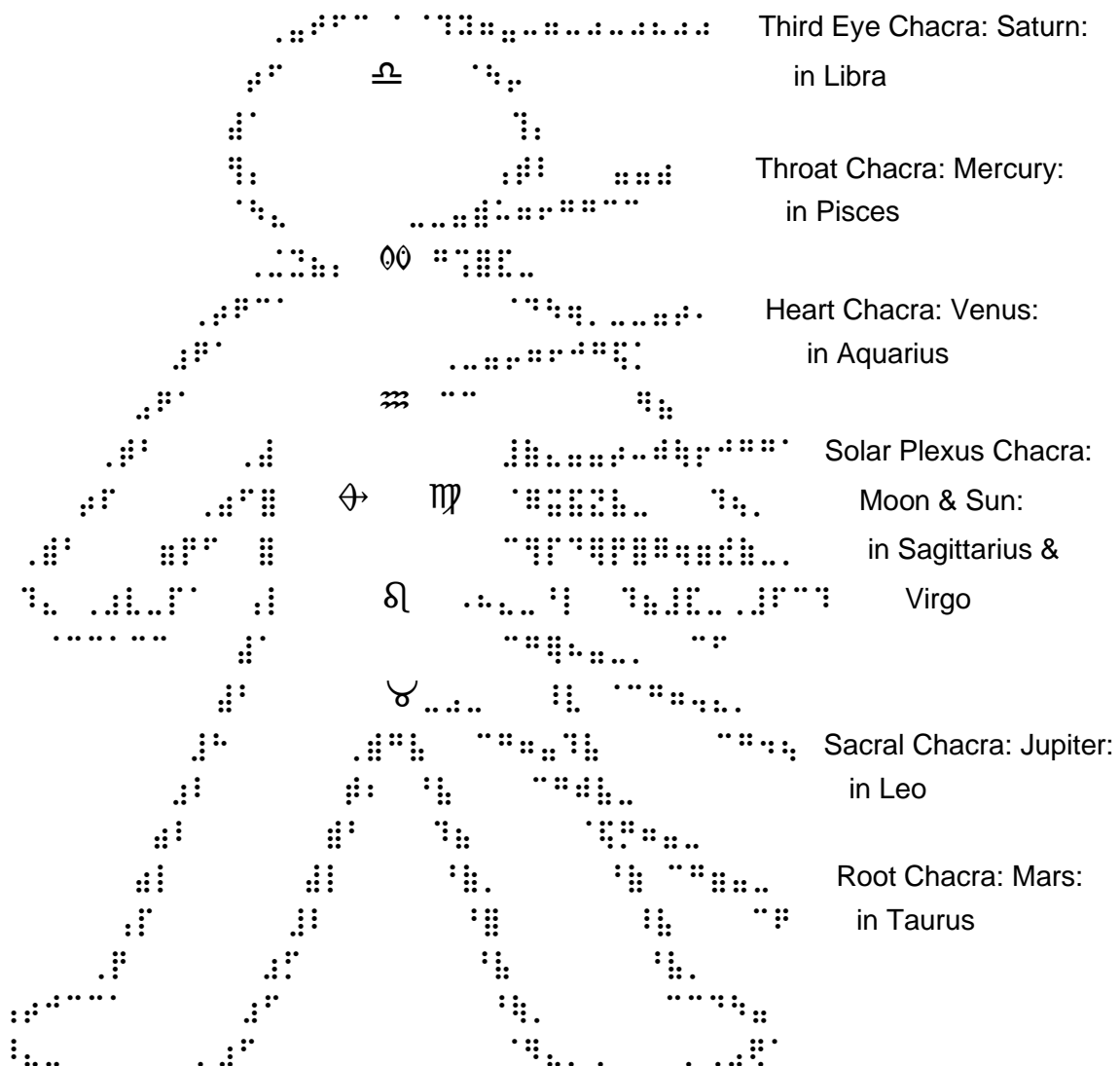


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Summaries

Virgo Sun ☉ ♍ and ♄ ☾ Sagittarius Moon man

([783] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Dreamy Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Persuasive, impressive and loyal;

Negatives: Capricious, dogmatic and sarcastic;

Perfect partner: Someone in the company of whom they can completely relax;

Advice: They should try to gain their independence early in life.

Sun ☉ in III 3rd House

([861] i.thehoroscope.co)

A spontaneous personality - Summary:

Strengths: Creative, pragmatic and bold;

Challenges: Agitated, pessimistic and unpredictable;

Advice: They should pay more attention to the needs of their loved ones.

Moon ☾ in VI 6th House

([877] i.thehoroscope.co)

All about introspection - Summary:

Strengths: Focused, sympathetic and intuitive;

Challenges: Superficial and rushed;

Advice: Try to depend less on validation from others.

Neutral: Finding great solutions

Moon ☾ in 20th Nakshatra: Purva Shadha

Short Version [2]

Strength: influential, artistic, handsome, popular, polite, patient faithful to friends, intelligent, loves the comforts of life, attracted to water, supportive, courageous, humble, wealthy, loves fine cuisine, has a enjoyable relationship with spouse, capable of having many children, makes a good manager, but prefers to be in service, valuable employee, seeks the truth.

Weakness: egotistical, inflexible, superiority complex, argumentative, not open to advice, works hard for little pay, incompetent manager, bouts of loud and raucous behavior, dictatorial, obstinate, settles for less, lacks patience with those who are slower to change.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in first pada

(13°20'-16°40' degrees Sagittarius): Leo navamsa. You are high-minded and dignified. You respect others and are admired by your peers. You enjoy helping others, and you lead a stable, happy life.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♏ Pisces man

([906] i.thehoroscope.co)

The secret sentimental - In a nutshell:

Positives: Sensitive and communicative;

Negatives: Contradictory and possessive;

Soulmate: Someone who is open to trying new things.

Life lesson: Investing more energy, even when others are not involved.

Mercury ☿ in IX 9th House

([916] i.thehoroscope.co)

A great mental capacity - Summary:

Strengths: Analytical, observing and generous;

Challenges: Cynical, cautious and aloof;

Advice: They should put greater effort in understanding others.

Venus ♀ in ♒ Aquarius man

([941] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Eccentric and dedicated;

Negatives: Cruel and obstinate;

Soulmate: Someone who has a scientific mind of his own;

Life lesson: Taking more time to practice hobbies.

Venus ♀ in VIII 8th House

([952] i.thehoroscope.co)

Passion makes them feel better about themselves - Summary:

Strengths: Devoted, witty and romantic;

Challenges: Overly dramatic and superficial;

Advice: Be the person who matches their words to their actions.

Neutral: They are rather reserved

Mars ♂ in ♉ Taurus man

([959] i.thehoroscope.co)

High expectations in life - In a nutshell:

Positives: Passionate and intuitive;

Negatives: Lazy and impatient;

Soulmate: Someone who is refined, tender and attentive;
Life lesson: Not letting a distance interfere between him and close ones.
Neutral: His woman should be refined and devoted

Mars ♂ in XI 11th House

([991] i.thehoroscope.co)

They're the intellectual type - Summary:

Strengths: Ambitious, meticulous and sociable;
Challenges: Superficial and intolerant;
Advice: Try not to take more than what can be handled.

Jupiter ♃ in ♌ Leo man

([997] i.thehoroscope.co)

Incredibly charismatic - In a nutshell:

Style: Expressive and joyful;
Top qualities: Dramatic, generous and proud;
Weaknesses: Fragile ego and susceptible to moodiness;
Advice: Take notice of the affection you are getting from your closest.

Jupiter ♃ in II 2nd House

([1006] i.thehoroscope.co)

Supportive and caring - Summary:

Strengths: Convincing, optimistic and original;
Challenges: Dreamy, materialistic and naïve;
Advice: They need to be careful with their spending.

Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra man

([1023] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Astute and friendly;
Top qualities: Direct, receptive and generous;
Challenges: Insecure, fearful and indecisive;
Advice: Perseverance is key for your professional advancement.

Saturn ♄ in IV 4th House

([1032] i.thehoroscope.co)

A complex inner life - Summary:

Strengths: Honest, serious and dependable;
Challenges: Controlling, anxious and domineering;
Advice: They shouldn't be too demanding of their own family.

Uranus ♅ in ♊ Gemini man

([1043] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Expansive and versatile;
Top qualities: Visionary and rational;
Challenges: Impulsive and superficial;
Advice: Some people simply don't want to be reached to.

Uranus ♀ in XII 12th House

([1064] i.thehoroscope.co)

A sociable companion - Summary:

Strengths: Ingenious, elegant and unconventional;
Challenges: Distracted, cautious and superficial;
Advice: They should try to look at their work with joy not resentment.

Neptune ♀ in ♈ Capricorn man

([1074] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Disciplined and practical;
Top qualities: Resourceful, thoughtful and goal-oriented;
Challenges: Stubborn and selfish;
Advice: Do only what keeps you happy with yourself.

Neptune ♀ in VII 7th House

([1083] i.thehoroscope.co)

An altruistic personality - Summary:

Strengths: Dependable, trustworthy and kind;
Challenges: Dreamy, irritable and perfectionistic;
Advice: They should do more of what they love.

Pluto ♀ in ♊ Gemini man

([1091] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Versatile and curious;
Top qualities: Attentive, adaptable and inspired;
Challenges: Superficial and rushed;
Advice: Don't go the moment boredom gets installed.

Pluto ♀ in XII 12th House

([1112] i.thehoroscope.co)

They're emotionally intense - Summary:

Strengths: Observant, sociable and wise;
Challenges: Overly sensitive, moody and distracted;

Advice: They shouldn't confuse their dreams with clarity of mind.

North Node ♈ in ♒ Aquarius

([1123] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Idealistic, attentive and kind-hearted;

Challenges: Dramatic, rude and selfish

Kindhearted and expressive, True visionaries

South Node ♏ in ♌ Leo

([1129] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, lucky, talented and inspirational;

Challenges: Stubborn, overly-dramatic and emotional;

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

North Node ♏ in VIII 8th House (Scorpio)

([1120] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Serious, appreciative and gentle;

Challenges: Unpredictable and dramatic

Meant to explore profound matters, Darkness and what is forbidden

South Node ♏ in II 2nd House (Taurus)

([1126] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Self-reliant, direct, exploring and honest;

Challenges: Instinctual, arrogant and harsh;

A need to explore the different sides of life, They are beyond self-resilient

(Black Moon) Lilith ♇ in ♒ Aquarius

([1147] elsaelsa.com)

Neo-Creator

(Black Moon) Lilith ♇ in VIII 8th House

([1156] elsaelsa.com)

Fertilizer Bomb

► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Mercury - (0°32')** ☾1 | 009

([35] astromatrix.org:)

Opportunities: 1. Being Productive 2. Excelling in Communication

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Remaining Empathetic

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°57') ♀5 | ♄6

([161] astromatrix.org:) The Possessive

Opportunities: 1. Having a Family 2. Surrounding Yourself with the Right People

Challenges: 1. Using Your Energy Well 2. Sharing Your Inner Security

► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°55') ♀9 | ♀8

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

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

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

► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (3°43' A) ♀2 | ♀8

([636] astromatrix.org:) Judgemental & Imaginative Personality

Opportunities: 1. Learning & practising self-control 2. Cultivating a trustworthy aura

Challenges: 1. Harnessing wild imagination 2. Building emotional security

► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ☉ Sun** - (1°23' A) ☉1 | ♀3

([229] astromatrix.org:) Magnetic Charm

Opportunities: 1. Inspiring Others 2. Embracing Competition

Challenges: 1. Dealing Better with Restlessness 2. Fulfilling Your Potential

► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°19' S) ☉1 | ♀11

([268] astromatrix.org:) Live Wire

Opportunities: 1. Setting Creative Goals 2. Finding Your Direction in Life

Challenges: 1. Having Empathy for Other's Feelings 2. Learning to Compromise

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♀ Mercury** - (1°16' A) ♀11 | ♀9

([251] astromatrix.org:) Working to Succeed

Opportunities: 1. Communicating Your Insights 2. Going Towards Your Future

Challenges: 1. Understanding Human Nature 2. Always Being Sincere

► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus** - (1°51' A) ♀11 | ♀8

([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

► **Mars ♂ Square ♀ Lilith** - (3°48' A) ♀11 | ♀8

([656] astromatrix.org:) Transforming Primal Energy

Opportunities: 1. Asserting Your Power 2. Harnessing your inner wild

Challenges: 1. Overcoming Feelings of inadequacy 2. Avoiding impulsive decisions

► **Sun ☉ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°42' S) ♀3 | ♀11

([302] astromatrix.org;) The Door Opener

Opportunities: 1. Finding Socially-Engaged Work 2. Taking on New Challenges

Challenges: 1. Curbing Impulsive Behavior 2. Recognizing Opportunities

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♀ Mercury** - (0°32') ☾1 | 009
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°40') ♀5 | 137
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°55') ♀3 | 111
- 4) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°17') ♀6 | 137
- 5) ► **Mercury ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°37') 009 | 88
- 6) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (0°57') 88 | 22
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°35') 88 | 44
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°22') 22 | 44
- 9) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Neptune** - (1°49' A) 137 | 137
- 10) ► **Mercury ♀ Conjunct ♀ North-Node** - (6°41' S) 009 | 88
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- 13) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Uranus** - (1°39' S) ♀6 | 12
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Pluto** - (4°41' A) ♀6 | 12
- 15) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°19' S) ☾1 | 111
- 16) ► **Jupiter ♀ Sextile ♀ Pluto** - (0°02' A) 22 | 12
- 17) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus** - (1°51' A) 11 | 88
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♀ Pluto** - (3°35' S) ♀3 | 12
- 19) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♀ Jupiter** - (0°05' S) 11 | 22
- 20) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°42' S) ♀3 | 111
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♀ Neptune** - (0°26' A) ♀3 | 137
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♀ Jupiter** - (4°39' A) ♀6 | 22
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♀ Uranus** - (4°51' A) 88 | 12
- 24) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♀ Neptune** - (4°08' S) 11 | 137
- 25) ► **Saturn ♀ Trine ♀ Uranus** - (8°10' S) 44 | 12

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♍ Virgo 24° 28'

(Betty Lundsted)

The Virgo child enters a mother-dominated environment. The Sun is in a feminine polarity, which indicates that the father is a passive figure. There is a different expression of the earth element in the Virgo, since the childhood environment stresses education and mental development.

For centuries, Virgos have been told that they are too critical, too intellectual, too rational, too involved with education, too involved with finding fault in others; and that they emphasize petty details rather than concentrating on main issues. It seems to be true - these qualities are often a part of a Virgo's character. But how are these character traits developed?

Virgo is born into a family where Mom is quite put out with Dad. In many instances, Virgo is born when the mother decides to have a much-wanted child. She then goes through the crisis of having to stay at home from work to take care of the kid. The work environment offered office relationships that were enjoyable; the office offered a chance to exchange information with others that is usually lost when a woman stays at home to take care of a child's needs. This mother begins to resent her husband, for after the child is born she can't afford baby sitters since the family has just lost her income.

Or, the Virgo child is born into a family where one more child is another financial responsibility that is added to an already heavy burden. The mother resents her position, and begins to question her husband's ability to support his family. She not only criticizes her husband, but doubtless criticizes her own mother, her in-laws and the whole neighborhood. It isn't too long before she gets around to criticizing the little Virgo as well. Because the mother is such a dominant force, the criticism that she offers is taken quite seriously by the child.

In general, Virgos have a serious need to be appreciated and needed as they reach adulthood. They choose occupations which are necessary, which provide service for different groups; or they tend to become involved in occupations where they are overworked and underpaid. They are an employer's delight because they often give more time to a job than they are being paid for. Their problems begin when they start to find fault with everything and everybody around them. The motive is simple: 'If I can find fault with you before you find fault with me, then everything is ok.' Children raised by

highly critical parents are going to grow up to be critical adults. We pick up our basic patterns of behavior from our parents. The attitudes we encounter are deposited in our subconscious very early in life. As we get older and look inside ourselves, we sometimes notice with amazement that we have become a carbon copy of our parents!

The mother may instill in her child values that will also discourage Virgo from feeling comfortable in certain adult aspects of relationships. Often, the mother of a Virgo goes through an antisexual period during the kid's infancy. She worries a lot about hygiene, and the normal functions of the body are often regarded with distaste. Mothers of Virgo infants have been observed to have extremely negative reactions to the job of changing dirty diapers. All children wear diapers, and all humans eliminate body waste. However, when a child's diaper is changed with disgust, and the child is only two or three months old, he begins to feel that the disgust relates to some unsatisfactory behavior on his part. If one shows disgust or disdain to a dog while it's in the training process, it can be trained not to eat! A child exposed to this response will develop guilts about natural functions, including sexuality. Most Virgos feel guilty about their sex life, and handle sex with embarrassment, or not at all. However, Virgo is an earth sign. We often use the word 'earthy' to indicate someone who is practical and sensual and a part of the earth. Virgo children have trouble compromising between their sexual desires and their sexual attitudes.

The Virgo female grows up in an environment in which she is close to her mother, but this closeness may be of either the love or the hate polarity. She feels criticized and unsure of herself. She doesn't have a lot of confidence in her ability to handle life experience, since her childhood was full of admonitions and criticisms. As she progresses into her teens, her body starts making demands and inquiries into her sexuality. Many young Virgo girls have early sexual experiences because they are looking for 'a port in the storm'. They also want to understand how it feels to be a woman. Some Virgos marry for the first time in order to get away from home and mother. But as time goes by, the Virgo begins to feel guilty because the power of the subconscious pulls on her rational mind. She may even grow to resent her sexual needs.

She often goes back to college after marriage to get her degree so that she can go back to work in a professional capacity. At that time, she begins to treat her husband much as her mother treated her father, and disappointments begin to happen in the relationship - they begin to grow apart.

The Virgo male has a more difficult time of it. He is a mother-dominated child in an atmosphere where his father is criticized and rejected. As he grows up, he's quite angry that his father is so incompetent. He feels that if his father were a better provider, his mother (the centre of his universe) wouldn't be so unhappy. Consequently, the Virgo often works too hard on a job in order to prove he isn't the 'no-good' that Daddy was, and he gets very angry when his work is not appreciated.

