventually your ideas about art and decoration will be quite advanced. Also you will prefer rather fancy clothes.

(Sue Tompkins)

I have frequently seen Venus conjunct the IC as being descriptive of a parent who pursued secret extramarital affairs.

Venus on the IC often suggests that the individual comes from a background which had money; there is a feeling of a 'good' home with this placement and the idea of 'good home' can be interpreted on a number of levels. Ideally it should perhaps mean a warm and loving environment; and the absence of hard aspects to Venus conjunct the IC may well indicate this. Certainly there are usually at least some aspects of the individual's ancestry or background that they value very highly.

People with this placement want to create a beautiful home themselves, a place with harmonious colours and pleasing music perhaps, and certainly one as free as possible from emotional discord.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates a love of domestic harmony. Therefore, the natives' home will be artistic and beautiful, even if on a simple scale. Since the relationship of home to marriage is important to this person, much of his money is spent on improvements in the home. Thus, there is likely to be a deep love for family and parents, along with a tendency to marry for the sake of having a beautiful family and domestic life. Fondness of good cooking is also indicated.

Venus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although we need a harmonious relationship with the environment, especially in social matters, we do not always know how to go about obtaining it. Whereas, generally speaking, any Venusian aspect to the MC would make us seem friendly, the tense aspects are not so straightforward: we do not have our relationships under proper control, therefore we are sometimes inclined to overcompensate Venusian characteristics and do our utmost to keep the peace and to preserve an air of affability. But sometimes we couldn't care less; we cannot be bothered to be nice, but just concentrate on enjoying ourselves. This is something that has to be reckoned with in all Venusian aspects, but in the hard aspects it can be very marked where there is no other safety valve. For with the hard aspects, we usually take Venus interests or callings very seriously, and are not so likely to be easy-going.

3) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°32') ♀12 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

The sun opposition Jupiter shows that you are energetic, enthusiastic, and wellinformed in using your creative talents. You know how to put your best foot forward in achieving your ambitions, but you take great chances when you should plan carefully. You assume that people will make way for you as you climb to your goals; when they challenge you instead, you can't help but be disappointed. You make glowing promises, but you are irresponsible and negligent about keeping them. Your associates call you a fair-weather friend who can't be found when the going gets tough.

You know how to turn on the charm to gain the approval of those you deal with in your daily affairs. It may be, however, that you are not totally honest with yourself and others, for you bend the truth to gain your objectives. You are inclined to make a grand display, playing the successful role, but in fact you are constantly fearful of the competition that may one day topple you from your throne. You need to become totally aware of reality in your striving so that you only take on exactly what you can cope with. Stop playing the confidence game with those around you. They know you better than to fall for it. You cannot afford to lose precious allies for the momentary pleasure of victory.

You are enormously talented and creative. These qualities should be directed to such fields as education, the media, business managements, travel, or public relations. You must have self-control in order to obtain the best results in any of these endeavors, as well as a willingness to accept the full responsibility of your position. You must know your limits and delegate others to perform the tasks that go beyond those limits. You are ambitious for recognition, but as you climb to the heights of achievement you should seek counsel. Try not to lose contact with those who may have made your success possible - they will support you if you remember them for their efforts.

In your romantic contacts you are demanding and expect to be given just about everything you ask for. Lacking continuity of feelings, you may indulge yourself for a long time before taking a partner. Even then, you will grant yourself privileges that you won't allow your partner. You need to be constantly on the move, and you enjoy travelling. New places mean new people and new distractions. You must be discreet at all times, or through unexpected developments you risk losing everything you have gained. It is hard for you to believe that such things could happen to you.

Slow down, for you have a lifetime to live. Pay attention to your diet and don't overindulge in food or drink. Plan to take vacations from your daily routine as often as possible to restore yourself to the vigorous health necessary to sustain you in your ambitions.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♌ **Saturn** - (1°06') ♊12 | ♊12

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of your Sun and Saturn shows that you are serious and perhaps profoundly moved by everything that gains your attention. Every experience teaches you a lesson. You are more capable of handling responsibility than most people, but you may resent it if others always expect you to be the one to take the burden. You may feel that your struggle to gain mastery over material circumstances seems more harsh than what others must face.

You matured rather early and probably were disciplined more strictly than other children. You may have encountered restriction from either or both parents in your formative years. No-one ever gave you anything, and now you don't expect anyone to, in your driving ambition to realize your goals. Austerity is a familiar way of life to you, which probably helped you learn to stand on your own feet as you developed. You have depended for success on your ability to effectively mobilize your personal resources.

You don't generally express your opinion unless there is a reason for doing so. Although you are not quick to assert your will, when you do you expect others to listen. You don't indulge in idle conversation, and you don't put up with it from others, unless they have something worthwhile to discuss.

You must be careful not to feel sorry for yourself if achieving your goals seems to be a laborious and painful process. Self-denial is easier for you, since it is consistent with your early training. Once you realize your objectives, they will be permanently secure because you have made such a tremendous investment in them. You will tenaciously hold on to the benefits brought by reaching your goals. It is not easy for you to be generous; you've worked too hard to get what you want, and you can't forget the lean years.

Your success results from your ability to efficiently consolidate your resources in order to exploit them to full advantage. Many fields need talent such as yours, including industrial management, teaching, politics, science and research, mathematics, and law. Each is a very demanding occupation; the only ones who survive are those who can discipline themselves and who are not afraid of responsibility.

You will choose a partner who has self-respect, for you consider this an important quality. Your mate must be willing to share your determination to rise above past or present circumstances. He or she must have humility and sincerity and be able to accept temporary limitations in anticipation of future growth and success.

Your greatest problem is that you react negatively to setbacks and become bitter. Some physical problems can develop, such as digestive ailments and ulcers, unless you maintain an attitude of hope and high expectation for the future. Try to establish goals that can be realized in the near future. It is also very important that you occasionally get away from familiar routines and indulge yourself a little. Wasting time once in a while will allow you to return to your responsibilities with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Don't get

into a rut - this limits you, so that challenges no longer seem exciting.

(Haydn Paul)

Your potential success is dependent on personal qualities of perseverance, selfdiscipline, oragnisation and your ability to maximise the effectiveness of all your available resources. Ambition is likely to be a powerful motivating force within your personality, and, once your aims have been clarified, careful planning and application can help you to achieve them. Persistence and hard work may be the keys to later success, and it is unlikely that progress will be swift or aims realised at an early age. As Saturn implies limitations and barriers, it is probable that even when following your solar path there will be obstacles and frustrations confronting you, and there may be periods when you begin to feel the inhibitions of your nature and path acutely.

You can lack sufficient confidence, adopting a self-deprecating attitude as justifying any lack of progress. Temperamentally, you are serious and reserved, often taciturn in expression, controlled and disciplined and viewing life with an uneasy attitude. To you, life demands effort and application, and nothing comes easy or free. So you believe that to become materially comfortable you may have to deny certain feelings or needs in order to concentrate and focus on your aims. Unfortunately, through selfdenial and austere attitudes, you may repress self-expression, creating inner imbalances which have later negative side-effects. These could become more predominant if you enter a phase of frustrations, where disappointments generate tensions, stresses, angry thoughts and emotional attitudes. Disorders of the digestive system may be associated with this, and you may need to increase relaxation in your life, perhaps by consciously dismantling any fixity of lifestyle and daily habit patterns that may be unconsciously erected around yourself as a form of protective barrier.

The house position of the conjunction is a sphere of opportunity and of limitation for you, depending on the inner changes that you can consciously make. Success can result from applying your strengths, which are likely to be in areas of organisation, self-reliance, discipline, persistence and determined application. The theme of consolidation and building is associated with this aspect, where existing resources are used in ways which take greater advantage of their potential, expanding from a secure foundation but not overly risky or speculative. Careers in management, politics, law, scientific research, teaching, local government may be attractive, especially if you are able to use an ability to assume responsibility within your employment.

Your earlier childhood development will have been influenced by the relationship to your dather. Look at the attitudes towards life that your parents expressed, and see if these have become your dominating attitudes and values too. You may have received a highly ordered and strict parental discipline, encouraging conformity to parental desires and codes of conduct; moralistic or religious attitudes may have conditioned your worldview. There may have been a lack of parental approval or response to your unique childhood

nature, perhaps a lack of emotional affinity (perceived or actual) which made you feel more isolated and independent; certainly you would have experienced an early inner maturation process. Have you become what your parents wanted you to be? And is this in accordance with your desires and dreams? You may need to break free from these earlier psychological programs that are still operating in you, so that you can move in new directions or transcend those restrictions in life that are acting as barriers to fulfilment and success.

You have much of value to share with the world, but this may need greater releasing. For instance, you may feel that everyone makes their own destiny (and certainly, to some degree this is correct), but this should not stop you being generous if you have financial abundance in your life; you could help others to help themselves. There may be a belief that there is a lesson or message within every life experience, but this should never stop feelings of love and friendliness flowing out naturally from you to others. Acknowledging others in a different way may be necessary, so that you are more aware of their needs and qualities, and this can divert you from your selfpreoccupations. Certainly you will require a compatible intimate partner who recognises your need for achievement, and who is willing to support your endeavours; but equally, you should not forget that your partner also has their own life path to follow, and you should not forget their needs either. Mutual aid is the ideal approach. Loosen the chains of your self-imposed limitations, and you may be surprised by how your life can favourably change.

5) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°52') ♊4 | ♋11

(Betty Lundsted)

The childhood environment of this person includes open communication: the family talks about what it wants. Although the words may not be intellectual, the child is exposed to conversation. This may produce a 'wordy' child and, consequently, a 'wordy' adult. It may be a person who talks too much about nothing, or it may indicate a prolific writer, depending on the rest of the chart indications.

Venus suggests the type of effect the mother has on a child's psyche. When the conjunction is afflicted by another planet, it may be determined how the person is hampered by the mother's influence. This individual will enjoy using the senses, and will enjoy some art form related to the sign in which the conjunction takes place.

Mercury conjunct or sextile Venus

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction or sextile of Mercury and Venus shows that you have an affable manner

and social grace. You get along well with most people because you know when you should make compromises in order to maintain harmony. But this doesn't mean that you give in when you know the other person is in error. You generally try to be fair in making judgements so that you do not offend people without just cause. You know how to express your opinions skillfully so that no-one feels threatened or intimidated by you, and you are resourceful in gathering information to document what you say. Not usually hostile or argumentative, you prefer to give everyone you deal with the benefit of the doubt when a difference of opinion arises. It is part of your refined nature that you let people have the opportunity to convince you of their point of view before you take any action.

Your gentle and easy-going personality is an asset in most professions, but you might find it difficult to cope with the abrasive elements of close and direct competition. This possibility should be taken into consideration when choosing a profession. It is better to work alone or with a small group of people so you won't have to worry about troublesome competitors.

You could find enjoyment in public speaking or the dramatic arts. Writing could also prove satisfying because you have a natural talent for expressing yourself well. Your imaginative style is fresh and charming and appeals to people who want to be entertained as well as informed. You are most comfortable with subjects that are not too dense and cumbersome.

You are fairly clever in devising schemes for improving your financial condition. You can use your talents effectively and can usually translate your ideas into cash. Your associates will support you in your enterprises, because your balanced judgement reassures them that you can't be too far off base. You convince them that you will succeed and generally win the co-operation you need. But you don't ask others to take risks you aren't willing to take. Because you are careful to adequately prepare yourself in advance of any action, the element of risk is greatly reduced anyway. And you shy away from complex projects that require prolonged effort before any benefits can be obtained.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These two planets are never more than 72 degrees apart, so they only form two major aspects - the conjunction and the sextile. Because they always remain in each other's neighborhood, they repeatedly form the same aspects. In practice, there seems to be scarcely any difference in effect between the conjunction and the sextile; at most, the conjunction is the more powerful.

Mercury, as the planet of contacts, in aspect with harmony-seeking Venus makes people generally approachable. They prefer discussions to be agreeable and are inclined to make concessions. They desire to get on well with people and they respond to a pleasant atmosphere.

The way they analyze facts is influenced by Venus, too. For the sake of harmony, they may refuse to investigate too deeply. Outward agreement is what carries the most weight.

Friendliness and sociability do not necessarily make for maturity. There is often something childish about these people. It is not unusual to see children with these aspects remaining infantile for longer than normal (provided other factors in the chart, such as a strongly placed Saturn, do not counteract this). Conflicts are painful; they do not like taking sides, and they find a strained atmosphere hard to take. So these people are prone to back off if this will ease the situation. Although they are vulnerable, they are, by the same token, also naturally diplomatic and able to sort out differences of opinion and pour oil on troubled waters.

The way in which they fulfill the need for permanent relationships and for material security (Venus) always has a mental and communicative slant when Mercury is involved. Therefore they need relationships where they can talk to people (although not necessarily on anything very profound), and verbal exchange is very important.

Sometimes a Mercury / Venus aspect can make the mental processes rather lazy. Venus is not the most active of planets; and, since Mercury has a great deal to do with the learning capacity and school, children with such an aspect sometimes fail to appreciate the need to study hard and are more interested in having fun with their friends, or prefer to do something creative. This certainly does not mean they are unable to learn, simply that their interests probably lie elsewhere.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are tied together by aspect, it indicates that the mother of the person has had an influence on the ability to communicate. It can indicate a person who enjoys communication, who may be involved in the arts, in literature, in appreciating the beauty in the world. It may also indicate a person who loves to talk.

(Charles Carter)

Since these planets are never more than 76° apart, it necessarily follows that the only aspects that can be formed between them are the conjunction, semi-sextile, semisquare, sextile and quintile, unless we also count the decile and semi-decile (36° and 18°). But as the planets are so near together at all times, aspects between them are of frequent occurrence and I consider that only the conjunction, semi-square and sextile are of much account. Even with these, fairly narrow orbs should be used if marked results are to be looked for.

These contacts may be treated under one head, for they do not differ materially. They

always give some charm to the manners, speech and writings, but with the semisquare a certain vanity and effeminacy may be apparent, and sometimes a love of ease and luxury, and an undue sensitiveness. But the aspect is far too weak to be of much account unless the rest of the chart is of a similar tenor. The sensitiveness of the conjunction is not marked, and is of the kind normally associated with refinement and good breeding.

The sextile and conjunction bestow good spirits; a charming, cheerful, happy nature, with much friendship and sociability. There is, as a rule, a liking for young people; and the native himself is often juvenile in his tastes: sometimes there is an element of what is called the child-psychology with its harmless, rather superficial interests and lack of real depth of purpose. This is naturally most observable when the influence of Saturn is not pronounced.

These aspects do not of themselves bestow genius, but they are of great value to a writer or orator, for, though they will not indicate a brilliant intellect, they will give a pleasing expression to the native's thoughts.

In respect of the health, they operate very beneficially, indicating absence of friction, and healthy nerves.

They may bring profit through art, writings, speaking, and any 3rd house activity, the conjunction being, of course, always more powerful than the sextile, which will be much subordinated to the rest of the chart.

For some reason that I cannot explain, the conjunction does not seem to be favourable to the children of the native. Often indeed there are none; and in other cases there is separation or a lack of common interests. It seems to tend more to the production of intellectual offspring, such as works of art and literature. The sextile also appears to deny or limit the number of children; or there may be a tragic bereavement, or sorrow of some kind through one of them. It is said that 'genius is sterile'; but it seems strange that a good aspect of Venus to Mercury should have these results. Since Venus dislikes pain and responsibility, it might incline the native to avoid the having of children, but it is hard to see why it should affect children adversely when they have arrived. Nevertheless, I refer those who may question this observation to an examination of actual cases.

6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Pluto** - (1°16') ♀4 | ♀2

(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

7) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Pluto** - (0°24') 1311 | ♊2

(Haydn Paul)

The challenging aspects of square and opposition invariably display the dark face of the distorted Pluto energy, and require considerable individual transformation and selfunderstanding to mitigate the potentially negative impact on life that they will

otherwise influence a person to experience. It is important to remember that this influence to confront the darker side of the psyche is inherently positive and creatively beneficial if it is used to reorientate the inner life, and that this is the hidden purpose of the Pluto impulses.

It is likely that you will experience a repetitive pattern of sexual love and emotional affairs which either do not seem to satisfy and fulfil you, or collapse into failure, acrimony and suffering. This can lead to a jaded, cynical attitude founded upon a frustrated, demoralised emotionally battered perception of love.