He gets the same dose of bacteria phobia and disgust that his sister did from his mother, and he enters adulthood with a bit of a sexual double standard. He wants to be sexually involved, yet he thinks sex is a little vulgar. The Virgo male can carry a great deal of resentment towards his mother. If she is really overpowering, and if she is intensely critical of him and his dad, the boy may not want to have any involvement with women at all; for every time he sees a woman he sees the characteristics of his mother.

Men born into feminine signs have more trouble dealing with women than do their masculine sign counterparts. Because Mother ran the household, and seemed to be the ruler of the universe, it is more difficult for these men to converse freely with women; subconsciously, they think that women have 'therpower'. When they learn that 'the power' is really related to the concept of the feminine principle, and that this power is in them and can be used in a material sense for building something in the material universe - whether the building is intellectual or physical - then they are free to see men and women as human beings. Until they reach an understanding of the masculine and feminine principles operating in the universe, they will over-listen to women. It's difficult for them to have a disagreement with a woman; they can't easily handle opinions from a woman, and they overreact to what she says. A woman may have no idea that the Virgo male is reacting to her in this way. She just notices that he's too detailed, too involved in statistics, too involved in proving his points by quoting passages from all the books he's read; and she can't get a straightforward conversation out of him. If it happens to be a positive-sign woman (who wasn't to be respected in her own right by men in general) encountering a Virgo male, these two can engage in a most interesting argument, all based on the subconscious drives within them!

If Virgos want to form real relationships, they need to sincerely dedicate themselves to the art of relating. It's something they need to learn because when they were children they didn't see relating between their parents. Their parents essentially play 'Mr. and Mrs.' roles; the man-woman factor in the relationship was impersonal. Virgos have to figure out for themselves what a relationship is, how to do it, and whether or not they feel they can take a chance with it.

Perhaps the most difficult thing to understand about Virgos is that it's normal for them to criticize people they are fond of - they criticize when they care enough to criticize at their very best! However, they don't accept criticism very well, because they're already a selfcritical group; so they don't want to hear any suggestions from a partner. When they realize that they need to share their mind and their emotions with someone they care for; when they begin to care enough to care about how their partner feels; when they can give up being self-defensive every time a serious discussion takes place, then they are on the road to having a good relationship.

(Haydn Paul)

The Virgo personality is usually careful, efficient and methodical, deriving great pleasure

in creating order from confusion and chaos. You will like to put things straight and tidy, to organise your environment and also any people that happen to be there.... You have a high degree of common sense, and can be an active thinker who has to put thoughts into practice. You are efficient at handling and working with details in life, and are able to learn new things quickly and easily.

You may find it difficult to feel content with life, yet have difficulty distinguishing which aspects should be changed to improve it. There can be anxiety undercurrents, and through excessive worry your nervous system can be affected, creating ill-health. You may need to be careful that excessive work does not place too much strain on your health, as you tend to be one of the consistent and reliable workers of the zodiac.

Your life-attitudes are fundamentally conservative and traditional, and you are cautious and protective regarding your interests. You tend to seek perfection in people and the world (which you will never find), and can tend to point out faults to others; sometimes, these comments can be too sharp and upsetting, even if your perceptions are generally accurate. Yet when you consciously choose to be, you can reveal a tactful and diplomatic style of expression. You may not always judge yourself to quite the high degree that you expect from others though.... Your attitudes, beliefs and opinions can become too fixed and inflexible, which can make change and development difficult to achieve, as well as leading to conflicts with others.

You can be an efficient financial manager and organiser of your domestic life, needing this to feel secure. You are very conscious of the value and importance of ensuring that the family unit remains cohesive, and are willing to expend considerable effort in that direction. There will be a strong sense of morality - reflecting traditional values - and your life will probably move along socially acceptable routes; you prefer this, as you are a bit restrained and choose to stay on secure 'well-trodden paths'.

(Betty Lundsted) (contd.)

You probably hold back your emotions, feeling less comfortable with them, because they represent elements of chaos and unpredictability which you feel you are opposing in the world. You will rarely be openly demonstrative about your feelings, which can lead to greater inner strains and tensions until they need to be periodically or explosively released. You need a partner who appreciates your efforts and sympathetically understands the challenges of your nature. You may display philosophic resignation and attempt to 'soldier on' when difficulties arise; you tend to subdue your desires in order to maintain a working relationship, but you may have to beware of becoming resentful of your sacrifice and frustration of needs. There may be some inhibition with sexuality, perhaps a self-consciousness and unease with your sexual desires and feelings, until you can overcome deep fears of losing self-control to those powerful energies.

You are domestically oriented, enjoying home life, and are not too keen on travelling far

unless it is with your family. You are orthodox and conventional regarding most things in life, but your main criterion and test is for practicality and applicability in life; and if that is met, then it is acceptable. You can serve as a valued adviser, organising behind the scenes, and be a performer of thankless tasks due to that self-sacrificial Virgo quality.

(Sydney Omarr)

Virgo females

Virgo women are discriminating, often regal, very often tiresome in their pursuit of cleanliness; and, more often than not, aware of the details of any project you might be considering. This woman appreciates money in the bank, and is not at all averse to seeing the ring on her finger. Promises are fine; she will appreciate the fact that you are well-meaning.

But she does demand results. In so doing, she is capable of bringing out the best in you. She is mercurial, earthy, energetic, full of plans; she is ambitious, not only for herself but also for you.

One of the best hints is this: do not underestimate her. She knows what she is about. She can set a goal and overcome the most tremendous odds. She is an invaluable ally; she will not let you down if you take her into your confidence.

If you are seeking some kind of half-relationship, she is not the woman for you. But if you are serious; willing to go all the way for her, and accept her as a full partner; then she can be a wonderful asset.

Virgo women want to know where they stand. It doesn't help to beat around the bush with them. If you are kidding, or if your purpose is a night of fun, come out and state the case. That way, the Virgo woman respects you and you'll probably have more fun than would otherwise be the case.

These women have a genuine interest in serving the public; they are dedicated workers, and seldom know the meaning of fear or defeat. They are natural fighters, and their goal is truth. It doesn't matter what traditions fall before them in their quest; the important thing is to reach the goal.

You had better look elsewhere if it is a 'Betty-Bop' girl you want. However, if it is a woman who is intelligent, loyal, frank, discriminating, thorough, and wryly humorous, you have picked the correct one in Virgo.

One more hint: confide in her, and you will assure her that you are sincere. Keep things from her, and she will suspect the entire framework of your character and your motives.

Virgo males

The Virgo man is demanding; he asks that you prove yourself, that you be willing to sacrifice when necessary. He is not apt to be a 'sugar-daddy'. He knows the meaning of work and the value of money. He is discriminating; not easy to fool; he is the kind of man a woman can depend upon for security. But if you are not willing to give as well as receive, then it would be best for you to forget the Virgo man.

This man likes to feel he is worthy; integrity is a key word. He applies his own standards to others, including you. He will not tolerate deception.

His mind is quick; he is mercurial and earthy. He usually says what he means, and he usually means well. This, however, is not always apparent. At times, he may appear hypersensitive and over-critical. These are things you should know if you are interested in a Virgo man.

He is practical, honest, fair; he is also basically shy - it is difficult for him to express his true feelings. He is not the kind of happy-go-lucky fellow that others immediately accept. This is one of his problems. Learn to read between the lines; try to understand that sentiment is something he has trouble expressing. This man is conservative in the way he expresses himself; there is plenty of reserve in his make-up. You will have to be patient and loyal.

This is not a pretentious man; often you will have to help him build confidence. He needs a woman who has faith in him; who can appreciate his patience and willingness to work toward and achieve important goals.

In all, the Virgo man often proves his value; he is a good bet for a long, solid relationship. If you are looking for lots of laughs and little permanence, this is not the man for you. But if you want to build for the future, you've found your man.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Virgo are usually hard-working, conscientious, meticulous and well-organized. You pride yourself on your efficiency and your dedication to duty, and you can always be depended upon to get the job done. What you lack in creativity you make up for with effort. You express yourself in practical ways and want to see the results of your work. Modest and unpretentious, you consider yourself an 'ordinary guy' and identify with the common people rather than the élite.

Methodical and analytical, you have an eye for detail that could serve you well in careers that require precision and accuracy, such as accounting, tailoring, watchmaking, dentistry, drafting, microbiology, engraving or finish carpentry. You patiently and diligently work to hone your skills, always striving for perfection.

However, you need to guard against carrying your perfectionism to extremes. Your focus on individual details often causes you to miss the larger picture. The expression 'can't see the forest for the trees' certainly describes you. You expect yourself and everyone around you to be perfect, but because your expectations are impossibly high, you set yourself up for disappointment. Your outlook is often rather negative, and you can be overly critical and 'picky', finding fault with things that others don't even notice.

You see your 'role' in life as serving others, and frequently prefer to remain in the background, in a support position, rather than grabbing the spotlight. Timid, shy and self-effacing, you tend to undervalue yourself, and, as a result, often allow yourself to be taken advantage of by others. You rarely seek rewards or recognition for what you do. When others take you for granted, however, you become bitter, complaining and resentful; yet you still might not stand up for yourself.

Exceptionally neat and orderly, you can be a bit neurotic about cleanliness. You may wash your hands every fifteen minutes and brush your teeth after every cup of herb tea, and wouldn't think of wearing the same shirt twice without washing it. Your desk is the epitome of organization; your checkbook is always balanced; and unless your Moon is in Pisces, Scorpio or Aquarius, your home probably looks a bit like an operating room.

Also fastidious about your health, you worry excessively about germs, take your vitamins and are fussy about what you eat. Sensitive, nervous and not particularly vital or energetic, you might experience a variety of stress-related illnesses. When you're upset, you are more likely than other people to suffer from problems with the digestive system. Your interest in health and nutrition might lead you to pursue a career in a medical or dietary field - which also would satisfy your desire to serve and help others.

(Sasha Fenton)

Virgoans are not usually good at dealing with strangers. They are shy, suspicious and unsure of how to act or react. They convey this discomfort to others and may, therefore, present a hostile or even surly front upon first acquaintance. Some Virgoans learn how to present themselves in a pleasant and welcoming manner, but the coolness and suspicion are still there just below the surface, hidden from the masses, but easily detectable to those with sensitive antennae. Once they have established that the stranger is not going to borrow money from them, laugh at them or bore them to tears, Virgos can become excellent and very animated company.

Virgoans are kind, and can be a soft touch to less scrupulous types. They want to be liked, and, even more importantly, to be respected. They are very sensitive, easily hurt, and easily defeated or turned from their purpose. This tendency is, thankfully, often modified by the presence of planets in stronger, more determined signs. They are the specialists of the zodiac, possessing a great deal of knowledge about their own

particular subject, but are fascinated by all forms of knowledge, and they take an interest in everything around them. Virgoans are modest and retiring, so they don't care to blow their own trumpets or to push themselves to the forefront. However, they won't tolerate being made to look foolish. Being clever and articulate, they can react in a very spiteful manner when their feelings are hurt. Many Virgoans have a great deal in common with Geminians because the planet Mercury rules both of these signs. Virgos can be as adept in the business of communicating information as Geminis, but the difference is that Virgos will usually keep within their own subject when doing so. Therefore, Virgos make excellent teachers, specialist broadcasters, and sports, business or fashion reporters. These people like to help others, and love to feel that their contribution to the betterment of the lives of others really makes a difference; thus, many Virgoans choose to work in the field of medicine, social work or politics.

The chances are that the Virgoan's childhood was nothing to write home about. It seems that whenever this sign is prominent in a chart, the parents probably went through the motions of caring for the child but didn't really love him or imbue him with much selfconfidence or self-respect. The parents may have been repressive or over-disciplinarian, with far too much emphasis on keeping up at school, keeping clothes and shoes clean, and being seen and not heard. Virgoan children don't need much discipline because they respond very quickly to love and also to reasoned argument, and they want their parents to love them and to approve of them. Unfortunately, they find themselves spending too much time staring at their shoes in shame while being berated for some totally unimportant minor infringement of parental rules. In childhood at least, this sign seems to have an extremely difficult karma.

Virgoans are modest and retiring, and they don't like to make a display of themselves in front of others, so they are easily embarrassed. They frequently have specialised knowledge and skills which are highly developed because they concentrate on their chosen subjects and take a deeply professional and responsible attitude to all that they do. It sometimes takes a while before this knowledge and ability becomes apparent to others because they tend to hide their light under a bushel. Work is important to Virgoans, and they need a measure of status within their job and also need to be acknowledged as experts within their field. If they have this status and they feel secure in their work, then they are happy and comfortable; but when uncertainty strikes or when they have to fight for their rights, they lose confidence and become dejected. Whatever task a Virgoan tackles, he does it in the best way possible and likes to think that he is fulfilling his duties to the best of his abilities. He is quick, intelligent and thorough, and deserves to have his efforts recognised by his superiors. The fact is that the opposite often happens, and he is made use of, taken for granted, and not accorded the respect which he deserves. This can turn him very sour, and make him extremely tetchy and difficult.

It is all too easy for Virgos to be sarcastic and hurtful to others and to undervalue their efforts in much the same way as they feel that their own efforts have been undervalued.

Indeed, many Virgos have quite hard exteriors, but the prevailing Virgo nature is to be kindly and thoughtful to others, and to have impeccable manners.

Virgos often have quite good hair and, in common with the other earth signs of Taurus and Capricorn, males tend to keep most of it until well into old age. Virgoans look old for their age when young, but they seem to stop ageing somewhere in their mid-forties and remain much the same for the next thirty years or so. Most astrology books talk about a protruding tummy and, although usually slim, they often do have a slightly bulging stomach.

Virgos have an intelligent and lively look about them which becomes very animated when they are talking on their favourite subjects. The two most common Virgo features are a strong jaw bone with a rather protruding chin and also a widow's peak. Some Virgos suffer from acne when young, but most have excellent skin and a very good bone structure which makes them highly photogenic.

Weak spots for health are the nervous system, bowels and skin. Virgos can suffer from allergies such as hay fever, eczema, asthma, and stomach ailments such as colitis and ulcers. These subjects are usually very health-conscious, and strive to look after themselves. However, Virgos should try not to over-analyse their problems, and they should treat themselves to some gentle but regular exercise.

Virgos like to be of service, both to the community in general and to their superiors at work, but they need to be appreciated in order to be happy in their work. They are probably better off as part of a team than as the boss of any organisation. As a boss, they can be pernickity and demanding towards those under them. Virgos have an aptitude for any kind of communications work, and, therefore, can be found in the media, as secretaries, telephonists and drivers. These subjects like to help humanity, and they also love to teach, so many of them take up teaching either as a main career or as a hobby.

Anything which involves sorting or analysing is right up most Virgoans' street; therefore, accountancy, systems analysis, computing or record-keeping, and even marketing jobs, will suit them. Many Virgoans are attracted to the world of medicine in all its forms, and thus can be found working in hospitals, as alternative health practitioners, or as therapists of all kinds. Their sympathy, kindness and ability to listen carefully make them excellent counsellors and advisors. Many Virgoans like to follow an unchanging routine in an organisation which has a well-defined structure.

Other Virgos are attracted to jobs which give them a bit of variety and a chance to express themselves. The sign of Virgo is associated with the harvest, so the idea of growing and preparing food, especially nutritious food, appeals to them. Virgos like travelling, and will often turn their experiences to good advantage by writing about both their travels and the people they meet along the way. One profession which is peculiarly

Virgoan is that of acting. It seems that Virgos can shake off their shyness and inhibitions as soon as they don the mask of another character, and they seem to have a real knack of making their portrayals realistic.

There is a fairly large segment of the Virgo community who seem to defy the usual interpretations of this sign's nature. For one thing, these people can be extremely untidy in some or all areas of their lives. Some are tidy at home but keep their papers in a muddle, while others do the reverse. Some appear to live in apple-pie order but shove all the mess into cupboards where it cannot be seen. Others are simply completely disorganised. The reason for this phenomenon is the theory of 'polarity' in which the very characteristic for which a sign is known is polarised so that the person displays completely opposite traits and habits.

Another Virgoan polarisation is laziness. There are many Virgos who, while having very active minds, don't actually get down to doing much of anything. Yet another anomaly is the type of Virgo who is attracted to big business and who may be a tough, heartless go-getter who neglects his family and makes everyone else's life a misery. In fact, this last one is not such an anomaly because obsessional workaholism is a very Virgo trait, although it is unusual for a Virgoan to have the confidence or the strength of character to become a mogul or a tycoon. The motivation behind the go-getter Virgo is a sneaking feeling of worthlessness or a fear of losing what they have gained.

Typical spare-time activities might include helping out in a café, making cakes for pleasure, running a small library or acting as secretary to a committee. Many Virgoans are keen on sports, either as a spectator or as a participant, and they will follow their team's progress with great dedication. A quick round-up of those Virgoans whom I know reveals a famous broadcaster who was once a top actor, a top chef, an accountant, a teacher and a vet.

Virgos are fairly careful types who don't like spending money unnecessarily. They are quite fussy, however, and don't care to live in dirty, cramped or run-down circumstances. Virgoans are very clever at making and mending, and will repair or renovate whenever they can. These subjects don't seek an ostentatious or glamorous lifestyle, but they may be more interested in the quality of life than the quantity of it. Being neither high earners nor big spenders, Virgos are thrifty, modest in their requirements and sensible. Being an earth sign, they often enjoy having a bit of land or a garden to work in, and they will grow good things to eat whenever possible. Many Virgos work from home, either on a part-time basis or as part of their normal job, so a study or room where they can think is much appreciated. Virgos are sensible with money, making sure that they have enough behind them for times of trouble or to help their families out if they need it. They don't throw money around and, although charitable, don't give it away unnecessarily either.

Virgo is a mercurial sign, which suggests that they can be restless and that they need a decent and reliable vehicle at hand. Many Virgos own subsidiary vehicles such as a

small van or a bicycle in addition to a car. Some Virgos enjoy travelling, especially when this offers an opportunity to gain new knowledge. Virgos spend money on books, magazines, newspapers, computers, television and radio equipment, and then more books. Some Virgoans are keen on gadgetry and collect the kinds of tools and equipment associated with craft work or even office work. They enjoy visiting the local cinema and theatre, the ballet or opera, or local sporting events. Some are avid followers of sports, while others are involved with local dramatics and dancing or exercise classes. Some Virgos spend a good deal of money on special kinds of foodstuffs or alternative remedies.

Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

Virgoans, in general, look forward to retirement as an opportunity to cultivate and develop the hobbies with which they have always filled their spare time. These will almost certainly include gardening, for they are natural and enthusiastic gardeners. Any diminution of income, provided it is not massive, will be greeted with equanimity; careful with money, they are not devoted to it. Lack of self-confidence can make changes at work rather difficult to cope with. The threat of being fired is frightening; out of work, they are peerless in their effort to find a new job; and, willing and hard workers, they should do so more easily than most.

It is essential for Virgoans to spend as much time as possible in the fresh air and, if possible, in the country. Children of nature, their spirits are revived by long walks and cycle rides. This is also a sign much related to wholefood diets and vegetarianism. The Virgoan diet must contain plenty of fibre: this Sun sign rules the bowels, and constipation can cause problems, usually because of an unbalanced diet.

Medically administered drugs don't suit many Virgoans, and they should always watch carefully for any allergy. Holistic and homeopathic treatments are often favored, with excellent results. Balance is the best answer to Virgoan health problems, plus exercise and fresh air; it is a mistake to sacrifice these for family or work. These people also benefit considerably from relaxation techniques such as yoga; meditation is especially good if they are prone to worry, although resulting introspection may exacerbate the problem.

As a result of worries (perhaps about their career or family), Virgoans are often vulnerable to severe headaches or even migraines. A change of diet may help more than they realize, so they should seek medical advice if they do have painful headaches.

Virgos can be fairly good family members, but they can also be very difficult to live with. The two main problems are their lack of confidence and their fussiness. Unless the Virgo can find a partner who is prepared to help them get over their doubts and fears and who can also go along with their 'fiddle-faddling', they may end up out on their ear. Virgoans are very houseproud, good cooks, and wonderful friends. They are very responsible

family members, taking care of their partners and their children even if the relationship breaks up. Many Virgos marry more than once, possibly because it takes the experience of a couple of serious relationships before they can relax enough to become livable with. Many Virgoans make better friends than marriage partners because they cannot take too much of the day-in, day-out demands of a serious and committed relationship, and they can be far too critical.

Virgos are kind, and this kindness seems to lead them to attract a fairly demanding type of partner. Their constant attempts to fulfil these demands can wear them out in the same way that a sparrow can be worn out by an adopted cuckoo. These subjects are quite easily bored by those with whom they have to live, and, in many respects, are happier when working than when trying to deal with relationship matters. Most Virgos are hard workers who define themselves by what they do rather than what they are. Some of these subjects duck out of the family or relationship problems by trying to make themselves indispensable at work. Many Virgoans are so genuinely devoted to their work that this puts an unbearable strain on their relationships. Some Virgos can be intellectual snobs, choosing their friends from among those who reflect their cultural or intellectual status. Others may choose to 'marry beneath them' so that they can look down contemptuously on their partners. Virgoans don't leave jobs half-done, and they are not sloppy in their approach, so their partners can be sure of good meals and a well-kept home and garden. Some Virgoans are highly intellectual and fairly incompetent at 'hands-on' household jobs; while others are highly dextrous, incredibly practical and capable around the home, and far less tense, intellectual and difficult to live with.

Virgos can be surprisingly untidy, and they may not like their own particular corner of the house or their personal papers to be cleared up or disturbed. A Virgoan household may be filled with interesting friends and relatives, because they love nothing better than to chat. Virgoans are wizard at helping others or giving excellent advice; however, they don't like people to overstay their welcome. These subjects are not vain or especially demanding, but they like to have things 'just so', and can make a terrible fuss about trivial matters. Virgoans can be quite irritable, partly because they find it difficult to stand up to people. This means that they may bring their work problems home and thus become quite tetchy to live with. They can be perfectionists who expect too much of themselves and far too much of everyone around them too.

Virgo is an earth sign, which gives them common sense, practicality and a love of the good things of life. Although fairly careful with money, they are not mean, and they will do all that they can for their families. Virgo men are very supportive of working wives, and they are often happy to occupy themselves with some of the housework. This is partly due to a reasonable attitude, and partly due to their hatred of sitting still and doing nothing. These subjects can be seen at their best when one of their loved-ones is ill, because they make excellent nurses. However, when they themselves are ill, they can be quite demanding, and some Virgoans are permanent hypochondriacs. Not all Virgoans bother with relationships; after experiencing an early failure, many of them go

on to live alone and look after themselves.

Virgos are surprisingly strongly sexed, probably because this is an earth sign. They are also curious, and may get into sexual experimentation fairly early in life. If they miss out on this, they are likely to go in for 'adventures' later in life, either after a long-standing partnership breaks up or even while it is still in operation. Virgoans of both sexes quite like to be shown what to do in bed because they sometimes find it difficult to take responsibility for their own sexuality. The rulership of their sign by the planet Mercury suggests that they are willing to live out their fantasies; and, being kind and fair-minded, they will help their lovers to live out their fantasies too. Virgos don't like making love with unwashed people or in dirty places, because their sensuality demands a certain amount of comfort. They have an almost theatrical sense of 'scene', which suggests that they enjoy love-making in a pleasant, perhaps even specially arranged and decorated, area. Virgoans are fussy about their partner's looks, and don't much care for someone who is obese or who doesn't look after him- or herself. Virgos find sex easy, but affectionate behaviour quite difficult, probably due to the lack of cuddling or play in their own childhood.

Being very dutiful, Virgos will try their best to do the right thing by a whole variety of family members. However, they can't take too much of a good thing, and, therefore, prefer to keep their visits to or from relatives very short. However, these subjects love to entertain and will happily provide food and drink on a special occasion, and then more happily say goodbye to them at the end of the visit. Virgoans will help out their sisters and brothers when necessary, and will strive to keep in touch with them over the long periods of time and over great distances. They also tend to keep in touch with friends, even those who move out of the country. Their favourite relationships are probably the ones which they can conduct on the telephone; but, surprisingly enough, they are not good letter-writers.

As children, Virgos are shy and diffident, and easily hurt. They are easily shamed, and seem to carry the burden of the guilt of the whole world on their shoulders. They may suffer quite a bit at school, and can be bullied by other pupils or teachers, or both. They seem to make a very bad karmic choice of parents, having fathers whom they love but who are distant and rather demanding. Their mothers may be far more interested in keeping up appearances and fussing about silly things than loving and caring for the Virgo child. Some Virgoans have mothers who are so incapable of looking after their children that they find ways of opting out of motherhood altogether. These children are expected to excel, but their fears, phobias and lack of self-esteem makes it hard for them to do so, while other children and even the parents of other children may be jealous of their obvious intelligence. Many Virgoan children grow up with a sense of abandonment.

As parents, Virgoans try not to recreate the mistakes of their own childhood. however, because they were not shown much real affection themselves, they find it hard to relate

properly to their own children, and may, therefore, pass on the silly demands for scholastic performance and perfect behaviour which made their own childhood so intolerable. If the Virgoan finds his children difficult to understand or to deal with, or if his marriage breaks up, he may physically distance himself from them.

(Robert Hand)

You are very careful in everything you do, and you put a high value on neatness. When you aren't neat, you lose respect for yourself, because you have very high standards in that as well as in other areas, which you want to come up to as much as possible. You expect others to live up to those same high standards, and you are easily disappointed if they do not. When you see something is wrong in someone or something, you don't hesitate to point it out. But you will have to learn to be considerate when you do this, because criticizing others creates bad feelings.

You are very interested in learning as much as possible about the world, particularly about how to use various kinds of tools. Since you want to learn practical skills, it would be a very good idea to have a hobby in which you use your hands. In whatever you make or do, you apply the same standards of perfection that you want other people to live up to. As a consequence, your work is far more careful than other people's. If you know you can't do something right, you won't do it at all. You tend to worry about your health, but you don't need to. Your health is as good as anyone else's; you are just more concerned about it. Probably you will follow good rules of health.

You like to help others, because being useful makes you feel good. You are able to put off what you want for yourself in order to help someone you love do what he or she wants. Others will respect you for this.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

For those born under the Earth sign of Virgo, the hub of the universe is work. Since Mercury rules Virgos, they are forever seeking knowledge, which will bring matter under the control of the mind. Through this seeking, they learn that the mind of man is a good servant but a bad master, especially when the mind usurps the sovereignty of the spirit. Virgos have to learn that although the body must serve the mind, ultimately the mind must serve the spirit.

Virgos are meticulous in their work, paying a great deal of attention to detail, and doing things carefully and efficiently. They like to bring order out of confusion. Because they value work and have a great deal of respect for it, they will go to great lengths to help a friend find employment, but will seldom raise a finger to help someone who gets into difficulties because he refuses to work. To Virgos, the only true aristocracy is the aristocracy of the worker.

Virgos, however, are much too practical and intelligent to allow anyone to make martyrs of them. When the demands made on them become excessive and unreasonable, they say 'no', with conviction.

In its best form, this sign makes for efficiency and a brilliant performance of duty. At times, however, it bestows a narrowness of outlook: the individuals may be unable to talk about anything except their work, and they lack interest in anything that is not related to work.

Virgos subject their world to a microscopic analysis. Occasionally, they are engrossed with trivialities to the extent of becoming blind to the significance of the issue as a whole. Eventually, developed Virgos learn discrimination between the essential and the trivial. Once this power of making distinctions evolves, Virgos are able to become great scholars, constructive critics, excellent editors - all exacting perfection. The key phrase for Virgo is 'I analyze'.

However, Virgos should not mistake brilliant intellect, with its accompanying faculty of criticism, for heavenly wisdom. They must learn to be absolutely dispassionate in evaluating both their own performance and the performance of others.

They function at the height of their powers in careers that are related somehow to service. They are capable of great self-denial if they think their work is worthy of it.

Virgo also rules health. In this phase of their evolution, therefore, Virgos must learn that wise men do not exhaust their body energies by worrying, fretting, or overworking. Foolish fears and apprehensions can lead to semi-invalidism. Nevertheless, this sign has a marvelous physical resistance to disease, once the mind develops discipline. If Virgos can keep out of the clutches of disease, they become effective healing agents, exercising a splendid influence on the sick. Virgo bodies reject all artificial food or medicine. Food is quite harmful to them when they are angry or in extreme anguish.

Because Virgo is an Earth sign, Virgos admire material progress. They like good food and are fond of comfort and good clothes. Many people born under this sign are leaders in fashion. Virgos will inspect the labels on clothing to determine whether the article was manufactured by a reputable firm. No shoddy workmanship is passable for Virgos! However, they must learn to refrain from gossip and chattering about people who do not seem to approach their own particular standard of good appearance.

It is difficult for Virgos to accumulate large sums of money because of their excessive expenditures. They need to develop a system whereby they can avoid unnecessary expense, for while they are able to go on saving 'sprees', the saving never lasts.

They are impressed by eloquent words strung together like pearls. These sounds are music to their ears, and they prefer them to less subtle expressions of affection.

Many Virgo people are indifferent to love adventures, and often remain voluntarily unmarried; no-one measures up to their standards of perfection.

Married women of this sign possess a greater executive capacity than their partners. They place themselves as the real family heads, governing husband and everyone around, and taking the responsibility for their homes and families.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a helpful though critical heart. You have the will to use generously your sense of precision - without developing it into pedantry. Your life should be led in a spirit of service and modesty - as opposed to one of drudge and self-doubt. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is thoughtful and attentive, and / or too exacting or lax.

You have an aura of authenticity that acts as an example to Other that it is possible to improve his / her life and to be true to him- / herself. You generate a sense of industriousness that encourages Other to become more efficient at his / her life tasks, as well as your showing him / her better techniques for doing so. You also have an air of selfcontrol or inner restraint.

You can alienate Other with a pat or know-it-all attitude that invites Other to leave you with only your apparent self-righteousness for company. You can also alienate with a workaholic life-style which misses the point that true efficiency leaves time for rest and recreation; and with an inhibited nature that smacks of being afraid of life beyond your idea of it.

You overemphasize your need to be seen and heard to be right - which could be wrong in itself! You also overemphasize the importance of the practical at the expense of the natural or to the detriment of emotional priorities. And you stress your insistence on purity and correctness in Other, while overlooking the fact that rough edges and imperfections are a fact of life.

You can feel weak when you have no answer, reason or solution for something - and when you have to allow Other to help him- / herself. You can also feel weak when your efforts appear not to be producing an obvious result; or when Other reflects personally on you as not being the 'perfect person' that you like to think you are but obviously are not.

When you are alone, it is hardly surprising because Virgo is the sign of the hermit. The reason behind such withdrawal will be a feeling that you or Other is not good enough. When deliberate, such a retreat would be for reasons of 'getting your act together' or to become more sure of yourself as an individual before letting anyone else too close. In the case of involuntary isolation, it could be for the same reasons - but you just don't

know it. But it is just as likely to be because you have still not removed the fly from your own ointment. This means that you continue to have, or rather believe you have, a dimension to your being that is too delicate and private to share. If so, you will be alone until you accept that this is a judgement you have made upon yourself (or Other), in order to avoid making any real changes in yourself.

(Grant Lewi)

To discover the motivating drive in the life of any Virgoan, it is necessary to look at the work he is doing; for so deep is Virgo's utilitarian sense that he identifies himself with his work and is quite willing to lose himself in it. His personality and character development depend, to a peculiar extent, on the nature of the work he has set himself, for he will be as big or as small as his job or mission. He is capable of becoming single-tracked, absorbed and narrow over whatever he happens to fall into. He is capable of making work his god, and thus going high and far in a chosen direction. He is capable of expanding his spirit by selecting a career somehow related to service. He is capable of the extremes of self-denial if he thinks his work calls him to that. And he is also capable of feeling that his work requires self-immolation, self-limitation and self-sacrifice to an inordinate degree. However you figure it, the puzzle of his nature will be solved if you find his attitude toward the hub of his universe, his work. So true is this that when you run across an unemployed Virgoan you have the most woe-begone and incomplete personality in the world. In losing his work, Virgo loses his whole reason for being. In its best forms, this makes for efficiency and brilliance in the performance of duty, and it may take the sense of duty into very humane realms of selflessness. In its worst form, it makes for narrowness of outlook, great inability to talk anything but shop, and lack of interest in anything not related to work. So engrossed does Virgo become in his job (task, mission, message, or whatever he calls it) that he sometimes seems intent on destroying all the rest of his personality that doesn't belong to his work. He loses interest in extracurricular activities, so that his life is one long routine of keeping the nose to the grindstone; and he is unhappy when for some reason or other the grindstone stops or his nose gets away from it. To fix the aim high, to select a job that requires diverse talents and wide knowledge, is Virgo's best bet for a well-rounded life. If he has the misfortune to be able to find progress and security in a rut, he is likely to see only the progress and not realize it is a rut. He needs activities, companions, fun, diversions, hobbies to broaden his life, and should seek these along constructive lines lest his overtaxed body and brain force him to seek them in undesirable forms of escapism, brooding and introversion.

(John Townley)

Of all the Sun signs, Virgo is the most adept at the care and feeding of a lover. You will go to great lengths to find out and provide whatever pleases your partner. You also put a high value on a lover who is aware of what pleases you. You must, however, make a particular attempt to let your lover know just what makes you happy, because other

people are not likely to be as observant as you. What you consider neglect may just be an oversight. Don't wait for your lover to stumble accidentally on your favorite turn-on; let your tastes be known from the beginning.

You will do well to find a lover who is very meticulous about being physically loyal to you. Carrying on more than one affair at a time would be difficult for you, because you want to give each one such detailed attention. Therefore you are more comfortable with a longterm affair that gives you plenty of time to structure the relationship. For you, a partnership is like a house - the more careful the craftsmanship that goes into building it, the more enjoyable and rewarding it is to live in.

Giving and receiving gifts, particularly hand-made presents, may be a very potent expression of love for you. But do not be disappointed if your loved one does not appreciate your gifts as much as you do, for not everyone is the same. Instead, find out what kind of communication your partner prefers, and direct your love energies there.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Virgoans are in constant motion due to their abundant nervous energy. It is vital that this energy finds a positive outlet; otherwise it will be frittered away in restless twitchiness. Virgoans should also learn to center themselves and achieve inner calm. If they don't, tension can be a severe problem and, mixed with the almost inevitable Virgoan worry, will lead to nervous upsets. Worry is at the root of most personal problems for these individuals, and is best countered by their analytical, critical and practical qualities.

Most Virgoans are practical, but those who aren't can all too easily become bogged down in the small details of problems. This, indeed, is one of their chief difficulties: that their critical acumen can be overapplied, both to themselves and to other people, causing problems in personal relationships. Relentless, carping criticism is their worst fault.

What is needed is a positive synthesis of these qualities, producing people who are hardworking and practical; who will stand no nonsense, and deal sensibly with problems (their own, or other people's); and who are most likely to realize their full potential.

Virgoans are talkative and lively in argument; and, like their Mercury-ruled cousins Geminians, they enjoy communicating their ideas, which are usually without frills, and clearly and economically expressed. Here again, however, a penchant for detail can trap them into overelaboration; they must learn to see the broader outline of things.

Self-denigration can often get in the way when a Virgoan is thinking of deepening a personal relationship: 'What does he / she see in me? - I'm not good enough for him / her.' This can be genuine modesty, which (especially in a young person in love for the first time) can be charming - but more often the problem is deeper, and Virgoans should

strive for the self-confidence which will allow them to accept compliments gracefully, and (most important) to believe them. They are kind and willing to do anything for their partners, but their natural modesty can stop them fully expressing both their physical and their emotional love. They must learn to relax, and if (in some cases) they have taught themselves to regard sex with suspicion, learn to see it as a happy expression of that emotional devotion which they should allow themselves to show to a partner. The other most inhibiting factor is their tendency to nag, which they must curb.

The Virgo child is neat, clean, and a very willing worker at school. Exercise books will be totally devoid of dirty smudges, and the handwriting will be clear and legible. Willing workers who truly enjoy being given things to do, these children can earn a reputation as teachers' pets; this is not the case. They simply like being kept busy. Rather shy, so that the playground can seem threatening, they may be seen as standoffish. Parents should do everything possible to help them develop self-confidence, especially at examination time. The Virgoan tendency to worry will otherwise be overwhelming, and mysterious illnesses will appear.