Your emotional intensity and passion is likely to cause difficulties for you, as it often seems to run away out of your control, and can take you into situations and encounters which from a clearer perspective you would consider to be undesirable. Certainly you are looking for something; but your sexual and emotional desires can be too strong, creating distortions of inner energy and leading to compulsive behaviour on your part - followed by an attempt at justification in the vein of 'I couldn't help myself...'. Either you will feel driven to experiment in various relationships on a continuous basis, or, as a reaction, you may attempt to avoid entering any emotional affair as you are afraid of experiencing the old established pattern again.

Problems can arise in your intimate relationships due to your tendency to introduce the element of domination. You tend to demand your own way or assume a dominating role, sometimes played out in potentially damaging sexual and emotional contexts, sometimes obvious, sometimes more subtle. Even if you assume a submissive role, it is only as a hidden way to manipulate and achieve your intentions through a subtle route; it is not your natural approach. Usually, you want your partners to change to suit you, and you can put intense pressure upon them, especially sexually and emotionally.

You will need to learn the necessity for mutual compromise in relationships, to understand your inner underlying desires and impulses which are conditioning and controlling you from the depths of your unconscious. It may be appropriate to study humanistic psychology, or take part in a course or therapy designed to bring about safe release of hidden impulses into the light of conscious awareness. Such impulses, and unconscious inner fantasy lives, are present to some degree in everyone; but with this aspect they will stimulate problems for you, which are resolvable if you are willing to confront them in an act of personal reintegration and transformation. This will also serve to balance out your erratic flow of emotional desires, which often seems to confuse you and your partner, as you appear to 'blow very hot and very cold' in your responses to them; this is when your inner impulses arise and fall in some hidden rhythmic cycle, leading to uncontrollable emotional and sexual needs and intensity, or to a lack of response and to coldness.

Always, the choice is yours; potentially you can defuse many of the difficulties that usually face you in relationships, or you can continue hoping that they will lift of their own

accord. Pluto is influencing you to take the positive approach, by facing you with the results of being passive to the inner forces and by remaining unconscious of their hidden promptings.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition Pluto, your intense emotional nature may create many problems for you, as you strive to force your demands on others. On the other hand, you may avoid involvement with others, fearing the responsibility of an emotional attachment. In either case, you will alienate yourself from those who may be dearest to you.

In any permanent relationship, money is often seen as the cause of disharmony. The real problem, however, is usually the excessive demands you make of your partner, or your partner's possessive attitude toward you. You must appraise your feelings realistically to see if the two of you have simply grown apart, or if you have tried to remake your partner to fit your ideal image.

Before making any contractual commitment to someone, you should try to examine your prospective mate's potentials carefully. This means realistically evaluating his or her capacity to fulfil your needs, both as a partner and as a parent of your children. The best physical mate does not necessarily make a good parent. There may be an inability to accept the responsibility of a family and the restraints to personal freedom and mobility.

Any problems you may have, however, can be resolved if you are willing to compromise. The freedom you can enjoy together may be greater than any freedom you could have separately.

Early in your professional career, as you are trying to become established, you will encounter certain difficulties. Some individuals may try to take advantage of your naivety to create trouble between you and your superiors. You are sure to encounter severe competition from your co-workers, who will feel threatened by you.

Avoid forming a close alliance with anyone until you are sure that person can be trusted with your confidences. This is especially true of your boss. Being friendly with him may give you job security, but it will certainly disrupt comfortable working conditions with your fellow employees, and these are the people you have to live with each day.

To be truly effective, try to maintain a purely social attitude in your professional endeavors. Any emotional involvement will unnecessarily complicate your goals. It is easy to be victimized by a person for whom you feel an emotional attachment because it is so difficult to say 'no', even to excessive demands. If you allow yourself to be used, you will increase the chances of being abused.

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♃ **Uranus** - (0°23') ♋10 | ♋10

(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).

9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°09') ♄10 | ♆9

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction can pose several difficulties: in choice of actions, where you may struggle to establish what your real aims are; in making that final decision to attempt to achieve them, and in ensuring that sufficient and persistent effort is then made to guarantee success. An unintegrated Neptune can dissolve that focused will, making decisive clarity difficult to maintain. Additionally, you tend to avoid accepting the consequences of your choices, and there can be a refusal to acknowledge responsibility when such actions lead to failure or negative results.

Part of this derives from lack of prior consideration and a willingness to sometimes jump into action on impulse alone; yet this is often used as a spur to be decisive. 'I didn't know it would turn out like that...' is used as a defensive excuse, and is probably true because possible repercussions were not evaluated. Yet continuing with such an approach is essentially avoiding personal responsibility. You may realise eventually that most actions you take on impulse go awry in some respect, rarely fulfilling your initial intention.

This issue related to choice and action is one which needs clarification and resolving.

You may find that it is beneficial to pause before acting on impulse, and sensible to slow down and take time to consider the likely results of your decision. This may then show you alternative routes to take, or may even dissuade you from taking action at all. As Mars will influence you to be more dynamically assertive, you need to take into account your effects on other people too, especially any family and those closest to you. This may then modify your more self-centred tendencies and ensure that through insensitivity you do not then create unnecessary pain for anyone.

You can be quite attractive to others, as the Mars-Neptune energies combine to create a potentially dynamic glamour, yet this apparent combination of action and sensitivity can often be superficial when the Mars characteristics are dominating the more subtle Neptune ones, which is more often the situation. Neptunian qualities come through disguised as a flexibility of personality, a set of masks and images that you almost automatically assume in your relations with people and in social or work environments. You recognise that these lead to some inner confusion, especially in respect of decision-making; but they are also usable for self-projection. You quite enjoy playing with these masks and feeling that your real intentions are hidden within a secret persona; you do not really like others to know you too well.

This leads to the attraction of acting behind images, and there is often a dramatic side to your nature, perhaps through some creative expression or even theatre work, where imagination can flourish in an evocative situation and you can be hidden behind the mask, performing a role. Certainly you will develop a favourite image of yourself which is projected out for others to see you through. Some have affinities with medicine and healing abilities; even here, you may hide behind the image of nurse, doctor, consultant or psychic healer. Alternatively, your dreams and desires about yourself could be unrealistic; and whilst you aspire to great status and achievement, your lack of will or application and your impracticality defeat you. Ultimately, your image of self-elevation may only exist within your imagination.

Steps can be taken to improve matters though. Feeling able to release your blocked imagination into daily life is important, because whilst initially such a move may be glamorous and ineffective, you can learn to direct it towards deliberate intentions, and so use it as a powerful energy to achieve your aims. Techniques of creative visualisation are recommended to take advantage of this process of mental imagination, and can help to re-create your life. Future planning can help you to gain greater control too, so that there is less opportunity for something unconsidered to destroy your intention. And working hard to actually achieve viable skills is another way of helping yourself; if you do not do this, that unintegrated Neptune will serve only to dissolve those dreams instead of helping to fulfil them.

In intimate relationships, more awareness will probably be needed. A combination of impulsive Mars and the self-deluding tendency of Neptune may conspire to show you the pain of disappointing illusions in love. Mars can encourage you into sudden passionate

affairs, caught within the glammers of a new lover, but when you are directed by purely unconscious motivations the likelihood is that suffering will result, as a prompt to make you more aware the next time. Be wary of any personal tendencies toward self-deception and deceiving others or being deceived; these may be likely, and can be associated with the sphere of the conjunction's natal house. Try to remain honest and frank, as communication is vital in relationships, and you have a tendency both to be emotionally vulnerable and to have unusual emotional needs, so the quality of your intimate relationships should ideally be high.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have the planet Mars conjunct Neptune, indicating some conflict between your impulses to act and your willingness to accept responsibility for the results of your actions. You may not deliberately avoid the consequences, but it is often difficult for you to clearly see the burden of guilt. Your imagination is sometimes blocked because you are unable to plan ahead well enough, and you allow chance to determine the results. Almost everything you do on impulse will prove disappointing. Before you act, you must realistically weigh the energy you are investing against the probable effects. You are inclined to ignore reality and the feelings of others when you assert yourself.

People are drawn by your magnetic appeal. You easily take on characteristics that will please others and not appear threatening to them. The theatre and related fields are especially suited to your active imagination and great creative potential. With your acting talent, you can also successfully 'play the role' in many professional activities. To gain acceptance in your field of interest, you may have to resort to subterfuge. However, honestly developed skills must soon replace the act, if you expect to retain your position. If other factors of your chart indicate caution, reserve, and responsibility, medicine may be the best field for your sensitive nature.

Be extremely careful in your romantic relationships. What may seem to be true love could turn out to be merely an escapade for you or your partner. Such a disappointment would be very painful. It is easy for you to become entrapped in an alliance that would be embarrassing if it were revealed. Don't deceive others, or you risk being deceived by them too. Any contacts you make must be made honestly.

Be wary of medication unless a physician advises it. Good hygiene is essential, for you are more susceptible to infection than others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the desire for self-preservation, executive ability and energy (Mars) conjuncts a need to blur the borders and thus to refine, to idealize or to make things fluid (Neptune), very divergent and apparently conflicting elements may be expected. The background of the signs plays an important role in this, however.

If Mars has few or no dignities, Neptune may drain the energy of Mars, leaving less resilience, less self-assertion, and less pugnacity than one would normally expect. Even if Mars is well-fortified, Neptune will still undermine, and the Martian influence will be rather impersonal and idealistic, yet will work in such a way that we can throw glamor around ourselves and we appeal to others as very lovable. For film stars and models, this aspect is ideal. Incompatible as the two factors may seem, they do interact. That is to say, Neptune transforms the manifestation of Mars: either the energy is reduced, or else the attitude is relatively free from Martian egotism and so indefinite that others read into it what they will.

The conjunction also makes us a trifle woolly-minded but idealistic. We want to help humanity and can work hard for a social cause. We regard Martian energy as something to be used for the group rather than for personal ends: the collective within us takes precedence over the individual. Therefore a Mars / Neptune conjunction can cause a certain amount of trouble with relationships. Neptune is a planet capable of producing glamorous, shimmering illusions, whereas Mars gives a need for down-to-earth activity. Therefore we can be very romantic, but are liable to deception by an internal dream-world, which we may also project on the things we see around us. A plus point here is that, for the professional artist, this is a fine aspect which enhances his or her powers of expression.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars symbolizes the action principle; Neptune adds fantasy, illusion or delusion to any facet of the action principle. In one sense, this conjunction can indicate inspired action; it conveys creative activity. It may also indicate a person who doesn't know what he's doing.

Since Mars rules sexuality, the Neptune influence indicates one full of fantasy and delusion; and that fantasy can manifest in myriad ways. It can indicate the person who must have a spiritual and inspired sexual relationship; it may reflect the person who wants to live out all his sexual fantasies. To determine whether or not the conjunction suggests those who may have unprofitable or strange sexual relationships, one must check the other aspects in the chart to see if sex is viewed as something abnormal. If so, the conjunction will support that abnormality; if not, the conjunction will reflect a person who may be at least an interesting sex partner. Sexual dysfunctions will be indicated by other aspects to Mars, Moon or Venus. If the Sun is afflicted, the person may have an unhealthy self-image and therefore take sexual action that reflects his self-image.

This particular conjunction must be interpreted according to the additional aspects to it, for the energy will syncretize all the planets involved. If the individual develops a sense of self-worth and becomes trained in metaphysical principles, the energy can be indicative of brilliance.

(Charles Carter)

This is a very potent feature in any chart. The temperament is often fond of romance, colourful things, painting, ritual, music, dancing, and similar expressions of the emotions. There may be vanity and much self-approbation, with lofty aspirations which tend beyond the possible and desirable. The enthusiasms are not always wise or well-controlled. There may be an analytic tendency, a desire to plumb the depths, or there may be a soaring ambition, but the native seldom seeks ordinary or merely routine things.

With respect to externalities, things ruled by the house wherein the conjunction falls are likely to present intricate and important problems; and perhaps ill-will and cunning will be aimed at the native from those directions. Sometimes there may be great apparent success and power in regard to the matters denoted by the houseposition and rulerships, but often this proves illusory or is marred by treachery. Bitter disappointment and disillusionment may follow on bright beginnings. As a typical example, in the 5th house, still-born children may occur.

10) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **South-Node** - (0°58') ♄10 | ♄10

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

On the positive side, this aspect can cause the natives to question the militaristic values or group actions of their society. They may step aside if they feel that the trend is to no good. They sometimes become loners, acting upon their own decisions and disregarding what others think or do. On the negative side, their actions and desires tend to be out of harmony with the standards of society. They may act at the wrong time and in the wrong place, antagonizing others and causing opposition. They are likely then to lash out in anger and frustration.

(Bernice Grebner)

The South Node stimulates Mars passions and senses, but can give poor timing, for the South Node influence pushes forward with passion and then pulls back. Action and fear need to be balanced. This is what the aspect is: action, then fear.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the physical energy is highly channelled inward to heal the internal structure. Naturally, the outward energy applications look quite weak. In a woman's chart, this often denies sexual satisfaction or the other extreme, depending upon the rest of the chart. Here, the soul learns subconsciously to curb its martial authoritative nature. In a previous life spectrum, the indulgence and misuses of physical power, sex, and

energies have brought about this condition in this life. Circulatory problems or blood difficulties can be a normal deficiency for these people. General temperament of these people is very difficult to grasp. When they want to be angry or temperamental, a sudden curb on energy is imposed by circumstance and they often fail to show the reactions appropriately.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability is limited, hindering growth. A tendency towards accident-proneness or fear of injury can lead to stagnation. When angular, this position frequently coincides with loss of a mate or parent through death or separation, or sometimes some traumatic blow to the self-esteem at an early age.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, the militant energies can prevail. According to the sign and house, the native will tilt at windmills and misdirect his or her energies. Wrong ideas are fiercely defended, but without convincing others of their merit. Many resort to feverish activity and waste their strength. The time that must elapse before the native learns the most profitable use of the latter depends largely on other planets aspecting Mars.

Mars square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Disharmonious collaboration, the desire to quarrel, a lack of good fellowship. Quarrels and disputes within communities, organizations and associations, interruption of associations.

11) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°38') ♀4 | ♁12

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Saturn indicates that you fluctuate between knowing what you are worth and having grave doubts of your value. You are never completely sure of yourself, and need to be constantly reassured by others that you are as talented as you think. Probably some strained contact with superiors, perhaps your parents, has given you this poor understanding of your capabilities.

This is a push-pull planetary combination. Because you need approval, you seek people who will make demands on you to prove your competence to them and to yourself. If their praise is not forthcoming, you reject them and alienate yourself. You seem to be

looking for 'yes' people to give you the approval you require. But how hollow the victory that is forcibly extracted. Wouldn't it be simpler to accept competition from your peer group and make your determination that way? You obviously cannot face the truth, and your progress will be slowed until you can be honest with yourself. You generally reject other people who have qualities like your own.

You are inclined to be irresponsible and look for the easy way out of duty. This attitude needs severe adjustment. First, you must face reality and accept the responsibilities it brings; second, you should learn how your behavior hurts people and try to be less indifferent to them. If you can change in these ways, you can rise to any goals you set for yourself. However, if you doubt your own competence, your associates may also refuse to attest to it. You have work to do, and it is advised that you begin soon, if you haven't already.

The same problem in evaluating your worth will crop up in personal relationships, both in friendship and in romantic interests. You might well decide to use better judgement in these instances, because it wouldn't do to sever an alliance with someone very special to you. You don't usually make generous overtures to anyone, even to a lover. Even though you casually reject anyone who doesn't voice enthusiastic approval, you are surprisingly shattered when you are rejected and can't believe you deserve such treatment.

Once you know what you are worth, you won't feel threatened by anyone. Then you can proceed to develop your potentials for success.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle; it tells how the individual will reach out, open up to new experience; how an individual will attempt to relate himself to his universe; to his friends, lovers, family. Saturn indicates how the father influences, hampers or restricts the individual when he first attempts to reach out to the world around him. The influence may be physical or it may be merely that the father has a disapproving attitude.

The opposition suggests that some definite restriction was placed on the individual early in life. Whenever he reached out for something new, his father disapproved. This subconscious memory will remain for many years, and every time effort is made to open up, a fear symptom may be set off, causing this person to reach out with great caution. He may reach out and then run away - he may be open and receptive one minute, and closed and cold the next. He may have difficulty relating to people he considers to be authority figures - teachers, supervisors, partners, etc..

If these individuals pursue the drive for consciousness; if they believe in selfresponsibility, then the personal qualities symbolized by Jupiter and Saturn will have to be integrated. Often, these people grow with leaps and bounds followed by severe

fallow periods between growth cycles. The concepts of relationship possibilities will have to be explored at the same time that a confrontation of the fears and apprehensions caused by Saturn takes place.

If Jupiter represents how we assimilate the universe around us, the opposition indicates that every time we have a new idea it will be tested by Saturn. Our mettle will be tested and molded, our character developed, and the Hero venture intensified. The universe doesn't hurt us, but the untested warrior is no warrior. As Jupiter develops, the personality becomes more secure in itself because it has been tested by Saturn.

The opposition also signifies a break with the father, a break with the tradition of the family. That doesn't mean that the individual must leave home forever; but unhealthy family traditions can be left behind.

Jupiter square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we feel like setting to work enthusiastically, improving our chances or seizing fresh opportunities (Jupiter), we are aware of the dead hand of Saturn. Fearing to make a move, we delay too long, or else, by an error of judgement, we saddle ourselves with a pile of unwanted work. Whatever the case may be, our theory and practice, vision and reality are out of alignment and, to begin with, we are uncertain how to proceed. This leads to extreme modes of expression. We can balk at undertakings, but may also bite off more than we can chew. When, for example, we take a position of responsibility (Saturn), Jupiter can propel us into a situation that is too taxing for us or into one where we are forced to take too many risks (financial or mental), and there is an even chance that by adopting half-baked measures to mend matters we shall only make them worse.

With conflicts between Saturn and Jupiter, we learn after many slips and recoveries what we should be aiming for and when to make an all-out effort; initially we lose a great deal of energy by misreading the situation. We are likely to be sombre and melancholy, and subject to disappointment.

Yet, when all is said and done, these are aspects that offer us great opportunities provided we have a well-defined field of action; so that we might do well, for example, by taking on responsibilities under the sort of supervision that allows a fair amount of freedom. Then we can produce hard and painstaking work and develop self-confidence.

12) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°32') ♄10 | ♆9

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction came within a nine degree orb in November 1988, was exact in February, August and October 1993, and stayed in orb until 1998; the last time before that was 1821-3. These children will have a strong degree of identification with the collective mind and group consciousness, which in some cases could revert back to fervent nationalist affinities in countries that have a powerful controlling religious, racial, political and social structures. Yet in most cases it is unlikely that this will result in the emergence of charismatic demagogues as in recent examples of the manipulation of the masses.

There will be a directing sense of social responsibility, and an awareness of participating in a social community, which will be expressed in positive ways for the betterment of all. The merged energies of this conjunction will inspire concepts of brotherhood, which will reflect the ideals of Uranus and Neptune, as a form of revolutionary mysticism emerging from an acute mental and emotional sensitivity connected to an intuitive imaginative faculty.

Personal freedoms and rights will have a high priority, and there will be a new perception of 'leadership' being formed, which can dissolve those old patterns of a powerful leader and hundreds of following 'sheep'. There is a distrust of leaders, based on an intuitive perception of their real motivations and characteristics, which will also develop into a new understanding of authority and power in society. Those born under this aspects will be willing to 'fight' for the maintenance of personal freedoms and rights if they are under threat by the decisions of social leaders. A new balance of power between the people and the state will begin to form, and a new politics should rise into view, reflecting this increase in individual rights and power. Generally, this should be a period of spiritual and scientific development, where breakthroughs occur in the exploration of nature and mind.

Changes that became inevitable by 1994 will have to be more fully achieved and realised by this new generation, imbued with a more conscious spirit of human unity and solidarity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune shows that you are aware of your obligations to the social structure to which you belong, and that you identify closely with its mass consciousness. You are keenly observant of the deception that the leaders often use to gain and maintain complete control of the people, and this disturbs you deeply. You recognize that this pattern can lead to loss of personal freedom unless steps are taken to eliminate the offenders. Since you belong to a generation that will not tolerate abuses of authority and power, you realize that freedom can be lost if not protected against political erosion.

When the conjunction occurred in 1821-3, among the important achievements were the invention of an ingenious process for waterproofing fabric and the development of cement, which later played a large role in the industrial revolution. These physical phenomena - cement and waterproof fabric - exactly parallel the strong foundations of the courageous individuals who have this aspects and the process they use to protect themselves and their rights.

You respond to people who need your understanding of their social predicament, whether it is a personal problem or one they share with others. Although you know that you can do little by yourself, the combined effort of those sharing your concern can be a powerful force against social injustice. Working together, you can restore order and freedom where there was chaos and privation.

(Betty Lundsted)

It seems that the conjunction of these planets would make for some interesting life experiences - the concept of individuality or humanity is brought together with that of creative expression. These are the times when important changes in attitude and / or consciousness take place.

When this aspect occurred in the early 1820s, it brought the world Mary Baker Eddy, Dostoevski, Clara Barton, Louis Pasteur and Johann Strauss. If this conjunction also involves a personal configuration, a personal kind of creativity emerges - for example, Clara Barton had this conjunction also conjunct her natal sun.

(Charles Carter)

This potent aspect occurs again and again in the charts of the great. It stands midway between the harmonious and inharmonious contacts, and produces the great savant or prophet, such as Pasteur and Ruskin, and people of remarkable but more doubtful repute, such as Nell Gwyn and Caesar Borgia. Dr. A. R. Wallace exemplifies the spiritualist tendencies of the aspect.

It seems on the whole to be self-willed, but frequently extremely able, and rarely to be lightly disregarded. One would expect eccentricity, but on the whole good intentions and kindness, Neptune softening Uranus, as it softens Mars.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms

and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

13) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (0°11') ♁9 | ♃10

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction does not make for popularity. The natives' unconscious habits and intuitive promptings are out of harmony with current social trends, and their timing is likely to be off when they have an opportunity for good fortune. However, they are often individualistic and discriminating in relation to popular social trends, and can sidestep the folly of the masses through superior intuitive wisdom. There is a danger that things on which the natives have worked hard will be stolen or taken from them through intrigue or unfortunate circumstances which are beyond the natives' control. Natives may have the responsibility of acting as channels for working out spiritual purposes under different conditions.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect will give the individual the ability to inhale spiritual and idealistic goals to organize and restructure the individuality. Thus, these people will use spiritual values and ideal goals as a selling point for the betterment of the Karmic growth. This is an individualized method requiring singular elevation of a soul but performed on a group basis. Thus, one finds a singular personal elevation in his spiritual values, then letting others form individually, and then forming a group of elevated souls. On a mundane level, it can cause difficulties and frustrations from spiritual or psychic misuse, drug and alcohol abuse, deceptions, fantasies, and excessive daydreaming.

(Donna van Toen)

A peculiarity or confused issue may encourage stagnation. Sometimes there's a medical disorder, a drinking problem, or a weight problem; other times, inhibitions of misperceptions hinder growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, various snares can lie along the path of development. There is a naive faith in promises of all sorts, and a tendency to fall prey to cheats and swindlers. Because the natives are only vaguely aware of their limitations, they are apt to make mistakes, become enmeshed in intrigues, and have difficulty in finding a plan of personal development. The ego-disintegration due to Neptune often results in diffuse aims.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

14) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°15' A) ♀4 | ♀4

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter shows that you have excellent reasoning ability and the enthusiasm to remain interested in whatever gains your attention. You have an insatiable appetite for knowledge, and your mind is a treasure chest of information. Communication is your greatest talent, and you express your opinions positively. Because you insist on always finding out the truth, you are sure of yourself and of what you know. You develop your creative ideas cleverly and with extraordinary ingenuity. You have much inspiration to draw on as you exploit your creative potentials.

Early in life, you began asking questions and would not be silenced until you had the answers. This curiosity has continued and will be active as long as you live. Each answer you get opens broad vistas of still more unanswered questions. Suffice it to say that your whole life is a process of learning about everything, old and new. You are flexible enough to revise your thinking when new evidence suggests that you should.

Although you study the past for whatever knowledge can be gained from it, your primary interest lies in the future.

Your incredible mental capacity can be applied to such fields as education, philosophy, history (modern and ancient), public relations requiring direct communication with people, writing (journalistic and independent), and travel. Eventually, you will be recognized as an authority in your field and respected for your contributions to society.

You must understand the necessity of getting a higher education, if you don't already have it. Education will enable you to make a real contribution; the world will be poorer if deprived of your enormous creative potential.

You may experience some difficulty in focusing on one subject to the exclusion of all others, but don't be too alarmed at this. With self-discipline you can take up several interests at once and pay exclusive attention to any one of them when you choose. Such unique abilities give you the potential for greatness.

You may have some nervous ailment that will require you to detach yourself from your ambitions while you recuperate. Rest is extremely important to you, and this cannot be overemphasized.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way of talking and communicating (Mercury) is usually rendered jovial, warm and cordial by a conjunction with Jupiter - but often long-winded, too. We pass on information with enthusiasm and optimism, but make no bones about expressing our own views on it. By and large, we make a favorable impression, so the aspect helps social life.

In the conjunction, Jupiter as the planet of expansion has every opportunity to be expansive. In each of its aspects with Mercury, it broadens the thinking and the faculties of assimilation and imagination; in the case of the conjunction, this carries the risk that we shall read into things more than they contain. Our fantasies can deceive us or, what is more likely, can lead us to exaggerate, and to paint much too rosy a picture of the future whenever we lay plans. What is more, we may rather enjoy telling tall tales.

Jupiter also has to do with vision and judgement-forming. When it is conjunct Mercury, this can make thought and speech fairly opinionated - can make us something of a wiseacre or moralizer.

The need to broaden horizons may express itself literally in travel or metaphorically in study or mental improvement. Often, however, we may simply be satisfied by understanding something; preferably in connection with other things. Our ideas are broadly based but our thinking is a bit slapdash.

The placement is a favorable one for learning ability and powers of assimilation. We need to curb the tendency to be opinionated, but often display great tolerance and friendliness in both contacts and mental approach.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Jupiter placement is the bridge to higher consciousness, and if Mercury is the messenger of the gods, once this person gets past the overindulgence in words, he will be able to indulge sensibly in ideas. He relates to words and ideas, and he enjoys communicating. The kinds of ideas he's involved with are indicated by the sign involved in the conjunction. If the energy is not being used well, this may indicate a person who talks profusely.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful position, and one that usually causes the native to be considerably above the average of intelligence. Yet I have found it difficult to collect examples of it. perhaps because the people whose nativities are published, who are for the most part either famous or notorious, are unlikely to have this conjunction, for, like the harmonious aspects, it often leads to a quiet and uneventful life - perhaps that of a 'learned recluse'. Probably the native is more original and investigatory than those with the good aspects usually are. There is the same good-nature and kindness, and often there is a definite propensity to philanthropic pursuits.

It brings success of a quiet kind, in all matters coming under the planets, such as religion, law, literature, art, or music. It is said sometimes to be conceited, and not infrequently there is a spice of self-will and stubbornness. It is not favourable for exact thought or patient, detailed work, unless Saturn is also strong.

15) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♋ **North-Node** - (0°26' A) ♃4 | ♃4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect are able to express ideas acceptable to the culture in which they live at a time when they will receive recognition. (There is nothing so urgent as 'an idea whose time has come'.) Thus they are popular and are considered intellectual leaders. If other factors in the horoscope give a capacity for original thought, the native can be an effective force in bringing important new concepts into acceptance. On the negative side, there is a tendency for the natives to be swept along in the current of popularly held views and to do little original thinking. They are then merely mental children of their time, subject to all its limitations and errors.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The exchange of ideas, common or joint plans. The desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people. The tendency to form associations for the pursuit of joint interests.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect represents one who is bringing down to earth vast intellect from previous life, with the understanding and abilities to distribute it to the surroundings. They often have good communicative talents; and their energies seem to come from some unknown source. During their past life, the learning process has been at its minimum, along with considerable lack of communication that has instigated the needs and desires in this life to do what they can and have the philosophy to 'learn and let us communicate'. Assistance from brothers and sisters is highly significant in their life; and often it is a mutual exchange on a timely basis. Deeper understanding with them is needed, and will be established as the time goes on, depending upon the rest of the chart.

(Donna van Toen)

A need to share ideas or a motivation to learn leads to growth. Learning can be either active (through doing it yourself) or passive (through receiving information from others) depending on the signs involved. Angular nodes seem to incline more towards active development of growth potential regardless of the signs involved.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the learning function is activated; and development is rapid. According to the placement in sign and house, the native is eager to learn, versatile, and curious, and glad to pursue further development. The powers of expression are above average; friendships are readily formed - and just as readily broken if they impede personal development.

Mercury conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This is a good aspect for an astrologer, especially the trined North Node. It gives good spirits and a cheerful nature. There is a preference for young people. It gives an ability to write or lecture. It is fortunate for expressing the thoughts, as there is a clarity of ideas, especially with the trine or sextile. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value.

16) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (4°11' S) ♄11 | ♃10

(Donna van Toen)

Your relationship with your parents will determine your attitudes towards the opposite sex and marriage for better or worse. Normally, this gives a harmonious blending of active and passive energies and makes you sensitive and loving unless both planets are under severe stress. Drive is generally expressed constructively. This aspect is an asset when it comes to relating to the public, and is said to give luck in financial matters.

This conjunction can vary dramatically from sign to sign, and tends to give you valuable insights into your earliest dealing with the opposite sex - including dealings with your opposite-sex parent, siblings, and peers.

You have very strong emotions. Because of their intensity, you find it hard to treat relationships lightly; everything, even the smallest gesture, has importance to you. This is true in almost all relationships; it's especially true when it comes to sex and romance. If there are problems in your love life, it could be because you're being too pushy or coming on too strong.

This aspect stimulates affections in a way that causes you to want an all-consuming, 'forever' type of relationship; but, funnily enough, it also gives a flirtatious streak that continues even after you've entered into a satisfying relationship. I think that people with this aspect feel that it's especially important to remain desirable - not just to a mate or lover, but to the opposite sex in general.

As the conjunction is a uniting aspect, and Venus and Mars are the male and female principles, respectively, you might think, as I once did, that it's a portent of a lasting marriage. From my studies, I've learned that this isn't the case. While people with this aspect want a lasting relationship very badly, they suffer their fair share of squabbles and separations. There's a difference between this aspect and the square and opposition though, in that there seems to be greater reluctance to make the first break. Jealousy - sometimes justified, sometimes not - on one side or another seems to be the primary cause of discord.

If you have Venus and Mars in the same sign but not conjunct, the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less pushy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus conjunct Mars shows that you have a strong desire nature which you need to express at all times. You may prefer to satisfy your desires through relationships, but you are willing to satisfy them through other alternatives, so that you don't have to endure frustration. These alternatives include artistic endeavors or social functions that can prove very rewarding to you in themselves and may additionally provide you with opportunities to meet persons with whom you can identify and relate. Your emotional

warmth and generous nature attract people to you, but you may not be aware that you communicate physical suggestions both to groups and to individuals. Your intentions may be easily misunderstood because of this, and you will experience some difficulties, which will force you to bring your defences into play.

In your eagerness to make social contact, you tend to be indiscriminate about the kinds of people with whom you associate. Generally the aggressor in relationships with the opposite sex, you may be resented for being 'pushy'. But your aggressiveness increases your chances of success in meeting competition, because you don't give up without making every attempt to demonstrate your abilities. This planetary pairing does not of itself signify a specific professional interest, but you will gain attention for your determination to be given the same opportunities as others. You would probably work best in a job that requires you to meet and deal with the public. Working alone or without contact with the public and co-workers would deprive you of the fulfillment you need and would probably lead to boredom. You are too much of a 'live wire' to be happy away from the busyness and crises of close human encounter.

You are attracted to individuals who are active, aggressive, and amorous, but they must not try to exercise control over you. You consider yourself a free person and will not tolerate anyone who tries to restrict you. You don't make concessions without a lot of thought, although you expect the other person to compromise. You demand a great deal from the person you love, and may make demands that are difficult to comply with. Because of your 'love 'em and leave 'em' attitude, many potential mates will look elsewhere when seeking a binding relationship.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction between Venus and Mars joins together passive and active instincts for self-preservation: that is to say, the desire for the security of harmonious and agreeable contacts goes hand in hand with a need to stand up for ourselves and to make our presence felt. How this will work out in practice depends on the rest of the chart. When we are deeply attached to someone (Venus) we are prepared to go through fire and water for them (Mars), but at the same time we make heavy demands because Mars has a selfish streak. We are very emotional and very sensual, too.

Mars conjunct Venus can make us inclined to indulge in all sorts of amorous adventures and hedonism. But although infidelity does occur with these aspects, it is not irrefrangible law of the Medes and Persians. We look for a partner with whom we can share our emotions and enjoy sexual fulfillment, and, if we succeed, our intense union is not easily disturbed.