Virgoans will work from dawn to dusk to build and maintain their family home in a way that satisfies their own highly critical standards. Career women will make time for domestic work, but mustn't spend so much time cleaning and polishing that they never enjoy the environment they so lovingly create. If a partner accuses them of an obsession with spit and polish, they should take note! Similarly, both sexes should try to avoid bringing work home; otherwise they'll never have time for their family.

To work at their very best, Virgoans probably need supervision. Not only is it often difficult for them to see what should be done, but even if they can do so they may be apprehensive about taking matters into their own hands, fearing themselves incompetent or wondering how other people will receive their efforts. But given an instruction they will follow it to the very best of their abilities. They make excellent personal assistants and here, too, are the natural formal critics of the zodiac. As writers, they have a sharp, incisive style which is of great advantage if they are working in the media. Many make excellent teachers, and others do well in the medical profession, both in conventional and in complementary medicine.

Virgoans are not frantically ambitious; in top jobs, they must watch their tendency to carp if they want to be popular as well as efficient. A high salary will be carefully managed, but they should try to enjoy spending money as well as investing it.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of individuality manifests through selective analysis.

Symbol: Chemists in a laboratory test the purity of various drugs.

People with the Sun in Virgo have a consuming desire for perfection, especially with

regard to their work. This is not an easy placement because the work of nature is still far from perfected and the Earth itself is only slowly evolving toward an ideal state. Therefore, the Virgoan is frequently frustrated in his efforts to tidy up his small corner of the universe. Yet he toils without much visible reward and, gradually, the results of his labors become evident.

Virgoans accomplish much of the drudgery of the world. They are essentially practical, not because they disbelieve the metaphysical verities, but because they already have more than enough to busy their hands and minds. They are like the industrious Martha in the Bible, who was too preoccupied with household tasks to attend to the words of the Master. Their philosophy maintains that the kingdom of heaven is won through selfless service, and their efforts are directed toward making life more tolerable for people here on Earth. They believe that cleanliness is next to godliness - or is the first step in that direction. As a result, they are more often to be found scrubbing than praying.

The Virgoan mind is acute, discriminating, and methodical. With nimble Mercury held down by a concrete Earth sign, this person is more of a plodder than a sprinter. His efficiency may be impaired by a tendency to fret over trifles that other less-conscientious souls would dismiss or fail to notice. In consequence, he is accused of 'missing the forest for the trees'. He needs to make a special effort to gather up the details he so readily analyzes and to resynthesize them into a comprehensive whole.

Too often the Virgoan belittles when he ought to be big. This hypercritical attitude is hardly conducive to romance, and may delay marriage - sometimes permanently - while the search for the perfect mate continues. Once the choice is made and the knot is tied, however, the chastity for which the sign is renowned makes the Virgoan a faithful spouse, who expects the same of his mate.

The meticulousness of this sign finds an appropriate outlet in matters relating to diet, hygiene, and sanitation. A competent Virgoan nurse in an immaculate white uniform, keeping an eye on things, is a reassuring sight to a bedridden sufferer.

Virgoans are often accused of being fussy, but these servers of the race are welcome to be as exacting as they please when their attention is centered on the selection and preparation of food and medicine, or the maintenance of sanitary conditions. They are especially suited to the medical professions since their discriminating minds are directed by a genuine impulse to be of practical assistance to people in need. Many are capable dietitians, nurses, pathologists, pharmacists, and laboratory technicians. A drugstore is a typically Virgoan institution because it dispenses medicines and handles a multitude of small necessities. Many Virgoans assume that 'where there's an ill, there's a pill', and they like to be able to count on their doctor to spot something wrong with them.

Virgo people are invaluable in business as accountants and secretaries. Other congenial professions are teaching, writing, and research. As editors and proofreaders, they are

unexcelled. Seldom assertive, they manage in a reserved way to make themselves indispensable to whatever organization they are serving. Their predilection for order and routine may lead to a career in one of the military services. Women of this sign are such that they are often called upon to work outside the home.

The Virgoan's vices are his virtues carried to excess. He can be factual to the point of tedium. Attention to minutiae may degenerate into hairsplitting; and his insistence on keeping everything in its proper place can fray the nerves. He is prone to hypochondria but generally leads a long and healthy life because he pampers himself. He regards his body as an instrument to be maintained in the best possible condition, and he expects it to give him faithful service in return.

Virgo rules both work and health. For many members of this sign, the conditions of their employment, and the satisfaction or dissatisfaction they feel in the performance of necessary duties, are intimately connected with their physical and mental well-being. It is, therefore, supremely important for the Virgoan to find his proper niche in life. If his job is not in some appropriate field, he will be at odds with himself and will suffer in body and mind. He can maintain a steady routine and work in unassuming ways, like a small jewel in a complicated watch, and should take special care to select an occupation where his critical attention to detail can be put to practical use and his reliability appreciated.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Virgo individuals may feel they have the right to be right; to discriminate, to criticize and analyze themselves and others; and to be acknowledged for their righteousness.

Static

When you focus on wanting others to recognize your righteousness and purity, you may unconsciously behave in Virgo ways that are stuffy, prudish, puritanical, compulsively ordered, and haughty. To be acknowledged, you might elicit judgement on right and wrong, and use your analytical ability to appear important and set apart from others. In proving your ultimate rightness, you may use your finely honed critical talents to point out your own flaws. This backfires by resulting in a basic lack of confidence in your own spontaneity. Additionally, you may attempt to appear more righteous by pointing out the flaws in others, in accordance with your value system of rigid rules and regulations for perfect behavior. When others don't appreciate or understand your good intentions, you are surprised. Indulging in the Virgo tendency to compulsive self-righteousness can scatter and deplete your energies. This indulgence may disrupt the focus and selfconfidence that are needed to act.

Dynamic

You can focus your attention on uplifting others through your talents and abilities for creating order. Then you notice the ways in which you can truly serve others without having to feel right about it. Recognizing the inherent worth of others gives you trust in your vision of their perfection. This frees you to contribute in a way that effectively supports them. Your desire to serve is appreciated when you expose others to your perception of their inherent value. This reinforces mutual self-worth. By being aware of others' personal desires, you can motivate them successfully through assisting them in reaching what they want. The resultant success increases their vitality and sense of wellbeing. When you place serving others above your judgement about whether or not it is the right thing to do, you can abandon rules and regulations. This results in self-trust, allowing you to act spontaneously in a way that automatically works to facilitate any situation. If you are aware that your intentions are truly pure, your sense of acting rightly is fulfilled.

(Isabel Hickey)

Virgo is represented by 'the harvest time', the gleaming of the wheat and the fruits of the earth'. The keyword is 'I analyze'. It rules the assimilative system in the physical body.

Virgo's symbol is depicted as the Virgin, holding a sheaf of wheat. This symbol indicates the gathering in of material needs, just as the Virgo people collect, digest and correlate facts for their mental values. The Virgin denote purity and perfection. Virgos' desire is to reach the highest possible perfection, not only for themselves but for those around them. They have a greater sense of power than they are able to express, resulting in an inferiority complex. An inferiority complex is a superiority complex turned in on itself. Virgo is constantly learning the lesson of humble service and patience. These people find their fullest expression through service to others, being willing to do it quietly but thoroughly. Taking care of endless details and routine jobs is where they function best. There is a cautiousness and oftentimes a selfishness in Virgo that is often unrecognized by the person born in this sign. It is difficult for the person to communicate and articulate where their inner thoughts and feelings are concerned. Their home is extremely important to them, for they feel more secure there than in any other surrounding. They are not gregarious because of their shyness. Their state of mind has a direct bearing on their health. They can become hypochondriacs if they become too self-centered and anxious about their health. Nervous tension is the person in the body giving the body a hard time.

The Virgo individuals' greatest fault is being too critical. Their analyzing mind can cause them to degenerate into faultfinding, criticism and irritability. Virgos' real satisfaction lies in the realm of work and service. They are one of the best workers in the zodiac. They are practical and down-to-earth in their approach to life. They are good in the field of accounting and bookkeeping. Virgo women make excellent nurses and there is a strong purity and fastidiousness in them. They dislike anything crude or coarse. There is a sweetness and a lack of aggressiveness in this sign that gives a great attractiveness to

those born in this sign. Virgo people make few enemies and have many friends due to their quiet, gentle manner.

Because of their own inner feelings of inadequacy, they can be very demanding where their loved ones are concerned. Their need is to learn to be less critical and more loving. Venus, the love principle, is unhappy in an area where the lower mind operates. Love withers in a critical atmosphere. We related to others through the heart, never through the head. We recognize this fact subconsciously when we use the term 'Never mind'.

In the universal scheme of things, Virgo stands for the 'womb of time' wherein God's plan is being worked out through pain, struggle and conflict. These are the things that set the consciousness free from being earthbound. Virgo represents the sign of the hidden Christ in every man; the seed planted in earth, that must root in the darkness, and through struggle break its sheath and struggle towards the Light. Virgo is the last of the personal or involving signs, and is the threshold of the birth of the inner man. The personality is developed from Aries to Virgo; the soul is developed from Virgo to Pisces.

(Myrna Lofthus)

Virgo people are happy in careers that demand technical or analytical skill or that affords the opportunity for service - often in a subordinate capacity. Some of the careers are medicine, chemists, craftsmen, administrators, accountants, secretaries, teachers, and photographers.

Five positive key words are: analytical, industrious, systematic, considerate, and reliable. Five negative keywords are: aloof, skeptical, finicky, critical, and self-centered. The key phrase is 'I analyze'. The key word is 'service'. Their basic nature is 'the critic or craftsman'.

In mythology, Virgo was the goddess of justice. She was the daughter of Jupiter and Themis. Her reign was during the Golden Age of Leo. When humanity defied her rule in the Age of Cancer, she returned to the heavens in disgust.

Virgoans have inquiring minds, with keen analysis and remarkable memories. They enjoy analyzing problems. This is a major reason for their wanting to know how, why, when, and where.

They are hard workers who are practical, with a flair for detailed work. Their nervous energy causes them to become involved with a lot of activity. However, this nervous energy also causes them difficulties, for they find it hard to relax.

They can, usually, rise above defeats. Their ever-active mind seeks new ways to find success.

A Virgoan can generally be depended upon to fulfill a promise. They have a flair for organization, and enjoy setting up schedules. There is an inborn love of order and harmony.

They are always subconsciously seeking perfection in whatever they attempt. Because they push themselves so hard to be perfect, they have a tendency to look for perfection in others. If they find it lacking, they can become critical and fault-finding.

As a general rule, Virgoans dislike anything crude or coarse. They prefer satire over smutty jokes.

They do not enter friendships lightly, but have a sincere interest and a loyalty to those they make their friends. A buddy-buddy relationship on first meeting is not for them. This may make them appear to be standoffish. In actual fact, they are very reserved, shy people who find it difficult to talk about their inner thoughts and feelings with comparative strangers. They have very few enemies because of their quiet, gentle manner.

Like Gemini, Virgo is a sign of worry. This tension can affect their health, causing intestinal disorders, skin eruptions, and ulcers. They need to develop a positive outlook on life, as this has a direct effect on their health. If they become too anxious about life, they can become hypochondriacs.

They are generally healthy and are always looking for new ways to take care of themselves. Whether young or old, all Virgoans need a quiet period each day in order to rest their active minds.

Their rulership over the sixth house causes them to feel that service to others is imperative. They do this willingly, thoroughly, and without fanfare.

In love, a Virgoan has difficulty in expressing himself as ardently as he desires. Although they may appear to be self-sufficient, they are really happier when they have someone to love and who loves them.

A Virgoan can be a difficult parent if allowing his / her love of neatness and tidiness to become all-important. These people must, also, watch their tendency to be over-critical. However, they are extremely helpful when it comes to assisting their children with homework or handiwork of any type. Because of their inability to express their affections easily, they must actively cultivate and project warmth to their children.

As a rule, Virgoan children are conscientious students. They enjoy the routine and discipline of school. They do, however, like to know 'why' a certain procedure or routine is required. If the answer is acceptable, they willingly comply. Out of school, they enjoy working with their hands. The girls have a flair for sewing, and the boys enjoy tinkering with bicycles, wood products, and construction kits. They must be encouraged, however,

not to be too tidy or fussy.

Sun ☉ in 3rd House

(Haydn Paul)

Your path to unfold life potential will lie in the cultivation of your mind, intellect and communicative abilities. This is an especially important area of experience for you, and will help to shape your identity and life direction, and be the channel for your specific type of self-expression.

You will enjoy learning; and a spirit of curiosity encourages the examination and exploration of many varied and fascinating avenues of human knowledge. In such a rich world as ours, there is no real excuse ever to feel bored with life, as even the most active of individuals can only touch a miniscule fraction of its treasures. This curiosity may be strongest in those areas of life symbolised by your Sun-sign.

Your mind may be biased towards the external reality, exhibiting a more scientific attitude towards exploration, although the stimulus for this is often a less recognised need to understand the nature of the universal life process. As your mind tends to display an analytical tendency and intellectual clarity, life appreciation is often found in matters of mental interest; and it is important to continue simulating this as it vitalises you. However, if you elevate the accumulation of information and knowledge into a reason for life, then you may be making a mistake; it is understanding and synthesis that is the real key to applying knowledge. Intelligence is displayed through your whole life, not just in the reflection of a specialised area of knowledge, and also involves adaptation to your environment and the creation of a fulfilling lifestyle.

One of your major assets is that enquiring nature; and this can be directed towards an intellectual search in either the outer or the inner worlds. You may find that a redirection of questioning inwards to explore yourself proves to be highly rewarding and illuminating. It is important to follow your light, having faith and trust in the validity of your beliefs, values, attitudes and feelings, rather than needing to rely on others to provide you with your worldview. Obviously, social conditioning imposes its perspective on everybody while maturing towards adulthood - and many continue to reflect the mass mind all of their lives - but this is not inevitable, and you can break free to discover your own perspective if you are willing to make the effort to build a truly unique and personal view. If you can achieve this, then greater energy and vitality will begin to flow through your intellect, making deeper insights and revelations possible, as well as enhancing your sense of identity and self-esteem. Passive absorption of social attitudes, values, beliefs and traditions effectively diminishes individual identity, reducing it back into the mass mind and so restricting opportunities and freedom.

You will derive considerable enjoyment and stimulation from communicating with others, and the exchange of ideas and personal perspectives will prove to be highly valuable. This opens you to the multifaceted ways of looking at life and the world, pointing towards different areas of interest of which you had previously been unaware. A tolerance of other points of view can develop; but you may tend at times to become intellectually arrogant and too self-assured in the rightness of your views.

In relationships, you may need to open to the variety of others' individual expressions, and to share whatever you feel might be of some use to them, such as your information, knowledge or understanding. This can minimise any tendency to force your worldview on people, or those projections of power and authority that can distort your relationships if mishandled, and which derive from those needs to be assertive within your sphere of influence. Be wary of adopting an intellectually dilettantish approach, that of the 'accumulatory magpie', where information and knowledge is expressed in a style designed to gain admiration and social approval, and yet is inherently superficial and unintegrated. If aspects to your Sun are challenging (square, opposition), then you may have experienced some difficulty in absorbing information properly, perhaps an interrupted school life or an inability to know what to do with your knowledge or a struggle to convey this to others. More application on gaining intellectual clarity and articulacy may be necessary prior to your potential progress. The prospect is that your identity becomes defined and assured through deepened communication with others, and that by living from your light you are able to help others to develop their unique perception of the varied world in which we live.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Sun at this communicative angle is an excellent position for teachers, writers, actors, performers of any kind, or for any position in television, film, advertising, publishing, or communications. They have a facility for transmitting information, ideas, and new ways of looking at things.

Good companions, they usually have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. They usually have at least one brother who is important to them. If not, establishing a permanent brotherly relationship with a male friend is very necessary. They are good neighbors (unless there are afflictions) and usually work to keep up relationships with friends, family, and neighbors, organizing get-togethers, relaying news, and so on. If they get into politics, it is usually more because some group needs a spokesman than because of their own hunger for power or the spotlight.

They don't like to be stuck in one place, and will go from job to job until they find one that offers a lot of mobility; for instance, where they must drive a lot or can travel. If their job won't let them do this, they will save up for vacations in far-away places.

They usually enjoy school - particularly the social aspect - and continue the study of one

thing after another all their lives, though the credit aspect, degrees, etc., is usually of little interest (unless the Sun or its dispositor is in Capricorn). They generally relate well to children and have a way with them. They maintain a youthful, eager approach to life, and rarely get overweight or out of shape.

(Howard Sasportas)

Rather than just absorbing and reflecting attitudes and influences from the environment, these people should develop and honour their own thoughts, views and perspective on things. A sense of value, worth and power comes through strengthening the intellect and communication abilities. Often they feel the most alive when they are learning something, or when they can be sharing and exchanging their ideas and knowledge with others. Those with the Sun in the 3rd need to feel heard and to be noticed in the immediate environment. Consequently, rivalry with siblings and competitiveness among peers could be issues worth investigating. Some may project their own need for power and authority onto a brother or sister. Or knowledge itself is worshipped like the Sun. Difficult aspects to the Sun in the 3rd could indicate problems with early schooling. These will need to be examined if learning is to proceed unfettered. No matter how clever or articulate the 3rd house Sun appears to others, those with this placement normally feel that they could still know more or communicate better.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: With the Sun in the 3rd house, you are fascinated with the stimulus provided by any natural or human environment. Quality is less important than quantity, content less important than form, for in your life it is the sheer kineticism of activity at the surface that provides the essential energy for all other life processes. Depth has less meaning than breadth. Additionally, simple day-to-day activity is crucial. Where there is no kinetic movement, there is no vitality. The central challenge of your life is to discover the infinite variety of that which is not-self, to fuel yourself from that diversity, and to move energetically through the environment.

Concrete mind: This level is the core of 3rd house meaning, and with the Sun it indicates that the essence of your life-purpose is in the evolution of concrete mentality. The development and use of rational intelligence become paramount. Pride is directly tied to the development and expression of your intellect, as is its negative shadow, shame. The view that all experiences in life should be seen as learning experiences is in some ways true for us all, but it is specifically true for 3rd house Sun individuals. For you, learning is at the center of all things; and logic, rationality, and categorization are all ways life-energy is absorbed and transformed for personal use.