The abrasive side of Mars is softened by Venus; but something of Mars tends to rub off on Venus, too, so that tact is not always a strong point. We are a trifle inconsiderate, a bit too sharp-tongued, and quicker off the mark than the situation requires.

With a Mars/Venus conjunction, the opposite sex always plays an important part, and even in childhood this can reveal itself in a strong attachment to the father or mother as the case may be.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Venus represents the concept of love and Mars represents the way we sex someone, then one may rationally assume that this conjunction is an easy one to live with. However, it has been noted that many people who own it have trouble opening up sexually. There may be difficulty with sexual expression; either it is taken too seriously or there is a need for total commitment before getting involved. It seems that the sex drive is tied up with some subconscious mother influence. Other aspects to this conjunction and the Sun sign needs for expression may give a clue as to how the conjunction is working. The aspect indicates that the individual receives sex with difficulty. As a result, the sex partner becomes apprehensive about the relationship and begins to wonder if he or she is loved. The partner becomes insecure; the person with the Venus-Mars conjunction absorbs that insecurity and becomes insecure too. It can be a difficult aspect to work out because even more tension is caused by any serious discussion of sexuality.

This conjunction is often the mark of individuals who have fantastic crushes on people they admire; and in the midst of a yet untried love affair, they are thinking of marriage and commitment. They fall in love quite often - men sometimes propose before they have even necked with the lady. In some instances, it represents people who are so tied to Mother that they may express love only homosexually or maybe not at all.

At any rate, the two planets influence each other in a difficult manner, for the Mars heats up the Venus and makes it harsh, while the mother's influence softens the Mars expression. Various Sun signs react to this aspect differently, depending on the influence of the dominant parent. In order to relieve the tension caused by the aspect, the mother's effect on the psyche must be explored. A double standard may have been evoked, for there is sexual confusion. A culture may rule that commitment (or marriage) must be coordinated with sexual involvements, but Mother Nature does not. The individual may have responded to the mother on some forgotten sexual level, therefore creating a subconscious guilt complex that confuses loyalty, mother love and sexuality.

(Charles Carter)

The native is likely to be sensitive and easily angered in a superficial manner; on the other hand, the sympathies are equally active and the annoyance is easily appeased.

The sensuous nature is strong, and there is a love of good living, fun, adventure, and amusement. It has something of a coarse effect, and the native, if a man, is generally lacking in delicacy in his attitude towards women and may be something of a Rabelais;

the language and humour are often not of a drawing-room kind.

Nevertheless, if this conjunction takes some of the bloom from Venus it likewise greatly softens Mars, making the action of the planet more gentle and sympathetic at heart, if not in manner. If the conjunction receives good aspects from other bodies, it may be valuable, indicating an harmonious blending of two opposite influences, the charm of Venus and the energy of Mars.

17) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°11' S) ♃4 | ♃4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect gives the natives unusual ability to harmonize with prevailing social, cultural, and religious attitudes. Popularity and good fortune are likely to follow. At the same time, there is a tendency unquestioningly to accept traditional values without subjecting them to critical analysis. There is also the danger of fast and too easy expansion that creates the possibility of a future fall or collapse. That which is attained too easily is not always valued or properly used. These natives tend to take too much for granted.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Good relationships and connections, an agreeable or pleasant contact. Good fellowship, sociableness. Communities of people, common-interest groups.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, higher philosophies and excellent wisdom flow through these people. Whether they use philosophy for their own good or not is of no great significance. Often this acts as a medium or channel for the higher consciousness to descend upon the earthly matters. This aspect does provide good material possessions or often financial self-sufficiency. In general, the fate makes it very easy for these people to do whatever they are doing in this life... without too much side-tracking and anxiety for other things. Very quiet and optimistic nature is bestowed upon them, which is one of their strong points. Substantial good deeds in the recent past life have brought about this stage in this reincarnation. On a mundane level, they have a difficult time controlling their weight as this is quite an expansive conjunction.

(Donna van Toen)

good companionship is conducive to growth. Often growth is linked to teaching, community work or some kind of adventuring.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the sensory awareness of Jupiter lends an increased perceptiveness to the personal ascent. The natives have a 'good nose' for favorable opportunities, find themselves in the right place at the right time, and make good use of it. They keep meeting people who are helpful to their development. Jupiter also imparts an optimistic outlook on life, and an inclination to see the good in people and to believe that the formative forces of evolution are at work in all. Making upward progress is relatively easy. It was not without reason that the Ascending Node was called the 'Point of Jupiter' in the classical literature of the subject.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

18) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♀ **Venus** - (0°15' A) ☿5 | ♃11

(Haydn Paul)

This opposition indicates that a major source of dissatisfaction will occur in social relationships. You may feel emotionally blocked in dealing with others, and uneasy in social company. This may be a pattern persisting since childhood, when you may have felt unloved and misunderstood by your parents, especially your mother.

The opposition implies a psychological projection of inner unresolved issues onto people and the external world, creating an opportunity to experience these reflected back at you; your tensions and stresses are 'embodied' by others and demonstrated in the nature of your relationships with them. You have a tendency to feel unloved; and this insecurity is communicated in subtle ways to others, who may sense that you are 'hiding something'; this, in turn, casts doubt on your sincerity. As distance enters your relationships, your negative feelings and fears of being disliked are reinforced, and the cycle perpetuates itself. Others may find it hard to relax around you, perhaps may feel uncomfortable in your presence or ready to oppose or reject you, misunderstanding your attempts at contact and communication, and, feeling suspicious of your intentions, generally keep you at a distance.

Because vitalizing and harmonizing feelings are inwardly blocked, they fail to enter your social relationships. People may perceive you as cold, unfriendly, or distant, and find it

too much effort to spend time and energy slowly getting to know you. Your impression of reserve and disregard for social involvement works against you. It isn't really what you want; it's just that inner inhibitions are too active to allow you movement across those barriers whenever you want, or to allow others to cross toward you. Your attempts to share and communicate are erratic, often superficial, and lack a recognizable warmth. Even when you are admiring someone's achievements or making gestures of appreciation, there can be an unconvincing delivery, as though you are going through socially acceptable motions but not putting any heart into it. AS you know, this isn't the truth; but the inability to communicate your sensitive emotional nature to others creates a misleading impression of your character.

You may make compensatory attempts to avoid confronting your emotional unfulfillment; and these can include a preoccupation with material possessions, money, and comforts. You may attempt to form an identity and self-worth founded on physical acquisitions, or through a life-style which reflects Venusian tendencies toward sensuality and luxury. Sexual activity without emotional involvement may attract if opportunities present themselves, and may possibly be taken to gain some sense of security and attention from others, as well as for pleasure. Excessive food consumption or denial through anorexia may also act as compensatory actions. Passivity in relationships might be adopted, so that rejections caused by another's displeasure or conflicts created by your assertiveness are minimized.

Despite your efforts, social friction may persist, and often erupts through emotions and feelings, causing crises of adjustment until you resolve inner tendencies and understand that, despite your need for closeness, it is your unconscious behavior which pushes people away. Inner barriers need dismantling; and moving beyond your inhibiting patterns requires some risks and overcoming security needs. Be open to contact; be more friendly and less distant; share yourself more easily; drop expectations about people; be less judgemental. Try to relate intellectually rather than just emotionally, because your emotions still need cleansing and healing before their agitative vibration becomes more settled.

Learn how to co-operate better by making effective adjustments and mutual concessions. The likelihood is that, over time, the quality of your relationships will improve, enabling blocked emotional energies to be released gradually and safely, as you feel able to open to a new type of contact with people and the environment. Then you may discover that you possess something of great value which can be shared with others for mutual benefit. If you can make the transition, perhaps you can help others who also have difficulty in relating socially; at least when you meet those whom you recognize as being in a similar position, you can offer your hand of friendship across the great divide, helping them to come out of their shell of insecurity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition to Venus shows that you are challenged by other people no matter what you try to do. They especially try to take issue with you when you want to show appreciation for favors they have done. You are generous in praising those you deal with, but somehow you try too hard to convince them of your sincerity. In your desire to be loved, you don't want to risk anyone's displeasure. You really want to co-operate with others, but they don't react as though you do. The people you love most misunderstand you, so you are often at odds with them. Others tend to be defensive and suspicious of you when you show an interest in them, because you give the impression that you want something from them.

Try not to expect too much from those you are attracted to. It would be beneficial for you to get involved in enterprises or social endeavors with the people you are fond of. Learn to relate to them on an intellectual level, to understand them and their problems, and to be generous and helpful when they indicate a need for assistance. Let them get to know you and understand that you don't want anything from them except friendship. As you adjust your desires to be more co-operative with others, you will find that they will make concessions to you.

You have a taste for expensive things, and could easily spend more than you earn to satisfy your longing for comforts. The real reason you seek these physical comforts is to compensate for the difficulties you have in achieving emotional satisfaction. You could find that there are always strings attached to the possessions you acquire. You may try to use sex as a device to attract the physical security you want. But this tactic can introduce unhealthy complications in your relationships and could eventually lead to legal problems. You may not like to hear the truth, but your current and future happiness depend on it.

You can be successful in activities that bring you before the public. It might be better not to work at all closely with the affairs of the people you would serve, at least until you can become more detached in your attitude. You tend to personalize incidents in the affairs of others, and your judgement is colored by emotional considerations as if these matters were your personal concern. Learn to mind your own business.

Important emotional crises can occur in your life, which would indicate that maladjustments continue to exist between you and the people with whom you are closely involved.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is analogous to the square. There is a dichotomy between the physical mother and the psychological effect that she has on the child. There is sometimes a loss of the mother, or of some aspect of the mother's love. Sometimes the child spends time with a grandparent or an aunt in the early years, for the mother may be busy doing something else, or she may be ill, etc..

This aspect works differently in the chart of a woman from in the chart of a man. A woman will be forced to consider her own concept of self-worth as a woman. A man will have to cope with his relation to his anima and how that relationship affects his attitudes toward the women in his life.

The opposition, like the square, indicates the problems a woman has accepting her biological role; it also indicates a susceptibility to women's diseases (hysterectomy or uterine / ovarian problems that can occur in later life). Metaphysically, these types of illnesses can be avoided if she works consciously to develop a sense of self-worth as a woman. If she comes from a generation that faced social pressures regarding marriage and children, she may be difficult to counsel because she may not want to face the fact that she did not or does not enjoy the role of mother. She may often relate better to her children after they are grown. If a young woman wants to work with this aspect, she must be willing to cope with her fear of being abandoned, for many times the Venus-Moon afflictions occur in charts of children raised by mothers who were abandoned by their men, or who were married to irresponsible men and, therefore, emotionally abandoned. The child carries a subconscious memory which produces a fear that she may be abandoned if she becomes pregnant. Such women seldom encourage relationships with men which might result in pregnancy. I've seen this aspect work in charts of women who married men with children from a previous marriage. A woman may seek a man who has gained custody of his children by a previous marriage, since a man who has custody of his children obviously cares enough about children to help raise any she may have by him. When these women avoid the biological role, they sometimes marry much older men who are not likely to want children. Or, they pick men who have had children by other women; they can then become honorary mothers. They may adopt children so that they don't have to go through the birth trauma.

A man with Venus opposing the Moon has been affected emotionally in an adverse manner by his mother's influence in his early childhood. His feeling responses are inhibited because his mother pushed something on him when he was very young. What that 'something' was varies from family to family. Venus indicates the psychological influence of the mother, so this is the planet to diagnose first since it functions on a more subconscious level.

People with the Moon-Venus opposition don't really believe they will ever have what they want from a love relationship. In order to satisfy their own emotional expectations, they feel they must compromise themselves. The compromise can be worked out, for the opposition is an easier aspect to work through than the square. The square always operates in excess, while the opposition temporizes the opposite sign. The cure requires acknowledgement of the needs of both sides of the wheel.

The man with the Venus-Moon opposition expects that relationships must be compromised; he expects that he can't satisfy his feelings in a relationship with a woman,

and secretly resents his mother for making him feel this way. After the age of thirty, the compromise can be more easily worked out from a conscious point.

Emotionally, both the male and female with this opposition have difficulty in relationships. Until the opposition is understood, the female will bring her insecurity about her femininity into her relationships. She will defend her womanhood to the 'nth degree. We only become defensive of something we don't possess, for, when we know we have it (perhaps a sense of self-worth), we don't need to attack others to defend our position.

This aspect may lend to women a proclivity toward picking lovers who really don't like women; lovers who may have had severe problems with mother as well. When a woman with this opposition decides she is no longer a second-class citizen, she will choose a different type of man. When men haven't solved the mother-hate problem, they usually pass on their injurious feelings to the wife or girlfriend.

The male with this aspect is uncomfortable on two counts. He doesn't really like his own emotional nature; he doesn't really like his mother, and he therefore doesn't really feel comfortable with women. This dislike of women can manifest in homosexuality or in the abusive treatment of women. In more sensitive souls, it can indicate a man who must feel totally 'on top of' an emotional involvement, fearing the female take-over that he expects to happen at any moment. This can produce the male chauvinist; the guy who won't be understanding of his wife, and may treat her as though she were 'the enemy'.

His emotional nature makes him feel uneasy as well, but this is an internal problem. The dilemma in his emotional nature causes inner tension. It's painful, but with conscious understanding comes a release from the pain.

19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♂ **Mars** - (3°56' S) ☾5 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

Inner tensions and unresolved issues are likely to be projected into social relationships; and this creates difficult experiences and a scene for crises or turning points.

Your inner pressures are released within relationships, thorough arguments, dissension, provocation, and antagonism; you take advantage of even trivial issues to turn them into energy-filled confrontations and clashes. This will obviously affect career prospects and domestic life; and these rebellious feelings will always be stimulated by anyone imposing his or her will on you through authority, orders, or criticism. Anyone crossing this line and irritating your feelings is liable to be confronted by an extremely obstinate and stubborn character. Co-workers will soon lose patience with an emotionally erratic colleague, who can suddenly become aggressive when facing criticism or personal comment; and people will learn to withdraw from contact if you behave in this way.

You feel emotionally uncomfortable; and others may find you hard to understand. You need to resolve the difficulty of instincts and emotions co-operating with an active and assertive Martian energy. Sometimes you may favour one of the planets; and, when this is temporarily Mars, you are liable to act impulsively, making sudden decisions which could be irrational, foolish, and lacking in forethought. Yet such actions may sometimes allow you to break free from restrictive situations. Expressing the lunar energy may encourage cautious self-protection, remaining with the status quo, and being afraid to move beyond familiar behaviour patterns. The challenge is to unite both energies, honouring each as equally valid and necessary for a wellbalanced personality.

Part of this aggressive and assertive nature may be rooted in your relationship with your mother. Childhood feelings may have been denied through a lack of emotional contact, or through having to submit to an oppressive home régime of duty and behaviour. In adult life, you refuse to submit to this again, yet unconsciously repeat the pattern by attempting to impose your will on others. Hoping to gain superiority, you may be too assertive in your desire to become a leader and not a follower. This often results in a distorted self-image, both to yourself and to others, as you fall into the trap of becoming 'number one' and behaving in ways which are cold, arrogant, and overly assertive. You hate others resisting your will; and when this happens, you respond with a personal attack. Sometimes such an antagonistic stance may succeed; but eventually its costs far exceed those of other more moderate approaches.

Yet your personality can appear attractive to many; and there is certainly a validity that can intrigue some, even though it is often a distorted expression of the planetary energies. Choosing companions, both friends and lovers, is one area where weaknesses may appear, as you are often attracted to people who turn out to be unsuitable characters with equally volatile emotional difficulties. Intimate relationships may be limited to physical expression, or entered for material reasons, as you may repress the deeper emotional and subtler dimensions of interpersonal contact.

Sustaining relationships is difficult as time passes; and once initial attractions fade, relationships collapse; satiating superficial feelings is easier than dealing with your deeper needs; and you prefer to avoid these. You are drawn toward 'exciting experiences' which lead into dubious areas of life, where 'excitement' may not prove beneficial. Much depends on your choice of fellow travellers, as personality tendencies can dissipate and deplete energies if efforts are not consistently made to reunify conflicting traits. In a similar way, you may fail to fulfill promises made to others through inner changeability; and commitment and responsible behavior may not be your strongest assets.

Routines and partnerships may fail to satisfy; and reactions against fixed life-style patterns may pose relaxation difficulties, creating psychosomatic illnesses associated with stomach tensions and digestion problems.