Curiosity: Curiosity may or may not be a strong trait in your apparent personality. You could conceivably seem calm and self-absorbed. What is overtly visible to us depends on many other factors. But however you appear, you're likely to experience curiosity as a

fundamental source of motivation. It gets you up, gets you going; and even when life is too much, as sometimes it can be, curiosity will renew you, lifting your spirits.

Basic education: Basic education is central to the fulfillment of your life. It is not simply one of a number of equally important phases of growth, but rather it is the touchstone from which everything else will later blossom. If the experience of primary education is a positive one, then the child's life unfolds with vibrancy. On the other hand, if the experience is stultifying, much of what comes later will be a struggle. In either case, the emphasis usually returns to the fundamental concepts of basic education: reading, writing, and speaking. A significant part of life's essence is education, and with this placement especially, learning is built on the cornerstone of communication.

Communication: You depend more than others on the ability to communicate with words, since development and use of the nervous system's rational capabilities are so strongly indicated as a key to life-purpose. You want to shine through your words. As usual with the Sun, the sign and aspects reveal the tonal quality of communication and speech patterns. But whatever the sign, whatever the interplanetary connections, the issue of communication is central. Anything that can't be understood through thinking or speaking has lowered value in the evolution of self. Communication is a battery change, filling the tank of life-energy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your affable disposition is the result of having so many interests and wanting to say in the mainstream of social activity. Your ability to express yourself dramatically attracts people's attention. Your views are reasonably well-informed, but you are willing to change them as you gain new information. You are eager to get on with achieving your goals; and your optimism about the future helps you get through difficult situations. You do learn from past mistakes, which helps you plan more carefully for the goals you aspire to reach. If you put your ideas into action you are very likely to get what you want out of life. Luckily, your easy way with words convinces people to give you the necessary co-operation for success in your endeavors. A formal education will enhance your natural talents and give you greater finesse and polish. Public relations, education, writing or a related profession would give you the stage you need to express your creative potentials.

Because you express yourself freely, everyone knows exactly where you stand. Your self-promotion yields significant results, for you realize that your innovative mind is useful only when you apply it and spread your ideas around. You are optimistic that your children will fare as well, and you hope their success will justify the energy and effort you've expended on them. You are a friend to your children, and should enjoy good relations with them throughout your life.

It is urgent that you acquire as much training as possible in order to deal successfully

with competitors. With education, your ability to meet challenges will improve so much that no-one will be able to intimidate you with claims of great competence. You must be as determined to find answers as you are to ask questions, or you will be poorly equipped for open competition. Be sure that you don't overstate your abilities, because making claims about your qualifications that you cannot possibly live up to will certainly ruin your image. You might be tempted to do this because you are repelled by the idea of being forced into an obscure position. But this need never happen if you use your natural talent for learning. If you develop great expertise in your career, your credentials will certainly be recognized.

More important than merely talking about what you hope to achieve is the need to physically apply yourself to that objective. It will mean hard work; but few alternatives will give you the same yield. You will have no difficulty convincing superiors of your capabilities, and your chances for improving your position on the job are better than most other people's. You may have to make some sacrifices on your way up the ladder, but such an investment will pay handsome dividends. Don't be afraid to help someone who is in a similar position, for that can be an investment also. Those you help will reciprocate with favors when you need help in the future.

If you want to derive the utmost benefit from your natural talents, you must establish your independence as early in life as possible. The longer you delay making your own decisions, the more opportunities you will miss. It is especially important that your decisions be based strictly on your own beliefs rather than on your parents' ideas. Thinking for yourself is the first step toward building an identity that is exclusively your own.

Moon ☾ in ♐ Sagittarius 16° 12'

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

Static

If you feel the need to strive perpetually to confirm your intellectual superiority, you may become obsessed with feeling you have to obtain a tangible result. You may seek the ultimate 'grand vision' that will empower you to put your physical universe in order. You might believe that by your demonstrating perfection in all aspects of your life, others will bow to your moral knowledge and bestow the faith that you need.

You may unconsciously search for the elusive ideal of the perfect solution that gives you proof of your righteousness. In the absence of an ultimate ideal, you may feel unable to act, and can become lost and confused, lacking confidence in your perspective.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating closeness with others, you may find that spreading your theoretical conclusions does not result in effective communication. You can become so preoccupied with imperfection that you fail to see your perfect image in the eyes of others. The truth is that others already see the nobility of your striving. Work on ridding yourself of judgements and evaluations so that you can accept your own perfection. You accomplish this by concentrating on the deeper messages of others, thus experiencing their perfection, which puts you in touch with your own.

By sacrificing the Sagittarius need to prove superior knowledge, you can hear what others are asking. Responding with spontaneous intuitive answers enables others to find the truth and source of their own perfection. In this way, you also find security and the closeness with others that you want. By putting others in touch with their completeness, you experience your own.

You can communicate innocently by sharing your Sagittarius vision and allowing others to apply it in their own lives. This technique allows you to contribute to them in a way they can accept; and this acceptance is the acknowledgement you need. When you discover that you are able to communicate truth, you experience your own security along with the idealistic closeness with others that you desire.

General

You may have a blind spot regarding some social mores. Until this is understood, there may be blundering in your life, accompanied by (seemingly unfair) social punishment and retribution. If this is the case, you are learning not to put yourself above social laws and the ethics of appropriate conduct. Once you decide to cooperate with prevailing social mores, the blind spot is removed and you will no longer experience society as unexpectedly inhibiting your desire for freedom.

You feel socially isolated from others, and have a sense of loneliness and wanting to be understood and accepted by others. You want to be able to share truth and inspiration, hoping that the vitality of this exchange will reconnect you with your own source.

When you come off your philosophical mountaintop and learn to relate, you will realize that to be understood you must first seek to understand others. You are learning to drop isolating self-righteous attitudes and to use your mind to discover the unspoken rules of personality interactions that others take for granted. When you accept these boundaries of socially accepted behavior, you will be able to share your philosophical awarenesses with others in a way they can accept and appreciate.

(Tracy Marks)

If we have a Sagittarian Moon, we need to be free to expand our boundaries - to discover and actualize new possibilities, to travel, and / or to develop our understanding. We have a generous heart, and seek to give from our own bounty; we also seek to rise above our difficulties through humor and enjoyable companionship.

When our real needs are not met, or when we come into contact with feelings or needs which threaten us, we may express our Sagittarian nature in a defensive or distorted manner - procrastinating or avoiding immediate issues by focusing upon the future, abstract realms or escapist activities; becoming preoccupied with ideals or goals rather than current tasks; intellectualizing or philosophizing incessantly; joking inappropriately; or moving restlessly from activity to activity or person to person on an endless quest both to escape from responsibility and to fulfill our inner emptiness.

Most probably, our mother or significant parent figure provided us with a constructive philosophical framework by which to view life, and imbued us with a love of both internal and external exploration. But such a parent may have been fearful of emotional closeness and taken refuge in distant realms rather than responding to our real needs or feelings or to the difficulties or burdens we experienced. She may have indulged us rather than given us real nourishment. She may have preached rather than gently taught, issuing 'shoulds' or religious principles which may not have been in keeping with our own nature and development.

Those of us with Moon in Sagittarius may need to reparent ourselves by creating our own philosophy and morality apart from our parents and by using our philosophy to help us come to terms with rather than suppress our feelings and needs. Our tasks may also include learning to give to ourselves as well as others, developing the internal freedom capable of existing within limitations and commitments, and discovering and maintaining contact with the God within or an internal guiding spirit which leads and inspires us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Sagittarius, the Moon tells of much activity, physical and mental - of high ideals, of travels both physical and mental. The native wants to learn, to spread knowledge; he wants to give of himself, and attracts people with trouble, inspiration, and a message to impart to the world. He can be buried in the ambitions and problems of others to his own detriment if he does not take care to avoid such a situation. He loves adventure and he creates idols which, at times, prove to have the feet of clay - he is a natural student, and is attracted to reading, writing, publishing, advertising, publicity, and understanding various peoples of the world. He is generous, charming, and fond of the outdoors and of animals; and he wants to discover things and people.

He has much imagination - which on the positive side leads to solid, creative expression. On the negative side, this leads to daydreaming, and unorthodoxy merely for the sake of

being different. The native is frank, expresses himself clearly, and is able to combine irony with humor - he loves to tell stories and to recall past events; and he is attracted to history both as a hobby and as a profession.

The native tends to feel limited. He would like to soar to the heights - but there is danger that he will be aimless, soaring merely to get moving, to create changes, to feel free, and to throw off the weight of basic responsibilities. Much travel is indicated, including overseas - and the native often becomes an expert on another country, even if he never actually visits the nation in question.

He is inclined to be restless. Thus, numerous changes of residence are indicated. He also has changes of heart and emotions with members of the opposite sex. He is difficult to understand because he does not, in the long run, find himself easy to comprehend. His moods and interests are subject to change. He is in constant need of mental stimulation. The purely physical soon bores him. He is attracted, first and foremost, by the intellect - by another person's ability to express himself.

Much talent is indicated along lines of philosophy - much interest in the subject of religion, even if the native is not a religious individual in the orthodox sense. He is attracted to mysticism - he wants to find out about the lives of men who changed the world. Thus, he would make an excellent researcher, teacher or writer. He wants to publish, and to spread information and knowledge. He can be found in advertising, creating propaganda, and is also the constructive critic of the efforts of others.

He has either two occupations or a hobby which so absorbs him that he might as well have two fields of endeavor.

The astrologer must help him learn some of the hard facts of life - learn the value of money and strive to be more practical in his outlook.

(Haydn Paul)

With the Moon in Sagittarius, the dominating impulse will be toward freedom - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. The need for 'freedom from...' may be easily recognized, but 'freedom to...' may be unfamiliar. You have a powerful expansionary urge which needs to transcend barriers and boundaries, although this may work against requirements for commitment and perseverance as an escapist tendency is ever-present when obligations become too oppressive. Part of the expansionary impulse is to exploit personal potential in whatever way is favored. You may display a behavior pattern that demands that options be left open, prefers to avoid making firm decisions, and insists on mobility and freedom of choice. Relationship ties in particular may be resisted.

Intellectualism and idealism are likely to be present, as well as futuristic and optimistic attitudes. The need for a distinct belief system with high aspirations will be noted. This

belief system may not be conventional or traditional - although you may have absorbed one from earlier social conditioning - provided that it satisfy your idealistic nature. Most beliefs are ambivalent in their actual application to real life; and, with your outlook, this is likely to be the case, whether the beliefs are expansive and universally tolerant or narrow and sectarian. Looking through the rose-colored glasses of your perception, social beliefs will be heavily influenced by unconscious emotional factors, and may lack objectivity. Sometimes a trusting gullibility may let you down or involve you in directions that may not be in your best interests.

You will probably be socially gregarious, enjoying intellectual company, and will often be generous to friends and colleagues in various ways. Mutual companionship is important; and even in intimate relationships, this will be a vital component. Understanding the multiplicity of individual differences may, however, be less evident, and could constitute a blind spot. You may fail to recognize individual needs in the same way that you often fail to acknowledge your own. You may gain self-esteem by finding social influence through your intellect, perhaps garbed in the robes of a teacher. The expansionary impulse may lead you to explore other countries through curiosity and love of travel; you may react against being stuck in an overly familiar physical location, and when you feel trapped, you may escape by running far away in order to reassert freedom.

There is considerable self-belief, and you will often feel lucky, testing this by taking risks in your life, through relationships, career changes, home moves, or financial speculations.

Yet the weak area lies in your Moon nature, where deeper emotional, feeling, and instinctual needs may not be met and satisfied, since you tend to evade them by social activity and diversionary mental interests. You may not feel comfortable accepting your emotions; it is hard to fit them into a belief structure, and they are unpredictable. When activated, emotions tend to involve you in intimate and emotional situations which could threaten freedom and flexibility. You tend to see duties, responsibilities, and obligations as inimical to your freedom, hearing warning bells whenever anyone crosses over that invisible dividing line, fearing that 'prison bars' are going to clang shut on you forever. So you often inhibit and repress emotional involvement or, if in emotional relationships, you may start looking for reasons and ways to escape.

If inner barriers are continually erected against contacting those agitating feelings, the higher Sagittarian qualities may become distorted. You may impose a rigid belief system on your worldview; you may physically seek escape from the situation, running away from commitment to your decisions and to people. You may avoid confronting issues by adopting the ostrich position, putting your head in the sand and hoping that problems will go away. You may dream about long-term plans, instead of applying your efforts in the present to achieve them. You may evade making decisions, defer your actions, absorb yourself in idealistic fancies rather than accept a less glamorous reality, or amplify your

intellectualism at the expense of your repressed feelings.

A reorientating balance between Moon and Sagittarius energies is needed, so that the higher qualities of both can be expressed and the needs of each equally honored. Independence and self-responsibility need cultivating, so that an external belief system is not used as a shield against facing the real world and your own hidden, unexplored nature. A degree of self-reflection is required for access to your instinctual and emotional nature, and to allow their expression. You must listen to its whispered messages and subtle movements of feelings, which indicate what your real needs are and how you should be satisfying them.

These Moon messages can act as an inspirational guide; and acknowledging their validity and importance can become a vital step toward integration. If you need to retain a worldview, try to form one suited to your individual needs, one that incorporates the totality of your being and does not just reflect a dominant part. Maturity involves balancing personal freedom with the inevitable restrictions and limitations of daily life; exploration can occur wherever you are and in any circumstance, as freedom is a state of mind and not dependent on external environments. It is an inner realm of freedom that will offer you the deepest sense of a satisfying sanctuary.

(Skye Alexander)

You are good-natured, fun-loving, optimistic and sociable. With your easy-going manner, wit and sense of humor, you attract many friends and acquaintances, and are rarely without companions. You don't like to be alone, and surround yourself with people and activity whenever possible.

Though your circle of friends and associates may be large and diverse, you have difficulty forming close, emotional bonds. Even with your partner and family members you are not really intimate. Family ties are rather loose; and you may either live some distance from your parents, siblings and / or children, or spend much time traveling, working or engaged in activities that keep you away from home.

Perhaps you have an avid interest in sports. Although your love of the game may be sincere, it's important to realize that you also might be using this to escape from reality and to avoid anything more than superficial interaction with others. Many people with this position do have natural athletic ability; but even if you aren't particularly good at playing any game, you are probably an 'armchair athlete' and enjoy watching sports. You're not averse to placing a bet now and again, especially on the horses.

Your love relationships probably are romantic friendships rather than deep emotional commitments. You can be affectionate and enthusiastic, but your emotions are somewhat shallow and you are probably happiest with a partner who will play, socialize and go places with you. One of your deepest, most fundamental needs is to be free and

unfettered; and intimacy is a bit frightening to you. As soon as you start to care about someone you begin to feel trapped. When this happens, you usually end the relationship or simply keep your emotional distance. Obviously, this can cause serious problems if you are involved with someone who is more serious and intense emotionally, such as a Scorpio- or Cancer-Moon individual.

You are always eager to expand your horizons - through personal experience or vicariously through the experiences of others. You enjoy learning from others and sharing ideas and adventures with them. Afraid of missing something, you are reluctant to limit yourself in your relationships. All sorts of people intrude on you, and you may have trouble remaining monogamous.

Optimistic and idealistic, you can always see the silver lining inside every cloud, and believe things will turn out for the best. The future may seem dismal for others, but you never doubt that your own will be bright. Though you can be something of a 'Pollyanna', your positive attitude and belief in yourself often bring you good fortune. You have a way of attracting people who can help you in life; and because you focus on success rather than failure, you are ready to take advantage of opportunities that come your way. Consequently, you seem to be naturally lucky. Even when you fail, you don't give up, and you bounce back from defeats easily. However, because you never look back, you rarely learn from your mistakes.

You also have a tendency to scatter your energies, and to fail to finish what you start. Your intentions are good, but you need to be careful of promising more than you can deliver. Your inclination to think big and to overestimate yourself can lead you to go too far out on a limb and end up disappointing others. As a result, you can earn yourself a reputation for being unreliable.

You probably love to travel. If you aren't able to travel, you probably long to see the world and try to satisfy your desire through reading and watching TV / movies about faraway places. When you were a child, you may have moved frequently, lived abroad or traveled extensively. As an adult, you may be reluctant to buy a home of your own or to spend money furnishing it, since you don't believe that you're going to stay in one place long. Physical possessions would only tie you down.

This planetary position truly represents the rolling stone that gathers no moss. You are happiest and at your best when you are on the go, and are actually nurtured by movement. Driving appeals to you, but you tend to drive too fast and take too many chances on the road. If chained to a desk, or forced to stay indoors performing the same task day after day, you'll be miserable.

You need physical outlets for your restlessness and energy. Running, skiing, dancing and bike-riding in particular might appeal to you. Exercise can also help you keep your weight down, since you have a tendency to overindulge in food and drink.

Your mother (or nurturing parent) was probably quite lenient with you when you were a child and encouraged you to be independent and adventurous. Perhaps she also inspired you to seek knowledge and experience wherever you could find it. As a result, you are eager to expand your understanding of the world in which you live, and might pursue philosophy, psychology, religion or metaphysics to broaden your perspective. It is quite likely that you want your own children to be free to experience life to its fullest, and encourage them to learn and explore everything they can. You see yourself more as a friend to your children than as an authority figure, and enjoy playing with them. When it comes to discipline, however, you can be a little lax. You might be a bit irresponsible about some of your other responsibilities to them too, such as providing material support or being there when they need you. If Saturn stressfully aspects your Moon, you may see your children as inhibiting your freedom.

Women with this Moon placement are usually cheerful, sociable, perhaps a bit 'scattered', with many diverse interests and activities filling their lives. Men with Moon in Sagittarius might seek partners who fulfill this side of them, and be attracted to women who are fun-loving, friendly, optimistic, athletic and / or philosophical. However, you have a tendency to be too idealistic about your partners, and may spend most of your time searching for the perfect lover rather than settling down with any one of them.