Repressing genuine feelings is not wise. You may need to acknowledge your lunar qualities more openly, and find space in your life to allow proper expression. Lessons are needed to discover how compromise is important in developing better relations. You may need to find new forms of self-assertion, which recognize that others exist too and should be given equal respect. This can help to moderate your overbearing tendencies. Through greater insight, you can gain relationship clarity, with perspective, realism, and more positive attitudes proving highly transforming as self-centeredness diminishes. Accepting the need to live harmoniously with others can readjust your sense of proportion and help you realize that you can contribute to the well-being of all, instead of merely indulging in alienated antagonism. Transforming this imbalanced side of your nature will bring considerable personal benefits, improving self-esteem and peace of mind. Achieving this will also heal uncomfortable emotions; and, once their stressful, hidden, contaminating effect on you is reduced, you can discover a clarity of thought and decisive action which can be used for your advantage.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Mars indicates that you are constantly involved in crises in the relationships in your life. This will continue to be true unless you can learn to compromise. Even as a young person you got into disputes over the most insignificant matters. Intense in your feelings, you are quick to strike back at criticism, no matter how innocently intended. You have a sparkling personality and are outgoing and aggressive when you meet people. But in your eagerness you sometimes choose to befriend individuals who are temperamentally unsuitable. You seek physical or material relationships and usually pay little attention to a person's other qualities. Because you don't have the patience to nourish a permanent relationship, you 'love them and leave them'. Those closest to you are alienated by your overbearing attitude. You tend to be emotionally pushy and intolerant of anyone who refuses to submit to your demands. Men with this aspect lack tenderness, while women tend to assert themselves with unusual arrogance.

Your argumentative nature may cause you some problems in your occupation, for you deeply resent criticism. You don't respond too well to authority and act very stubborn when required to follow rules. If you can learn to understand that everyone must follow the rules and that not everyone can be a leader, you may succeed very well. Your aggressiveness can be an asset in meeting competition. But you should tone down your frequent emotional outbursts, which are generally out of order in a business enterprise. You must make a special effort not to indulge yourself this way, or you will find that your fellow employees will avoid you, and your superiors will not be happy about the overall effect you create. People may be uncomfortable in your company because they know that you tend to fly off the handle at the slightest provocation.

You must learn to exercise greater self-discipline in your relationships. If you do not, you

will permanently alienate many people who will not tolerate your kind of abuse. Given a chance, most people are willing to meet you halfway. You can get far better results if you assert yourself in a more moderate way and try to compromise in reaching mutual understanding.

Digestive upsets are common with this planetary combination, mostly because you don't know how to relax.

Moon-Mars in opposition shows a conflict between your emotions and your assertive faculties, which can be modified with even a small amount of effort. You can become more serene about your life circumstances and bring them into some degree of order. You will find that the results are much better than the results you get when you are antagonistic.

(Betty Lundsted)

The key here is compromise. Any opposition indicates a compromise to be made, and the Mars-moon opposition indicates that action taken may be compromised because of the emotional reaction to what is being done. The mother of this individual feels sexuality is restricting, that her personal needs are different from her professional needs and that she can't have both. She has difficulty expressing her emotional needs, and she may have violent emotional outbursts. Action taken may be ill-planned or have unhealthy results. She may make foolish decisions based on hurt feelings. The child sees this reaction to life as 'normal'.

The Mars placement indicates how we act, how we develop our career, how we function sexually. The Moon indicates our emotional needs, our emotional responses. The conflict of the opposition is expressed as a compromise between the professional action at the expense of personal relationships or vice versa. or the sex drive (much like the Mars square) is at odds with the emotional needs.

People born with a Mars-Moon opposition may compromise several ways. The work (Mars) may be separated from the emotional life (Moon); the lover may satisfy the sexual needs (Mars) but not the emotional / affectional needs (Moon); they may choose a partner who shares affection (Moon) but is sexually unsatisfying (Mars); an overreaction to emotional needs may take place; the energy can express in violence.

Men and women use this energy differently. A man with the opposition may take out his anger on women; a woman with the opposition may take out her anger on her self-regard as a woman by becoming involved in basically unhealthy relationships. Both can be physically violent or draw physical violence to them in some way.

The aspect causes so much emotional sensitivity that much time can be wasted blowing minor issues out of proportion. The misuse of energy takes place because, as a child,

this person saw no other approach to life. The energy can be rechanneled whenever the underlying causes are understood.

Moon square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Hard aspects between the Moon and Mars give a sizable dose of unrest. The influence of the Moon, which we so desperately need to make us feel comfortable, is rendered less reassuring by the Martian rashness, dynamism and unrest. It is difficult to use energy evenly, and we are liable to act on impulse. Therefore this is counted as one of the accident-prone aspects. We can harm ourselves through lack of forethought. The harm need not be physical, although this is certainly a possibility. We can also spoil relationships with other people. That is to say, due to the tension we are far too eager to make our presence felt. Self-control is definitely not our strongest point because our energy is sporadic and is therefore hard to manage.

Feelings of insecurity can make us very pugnacious; so that, whenever the emotional temperature rises, we sometimes react too angrily, aggressively or sarcastically.

In athletics, we are inclined to overdo things and are probably best suited to sports like fencing, boxing and judo or to sports which test our endurance.

There can be a certain amount of friction between the sexes: a woman with such an aspect is likely (often without quite realizing what she is doing) to become unusually dominant over her husband, by giving him regular tongue-lashings or (if the rest of the chart points in that direction) by flying at him in a rage every now and then. A man with one of these aspects is liable to arouse the interest of a fierce, aggressive woman, or to have an independent-minded partner who insists on going her own way.

(Charles Carter)

The most usual effect of these aspects in the horoscopes of 'nice' people is ill-health - it is rare to find accidents under the Luni-Martian aspects than it is under those in which the Sun is implicated. Often the health is not robust, there are many illnesses of greater or lesser severity, and life is not likely to run its full measure, though one may point to such a case as that of Lord Balfour, who after a very delicate infancy lived to an advanced age. Alan Leo is a case wherein, after a healthy life, death came suddenly and unexpectedly. In another class we find the combative and pugnacious side of the contacts in full play.

The tendency to deep thought is common in the bad contacts, but the native is apt to be

influenced too much by his emotions, and there is a rebellious and intolerant element which refuses to see any good in its opponents.

A more disagreeable type is the self-indulgent prodigal, with tendencies to drink and promiscuity. There seems always to be a certain degree of kindheartedness, of a rough and selfish kind - the sort that is kind with other people's money, or when no personal sacrifice is involved. Otherwise this contact may go with a pretty considerable blackguard, the native having little self-respect, self-control or refinement. Thus we have the cases of 'Defalcating Bank Clerk', 'Drunkard', 'Adventuress', 'Young Prodigal' and 'Opium and Alcohol'.

Sometimes there is obstinacy and self-will, and probably in all examples there is a liability to hot temper or sullenness, but it is certain that in many cases this is not very prominent.

The effects of this influence on the vocation are to incline the native very strongly to seek his own career and make himself independent of others. It points to one who strikes out his own course, and it is probably that in some of the criminal examples this course of life was adopted to avoid drudgery, routine, and control by others.

It is unfavourable for the parents, either or both of whom may die young or suffer misfortunes which will affect the whole family. Sometimes this influence seems only to extend so far as to make the parent Martian in character or occupation, and sometimes the native is brought into danger by the example of the father, or when following him. It generally denotes that the family history is not altogether a happy or prosperous one.

It is distinctly unfavourable for marriage in the case of males. The wife may be an invalid, meet with accidents, or be of a domineering disposition; or there may be mutual incompatibility.

In the case of women, I think it is unfavourable because of the independence which it signifies; if there is marriage, then I believe that the husband chosen will usually be of the meeker kind, for this contact is intolerant of restraint.

20) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♂ **Uranus** - (4°33' S) ♀4 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

With this opposition, you are likely to experience conflicts in your social relationships. The problem area will be in how you express yourself in communicating with others, and those inner attitudes which condition that style of communication.

Whilst you will have considerable mental vitality, the difficulty will be in directing this into productive channels. The tendency will be towards an erratic inner activity; the nature of

your beliefs, ideals and thought-patterns will be changeable; and the attractions of new stimulation will often tempt you away from completing existing projects. The challenge of the new redirects your energy and interests; and so your commitments and responsibilities may feel like restrictive liabilities.

Despite this erratic pattern of mind, you tend to insist that whatever you say and think is valid, even though only a short time ago you were vehemently declaring an entirely opposite attitude, idea or belief. Obviously, this can lead to interpersonal conflict, as most people prefer dealing with relatively stable and consistent individuals, as it helps to develop trust and continuity. Yet if others challenge you by repeating past statements that you have made and are now contradicting, you tend to take offence, often attempting to deny that you ever did say that. Essentially, your reaction is often to deny all prior expressions of your self, refusing to take any responsibility for them. Having experienced this aspect of your nature, many people will begin to draw away from maintaining a relationship with you, because you seem unreliable and difficult to believe. This in a peculiar way reinforces a tendency in you to see yourself as 'unique and misunderstood, which you often use to justify a rejection of social compromise; and you never admit in any circumstances that you are wrong. You appear to project the belief that you 'know it all', and probably succeed more in deluding yourself that you do than in persuading others of your expert knowledge.

Underlying these more negative styles of expression is a personality which experiences inner confusion and insecurity, yet attempts to hide this by a superficial image of intellectual superiority. Emotionally, there is likely to be immaturity and lack of ease with that level of your nature, and you are unlikely to touch others easily with the warmth of your personality. This lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to the more intangible 'feeling' aspect of human contact often leads to a tactless and blunt expression, where your ignorance of diplomacy can have negative consequences.

How can you resolve or moderate these challenges within your relationships? The first important step is to acknowledge their presence, to admit that you often are this way. The fact that you may deny them to yourself does not mean that others do not see them clearly. Often, others do see such problem areas, whilst the individual is apparently blind to their existence. They are personal delusions. Being willing to work with people, learning to compromise, and participating as an intellectual equal, will help to moderate these oppositional tendencies. It is a new sense of personal identity that you should attempt to develop, one founded upon the real you, and not the socially projected assertive one that others may react against. It will involve an acceptance of your inner vulnerability, dissolving that peculiar egotistical construction, and ceasing your attempts to impress people. By stopping that process, you may begin to find your centre, resolve certain conflicts, and redirect the flow of the aspect energy towards personal renewal. Certainly, that inner erratic agitation could be more harmonised and adjusted, thus reducing that build-up of nervous tension from which you suffer.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have enormous intellectual vitality as well as a genius for incurring the wrath of others. You assume that your opinions are the only valid ones, and you resent it when others challenge them. You have been so accustomed to having your own way that you refuse to compromise, even though peace may be assured if you do. You freely accuse others of error even when the evidence supports them. Unless you can modify this 'know-it-all' attitude, you will alienate yourself from many of your closest associates.

The startling thing is that you should know better than to challenge others, because you see the truth so clearly. No-one can ever really deceive you, so what are you worried about? In fact, you aren't really sure of your competence and need to reassure yourself through conflict with others. But if you don't concede when you are wrong, you may never know where you are failing.

Compromise is your key to success. Science, education, social service, philosophy and psychology are fields in which you can discover who you really are. The contributions you make in these fields will convince you that meeting others halfway guarantees success and establishes your credentials as a true friend to everyone.

You must control your extremely emotional nature and your rejection of facts before you can successfully enter a romantic partnership. You insist that your lover tell you the truth, but then you complain bitterly about it. Strangely, you can be extremely tactless when you 'tell it like it is'.

Your nervous system is probably frayed from the endless abuse of anxiety and irritability. Learn to control your temper and stop while you are ahead. When your nerves are short-circuited, you are the loser.

Mercury square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as this type tries to put thoughts into words or tries to make contacts, the urge to be independent and separate almost infallibly interferes. Sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away. The person with this aspect is the cause of why others react in this way. What is more, the person is so restless and impatient that usually others have no time to listen. This is true of all the Mercury / Uranus aspects but especially of the discordant ones. Other people express themselves far too slowly for this type so, losing patience with what others are trying to say, this type bursts in with some comment of his or her own. This is a major impediment to good social relations.

Because this type tends to alienate people and yet remains very active and creative mentally, he or she may start weaving unrealistic notions about self and others. To be sure, this person is unable to test the truth of these notions, yet he or she clings to them fanatically. Uranus always encourages people to do their own thing; therefore, with Uranian conflicts, natives experience as much loneliness as with Saturnine conflicts but are less inclined to brood - given their restless inner world, they have no time to sit still all day. Of course, the risk of suffering from overwrought nerves is that much greater, but usually the strain this type is under goes unnoticed unless he or she actually has a breakdown.

There is likely to be a keen interest in borderline subjects such as unorthodox scientific theories, astrology, innovative techniques or social renewal, and this type can invest a good deal of energy in them.

21) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Opposition** ♂ **Uranus** - (4°48' A) ♃4 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

Most of the challenges that are likely to face the individual with this aspect will be centred on personal beliefs and expression, and relationships with others.

You are likely to have a bright, alert, intellectual mind, and a sense of self-assurance which can be expressed with enthusiasm and dynamic energy. Over time you will amass a large storehouse of knowledge, which you can use in your efforts to become successful and creative. What is likely to disrupt the results of such natural assets is the influence of the Uranian opposition, which essentially distorts the outer expression.

It is in the spheres of judgement and sensitivity that you may find difficulties occurring. Under the expansionist tendencies of both Jupiter and Uranus, you can easily become over-enthusiastic about ideas, business schemes or unconventional beliefs. Allied to an erratic, restless tendency, this can lead you to become involved in highly speculative business ventures where your obsession with the project idea can override any real rational analysis of financial feasibility. Often your attachment to ideas veers towards investing them with elements of fantasy and imagination, which can lack a real applicability within daily life, also adding a distorting factor.

There is likely to be some conflict with established traditional beliefs and social attitudes, especially in the areas of religion and politics; and you may become involved with radical politics or more unusual religious and spiritual beliefs. These will hold considerable personal meaning for you; and you will feel impelled to share these with others. Often despite that clever mind, there is an element of simplicity and faith in you, which can become naivety at times. If a belief resonates with that point of imagination within, you can accept it then with little questioning, because really you are looking for a sense of

centre and security; and a belief structure appears to offer this.

You may need to be wary of an urge to convert others to your beliefs which, whilst genuinely held, may not be suitable for everyone. If others oppose you, this serves to reinforce your support of your beliefs against any odds; you can feel that this often validates them. There can be a tendency to be too domineering in expression, founded on that strong self-assurance; and in relating there is often a lack of tact and sensitivity to the feelings and abilities of others. Not everyone has your ability to be so focused on achieving important objectives; many vacillate, or sit on the fence, instead of choosing to be on one side or the other. Also, others have different requirements for life experience from yours, different challenges; and they may be following their path as much as you are following yours.

Eventually, you may find that the Uranus action causes you to revolt against any belief structures to which you have bound yourself. At least for a period, you may have to stand alone and adrift from security in beliefs; this can occur as a result of disillusionment and a collapse in your faith in a specific belief. Yet this can be liberating, since in the experience of such a phase of inner darkness, your own light may be perceived and contacted, enabling you to live more freely and attuned to your own life pattern through later life. Identification with outer belief structures can be personally inimical and restrictive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Uranus indicates a high degree of enthusiasm and intellectual development. From your earliest years, you have encountered many challenges to your incredible gift of knowledge. This has given you the ability to meet competition with assurance and courage. You are afraid of no-one, especially in a battle of wits. Your intuitive ability is a decided asset in gaining victory over others, regardless of their degree of education or skill.

The world is yours for the taking, and there is virtually no field of endeavor in which you can't succeed. Your best interests would be served in occupations related to law, politics, education, travel, religion, or the occult. In any of these, you can exploit your potentials to their highest level of development and creative expression. Your fund of information is too precious to keep to yourself, and your dynamic expressive ability should be used to stimulate and benefit others. No-one else can more dramatically demonstrate that only education provides freedom. You can take on enormous burdens without weakening under pressure.

You must be conscious, though, of the danger of becoming authoritarian and despotic in using your power. you will alienate many of your closest allies and friends as you pursue your goals in life. You may wonder why they can't see the future as clearly as you, and you may hold them in disdain for this. It is your responsibility to understand other

people's limitations and make allowances for them.

Throughout your life, you will be severely challenged. Remembering this may guide you when your ego gets inflated with your own self-importance.

Exercise moderation at all times. Face the mirror honestly, and accept the truth about yourself. Realize that with your intellectual advantage, you have a greater burden of responsibility than lesser minds.

Jupiter square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranian aspects are full of unrest and tension.

Jupiter, the planet of expansion and increase, often has a stimulating (or overstimulating) effect on restless and irascible Uranus, which makes these natives very vacillating.

We can suddenly do something tactless, or make a desperate bid for independence. Public or private friction (arising from the fact that we follow new, unaccepted ways and do not fit in easily with others) never deters us. We want to be ourselves, are hard to influence, and do not readily change our minds. With these aspects, we like to adopt an independent line, but need to be careful not to take it too far.

Because of their impulsiveness, irrational suddenness and restlessness, Jupiter / Uranus aspects can lead to broken relationships. The breaks can occur in public as well as in private life; perhaps because we champion social reforms that give more freedom to the individual. We obstinately stick to our guns, but do not always take a balanced view. And, although we sense a great deal intuitively, our interpretation, evaluation, and presentation of what we see leave something to be desired.

Conflicts between Uranus and Jupiter are quite likely to be present in the charts of intrepid explorers such as Stanley (famous for his travels in Africa). The new, the undiscovered, and the reconstructive attract us under these aspects, and we are prepared to devote a great deal of energy to such things.

22) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ☿ **Uranus** - (4°25' S) ♀8 | ♂10

(Robert Hand)

With this aspect, you want to be independent and to find a lifestyle and life work that are unique and yours alone. While you are young, others will consider your interests quite

unusual, especially for someone your age. You may be particularly interested in a technical or scientific field, and in fact when you are an adult you may choose a career in such a field. This aspect may also indicate an interest in the occult or in offbeat philosophies. You do not feel obligated or held back by tradition. You seek to carve your own niche in life, and in the course of doing so, you may come up with some rather original and even daring ideas. At some time in your life, you may even make a totally new discovery.

You may prefer to be alone much of the time, not because you can't get along with people, but because you prefer to be free to program your own time. Other people may keep you from doing this, so that you feel you cannot accomplish what you need to.

You are likely to identify yourself as being different from others, because you feel that if you are just like everyone else, you are less of a person. Everyone follows some kind of pattern in order to feel unique, and yours is simply to be different.

You are capable of working with others as long as you feel that you share common goals. In fact, you can work very hard for a belief in something higher than yourself, usually a belief that is radical or unusual.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives exceptional talent in the native's chosen profession and in capturing the support of people in prominent positions. Friends help further his professional advancement. When combined with other favorable influences, this configuration signifies a successful political career.

It also helps the natives create their own distinctive domestic environment. They often entertain friends at home. One or both of the parents may be unusual.

Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms

and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

23) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ⚙ **Uranus** - (4°10' A) ≈12 | ⚡10

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun sextile Uranus, it is important for you to maintain communication with other people at all times. You are eager to share your experiences with others and impatient with those who are unwilling to include you in theirs. Your opinions are willful and outspoken, but you can usually justify them in such a way that they are accepted. Your attitudes are relatively uninhibited and not bound by tradition. You find life exciting, and you live every moment of every day. Boredom is something you never have to cope with because your mind is so active. In your philosophical view of life, everything has meaning. You take even negative incidents positively, so that you are rarely 'down in the dumps'.

Your original thinking and strong will are suited to the fields of politics, science, or education. You can adapt to any profession that clearly has the objective of improving the masses. You are able to project your ideas and opinions without demanding that others yield to them unquestioningly. But you are impatient with dawdlers who continually put off making decisions. Your development is accelerated, and your intuition is so finely honed that you can instantly evaluate facts and render a judgement.

Teaching others is probably your best avenue of expression. You can effectively dramatize knowledge to make learning easy for your students. Truth is something you insist on, and you deal harshly with those who distort it in their dealings with you.

Your restless mind and eager disposition contribute significantly to your romantic relationships. You are broad-minded and understanding of human nature. Although you will tolerate failure, you do not accept dishonesty from anyone with whom you are emotionally involved. You can easily detach yourself from an insincere or dishonest individual, as though you had never had any feelings for that person.

(Haydn Paul)

The more radical use of the conjunction energies are potentially easier to express in

both the sextile and the trine. Whereas an important shift may need to occur in the individual with the conjunction aspect - in order to renew and redirect any overflowing, insistent Uranian energy through the unifying Sun centre - these other two dynamic, harmonious aspects are ripe for exploitation and unfoldment.

You should have a progressive outlook, and a sense of social affinity which is directed towards affirming its positive side and potential for future improvements in the quality of life. The assertive and possibly aggressive rebellious stance is already transformed within you into a reformist tendency. 'Change from within' is more your keynote, rather than a direct destructive attack or negative attempts to withdraw from participation in society.

Your mind will be very active, searching, questioning, and naturally explorative, allied with an intuitive creative need for self-expression. It will be important to be personally assertive, but undue eccentricity is not your style. Due to that positive solar relationship, you will feel more centred, forming a stable inner character and extending an ability to direct your life and make wiser choices. Tolerance and understanding of others will be more evident, especially an intellectually derived tolerance based on your innate humanitarian instincts, although often your emotional affinity with others can be a little cold or withdrawn. You do not feel at one with this world, yet intellectually your mind is; perhaps more empathy is required.

You are likely to contribute to groups which support social reform, and have an attitude of 'changing the world to be a better place for everyone to live in'. Probably you could rise to important positions in such groups, transmitting your enthusiasms and positivity by becoming a spokesperson for their visions and ideals. Your opinions are usually forthright, and you try to stay true and committed to your beliefs. Honesty and straightforwardness are high on your list of essential values, and you have little tolerance for lies and deceptions and those who perpetrate them. This can easily lead you towards opposing a national government or establishment groups who are 'economical with the truth' on orders from their 'superiors'. Equally, it could lead you to break away from groups that you are associated with, if they - in your opinion - fall to such low levels or compromise and fail to live up to the high ideals which they may offer to the public.

You believe that life has an inner meaning of great value, and continually search for the threads of this throughout your life, trusting in the belief that life is good, often despite appearances. This is part of your quest for the spiritual dimension of your solar centre, and will draw you increasingly closer to that integrative heart of your nature. However, you are aware of the darker sides of existence, and feel inspired to try to improve the quality of life for those who suffer or for the following generations. At times, especially perhaps after any disappointments on your path, you may coolly withdraw from relationships or social involvement. See this only as a temporary phase for re-evaluation. You need to communicate with like minds, sharing experiences, insight and knowledge. This may easily develop over time into forms of teaching where through sharing you can contribute towards progress for others, and this could become a fulfilling route for you to

follow to embody a higher solar purpose.

Sun trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, the harmonious aspects between Uranus and the Sun indicate an individual who wants to live his or her own life without any restrictions. He or she will be alert, restless, highly strung, and full of scintillating insights. We should realize, however, that remarkably brilliant as some of these ideas and insights may be, there is no guarantee that they will be usable or true.

Sun / Uranus aspects promise new and stimulating ideas which just keep popping up every so often. With the easy aspects, the native is able to integrate such ideas into his or her daily life in a less traumatic fashion than we would do with the hard aspects. To be sure, the easy aspects also produce dissatisfaction with the status quo, but they enable the native to build the new on the foundation of the old, and this willingness to preserve some links with the past often brings the support he or she needs from others.

In many instances, people with Sun / Uranus aspects take an interest in all things technical. They are fascinated by whatever breaks new ground, such as aeronautics (including aeromodeling), radar, radiotechnology, electrotechnology, or indeed anything requiring insight, intuition and skill. The resourcefulness bestowed by the harmonious Sun / Uranus aspects is great.

Because they are so intent on personal development, these people are unlikely to tolerate having someone over them to tell them what to do, but they are not averse to good advice. They need a partner who is an equal, neither above nor below them. However, in many cases, they act as a kind of informal leader by setting the tone and direction of the partnership and by acting in an inspiring manner, all the while making sure that their own freedom and that of their partner is preserved.

However, they should be on their guard against losing touch with reality, because they are apt to venture down strange, impassable byways and to end up going nowhere.

(Charles Carter)

This is pre-eminently a contact of leadership, for the will, in all Sun-Uranus aspects, is strong and independent, and the native will, either naturally or by his own conscious efforts, obtain a position of some authority and independence. Moreover, it is a very popular configuration, and the native is readily liked and obeyed, sometimes by reason of his mental or other powers, but more often by his personality, which appears to

emanate some kind of magnetism that attracts and holds. It is not always tactful; but there is breadth of vision and stability of purpose; the native is often identified with some cause or movement; he does not waver or fluctuate in his aims and opinions; there is nothing in him of the opportunist (unless other aspects bestow this), and as a result people feel that he stands for something definite, and can be depended on. But, while not of a time-serving temper, the Sun-Uranus man has a keen and true sense of the dramatic, and may often be a most convincing and powerful orator, there being great reserves of nervous and emotional strength, and a burning zeal.

As a ruler it makes the native efficient, scientific, despotic, but not unbending or automatic; he has feeling, and can be appealed to on the emotional side, especially if the cause that is pleaded has a dramatic aspect.

So far as feeling goes, Uranus tends to a rough-and-ready, careless good-nature. Uranus rising is usually kind but rather casual and off-hand. It differs diametrically from Sun-Neptune in its love of power, responsibility, and publicity.

This aspect occurs constantly in the nativities of statesmen, generals, municipal officials, civil servants, and, to a lesser extent and in combination with other planets, in those of eminent thinkers. In the nativities of girls it often indicates a 'good' marriage to one in authority.

24) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (5°11' S) 001 | 14

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter square the Ascendant shows that you never act in moderation and are self-indulgent to an extreme. Lacking sufficient self-control, you do everything to excess, and only realize later how much time and effort you've wasted.

You have big ideas that you want to work out and capitalize on. Although you hope that your parents will provide the funds you need to develop your ideas, you are prepared with other alternatives if they can't help you. You understand the importance of having financial reserves available. You also know that you can always convert your creative abilities into cash by developing and using them constructively.

Secretly you long for the time when you can enjoy all the comforts and benefits that you have denied yourself in pursuing your goals. This longing drives you to get the largest possible return from your creative talents so you can enjoy your retirement years free from financial worry. You are willing to make whatever contributions in effort and hard work are required to achieve that objective. You also have a big heart, and people take advantage of you without your realizing it.

You need self-discipline so you don't take on more obligations than you can handle. You

know how to fraternize with important people to gain favors and access to important positions. You want to reach the top in your career as soon as possible, but you may not fully realize how unstable a top position can be. Remember, it is only as secure as your willingness to endure self-denial in holding it.

It is important for you to work in partnership with others so that you can consolidate all your talents and resources. However, you will have to modify your desires to be consistent with group objectives.

Jupiter square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects, we are strongly attracted by the grandiose, the jovial and the magnanimous, and this shows in our attitude to others. But we tend to overdo things. We need constant reminders to hold the energy of the tense aspects in check; sometimes, if we wish to avoid problems with others, it is wise to be a little more subdued.

Often we radiate much more self-confidence, not to say self-will, than we might imagine, and acquaintances may see us as arrogant. Yet, with this same self-confidence, plus a big dose of optimism, we can do much good if we take care to create a genial impression and not a haughty one.

The love of doing things on a grand scale may deteriorate into a fondness of luxury and display; equally, we can become preoccupied with immaterial things and can spend time promoting intangible values. In ways like these, the urge to be expansive can easily get out of control.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Jupiter squares the Ascendant, the relationship needs argue with the persona. New experience will begin with difficulty, for the square indicates a frustration of energy. These individuals may not be conscious of the fact that their response to new relating experience will be perceived differently by those viewing the Ascendant reactions.

When Jupiter opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between new beginnings, the persona and the ability to relate to what is being projected becomes an issue in the life. Usually the opposition is active between the first and seventh houses (the personal projection versus the needs of a partner). The energy can be handled constructively when the signs are understood.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter in hard aspect to the axis suggests that the individual's beliefs are at odds with the outer image that he or she may have cultivated.

Jupiter conjunct Descendant often suggests that an individual teams up with a person from a different background or culture from their own, or sometimes with a teacher or religious person. Education often forms an important aspect of one-to-one relationships, with the individual either seeking to educate the other or to be educated by him / her. There is a need for a certain amount of space with Jupiter on both ends of the axis. At the 7th house end, the individual is often particularly keen on exploring the whole realm of relationship and may not like being tied to just one person. In any event, it is through relationship that the Jupiter-Descendant person finds his / her own faith and confidence. He / she may look to someone else to provide these qualities or be able to offer them to others. Sometimes the person projects 'God' onto other people and sometimes he / she wishes to be treated as being Godlike and wonderful him- / herself.

25) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus** - (7°11' S) ♄8 | ♃11

(Robert Hand)

This is a positive aspect, indicating that you are a very loving and warm person. You should have little difficulty in getting along with people, because being on good terms with others is very important to you. Just make sure that in seeking love and approval, you don't give up an important part of yourself. Above all, be honest and don't try to use flattery and charm to make people like you. Your friends won't respect you if they think you do everything just to get people, especially elders, to like you. The only challenge of this aspect is that you must learn to set your own standards and follow your own goals, and not simply be and do what others want.

You have a strong creative drive, and if anything else in your chart indicates artistic talent, this aspect will reinforce it. you should try out various kinds of crafts and artistic studies to find out whether you have such ability. If you do, you will get great satisfaction from it.

Often with this aspect, you feel that the world will take care of you even if you make no effort. In fact you may not have to work as hard as others, but you will have to work. It is not good for your character to be lazy and dependent on others. Probably you will always attract people who will take care of you, but if you depend on this, you will lose the respect of others as well as your own self-respect.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square can cause emotional difficulties relating to domestic and professional responsibilities. The natives may regard their job and their home life as mundane and

have a certain distaste for both. Career and home responsibilities may hinder the fulfillment of their social, romantic and aesthetic urges. Emotional misunderstandings with parents are probable. In some cases the natives lack good taste in decorating the home and office.

Venus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although we need a harmonious relationship with the environment, especially in social matters, we do not always know how to go about obtaining it. Whereas, generally speaking, any Venusian aspect to the MC would make us seem friendly, the tense aspects are not so straightforward: we do not have our relationships under proper control, therefore we are sometimes inclined to overcompensate Venusian characteristics and do our utmost to keep the peace and to preserve an air of affability. But sometimes we couldn't care less; we cannot be bothered to be nice, but just concentrate on enjoying ourselves. This is something that has to be reckoned with in all Venusian aspects, but in the hard aspects it can be very marked where there is no other safety valve. For with the hard aspects, we usually take Venus interests or callings very seriously, and are not so likely to be easy-going.

26) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (6°46' S) ♁12 | ♈2

(Haydn Paul)

The energy and challenges indicated by this square can be difficult to deal with, as the unintegrated negative tendencies of Pluto can be fully present. Arriving at a clear understanding of such underlying aspects of your nature, by evoking the light and the cohesive nature of your Sun, will serve to minimise the more negative and destructive effects of this abrasive Plutonic energy, allowing you to redirect it towards more positive channels which are associated with your solar path. However, you will have to remain aware of how you are expressing Pluto, as its peculiar quality will still be vitalised and cannot be nullified, only used in a wiser manner.

The Pluto tendencies of ambition, force, power, domination, aggression, and extremism can also stimulate similar tendencies in an assertive Sun, and will exist as motivating and compulsive factors in your character. Much may depend upon your Sun sign, especially if it is placed in either Earth or Fire elements, when those tendencies may be more present as an impulse for 'power over' others. If the Sun is in a Water or Air sign, then the emphasis may be placed on emotional or intellectual manipulation and domination.

You will tend to believe that your focused will-power can act in a magical way, achieving desires and purposes by the wielding of a concentrated will; often, you will 'magically' succeed, but there is usually some form of hidden cost to pay. Often applying your potent will, especially when your motives are self-centred, can lead to more negative and destructive results which oppose your initial intention; like the Scorpio energy, you are liable to sting yourself and others.

You may experience considerable inner tension as a result of this challenging planetary relationship, often finding it difficult to 'break through barriers' which appear to prohibit the attainment of your ambitions. This is Pluto attempting to force you towards an inner transformation, the need for which you will recognise whenever the pressures of frustrated intentions increase, until you find it hard to live with and in some way 'blow up', releasing the pressure. Some changes can occur as a result of powerful cathartic experiences, which will enable you either to move towards success or to create a new, alternative route to follow.