(Sasha Fenton)

Neither the planet nor the sign has anything in common with the other; therefore, each will work against the other in some way. Problems which result from this will be felt in the area of your emotions and in your relationships with others. If this is your Moon sign, you probably didn't receive much physical affection from your parents. Maybe they weren't the kind who went in for touching and cuddling, or you yourself may have pushed them away. There are some children who hate being kissed and smothered by adults, although most children do enjoy receiving comfort and affection from their own family. It's possible that your parents had to work hard and didn't have much time to spare for you; all this could lead you, in later life, to separate the feelings of love from those of sex. I have found this to be a greater problem for male lunar Sagittarians than for females. You may shrink back from being touched by others in normal daily life, or you might find it difficult to caress and stroke your partner when making love! If all this seems to be all too true, then don't despair, because you, above all the signs of the Zodiac, have the brain and courage to face up to your problems, seek help, and eventually sort yourself out. Those of you who don't have this problem are so cuddlesome that they actually prefer to choose a chubby partner for themselves!

Any physical problems which you may experience are more than made up for by the excellence of your mind. Everything interests you, but you accept nothing at face value. You enjoy reading and, on the rare occasions when you watch the TV, you enjoy programs which have something to say. Some of you are deeply philosophic in your

manner of thinking. You may have been brought up in a religious family, rejected their ideas, and later on found others which suited you better. There are many solar and lunar Sagittarians in the spiritualist movement and also in the psychic world, all trying to make life that bit more meaningful for others. You are intuitive, exceptionally clairvoyant, and probably a good healer as well, although you may not yet have discovered that you have these gifts.

You need personal freedom and independence, needing especially to be in charge of your own life rather than being under someone else's thumb. You must be able to come and go as you please. You cannot be cooped up anywhere; indeed, you may even suffer from claustrophobia when travelling in a lift or in the back seat of a twodoor car. New faces fascinate you and you need plenty of friends because you become bored if you have to spend every day in the same company. Sagittarius being a mutable sign, you can adapt to most situations and enjoy all kinds of people. You are broad-minded and never racist or bigoted. Like most mutable subjects, you do need to get away on your own from time to time in order to think and to recharge your emotional batteries. You have exceptionally clear vision, and can see to the heart of a problem when others can only see muddle. You are resourceful enough to solve most problems both for yourself and for others, although you do appreciate a helping hand when it is offered. You will help anybody who is in trouble and in a crisis. Being sure of your own abilities at times of trouble, you may push others out of the way so that you can get on with sorting the problems out by yourself. This behaviour is not always appreciated by those whom you are pushing!

Solar Sagittarians are sociable and outgoing, but lunar ones are shyer. This depends upon the kind of Sun and Ascendant you have on your birthchart; but nevertheless, you will have some of the typically Sagittarian characteristics. You may be a good actor. Certainly you have the ability to interest others, fill them with enthusiasm and motivate them. The traditional Sagittarian careers of the church, the law and teaching may not apply directly to you; but you often find yourself teaching others in some way or another, and your own codes of honour and ethics will be high. You may have the traditional Sagittarian tactlessness as well, but the Moon being sensitive to the feelings of others makes this less likely. You are sensitive to atmospheres - for instance, you are aware as soon as you go into a room if there has been an argument going on in there. You may over-react to people who show hostility towards you. Your temper is explosive and your tongue sharp and articulate; therefore, you could make an unpleasant, if not actually dangerous, adversary. However, like most Fire signs, you don't hold a grudge, and prefer to forget bad feelings and look towards the future with optimism.

The Moon is associated with the home, and Sagittarius is a dextrous sign; therefore, you should be good at do-it-yourself jobs and also cooking. This might at first seem a peculiar thing to say, as the vast majority of you will spend as much time away from the home as you can, and would hate to spend your lives decorating and cooking. However, I have noticed that all lunar Sagittarians are absolutely inspired when it comes to

cooking for guests; and, even if you don't actually do the decorating yourself, your tastes and choices in materials and décor would be perfect. If there is some Cancer on your chart, you would definitely go in for home carpentry work. Whatever you do, you don't like mess and dirt, and cannot stand living in chaotic surroundings. You need peace and calm in the home, as you expend a lot of energy in your career, and need to refresh yourself in a peaceful, loving atmosphere at home in order to rest your delicate nervous system.

You enjoy sports and may be a good swimmer. You are too active to spend your spare time sitting about, so any form of sports or dancing would appeal to you - this also brings out your competitive spirit. Although you may be a little on the shy side, you enjoy singing, music or artistic hobbies, but probably would prefer to be among a group rather than out on your own as the solar Sagittarian would. Your active nature would make you choose a job where you have the chance to move around and meet people, and also where you are up on your feet rather than sitting about. Your pattern of working may alternate between manic activity and apparent laziness. This is because you are not good at keeping to a steady routine, but will go at something hammer and tongs while you are inspired, and then recoup your energies, probably whilst planning for the next burst of activity.

If you have to leave your home for any reason, you would set about making another attractive place for yourself as soon as possible. Being attractive and rather vain about your appearance, you enjoy buying nice clothes, and may tend to spoil yourself while conveniently forgetting that there are bills to be paid. Your appearance and your body are very important to you, as activity is so much a part of your nature.

There is, as with most of the mutable signs, a strange duality about you. You want something passionately and then go off it once you have got it. You need security at the same time as you need freedom; this can make you appear irresponsible to others, but somehow you always find an answer and seem to be able to pull the irons out of the fire when things go wrong. You are no stranger to debts, but hate to be in debt. You can soon put other people's problems in perspective for them, but you may be hopeless at sorting out your own muddles. A friend of mine who is just about typical of this lunation is responding to the fact that her husband has left her by giving up her job and spending money on clothing and nice things when it is the last thing she ought to be doing. This is an almost Piscean reaction in refusing to face reality - because reality right now is too much to face! The last split is in your attitude to personal relationships. You need and want to love and be loved, but you may find it hard to be faithful because there are so many interesting people out there who will be equally fascinated by your looks and your charisma. You need a really understanding partner. Another oddity is that you really prefer friendship to affairs anyway, so you could appear to promise much and not really deliver anything at all! Very strange. You couldn't cope with someone who lays the law down to you: under those circumstances, you would assert your independence.

You can be a bit dual in the world of work too. You are highly ambitious, but not necessarily money-minded. You need money to pay the bills and to make life fun, but not for power or to impress others. Women of this lunation like to control their own finances. You need to work at something which you enjoy and which keeps you in touch with people. You can appear lazy to others because you have a habit of preparing your work at home either before or after your normal working hours, thus hiding the actual amount of effort which you put into your work. Metaphorically speaking, this gives you the appearance of a duck - which, as we know, glides effortlessly over the surface of the water, but is actually paddling away like mad under the surface! However much you love your job, you also need to relax and socialize, and are not as a rule a workaholic. You are, in all but shape, a well-rounded person. Women of this particular sign can become wrapped up in causes, and will be found saving the whale and banning the bomb. This could cause problems on the domestic front as there will sometimes be too little time left for the family. Being slightly bossy, a woman with the Moon in Sagittarius would need a very understanding husband, but she is wise enough to find the right one for herself, and if she didn't do so the first time, she will have another go. Both sexes love children; but spending your days looking after small children wouldn't stimulate you enough mentally. Many of you are brilliant with older children; and you may involve yourself with the scout or guide movement or something similar. Lunar Sagittarians make excellent teachers.

Your sense of adventure means that you could take up anything from hang-gliding to mountain climbing. You enjoy every experience that comes along. This is the sign of the traveller; and, the Moon being associated with travel, especially travel over water, means that you take every opportunity to travel anywhere at the drop of a hat. You are fascinated by desert and mountainous areas where you can stand tall and see for miles.

Anyone choosing to live with you would find you a happy and optimistic partner for as long as you have the freedom to do your own thing. You cannot stand people who try to dominate you or control your actions; neither could you live with a partner who whines and nags. The worst type for you to have to cope with, either at work or in your personal life, is someone who is critical of you whilst considering him- or herself to be perfect. Your intense need for freedom and independence means that you spend time away from the home, possibly travelling around in connection with your work. You would be happy to be married to someone rather like yourself, as you wouldn't seek to tie your partner down either. If you have an ambitious partner, you help him / her to get ahead in his / her career. If you are allowed freedom and trust, you will probably choose to remain faithful; but if restricted, you will show your resentment by straying from the straight and narrow. Your unpredictability can make you hard to live with.

You don't give up on a relationship at the first hurdle; you try to do all that you can to make it work. You will adapt your own nature and your own needs to that of the partner as far as you can in order to make the relationship work. There is a possibility that you could find yourself stuck with a partner who suffers from some kind of mental illness. I discovered while researching this book that lunar Sagittarians have many connections

with mental illness, whether through senile parents, a schizophrenic child or a dotty spouse. There are times when you are so busy trying to adapt to their unrealistic behaviour that you begin to wonder just who is the dotty one!

You may choose a partner who is out of the traditional mould, for instance someone older or younger than yourself or of a different racial or religious background. You may strongly attract people of a type which you cannot really stand; or you may find yourself attracted to someone who pleases you in one way and repels you in another. It is hard to find someone who is right for you in every way - that is, mentally, physically and spiritually.

As a parent, you are proud of your offspring and will do all you can to help them get on in life. You respect their need for space and a separate identity, and also their dignity. There is a possibility that you could live apart from them for some part of their childhood, either due to work which takes you away from home or as a result of divorce.

Many of you will have parents who were born in a different country from the one in which you live. This is actually more often the case when the Ascendant is in Sagittarius, but also applies to the Moon quite often. There may be Irish connections or Jewish ones - emigration or just living away from home are equally possible. This may to some extent explain some of the splits in your personality - if, for example, you were educated in a different manner from those around you, brought up in a religion which is anachronistic in your present country, or even speaking a different language when with your parents. I asked my friend Susan about her childhood, which was spent in a variety of different countries; and she told me that it was hard always to be the child who spoke the wrong language or who had the wrong accent.

In career, your greatest need is for freedom of action and the ability to communicate with others, possibly on a rather large scale. You are a natural teacher; and if you don't work directly in education, you would still enjoy helping and guiding others and passing on the knowledge which you have accumulated over the years. Most of you are surprisingly modest about your work and your achievements, and tend not to promote yourselves very well; therefore, it is only when one gets to know you better that we learn just how knowledgeable you actually are.

You would enjoy a job in broadcasting or publishing, or even as an entertainer. Many of you are good actors and singers; but, unless you have a fair dose of Leo or Aries on your chart, you may be too shy to push yourself forward in this way. You are adaptable enough to get on with anyone and to work anywhere; but you have high standards and a strong sense of your surroundings, and therefore you couldn't do anything which was really down-market or under-handed, or which involved working in dirty, messy surroundings. You are stubborn enough to finish what you start, but you may start too many projects and then become worn out from trying to do them all at once.

The travel trade would attract you, as you love to expand your horizons in a practical sense as well as in a mental one. Some of you can work on dicey projects which involve intuition and the ability to guess right. This could be something like the futures market on the stock exchange, or any other business connected with gambling. Your being over-optimistic at times, this could occasionally run you into trouble. Whatever you do, and even if your own confidence deserts you at the wrong moment in your career, your pixilated sense of humour will always see you through. Lunar Sagittarians are excellent salespeople as long as they believe in the product they are handling.

Your relationship with your parents was good but distant in some way, possibly because they were busy or because they didn't encourage closeness. 'I just couldn't keep my parents' attention', says Joe, a salesman for an electronics company. 'My father led a busy life which took him travelling, rather like I do I suppose. My mother was always preoccupied with her church cronies.' Joe's story is typical even down to the fact that the lunar Sagittarian's experience of parenthood could turn out to be similar to his own parents' experiences.

Your parents may have come from a different country with a different culture from the one in which you are now living; possible just a different part of the country, and with a different outlook on life or a different religion.

You did well at school - if not in academic studies, then in something else such as art, dancing, music or sports. The greatest and most important part of your education will come later in life. Your pleasant appearance and friendly, open attitude will make you popular at school.

You could suffer from some of the Sagittarian ailments of leg and hip problems, varicose veins, phlebitis, rheumatism and blood disorders. Women of this lunation may have period problems followed by a hysterectomy.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

People with this placing will respond in a very positive, optimistic and enthusiastic way to circumstances (especially those that are challenging), for the sheer enjoyment and need of challenge is a quintessential Sagittarian characteristic. These people give the impression that they will not worry or bother too much with the pros and cons of a situation. In fact, that are not very good at recognizing small details or problems, and will tend to ignore them when they are pointed out by others.

The urge to move forward physically and intellectually is very strong - impatience when waiting in traffic jams, for instance, is common! These individuals will enjoy feeling that their intellect is being stretched, but can sometimes give the impression of knowing and understanding much more than is really the case.

Hope and optimism run high, until other, more sober elements of the personality take over (if they are present elsewhere in the chart). Balance is needed if the individual is not to incline towards bluster, with blind optimism clouding common sense. Nevertheless, he or she has general keenness and enthusiasm, and is the complete reverse of the 'wet blanket'!

A tendency to be off-hand is a fault that often emerges with this placing, however. 'See if I care' is the sort of statement that is characteristic of the Moon in Sagittarius, usually followed by a turn and toss of the head, with the individual already thinking of something, or someone, else.

Sagittarian restlessness will almost inevitably be present, and must be countered, or recognized at the very least. There is marvelous potential, especially intellectually; and it is up to the individual to develop a consistency of effort by fully using other areas of her personality. She must aim to calm her reactions, even though these are positive, so that the Sagittarian sage-like qualities and the subject's own sound, possibly even unique, philosophy of life can be used to their full and best advantage.

Digestive problems and biliousness can affect the health, as those with this placing like to enjoy food which is a little too rich for their systems.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have the soul of a gypsy, but potentially a naive soul. You have the need to be having fun with Other - but this could find you being emotionally indiscreet. You have the instinct to find a positive direction - but sometimes this could amount to restlessness. Your mother is seen or expressed as being free and philosophical, and / or indulgent or sanctimonious.

You naturally respond towards Other with great enthusiasm, giving Other a boost in the process. You respond to Other in a manner that expects freedom of movement as well as allowing it; and you respond in an innocent and trusting manner that brings out the best in Other.

Your inner child reacts with offhandedness and dismissiveness when Other does not want to play your game; irresponsibly and outrageously when in any way restricted or obligated; and gullibly or opportunistically to any offer that appears to be better than what you currently have.

You gravitate towards expansive, cosmopolitan Others where travel, abundance and sophistication are the style; towards Others who are outgoing and exciting, often with strong opinions and beliefs; and Others who are easy going and fun to be with.

You can get caught up in relationships which promise far more than they deliver,

showing you that indulgence or a want of ease makes for being a poor judge; in situations that have no meaning and drive you to despair until you discover what you believe in for yourself; and in a relationship with an unstable Other.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you or Other have found your relationship too confining, or conversely too open-ended to feel secure in - and so something has had to give. But because of this inclination of yours to want both security and freedom within a relationship, it is just as likely that you find yourself stuck with Other for reason of needing the one (security) but not enjoying it at all for reason of not getting the other (freedom) - that is, you are alone but with someone. The reason behind all this - if you have not already spotted it - is that you have been seeking a set of requirements in a partner that are contradictory at best or hypocritical at worst. In other words, don't expect or promise security when there is still some roaming to do on either of your parts. If you really are, or have been left, alone, then it is because you have to look for and find a more philosophical approach to relationship and / or a more spiritual reason for being. Until you do, you will be naively expecting Other to be more understanding than is presently possible for him / her.

Moon ☾ in 6th House

(Haydn Paul)

Lunar activity will influence health and employment; and you may observe that any unfulfilled feelings and emotional needs eventually have a detrimental effect. Diminishing physical vitality and psychosomatic responses may occur through unresolved emotional stress; and your health quality will fluctuate depending on the nature of your emotions.

When your outlook is positive, health will be good; when you are more negative, then diminished vitality will occur. If you persist in maintaining a dissatisfied mind, then hypochondriacal worries and uncomfortable physical symptoms will increase. Obsessions with health, diet, and appearance may develop if this goes unchecked. If this occurs, you will move away from a natural body balance, having failed to listen to inner messages which suggest ways to maintain a healthy, free-flowing energy connection between the levels of your whole being.

It is within your emotions that a shortcircuit is actually occurring; and you may need remedial action to transform accumulated moods and emotional anxieties. If depressions become regular, you may need self-therapy and personal exploration to become objective about the roots of such feelings and discover how you can release or resolve stress blockages. Altering diet and becoming conscious of the interrelationship of body-emotion-mind is important for your well-being.

Work will be affected by your emotional state, and will often prove an unsatisfactory experience unless you are fortunate in entering employment that can fulfill your need for emotional involvement. Pursuing a career alone will not fulfill unless it also satisfies your emotional needs. A Moon placed in a mutable sign may indicate employment changes; a fixed Moon may indicate being stuck in a position, which could be equally unsatisfactory, although you can favor continuity and repetitive lifestyle / work patterns in daily life. You find security in the familiar and predictable, and you prefer to take well-known paths through life. Meeting strangers and having new experiences arouses feelings of unease and fear, as you cannot rely on repetitive responses to deal with these situations.

Service or vocational activities may fulfill certain inner needs related to nurturing others. If this path were to become your employment, you might find it fulfilling and personally beneficial; any tendency to self-obsessiveness with your emotions and health would be redirected into caring for others. You are likely to possess good practical abilities related to the health and healing of others. You enjoy feeling wanted by others and being of some use. Satisfaction is received from feeling connected when working directly with others who are in need. Taking this direction may be the road to greater meaning, purpose, and integration in your life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With the Moon here there is an immense hunger for significance, for worthwhile work and service. There is a great capacity for hard work; but unless other aspects show it, these people are not often self-starters. They usually need someone to work for, someone they respect. They have a strong desire for accomplishment, but by someone else's lights, at least in youth. Unless other chart factors indicate the contrary, they may lack the self-confidence to work on their own, setting their own standards. There is a great desire for an ideal boss, one who will set standards and limits, who appreciates hard work and rewards results. Unfortunately, this is an ideal that is not often found, which causes them a great deal of tension that can result in disorders of the stomach or the glands.

Often these people are not paid what they are worth. There is a selfless aspect here, a desire to work for the love of it, purely for the results and not the personal gain. Either that, or the effort of asking for raises in salary brings up issues of self-worth that they find painful to deal with. Therefore, they often wind up working for nonprofit organizations, volunteering in charity organizations, or even going into religious orders; sometimes because they believe in the work, and sometimes because this way they can avoid issues of self-worth (and possibly both). These people are deeply concerned with their purpose in life, and will continually keep an account of their record, which creates a lot of internal tension. 'Did I do as much as I could have done? Would Thomas Merton (or Albert Schweitzer, or Mother Theresa) have done more?'

Often, in childhood, they felt they could get their mothers' love only by proof of

accomplishment, hard work, and success. The attitude may persist, consciously or subconsciously, that love is the reward of hard work, not likely to come for free (and when it does come for free, it must not be the real thing). If the Moon is under pressure of bad aspects, this constant striving can cause a health breakdown at some point, resulting in a total inability to work, generally because of a desperate need for approval.

As they get older, these stresses can lead to one of two things. On one hand, they may finally realize that no boss will ever fulfill the ideal they have been seeking, and that if they are to function as effectively as they wish they must figure out some way to be their own boss and serve humanity in their own way, a process that may involve a good deal of emotional suffering and painful self-understanding. On the other hand, if they continue to work for someone else, they will probably stop looking for perfection sooner or later, and come finally to view their co-workers like family, forgiving them their faults and working to bring about a happy family atmosphere at work, socializing outside work with colleagues, and organizing office birthday parties and company picnics.

If the Moon is close to the seventh house cusp, or if it is trine the ascendant, these people will be more aware of public needs and will be more likely to rise to a position of importance.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is often linked with feelings, habits, and needs. The gastrointestinal system is especially vulnerable, so diet has primary relevance. The most significant disorders revolve around chronic problems resulting from longstanding habits. Any neuroses surround security and issues involving the family, the origins of which may possibly be traced to a difficult childhood relationship with your mother. You didn't feel safe to express needs with her, and as a result have grown up mistrusting others, while remaining needy inside. The pitfall lies in rejection of your 'inner child', which creates hidden hysteria and secret compulsions. The challenge is to learn appropriate fulfillment of your needs. Healing involves the simplicity of taking good care of yourself.

Unequal relationships: All unequal relationships reflect the basic mother / child scenario. When you perceive yourself in an inferior posture, you amplify what you felt as a small child. If you were frightened, you could be terrified. If you were resistant, you could be defiant. If you were angry, you could be rageful. When in the superior position, you tend to parody your mother. If she was supportive, you'll tend toward caretaking. If she was overly protective, you may be smothering. If she had difficulty providing emotional support, you might refuse to give any, abandoning those around you when they're needy. The pitfall is remaining stuck in these memories forever, while the challenge is to grow through them. Become a mature adult by learning to recognize your inner child; and then invite that child to come home to you.

Duty and service: Helping is compulsive, something you don't actually choose, but

simply do because it feels so natural. you seek out individuals who seem insecure or uncomfortable, and in supporting them feel more secure and comfortable inside yourself. The pitfall rests with your tendency to 'help' others whether or not they wish it, like the boy scout so eager to get his merit badge that he pulls the old lady across the street even though she doesn't want to go. The challenge is to perfect yourself by serving the real needs of others through the emotional support you provide.

Technical mind: Thinking is akin to eating a full meal. You have a personal need to dissect the world around you, to reassemble it, to pay full attention to details. You want to understand how everything works, but only insofar as it has personal relevance to your own emotional life. The pitfall is being drawn off-course by feelings that resonate through and around you, like a scientist studying trees in autumn only to be overwhelmed by the beauty of the multicolored leaves. The challenge is to blend insight and warm feeling. Thinking should be moist rather than dry.

Discipline and routines: Your entire system is sensitive to regularity. Once you form habits in your daily routine, they become part of the hierarchy of needs, and any disruption in the pattern has immediate emotional effects. Any time you need good feelings, it's helpful to immerse yourself in the measured pace of real work, the rhythm of a task with a definite goal. The pitfall involves imprisonment into random or self-defeating habits, while the challenge is to provide yourself with a steady flow of positive, productive routines.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are generous and warmhearted toward people in general, but especially toward those you love. Because you feel insecure about your ability to be self-sustaining, you try to compensate by accumulating material comforts. For the same reason, you want to be financially independent. You are usually involved with people who are glad to give you opportunities to show how much you care for them. But sometimes you resent it when they expect too much from you, for you know they are imposing on you. You are attracted to people who seem stable and whose actions indicate that they have the high human values that you admire. You may neglect to get an education on the assumption that you can learn everything you need through experience. This may be true, but it will make the road to success in your career more hazardous and time-consuming.

You take pride in serving the needs of those around you; and your early conditioning gave you the belief that efforts on behalf of others are never wasted. You have some difficulty in serving your own needs, however, because you lack self-confidence. Because of your low self-esteem, you relegate yourself to obscure positions or those that bring limited recognition for your accomplishments.

In view of this situation, wouldn't it be a good idea to seek work in an institution or with some social program? Your sincere concern for people in trouble or in a precarious

social predicament would be an excellent basis for making a worthwhile contribution to improve their circumstances. You don't usually seek the limelight of public recognition, but you accept it humbly if it comes, knowing that you did what anyone else would have done in the situation. If you implement your many good ideas, you should be able to earn a comfortable income. You can succeed as well as others, but you won't, unless you are convinced of your abilities.

You owe it to yourself to improve your self-image. You make more concessions to others than necessary because you feel obliged to serve them as they indicate you should. Remember that you also have obligations to yourself, and you will need security later on when you are no longer gainfully employed. Don't allow friends to distract you from this goal, because you will come to resent them for it. Another consideration is your health, which varies according to your moods. You feel fine when your spirits are high, but when you are depressed you may have all kinds of irritating ailments, such as digestive problems or nervous-tension headaches.

There are many worthy uses for your creative imagination if you recognize that you must develop your potentials. You have no difficulty using your skills to benefit your children, so why not boost your spirits by using your talents when your own career interests are at stake? You usually compensate for it when your mate slips into lethargy, but you must make it clear that each of you has to share the burdens in your relationship. Unless you let your partner become self-reliant, the marriage will suffer from lack of mutual respect. Indulge your mate because you want to, not because you've become a doormat and it's expected of you.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement find security and comfort attending to daily routine and administering to the needs of the body. Daily rituals like making the coffee, taking tea at four, and the bath last thing at night give them a feeling of continuity and wellbeing.

Physical health and their ability to function and cope with everyday contingencies will vary according to moods. Aspects to the Moon in this house reveal how successfully a person can contain the kinds of anxieties that crop up from day to day. A trine from Saturn could indicate, for instance, that the physical vessel is a hardy container, remaining steadfast in situations to which others might overreact. A square to Mars, though, suggests that the person 'acts out' every little anxiety - the body just cannot contain or support the stress that quietly. There may be a connection between how the mother coped with daily tensions and the way in which this person does the same. Those kinds of illnesses which can be inherited or which 'run in the family' should be noted, and preventative measures are worth taking. They should be careful about diet - eating problems or overindulgence in alcohol could arise at the onset of emotional difficulties. The body has an instinctual wisdom of its own which they can learn to respect and recognize without too much effort. If they take the time to notice what their

bodies register when they walk into a room or meet someone for the first time, they will realize just how much can be intuited through bodily sensations.

There is a need to feel emotionally engaged in work. Usually a job which involves interaction with other people is better than working in too isolated a situation. Sometimes they find themselves entangled in the personal life of co-workers or servants. Those with the Moon in the 6th are adept at fulfilling the practical and emotional needs of others, and are well suited to any employment in which they can play 'Mother'. Unresolved mother issues may be projected onto the dog or cat. More seriously, a pet to love and care for and who is there when they come home could contribute to both psychological and physical health.

Mercury ♀ in ♓ Pisces 6° 35'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you indulge in Pisces fears of losing a vision of how perfect the ideal could be, you may sacrifice reality for a private world of fantasy. You may withhold intuitive perceptions for fear of being invalidated by others. Then the ability to communicate clearly becomes muddled and lost in the distractions of your emotional world. When you retreat into your private reality and exclude interaction with others, you may lose those relevant perceptions that can help to make your thought manifest.

Dynamic

You can focus your attention on the reality of spiritual poverty and confusion that is seen in daily life. This vision inspires you to rise above fears and make a real contribution to others. Communicating your creative and intuitive abilities allows others to enter through into your psychic perceptions. Ideals can become a healing reality in the world when you make a tangible contribution by communicating your intuitive vision.

(Grant Lewi)

Your sensitiveness to impressions from the outer world is conditioned by the use they can be to you personally. You see, hear, feel and taste what you want to. If you want to like a pie (because someone you love made it for you, it will actually taste to you like the best pie in the world. If you want to dislike a drawing (because someone you dislike drew it, it will look hideous to you. Your approach to things is far from scientific; you have to struggle to exercise an objective judgement - to see anything for its own sake, without the intrusion of some personal irrelevancy that alters your vision and therefore your

judgement. If your best friend has the voice of a screech owl, you'll think it music; and if your worst enemy were a Caruso, you'd actually believe he was singing off-key. Depersonalization of the approach to life is what you need to study, if you are to see the world as it is and not always in it a reflection of yourself. You probably think you are the fairest-minded person in the world, and may be as far as abstract justice is concerned. But in what reaches you through your senses, beware of the intrusion of personal biases. Let a spade be a spade. Even if it is digging your own grave, you can't make it into a screwdriver by wishing you didn't have to die!

(Skye Alexander)

You rarely pay attention to the here-and-now or the sidewalk in front of you. A dreamer, you are more concerned with your fantasies, your creations or the spiritual world than with remembering to pay your 'phone bill or studying for an exam.. The day-to-day functioning of the mundane world doesn't interest you in the slightest; and sometimes it's hard to determine if you really live here on Earth or are just visiting.

At times it can be difficult talking with you. You drift in and out of conversations; and your mind always seems to be preoccupied with something else. Your thoughts are not expressed completely or coherently; and often what you say is so highly personal, muddled or abstracted from reality that others have trouble understanding you.

You probably have a fantastic imagination and are artistically oriented. You see and hear things others don't, and are acutely sensitive to color and sound. Communicating with images or music is easier for you than using language skills; even if you can barely write a coherent sentence, you are able to get your point across brilliantly in other ways. You need to be careful, however, not to let your imagination run away with you. In the extreme, this Mercury placement can signify someone who loses all touch with reality, communicating with spirits, seeing hallucinations or retreating into a fantasy world of his / her own making.

Your keen sensitivity might put you in touch with the unseen realms. Often you 'know' what others are thinking or feeling, and you are quite psychic, or at least intuitive and perceptive. Because you are not so tightly bound to the physical world, it is easier for you than for most people to develop higher consciousness and connection to the Source. You find solace in meditation, prayer and spiritual thought, and might be interested in religious pursuits.

Your retreat from the harsh demands of the physical world may take the form of escapism, rather than spiritual involvement - Mercury in Pisces tends to be lazy, and the spiritual life is demanding and requires much discipline. In some cases, this placement can signify a person who uses alcohol, drugs or other escapist tactics as a way of avoiding responsibilities or facing up to truths about his / her life. Or, you simply may find daily life boring and seek to heighten your experience of it with mind-altering substances

instead of working to develop your talents in interesting ways.

Your lack of involvement with the 'real world' can cause you to be extremely idealistic and naive; and you tend to look at life through the proverbial 'rose-tinted glasses'. Gentle, sympathetic and trusting, you usually see the good in everyone and miss the bad. As a result, it is easy to fool you; and you can be taken in by unscrupulous people. You are especially susceptible to hard-luck stories. Impressionable and lacking in discrimination, you let others influence you too much and rarely make up your own mind. You can be swayed by any half-baked argument or idea. Often your opinions are based on hazy impressions or romantic notions, and lack substance or logic. You need to exercise special care in important business or personal decisions, signing contracts, making investments, etc..

If Saturn aspects your Mercury, you'll be more practical, realistic and mentally disciplined. Mars aspects will make you more assertive and individualistic.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Pisces indicates a vivid imagination and a photographic ability to visualize thoughts and memories. People with this position are highly intuitive and telepathic on the unconscious level; they are, therefore, easily influenced in their thinking through subliminal suggestion, as they tune in unconsciously to the thoughts and moods of those around them. They arrive at conclusions not through logical reasoning but rather on the basis of intuitive perceptions that float up from the unconscious mind. They learn more by osmosis than through disciplined study.

The mind can be biased by unconscious emotional patterns based on past experiences, as is Mercury in Cancer. If Mercury is afflicted in Pisces, the mind will be in danger of being trapped in memories, to the point that the perception of present reality is distorted. This can lead to neurotic conditions in extreme cases. Because of the extreme sensitivity and imagination of Mercury in Pisces, poetic and artistic abilities are often manifested. These people are sympathetic; they can imagine how it is to be in another person's situation because they have been in similar situations themselves. At times their emotions are too easily preyed upon.

Pisces is a mutable sign, and fluctuating emotions can cause vacillation in thinking, decision-making, and communication. There can also be a tendency to daydream and woolgather. The fact that the natives like to be secretive and keep their private thoughts to themselves can result in shyness and seclusion.

Mercury afflicted in Pisces can mean a morbid imagination and a persecution complex. The individual may be oversensitive, and may sense personal criticism even when it was not intended. He needs to become more impersonal in his thinking and perception of reality; in this respect, this position is similar to Mercury in Cancer.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The mind works in a disorganised and intuitive way; decisions and opinions will emerge rather than be consciously taken. Kindness, sympathy and empathy for others is considerable, but often there is forgetfulness and even carelessness, leading to confusing situations that the individual finds difficult to resolve. It is difficult to develop constructive thinking and practicality. However, a practical approach is not entirely necessary, for the subject's strong intuitions are usually right. Much care is needed when coping with worry, for there is vivid imagination which can make the subject fear the worst. A tendency to take the line of least resistance is sometimes combined with deceitfulness. Usually when untruths are told it is in order not to hurt others, but cunning is not altogether absent. This placing does not support selfconfidence; and shyness or self-effacement is sometimes present.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the rather brittle Aquarian traits are softened, and the humanitarian qualities of Pisces are warmed and sympathetically expressed. The creative and very original imagination must find specific areas of expression, perhaps through some unusual, off-beat hobby or career. There is much more flexibility of mind and opinion, and usually the emotional level is greatly heightened, perhaps with less ability to be detached from the feelings. Aquarian perversity and unpredictability are less evident, since Mercury in Pisces contributes considerable sensitivity towards other people's feelings.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the subject often becomes rather scatter-brained, surrounded by confusion and muddle. However, here is also great kindness and sympathy, and a wonderful imagination which must be channelled and constructively used. When under stress, there may be a tendency to deceive the self and others by falling back on negative escapism. Parents whose children have this placing must gently but firmly encourage truthfulness. Any indication of creative potential should be encouraged, as self-expression through the arts (especially photography) is desirable.

If the Sun sign is Aries, Arian assertiveness is softened, and selfishness is less likely to be a problem (but consider the Venus sign in this respect). Arian decisiveness will not be quite so strong; and forgetfulness, especially over small matters, can cause great annoyance to the active, energetic Arian. This is most likely when he or she is being unduly hasty. The increased intuition of the placing is a help, particularly when assessing competitors' actions and reactions to situations. The emotional level of Aries is increased, but the subject is less likely to be easily roused to anger.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, Mercury presents the picture of a native whose fears may prove to be his greatest assets. Once the native recognizes fear as a challenge, he overcomes it and

becomes a dynamic, useful member of society. Otherwise, he is obsessed by lack of security, lack of confidence, and a feeling of unworthiness.

He must face issues squarely, and be willing to admit mistakes, and to accept credit for a job well done. He should be helped to overcome false modesty. This native must learn to speak out, and to stand up for his convictions. He is able to analyze the problems of others but is shy about calling the shots on his own difficulties. He is fascinated by secrets, and would make a wonderful historian because he enjoys digging for facts. He is receptive to the needs of others, but must be helped to help himself.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a sensitive, though potentially deluded, mind.

You see life in terms of myriad impressions from which you are able to gain uncannily accurate insights into Other's emotional and mental states, thereby making him / her feel that you are very much in tune with him / her. You also see it in terms of intuitive images rather than logical interpretations, so you express yourself best visually, poetically or suggestively.

You tend not to see what the reality of a situation is when you become over-sensitized by your own desires and fears regarding Other, and so you consequently get the wrong end of the stick. You also tend not to see how you bend the truth in order to avoid confronting what Other is thinking, feeling, saying or being, because mistakenly you fear your own weaknesses being brought to light.

(John Townley)

You don't talk about sex very much, not because you are inhibited or uninterested, but because words don't seem necessary and can't really express your feelings on the subject. Your style of loving is very tender; and in expressing it you give yourself totally to your lover. All you really need for fulfillment is a quiet understanding of the love you share.

Although giving of yourself is your clearest expression of love for your partner, do not give, particularly sexually, unless you really feel like it. If you do, sex will become a task and an obligation rather than a free and open expression of loving. If you want to be heavily self-sacrificing sexually, express it in bedroom games for that purpose rather than in emotional servitude, which will only hurt your relationship.

You don't necessarily need to be in a relationship all the time, because you are able to sublimate your sexual energies through a variety of other channels when the right lover isn't around.

It may take time and care to find just the right person; but when you do make up your mind, it will probably happen in a flash. Ideally, in such a partnership you both will use sexuality to uplift and transcend your personalities, making your oneness greater than the sum of its parts.

(Robert Hand)

You have a very rich imagination, and you love to spend time daydreaming and making up fantasies. However, you may have to put more effort into thinking about the real world, because you can't live in dreams all the time. But you can put your imagination to good use in writing stories or poems, for you can see the world in ways that are hidden from many others. Your biggest task is to learn to communicate your ideas clearly to others. Sometimes you find it hard to speak or write clearly, for that requires you to present your ideas one at a time and in order. But your ideas don't come to you in an orderly way - you think with feelings and images.

Sometimes it is difficult for you to be objective, because your emotions influence your thinking so much. This means that making decisions is difficult, but it also means that you are unusually sensitive to other people's feelings. You are able to sense their moods and emotions even before they say anything.

You are not interested in subjects like science and math, and you may find them difficult because they seem cold and unfeeling. Their careful logic is colorless and boring to you.

Sometimes this position means that you are easily influenced by other people. Certainly you pick up their ideas very quickly, even without knowing it. As you get older, you will have to be more aware of this tendency, because without knowing it you may be influenced by beliefs that you do not agree with.