Attitudes towards authority are ambivalent. While you have certain leadership qualities and management ability, you are often antagonistic towards authority, sceptical, subversive and iconoclastic in your speech and thoughts. Obviously, this will not lead to progress in many fields of society, but you are too independent and free-spirited to change and be subservient. It is likely that others will maintain a psychological distance from you, because your aura often suggests - in an unconscious manner - that you are 'dangerous'; that your way of looking at things is potentially challenging and transformative, and that a deeper involvement would bring about some unknown change in them. Others could find it a fascinating energy, and greatly enjoy your company; much depends upon their ability to handle it.

You are often looking to pit yourself against adversaries as a test and enjoyment, feeling like a fiery warrior at war. This can be expressed on all levels, physical, emotional and mental. You may not always express it in real, tangible terms, often only entering into the adversarial state of mind, mentally enacting imaginary battles with an opponent in terms of ideological disagreement and inner dialogue, as you hate the thought of losing.

You will be hard to understand, appearing quite enigmatic to many, and may often have a resistance towards becoming emotionally involved with others. This is because you are aware of your emotional depths and strength of feelings, and this intensity can make you feel extremely uncomfortable, especially if you lose control when you have fallen in love. You have a fear of not being in full control, and will usually try to create a relationship context where you feel in command of the situation. While giving an impression of great self-control and balance, you often hide the evidence of inner turmoil, which can erupt as over-reactions to trivial, unimportant events in your life, or be forcefully released when someone 'presses your buttons' evoking a response.

You prefer stability, and are often resistant to change, especially when you have

established a lifestyle which suits you. There can be a form of apprehension concerning actually achieving your purposes; sometimes you make good progress, only to run out of interest at the point when the final effort should be made, almost as if the subversive tendency of Pluto finally erodes your solar purpose. Until the inner friction between your Sun and Pluto is more resolved and integrated under solar control, then you may unconsciously act as your own worst enemy, defeating your own intentions. You should learn to acknowledge the aid of others in your life, and be open to all their suggestions, as they can often indicate the direction for you to take. Compromise and co-operation are two lessons which need to be learned as soon as possible, as well as more inner moderation. Once you achieve a balance between your being receptive to others and your dominating tendencies wanting them to submit to you, then you should find that the quality of your relationships begins to improve in a creative and constructive manner.

Ideally, you should inwardly redirect Pluto's abrasive energy. This may not be easy, and can involve some personal suffering, but it can stimulate a radical transformation to occur, which offers considerable benefit and would make your life and relationships more fulfilling. This would also be the key to attaining your solar aims as you would be removing an inner barrier which is otherwise likely to prevent and frustrate many of your efforts.

27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°06' S) ≈ 12 | ♀ 9

(Haydn Paul)

The square indicates inner tensions and frustrations, and it is likely that Neptune will be inhibited from true realisation and will be bound within the unconscious mind by the barrier-forming restrictions of Saturn. This will cause Neptune to be agitated, stimulating unconscious fears, anxieties, phobias, morbidity and guilt feelings arising from an overactive imagination which lacks suitable channels for a more healthy release.

The consequences of this inner pressure and disquiet tend to create feelings of inadequacy, incompetence and inferiority. These may be quite illusory and unrealistic, yet they have a powerful influence on your actions and choices. As time passes and you perpetuate these tendencies, you continue to create negative results, which convinces you that such inferiority beliefs are actually true. You become a self-defeatist, and lack confidence in your own abilities. This negativity can spread until you begin to run away from accepting responsibility or challenges; you can become afraid to even try. Obviously this begins to severely inhibit your life experiences, as you are increasingly trapped within the parameters of your own inner phobias and lack of self-love and self-confidence. If this is allowed to persist, then this form of imprisonment will only intensify as you cut yourself off from the richness of life, and forms of depression can occur.

Such a situation can be allowed to happen where inner blockages of energy generate stresses of compulsive behaviour which are internally felt as real yet are the symptoms

of denying aspects of self (as symbolised by the planets which are inhibited); with this square, the probability is that Saturn's activity will become distorted too, overemphasised by the erecting of excessive boundaries and limitations. Tendencies of anxiety and guilt are also self-perpetuating, and these expand to form a web of energy which absorbs the individual's freedom of choice, and creates circular loop patterns of repetitive thought processes. There is emotional agitation, overly stimulated by inherent negative attitudes, yet there is no apparent ability to deal with them. Dissatisfaction and confusion is to be expected, yet any impulse to change the situation can also be inhibited.

The degree to which this inner psychological environment develops will be dependent on the rest of the chart; there may be mitigating factors which diminish its potential severity. Yet certain issues will be present in those who have this aspect, and several corrective and releasing acts can still be valuably taken to prohibit any likelihood of such tendencies developing.

Accepting your own nature is vital. Denial of any aspect leads to its suppression into the unconscious mind, where it is likely to fester, slowly releasing poisons into the personality within the appropriate level of natural affinity, distorting body, emotions or mind. Such a forced cutting away of part of your nature is never wise, and is as foolish as cutting away an arm because there may be an unsightly mole on it. Often these tendencies to 'cut away' are indicated by square aspects, and symbolise probable inner tensions and blockages of energy which need release; yet in doing so, they can often become 'great friends', giving energy and power to enable you to achieve your aims. They are keys to real personal development, spurs to stimulate necessary integration.

In accepting your own nature, self-forgiveness is required, and a refusal to compare yourself to any illusory ideal of perfection. Why feel guilty because you are not like an ideal? You never can be, and your real task is just to become yourself, warts and all; and coming to terms with that is a great freedom and liberation in itself. Face those fears of failure; everyone fails in some way, so why should you be any exception? But some fail (repeatedly) and yet still carry on, gathering more successes as time passes and achieving their ambitions. There is success waiting for you. Just shake yourself down and carry on; and when you arrive, it will taste very sweet, and you'll know a valuable secret. Talents are there within you; they are just hiding out of sight. Find that pot of gold around the corner, and perhaps with a bit of support from others you'll learn how to really use it. All of those inner illusions, guilt trips, inferiority complexes and phobias can dissipate like chimeras in the sky. The self-imposed barriers of Saturn will collapse, and Neptune will flow through, healing you and inspiring you to find a new way. Why stay in a self-created prison when there is no locked door? Stop being self-indulgent. Walk through and emerge into a new world. And isn't that worth struggling for? Remember, your life is always basically what you make it. Don't throw it away; enjoy it.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you are sometimes given to unrealistic fears about poverty or personal incompetence. You are often overly anxious in matters over which you have no control and for which you should not bear any guilt. You become emotionally disturbed about them, and yet you do nothing to relieve your anxiety. You feel inadequate to deal with negative environmental conditions that you experience or observe, and this can cause you to become depressed. Actually you are afraid of responsibility and have doubts about your competence to deal with it effectively.

Your negative attitude may cause difficulties as you seek a professional career. The real problem is your lack of self-love, which often results in underachievement. Avoiding challenges may lead you to believe that you really cannot accomplish anything. It is imperative that you be willing to fail occasionally in order to find out where and how you can succeed. Being indifferent to duty and obligation doesn't solve anything. Withdrawal only further deepens your feeling of incompetence. You must be prepared to face competition so you can sharpen your talents for future use. Remember that those you meet in competition are also being tested by you, because they do not know your abilities.

You must come to see your fear of encounter and failure as an avenue of opportunity for development and progress. Small but increasingly significant successes can restore your self-confidence. You won't become so overconfident as to be arrogant, but you will know what you can and cannot accomplish.

You should seek the services of a trusted friend to show you how to manage your potentials efficiently and gain the most from them. Be discriminating in selecting your friends, and refrain from discussing your personal problems with others. They probably have a sufficient number of their own.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the effect of the father on the developing psyche of the individual. Neptune can indicate the 'grand delusion', so this person may be born into a family that has illusions or delusions regarding the father, heredity or family influence.

The father will affect the individual's concept of creativity, perhaps impeding the development of some form of creative expression. Because of the square aspect, the influence of the father will work against the individual's dreams and goals, or even the development of spiritual goals. The aspect may indicate the person who has to pull away from the family experience in order to find himself. He may not see authority figures for what they are; he may be supportive of people who disappoint him.

It's interesting to note the house placements of the square, for the misunderstandings will involve the departments of life ruled by the houses. Inner conflict may be present, for the influence of the father is subconscious, keeping the individual from using the creative

energy of the Neptune placement until he learns to recognize the Saturn influence.

Saturn square or opposition Neptune (

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Saturn and Neptune have very varied modes of expression. Much depends on which of the planets has more dignities. The building up and preservation of form are in conflict here with formlessness and the undermining of form. The result is that we tend to go wrong when setting goals and laying plans: our plans are incomplete or unrealistic; our goals so Utopian they are unattainable. Dreams are all too easily mistaken for realities. Even things that have begun to look settled seem to come unstuck through various elusive factors within ourselves; so concrete achievements do not come at all easily.

If we become interested in what lies beyond the range of normal vision and defies rational explanation, conflicts with Saturn in this area have an inhibiting effect so that we hesitate to commit ourselves and our approach is too rigid, or fear enters in to make us superstitious. Or imagination runs riot with ideas we seem unable to shake off; as seen in its extreme form in paranoia. Naturally, before there can be any question of a persecution complex, personal planets have to be involved and the rest of the horoscope must be in agreement. The core of the matter, however, is that with the conflicts between Saturn and Neptune the world of imagination and of hard reality will put a strain on one another and cause problems.

Powers of perseverance (Saturn) can be undermined by Neptune, but the tension in these aspects can mean that once we have been inspired by a certain ideal we can devote ourselves to it for a long time.

However, the inspiration is not always there: it is stifled by Neptune in such a way that frequently we have difficulty in knowing just what we want. Therefore we are rather susceptible to the (subversive) influence of others.

Our need for the transcendant (Neptune) does seek to express itself; and when these Saturn / Neptune conflicts become too much for us, we just want to get away from it all. Then we seek the peace and quiet in which we feel more comfortable than in the turmoil of daily life. Calm seclusion can inspire us tremendously and help us to regain our strength.

(Charles Carter)

This influence varies from the other-worldly, who lack ambition and do not wish to be

troubled with responsibility, to the crafty and designing who wish to win through at all costs and by any means. The two planets are of so different a nature that the character of the native is also divided, presenting very contradictory aspects at different times or in connection with different matters. There is nearly always the power to work hard, and even the opposition may not hinder great success (Henry Ford). On the other hand, the desire for retirement and seclusion may predominate.

There is usually a certain degree of self-will, and sometimes the native nourishes fantastic and impracticable schemes and ambitions.

There is scandal and sometimes even downfall, but nevertheless these aspects do not always appear to be serious, and, being of long duration by reason of the slowness of the two bodies involved, they need not be taken as very important unless they are either very close, or on angles, or involved with other bodies.

Since Saturn rules the 11th house essentially, the friends may be treacherous, unstable, parasitic, or implicated in scandals.

The ambitions are frequently thwarted, and one's good name is liable to be assailed by hidden channels and in ways difficult of detection.

I have known great suspiciousness under this contact. It may even lead to a definite persecution mania.

28) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°38' A) 001 | 119

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune trine the Ascendant gives you such deep sensitivity that it is extremely difficult for you to be satisfied in personal relations. Your expectations can rarely be fulfilled, for you seek the ideal human relationship. A romanticist at heart, you attribute to people qualities they don't possess and then you are disappointed when they let you down. Instead of dwelling on this, you should concentrate on developing your creative ideas. With your imagination and flair for translating your thoughts into inspired action, this should not be difficult. You can easily compensate for the dissatisfaction of personal relationships by channeling your talents into artistic endeavors, where you can be fully appreciated. In the beginning, you may have to settle for meager returns from your efforts, until you acquire the skill of a true and dedicated artist. There are also many other ways to use your talents besides in artistic pursuits. It might be a source of great joy for you to work with young people and children, and see them develop under your influence.

You tend to dwell on your character faults, especially if others have pointed them out to you. Forget them and go on to develop your abundant positive qualities. You are inclined

to feel that you must do more than others in order to get the recognition you deserve. But take care that you don't become a victim of friends who try to take advantage of your indulgent nature. You are not afraid to work hard if your efforts are appreciated. Knowing that you can make a contribution to society in some way, you must persist in finding out what it is, in spite of reversals. You should bring your creative gifts before the public and give your interpretation of what is needed to improve the quality of life for everyone. You can demonstrate your spiritual concern for man by actively helping to arouse every individual to use his or her highest values to make the world a better place in which to live.

Neptune trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is harmony here between our manifestation in the outside world and a need to refine and perfect by softening the strongly individualistic, we suffer even so from (over)sensitivity to trends and atmospheres in the environment. We easily tune in to them, but, like people with the conjunction, we must learn to distinguish what is going on inside us from what is going on outside. We soon become wrapped up in another person, identifying with their emotions, entering into their wishes, and falling under their sway. In other words, we are very easily influenced.

The idealism that is also a characteristic of Neptune is expressed harmoniously. But, because Neptune has little hold on reality even in the harmonious aspects, we can be led into difficulties by unworkable ideals, by looking at life through rose-colored glasses, and by a tremendous urge to be self-sacrificing.

Here, too, we give others considerable scope to make of us what they will: none of the Neptune / Ascendant aspects gives people much to go on. With this Neptunian factor, we can be slothful and dreamy, and sometimes strike people as rather unstable; but usually there is something appealing about us. Things people think they see in us may not really be there; but we display a spirit of general friendliness, and people of the most diverse kinds can fall in love with us.

All Neptune / Ascendant aspects favor design and finishing work, especially in photography and films; in fact, wherever skilful editing is used to create illusion.

(Betty Lundsted)

Trines or sextiles between Neptune and the Ascendant indicate individuals who were raised in a somewhat spiritually evolved atmosphere; their dreams and fantasies were encouraged by their parents rather than discouraged.

29) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°23' A) ♄8 | ♃4

(Robert Hand)

This aspect will be extremely useful, first by helping you find the right direction to take in your life. and second by enabling you to make others feel positive about you and eager to help if you need it. You are able to pursue your goals without making people feel that you will take something away from them. You have a strong sense of social responsibility, a feeling that you should give your life over to a purpose that is useful in the world. It isn't that you are totally selfish or self-sacrificing, but that nothing seems worth doing unless it is of use to others.

You will always get along easily with authorities, and while you are young that usually means people who are older. You know that they have something to teach you, and you are willing to learn from them. You don't feel you have to show everyone how smart you are, even though you believe that you are rather special. You are willing to take your time and let the world find out how much you can do.

You will always have a project to work on, because you hate to be idle, either in mind or in body. Usually you are busy with some consuming interest, which may mean more to you than being with others. You feel that you are self-sufficient, and that your activities are enough to give you a sense of fulfillment in life. You don't feel an urgent need to be with others all the time.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates a constructive attitude toward work which facilitates a rise to prominence in the native's chosen profession. His honesty and sincerity will gain the goodwill of people in positions of power, who in turn will help him further his ambitions. This aspect is especially favorable for a career in law or in the ministry.

Professional success ensures the wherewithal for a happy, secure domestic life. The natives love their families and have a positive attitude toward family members.

Jupiter trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven, we generally know how to make a good impression on the outside world. We can encourage others by a friendly, cheerful attitude and, conversely, others are prepared to help us, too. The self-

image is a confident one. We adapt well to the various circumstances of life, and luck is usually on our side. Good opportunities seem to present themselves of their own accord without any notable effort on our part. But, since everything runs so smoothly, we tend to become easy-going and self-indulgent.

Freedom to develop is not something we have to fight for with this aspect; usually it is handed to us on a plate. The position of Jupiter is excellent for a (big or small) rise in life - a rise often brought about (in part, anyway) by a wide range of interests. Once again, to issue the statutory warning that ought to accompany all Jovian aspects, we must try to avoid thinking that we always know best. However, with the harmonious aspects our style is so relaxed that it seldom raises many hackles.

30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (7°18' A) ♄8 | ♄12

(Robert Hand)

As you grow older, you will get ahead by doing everything in a very systematic and orderly manner. You try to take good care of your possessions, and you like to have them arranged neatly about you. Also you try to use your possessions in the best way possible.

As you get older, you will be fascinated by the tools and techniques of any subject that interests you, and you will become very proficient in those techniques.

Even at an early age, you will feel that very little that is worth having comes for nothing in this world, but you are willing to work. As a result of this understanding, you may seem older than your age, and you may prefer the company of older people.

Although you can work with others if necessary, you probably prefer activities that you can pursue by yourself, because then you do not have to worry about whether someone else's standards are as high as your own. You are very exacting in your work, and find it frustrating to deal with anyone who is less exacting. This same energy may also cause you to feel a bit different from other people, even sometimes as if you don't belong with them. However, this will not bother you greatly, because you are confident enough to be yourself. It is more important to you to be right than to be popular. This attitude will win you the respect of your elders, and all your life you will get along well with persons in authority. Eventually you will probably be in a position of authority yourself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates considerable professional ambition. The natives will work steadily and hard to achieve their chosen career goals. They are reliable in their jobs and possess organizational and managerial abilities. Thus, they gain the confidence of people in positions of authority and are promoted. This configuration favors a slow,

steady climb to the top. It especially favors those in politics and indicates honesty in public office, providing other factors in the horoscope are confirmatory.

The professional success gained through hard work contributes to a secure and wellordered domestic life.

Saturn trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever the aspect between the Midheaven and Saturn, a feeling of vulnerability and inferiority will play a role. In the harmonious aspects, we can come to terms with this fairly well. They give us a serious outlook on ourselves and on life in general, and our sense of responsibility is well-developed. We can work hard and long, and we like to finish what we start. Indeed we can be very self-denying on behalf of work or for some other goal; also there is more than a hint of wanting to let the world know that we can play our part in fine style. Ambition is certainly not foreign to the harmonious aspects.

Saturn is the planet of time. Therefore we seldom see a meteoric rise to fame and fortune; instead, there is steady application giving solid achievement. Given time, this will operate to our advantage.

Even with these relaxed aspects, we seldom choose the path of least resistance - neither in forming our identity, nor in regard to social status. In any case, we are eminently suited to heavy, prolonged and responsible work. We can be a tower of strength to others, and can help them to shape their lives, too.

31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (8°10' S) ♄11 | ♀2

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect gives similar indications to the sextile, where the possibility of personal transformation is likely to occur through emotional experiences of a higher and intense kind.

You will have a fundamental faith in life, an innate optimism that all will work out well in the end. This belief in the goodness of life can be 'contagious'; and you may feel attracted towards sharing with others your personal approach or philosophy of life, so that they too can experience how trust, faith and love can enrich and guide a life. You feel that higher values are essential in interpersonal relationships; and you try to embody these in your own life. You see that the bedrock of a partnership - apart from mutual love and affection - lies in qualities of commitment, honesty, integrity, responsibility to mutual

obligations, and allowing each other the space to express his or her own unique nature and to continue to unfold the personality in a developmental way. Generally, you have a belief that the lives of others could be greatly improved if certain adjustments were made in their attitudes; and you are probably correct in assuming so. You may, however, have to avoid a tendency to interfere in the choices that others make. They have to find their own way, although you have the potential to help others do this, perhaps by encouraging them to examine themselves and their options.

You should have a sense of life direction to follow, a meaningful path which may appear in hindsight to have an element of inevitability about it. Similarly, your intimate love life may feel preordained, and you may find that you are waiting for that special partner to enter your life, not feeling quite right with any previous relationships or fully able to commit yourself to them. It could be that you experience the right partner in the traditional sense of 'love at first sight', an intuitive feeling of 'rightness'.

Whether immediately obvious or not, your life will be strongly directed and influenced by your emotions; your choices will always be conditioned by your emotional responses to people and situations, even though you may overlay your 'gut reaction' by intellectual reasons or logic. Fortunately, your choices tend to turn out right for you, unlike the choices made by those with the Venus-Pluto square or opposition, where following emotional impulses leads towards considerable difficulties and frustrations. It may be that some of the higher appreciation and qualities that potentially are yours to experience may remain latent until they are triggered into conscious activity through the transformative action of love upon you; meeting your 'fated partner' could be the stimulus for this process. This does not necessarily imply that the relationship will succeed and survive, but could indicate a crisis and turning-point in your life centred within your emotions, which - whatever the result - will lead to enhanced understanding and inner change.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Venus trine Pluto enables you to enjoy the highest creative experiences that love can bring. You derive spiritual benefits from personal contacts, and you stimulate others to emulate your attitude about love, which benefits them too.

You will control your ardent love nature until your intuition signals that you have found a suitable partner for creative expression of your passion. You may have love interests, which can be more romantic than real love, but when you meet the one special individual, you will respond with undeniable persuasiveness. The chances are good that the feeling will be mutual. There is a quality of fate in the chance encounter that defies all logic; this love will grow until you both feel as one.

You can be extremely effective in teaching others about moral and spiritual values and how to enrich their lives by adhering to the highest ethical standards. Young people

especially will relate to you; you can teach them to stand on their own feet, secure in their values and commitments and in their eagerness to be loving in spite of adversity.

Any profession that you follow, you will be dedicated to. You are honest and would probably quite your job if you had to bend your ethics in performing it. Some fields that are especially suited to your capabilities include investment, insurance, financial management, and sales. Selling would be especially rewarding because your sincerity would encourage customers to buy your product. You could also function well as an analyst because you can focus on people's needs. You are understanding, sympathetic, and yet strong enough to persuade people to accept your suggestions for their own good.

You have a quality that is essential to success - you believe in yourself and in the potentials of others. Your basic integrity is solidly founded. You could make a substantial contribution to society through government service or political activity, probably in the financial management of someone in office or seeking it. You could also find satisfaction in working for the Internal Revenue Service or as a private citizen conducting your own tax service. It would be difficult for anyone to pull the wool over your eyes because you are keenly perceptive of dishonesty.

Whatever course you follow in your private and your professional life, you will be amply rewarded for your efforts. The love principle you project to all has the peripheral effect of bringing abundance into your life. This aspect usually means you will inherit something, and it is almost a certainty that you will be named in someone's will because of your unselfish contribution.

32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Pluto** - (3°59' A) ♄10 | ♃2

(Haydn Paul)

The energy and qualities released through the trine aspect can be quite beneficial and socially constructive. In many ways, you should find this an uncomplicated and straightforward aspect to live and work with.

You will feel at ease in applying your potent will-power to ensure the success of any aims that you clearly decide to achieve and which are realistically within your scope. You are likely to observe over time that, when necessary, the self-discipline required to direct your will consistently in the chosen direction also stimulates an inner change to occur, whereby your qualities and talents seem to be remixed or rebalanced according to the needs of your objectives. This can be very useful as a regeneration of the inner life to reflect a pattern of internal harmony, in which conflicting energies and tendencies are no longer competing for expression and diverting your attention away from your purpose. However, this process should only occur during phases where you need to be intensely one-pointed and concentrated enough to make your decisive active step, and should not

be encouraged to continue, as the result may be a repression of aspects of your personality and a pushing them down into the unconscious mind. See it as a temporary 'selective tightening' necessary for a short time, and then allow a relaxation and a release of these temporarily unexpressed aspects to be free again in your personality.

You tend to have insight into people and situations, and the capacity for direct, realistic analysis. You prefer to allow space for others to be themselves, being quite tolerant of most people - providing they are not causing deliberate harm or taking advantage of others. In addition, you have a clear sense of interrelationship with society, and feel that you have a natural responsibility to use your energies in a socially constructive way. In particular, you take a certain pleasure in attempting to resolve social problems by becoming involved with social pressure groups which indicate directions to follow which they believe would be socially beneficial. You can become very committed to supporting causes that you have faith in, devoting time and energy to furthering the cause, and in being true to yourself and your personal beliefs. The only point to bear in mind with such a tendency is the need for an ongoing evaluation of belief and self, to determine your current standpoint and to allow it to change and evolve naturally, as you develop through time and greater life experience; belief should not be an unquestioning, static position.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars trine Pluto, your aggressiveness is well aligned with your dedication to causes. You can be effective in solving awesome problems in society because you have a deep understanding of those problems and their origin. You offer your services out of a spiritual conviction that you are obliged to do something constructive about your surroundings. You may even feel that as a member of society you have contributed to the problems. On the other hand, the ease of this planetary aspect may enable you to dispassionately detach yourself from any responsibility and remain simply an observer.

Your ardent sexual nature is reasonably under control. You are intensely concerned that the object of your affection truly cares for you in more ways than just as a lover. You expect more than a physical expression of love, and you offer more than this in your love. The physical release you seek is enriched by a shared spiritual union. Your loving nature extends in many directions to transform those you contact socially and emotionally.

You aren't preoccupied with power as an instrument for gain, but see it rather as a force for continued growth. You realize that life is a continuing spiritual process in which patterns of ever-increasing awareness unfold. Recognizing that everyone has his or her own level of development, you are tolerant when others occasionally stumble. You will offer your hand in assistance when you are needed, but rarely interfere except to avert an impending tragedy.

You are fearless in defending your rights and may surprise your friends with your

ruthless courage in the face of overwhelming odds. You can draw on vast sources of spiritual energy to sustain you through the most difficult crises.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the action principle; when it trines Pluto (our unconscious motivation), it indicates that the energies can merge in a productive manner. This individual was encouraged in childhood to express himself, to co-operate with groups, to act for the common good of the family. The collective images in the psyche may influence actions that are taken, but in a constructive manner. The creative facet of the aspect may not be used early in the life, for this individual will be coping with the more difficult configurations in his or her birth chart at that time.

Mars trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We have a great need to prove ourselves and to exercise power. In many instances, we manage to engineer circumstances in which - to a greater or lesser extent - we end up in a position of authority, even if it is only by doing something others cannot do. We have an unbelievable fund of energy, and, even if physical strength is limited, mental power and perseverance enable us to fight our way through.

We are often very self-willed with these aspects, and the fact that they are harmonious does not save us from confrontations. We enter into the latter with head held high, determined not to be done down, and becoming very angry when we are. Our grim determination can achieve a great deal, but can also isolate us somewhat from those around us. Even the easy aspects do not enable us to take things easy.

We can go far if we know how to use our energy constructively; but, by the same token, can go badly astray if we take a wrong turning. Easy aspects are actually the worst aspects when it comes to persisting in the wrong direction until finally being pulled up short by a dead end. But, as already mentioned, resilience is great; so that, in principle, we can overcome all our problems. Pluto is insatiable and will never be satisfied with what Mars can do. We expect a lot from ourselves with these aspects, and may overtax our strength, although the danger is not so great as in the hard aspects.

33) ► **Jupiter** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (6°55' S) ♀ 4 | ♀ 12

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Jupiter trine Saturn, you integrate the lessons you have learned through past

experiences with your designs for the future. Your goals are within the guidelines you've set for yourself. Success is not a surprise; you expect it because your proposals for yourself are responsible and within your capabilities. People may think you are inspired because things always come up roses for you, but you know differently. You have access to useful information and are skilled in evaluating the details on which you base your actions. The outcome of this planning is generally a sure thing even before you become involved; you don't really take chances on anything.

Having great faith in yourself, you project a wholesome expectation of success in all your endeavors. You don't waste precious time and effort on trivia, but you are thoughtful in applying yourself to the matters that you feel are important. You might succeed in law, finance, physical therapy, counselling of young people, education, or the ministry. You are creatively inspired in using your talents for working with people, especially in religious endeavors. In making any public presentation, you dramatize yourself effectively. You are fairly easy-going with co-workers, and don't challenge them if they are less competent than you.

You could become apathetic and indifferent to success, since this planetary combination gives you the luxury of such a choice. But it would be a loss to society if you elected to detach yourself in this way. If you choose, you can be the catalyst for the development of other people's talents. People without dreams of their own can achieve with your prodding. Their destinies would be immeasurably benefited by contact with you.

You may decide to avoid the hostile world of professional endeavors. If so, you might devote your talents to such areas as recreation, physical development, or training young people in need of a strong adult who believes in them. Participating in programs for their achievements would be a useful way to offer your expertise to those desiring it. You would be of great value and would be enriched by the results of your efforts.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates an individual born into a family with a generally healthy perspective on life. As this person reaches out to relate, to bring in new life experience, his parents are supportive. The father image is healthy and it gives this individual a sound psychological basis from which to work as he approaches new situations in his life. Authority figures are not frightening; there is an innate sense of responsibility for actions taken; and the chances are that any commitment will be thought out carefully. Relationships will be regarded seriously, and any attempt at developing them will be considered from a responsible point.

As this person matures, as he passes through the various cycles relating to the maturation process, he will discover that he opens up and expands his conscious awareness at a similar rate to his letting go of Saturnian cautions and fears. This aspect indicates a steady growth and steady maturity; and therefore the growing process may

be more difficult to discern. The person with the Saturn-Jupiter afflictions will grow with leaps, bounds and fallow periods. The trine will move from one level of awareness to another from a more circumspect point.

The trine between Jupiter and Saturn will not outweigh aspects indicating personal conflict. It can be used to indicate the available inner strength needed when working through other, difficult aspects in the chart. An individual may have developed such an intense dislike of the father during the early childhood years (the dislike being based on other aspects in the chart) that he may be unable to see any constructive father effect in his life. Understanding the Jupiter-Saturn trine may give him new insight into the early experience with the father.

Jupiter trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way in which we seek expansion, improvement and increase harmonizes here with perseverance and the way in which we discipline ourselves and define our egos. A balance between the two planets gives us the possibility of being level-headed visionaries looking for a solidly-built future. A structured career pattern is another possibility and is quite likely to bring success.

We are often filled with a justifiable optimism, a sort of well-balanced enthusiasm, and this enables us to promote joint efforts in a thoroughly relaxed way.

We are good organizers, and know how to combine a look ahead with a sense of current realities; responsibilities seldom over-burden us, and we have little dread of the future. Nevertheless, the promising and stimulating side of these aspects will never turn our heads. We are and remain serious, and will retain the necessary self-discipline to achieve our ends. For in these aspects Jupiter strengthens the ambition and the diligence of Saturn so that we never rest until we have attained our goal.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is commonly regarded as singularly fortunate, particularly, of course, if the signs and houses occupied are of a congenial nature. It is the token of constructive power, the progessive energy of Jupiter taking form and permanency through Saturn. Hence it is a common aspect in the charts of materially successful people.

The type of character engendered may be described as one of serious purposivity, the native being as a rule much in earnest, and yet cheerful and optimistic.

The constructivity lends to many forms of expression such as politics, municipal and administrative work, art, and commerce: sextiles between the two planets, especially from Libra to Sagittarius, or from Sagittarius to Aquarius, or from Aquarius to Aries, seem very favourable to art.

It must be recollected that the best of any aspects between heavy planets such as these can only appear if the lighter planets are also well placed; in a sense, the heavy planets depend for expression on the lighter. Therefore, too much must not be expected from this combination alone. But few contacts possess greater potentialities.

The native will have the ability to take long views, and he will work steadily towards one end in life, year after year, with the utmost patience, learning from the past and adapting its lessons for the future. He is usually generous, but is judicious in bestowing help.

There will probably be a distinctly Jovian streak in the character or pursuits of the father, who may be a religious teacher, a sailor, a lawyer, or may show the less happy aspects of the planet and be feckless and irresponsible, if Jupiter is not strong.

It inclines to mould the native in Jovian ways also, as, for example, to make him travel, or to follow law or some other Jovian activity; and sometimes family influences are the determining factors in this matter.

34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (6°44' S) ≈12 | Ⅱ4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates that the natives are careful and conservative, hewing strictly to the codes of social, moral, and business behavior of the culture with which they must deal. They are, therefore, considered somewhat oldfashioned. However, they achieve success by gaining the co-operation of social institutions and the older, more traditional members of society who respect their conservatism. They tend to ensconce themselves in secure positions in established institutions. This aspect especially favors those politicians or others in public life who represent the more conservative elements of society.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides excellent working habits to these individuals. They have great stamina and endurance to do things. Getting substantial assistance from, or providing large helping hand to, older people is a part of their lifestyle. Stronger family ties are already established from this aspect. As a result, they may have large family cohesion or a family environment that includes a lot of relatives and sometimes even distant relatives. They have excellent co-operative spirit, which is definitely learned not by childhood discipline but by some of their past-life habits. In this aspect, the harder the

person works, the better will be his rewards. Surprisingly, he gets to collect those rewards in this lifetime. Emotional and spiritual maturity is seen even in early childhood.

(Donna van Toen)

A need for material progress stimulates a desire for growth. Patience and ability to tolerate seclusion are conducive to growth. In other respects, much like Saturn conjunct North Node.

Saturn trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The inclination to become attached to persons older than oneself, also to seek contact with mature and experienced people. Association with elderly or experienced persons, also sponsorship through such people.

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility. These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Semi-Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°24' S) ≈12 | 1311

(Charles Carter)

The Semi-sextile, though a weak influence, betokens good humour, cheerfulness, and optimism. There is often a liking for human nature and for fun. An orb of about 2° might be allowed for this contact.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The semisextile is not a strong feature, but with it and the conjunction there is nearly always an appreciation of beautiful things, such as art and music. If Mercury is involved, there will be a talent for craft work.

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