(Freda Edis)

Those people with Mercury in Pisces may be intuitive thinkers with impressionable imaginations. Highly receptive to the thoughts and feelings of others, their mental processes may reflect not logical thought of their own, but almost visual perceptions which they have unconsciously received from others. Sometimes they have difficulty recognizing quite where their knowledge comes from. Their minds operate with a sensitivity so great that they can misinterpret reality, particularly when the contents of the unconscious are stirred up by present emotional experiences. They can vacillate between two modes of thought, often expressing themselves as optimistic at one moment and pessimistic the next, communicating these states of mind in a very subjective way. Others may interpret this tendency as wool-gathering and indecision, being unable to see the enormous empathy and compassion of which these people are capable. Recognizing the occasional need to draw boundaries between themselves and others and to trust their own mental processes would help those with Mercury in Pisces

to connect with unconscious personal and collective emotional influences in a more realistic manner.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind is impressionable and intuitive.

Symbol: A child listens to the sound of the sea in a shell.

Although Mercury is in detriment in Pisces, this position does not impair intelligence. It merely suggests that the mind resists the rule of pure logic and refuses to be pinned down to hard facts. There are, on the other hand, soft facts pertaining to the realms of instinct and intuition which are no less significant realities in the scheme of existence.

Mercury is also in its fall in this sign, showing that ultimately criticism and analysis must be dissolved in compassion, thereby making love rather than intellect the guiding principle of life. The attitude characteristic of this placement is expressed in the following anonymous quatrain: 'Reason has moons, but moons not hers lie mirrored on the sea, confounding her astronomers, but oh, delighting me'.

Whimsical and poetic, Mercurial Pisceans are likely to succeed in fields which allow them to make use of their creative imagination and love of fantasy. Sometimes they are aware of circumstances and events without knowing how or why. Ideas filter through the pores of their minds, coming unbidden for obscure reasons. Pisceans may also have psychic or mediumistic talents.

Members of this sign are well suited to be writers, musicians, actors, or entertainers. Because of their mental permeability, they excel in any capacity in which the mind serves as a sounding board for the transmission of subtle impulses and impressions. Literally, their conduct depends upon the quality of the energies they conduct through their sensitive nervous systems. Often they appear to be absent-minded and indecisive simply because they are functioning as instruments for, rather than originators of, the thoughts that waft them hither and yon.

If the Sun is in Aquarius and Mercury is in Pisces, vision and imagination can be turned to widescale humanitarian enterprises. These people, although basically rational, may have unusual ideas which are in advance of conventional modes of thinking; and they are fascinated by the unsolved mysteries of science and what they may imply.

When the Sun and Mercury are both in Pisces, the mind is more inspired, but it is also edged with a certain flightiness unless the ability to concentrate is shown elsewhere in the chart. These susceptible souls often suffer emotionally as a result of their thin-skinned impressionability. Frequently misunderstood, they may withdraw into themselves and become reclusive. Yet they are generally kind, helpful, and eager to be of assistance to people in trouble. They need protection because, due to their

willingness to listen to any tale of woe, they are easily duped.

The Sun in Aries and Mercury in Pisces endow a person with less vulnerability to deception and a more positive disposition. He is better adapted to translate intuitive ideas into action and to give overt expression to the impulses which arise out of the unconscious.

According to tradition, Pisces is the sign of illusion and limitation. These two concepts go together because most of man's limitations stem from his illusions. Reality knows no bounds; it is only the world of phenomenal appearances which is hemmed in by limitations. The only reason these illusions have so much potency is that they have some connection, however tenuous, with the reality they veil.

Metaphysically, the significance of the astrological dictum that Mercury is in its detriment and also its fall in Pisces lies in the fact that the spiritually evolved person can begin to transcend the ratiocinations of the concrete mind and start to function on the plane of pure reason and intuition. He grasps the implications of the ancient Oriental maxim, 'The mind is the slayer of the real', and its corollary, 'Slay thou the slayer'.

Throughout the zodiac, the mind has functioned as a bridge to reality. Once traversed, however, this bridge can be left behind. The Piscean appreciates the need for logic, just as a traveller is grateful for the bridge which spans a river, but he has no need to pick the bridge up and carry it along with him after it has served its purpose. He is now ready to ascend into the highlands of consciousness from which the light of the spirit may be more directly approached. He ceases to need intermediaries because he becomes the thing he seeks. Love was the means and love the goal; and now the two are one.

Mercury ♀ in 9th House

(Freda Edis)

When Mercury is placed in the ninth house, it can indicate an intelligent use of a broad jupiterian mind which seeks to make connections between philosophical, religious and moral issues. Discovering the meaning of the underlying laws of life is important to these people. This placement can give great depth to study and higher education, and can give an indication of the principles to be met as a result of widening mental perspectives or taking long journeys. People with this placement may have some intuition about needing to submit their egos to a broader form of wisdom which has the effect of being a divine law, often inspired by a jupiterian recognition of order and regulation. At a concrete level, the study of the laws governing wider social structures can be of some appeal; but these people may need to become aware of the tendency always to take the long perspective and ignore issues closer to hand. At another level, Mercury aids the

capacity to understand, in some cases transmute, the laws of conventional life when he is placed in his father's house.

In myth, the effect is miraculous on occasions. Where the ninth house impulse is too strong, and where Mercury here might rise too high and risk offending the gods, then there is, inevitably, a fall.

The sign on the house cusp may rule the way in which wider perspectives are reached. Mercury with Virgo here may indicate the powers of a discriminating mind which can meaningfully distinguish between important and less important philosophical issues; the fall would be into criticism and denigration of others if the wider perspective were lost. Mercury with Aquarius in this position may concentrate on developing a mind detached enough to examine new and unconventional ideas which may benefit humanity; too much Aquarius detachment could lead to the tyranny of ideas over emotion - a further example of the fall.

Aspects to other planets may also influence the way Mercury operates in the ninth.

The acquisition of greater knowledge is important to people with a ninth house Mercury placement; but they may need to guard against developing dogmatic intellectual attitudes or an over-insistence on their need to be the best-qualified interpreters of moral law. There may be an intuitive approach to systems of belief and a tendency to ignore any facts that are not consistent with strongly held opinions. These people may have a visionary and prophetic quality of mind; and this can be enhanced by ensuring that their views are based on strong ethical foundations, or they may fall.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here there is great upward striving, especially when Mercury is in a Fire, fixed, or Earth sign. There is a desire to always appear at one's best, never to be outdone or made to look bad. Whatever storms may blow in these people's lives, they usually manage to land on their feet.

A ninth house Mercury often shows a rise in life through difficult circumstances, sometimes to considerable power. There is a mental restlessness with this position, a hunger for knowledge and experience that may lead to travel or long-term mental effort, some great study or piece of research or perfected virtuosity. There is also a loneliness here, the loneliness of the traveler, of the explorer. Actually, there is a need for aloneness, under the stars, alone with God, alone with Nature.

There is a need to experience the extremes of the human potential, to know how good one can be and how bad, how much one can learn about something, how much pain one can bear. This person will seek out friendships with those who have experienced all kinds of extremes. This is a very good position for ministers; and anyone with this

Mercury will have moments when they will preach to anyone who will listen, about God, life, or other significant matters.

These people can be quite reckless. They are usually not afraid of dying, though they'd rather not; and they will run risks in order to have deeply moving experiences. Women with this position have a royal bearing and great dignity. If Mercury is in Leo, they will rise to power if other aspects support it. If the mentality takes a religious turn, their upward striving may lead them away from the herd to holy places where they will strive to know God or be absorbed by nature. If not religious, they will be political, in which case they will work hard for a better society and for more personal power so that they can help change to come about.

If villified, they will rarely stoop to defend themselves. They will speak out for causes; but about themselves they are usually silent. They will study and learn all their lives.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: With Mercury in the 9th house, you collect abstract systems as some people collect stamps, creating a network that links all systems together. You love nothing better than a good old down-home philosophical discussion, preferably a debate. It won't matter what position you're defending, as long as the conversation stays lively. The pitfalls are numerous. Your mind is incredibly quick, but not always logical; and you leap to broad conclusions, often from a skimpy base of experiential knowledge. You'd like to know everything; but failing that, you settle for infinite variations on a particular theme. You have an answer for every occasion. A virtual master of rationalization, you can whip up a philosophy on the spur of the moment to satisfy the demands of convenience. Your challenge is to become a true librarian of philosophy.

Cultural perspective: You can never learn too much, see too much, travel too far. Everything you've experienced is connected to everything else, making your mind a central switchboard. You love long-distance contact; often even the telephone will suffice. All media are interesting to you: magazines, travel brochures, foreign films, anything to feed the mind's curiosity. You're interested in Brain Earth, in feeling that your nervous system is well-connected to a network that extends over the globe. You regard strangers as potential friends, new outposts in your network. You want to be expanded, spread out, everywhere at once and nowhere in particular.

Higher education: You aren't likely to pursue a single path of knowledge; yours is not a path of expertise in one specific field. Much more likely is an interest in diverse areas of education, taking a little from this, a little from that, more a survey than a study in depth. This broadly-based education is modified by the placement of the Sun in the natal chart. If it is in the 10th house, there may be greater specialization, or at least aiming your educational pursuits toward a more singular area, funneling knowledge into career. If the Sun occupies the 9th, you tend toward greater breadth in your mental interests. In the

8th, it can go either way, depending on other factors. The challenge is to remember that dialogue is more important than pure study. Learning is most alive in interaction and two-way communication, a vital exchange of inspiration and stimulus.

The search for truth: You're fascinated by the infinite forms of truth. It's natural to explore all the forks in the river, knowing that each will eventually reach the sea. You hold information in your mind's eye, turning it, squeezing it and stretching it to see it change shape, cutting it into a thousand pieces, looking for distinctions, contradictions, and paradoxes. You don't arrive at a final product, a finished truth. Instead, you stay in the laboratory - testing, refining, experimenting. It's more natural for you to talk about the quest for truth than to tell it directly. Your challenge is to communicate the structures through which we approach wisdom. Truth is an endless source of curiosity, a study in relativity.

Ideal society: You idealize a society where people are taught to express their thoughts more effectively. Depending on Mercury's sign and the Sun's condition, you believe either in total access to information or in solid control of information, with the former more probable than the latter. However, in either case, free movement from place to place would always be permitted. The perfect society would be in a state of constant change. As Ruler of the World, you would be the ultimate nexus of information, connected to everything, yet constantly mobile, exploring your Kingdom.

(Robert Pelletier)

The circumstances of your life allow you to develop your mental faculties extensively and give you the privilege of utilizing your creative potentials to best advantage. You are eager to share your knowledge with those who want information; and you are skillful in your presentation. You look for ways to dramatize your own creative potentials, as well as your children's. They look up to you for inspiration as they seek to fulfill all your expectations of their creative talents. If they choose to follow in your footsteps, you will be deeply satisfied. In your professional pursuits, you know that if you understand yourself, you will probably have a better understanding of the people you deal with. You may occasionally wonder whether you will gain your objectives; but with your naturally self-confident nature, you are very likely to succeed.

You get along well with people because you understand them; and you know how to interpret what they need from you. You can help them see their difficulties with objective clarity, for which they are generally appreciative. Your wide circle of friends and associates is an asset in your career. It is important to define new goals periodically, as the old ones are realized. Your ability to earn a comfortable income in your career will help you achieve the independence you seek. Your partner will be a distinct asset, as long as communication flows freely between you. You want a mate who understands your goals and shares your enthusiasm in reaching them.

You don't pursue physical work if you can avoid it, preferring to utilize your ability to solve problems and resolve crises in your daily responsibilities. Conditions beyond your control may force you to accept duties you don't particularly like; but the chances are that when you demonstrate your special talents, you will be offered a job at the management level, for which you are better suited. While it bothers you when you don't know the answer to a question, it merely shows that you must learn more in some areas. Be especially alert to the danger of being undermined in your job by fellow workers, although this can occur only if you are not well informed. You understand people's failings and liabilities, and you should seek a career that is related to helping solve those problems.

Your education is the base on which you can build the material security you want. Getting an education may not have been easy if your parents did not support your desire for it; and you probably had to extend yourself to get it. While being able to make more money may have been your principal reason for getting formal training, the resulting character development and polish are also important. But all your education will amount to very little if you aren't willing to use it to help people who require your skills. This will advance your position before the public.

You probably worked very hard to gain the knowledge that you have, so it is all the more urgent to apply it wisely. You should make sure your ethical standards are always at the highest level in your dealings with people. Lack of sufficient selfdiscipline in this area can erode the results of all the hard work you've invested to achieve your ambitions.

(Howard Sasportas)

When Mercury wanders into the 9th, he takes his wings along with him, for this is expansive territory to cover. An 8th house Mercury burrows deep down and peers closely into things; in the 9th, Mercury gains his perceptions and awareness by 'zooming up' or standing back and looking at it all from a distance and a higher perspective. Believing that life and the cosmos can be 'figured out' intellectually, those with Mercury in this house attempt (or should attempt) to discover and understand the laws and principles which govern existence by scrutinizing the larger patterns at work. A natural urge to expand and broaden the mind through study, reading and travel keeps those with this placement as busy as ever in this domain.

Usually, there is a desire to teach and share what they perceive and discover, and to inspire others with what has inspired them. This placement suits philosophers, clergymen, writers, publishers, educators and public relations people.

Adhering too fanatically to their own beliefs or version of the truth is the danger of a difficultly aspected Mercury in this house. Facts which support the cherished belief system are readily received, but the others are handily overlooked.

In some cases, relatives who live abroad may figure in the life, or a long journey might significantly influence how the person thinks. Problems with Mercury in the 9th can also mean bickering and gossip among in-laws.

Venus ♀ in ♒ Aquarius 9° 42'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might withhold your gift of objective understanding and loving acceptance because of a desire to create more excitement. If so, you may experience a series of shallow, chaotic and scattered encounters. You might use the pretext of universal love for mankind as an excuse for neglecting to establish personal relationships. Eventually, you may undergo the haunting realization that this detachment is simply feeling an inability and unwillingness to relate to anyone on a personal level.

Dynamic

You experience the joy and exhilaration of coming into contact with others when you are willing to share openly your unique gift of loving in an impartial way. No matter how intimate or personal a relationship may be, you have the ability to retain your sense of individual freedom.

If you do not abuse your freedom through eccentric behavior in an attempt to guarantee your independence, you can attract people who are willing to be your equal. In doing so, you eliminate the possibility of your dependency through their independence. A firm sense of your self-worth can be established when you allow a deep personal pledge to develop within your intimate relationships.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The person with Venus in Aquarius tends to want relationships to be on a very cool and rational basis. Even more than the other Air signs, Aquarius feels uncomfortable dealing with intense emotions. Intimacy feels like alien territory to those with Venus in Aquarius; and their fear of getting close to people can make them very cool and distant. They feel much more comfortable with friendships than with one-to-one relationships.

These people cannot bear possessiveness, and will be appalled by displays of jealousy in others. It is difficult for them to accept their own darker emotions like jealousy and anger, so they often simply cut off when they feel hurt.

It is very important to them that those they associate with share the same ideals and

political views; and they find it quite hard to relate to those with a different standpoint. They tend to have a belief in their absolute rightness, which can make it difficult for them to empathize with anyone who holds a different view. They will tend to draw their friends and lovers from the particular ideological groups to which they belong, and will enjoy sharing these activities with their partner.

Aquarius has strong beliefs about equality and fair play; and people with Venus here have definite principles and ideals about relationships. They believe in openness and honesty, and cannot tolerate any form of underhand behaviour. There is a strong sense of loyalty; and this person is a true friend to those he / she loves.

(Skye Alexander)

The Renaissance may have been the pinnacle of artistic achievement, but as far as you're concerned only the most modern and innovative art forms are worth considering. You might be interested in computer graphics, neon sculpture, holographs, electronic music or experimental theatre. Or, you could choose to express your creativity and inventiveness through aerospace or automotive design. Anything new, different, untried or unorthodox appeals to you. Your willingness to go where others haven't and your lack of concern for what the critics think enable you to break new ground.

In relationships, you have little regard for what society, your family or peers think. Your partner's religion, race, age, background or status isn't important to you. In fact, you enjoy pairing up with someone who is totally unlike yourself. "Vive la différence" might be your motto. You are eager to experience people and things that are new and unusual. But you also get much satisfaction from shocking more traditional people with your unorthodox behavior, and actually thrive on negative feedback. You want to do whatever 'isn't done'.

You insist on having lots of space and independence in your relationships, and can't bear possessiveness or jealousy. An open-ended arrangement that allows you to experiment freely would be more satisfactory than a conventional, monogamous partnership. You are easily bored and need plenty of excitement, stimulation and change in your love life.

Fairness and equality are most important in your relationships. Both partners must have equal say and contribute fairly to the partnership. You won't last long in a love affair with someone who is either too domineering or too submissive.

You're looking for a lover who is also a friend, someone with whom you can share ideas and experiences. Not especially romantic or affectionate, you can seem detached, unloving and overly cerebral. Often you'd rather debate an intellectual concept than make love. You enjoy a good argument with your partner from time to time - for you, conflict adds spice to the relationship, and you grow bored if things between you are

peaceful for long.

Women with Venus in Aquarius value their individuality highly, and have no intentions of letting a man tell them what to do. You consider yourself everyone's equal, and are probably a supporter of women's rights. As far as you're concerned, a woman's place is anywhere but the home. You want to be respected for your intelligence, and use your mind rather than your looks to attract others. Being independent, outspoken and avantgarde, even a little outlandish at times, reinforces your sense of yourself as a woman. You 'march to a different drummer' and love to provoke traditionalists with your progressive ideas, behavior, dress and lifestyle.

Men with this planetary position find intelligent, free-spirited, unorthodox women most attractive. You are looking for someone who is different, unpredictable and eccentric, and who stands out in a crowd. No cookie-cutter beauty queens for you - your feminine ideal is definitely one-of-a-kind, and not necessarily good-looking in the usual sense. You also like women who stand up for themselves, speak their minds and refuse to let you overpower them. In short, you enjoy a bit of a challenge and a strong partner you can consider your equal.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Aquarius is reacting against the materialism and cold propriety of Venus in Capricorn. It indicates an impersonal but friendly emotional outlook. The natives want to be friendly with everyone, but not necessarily on a personal basis. They are popular and well-liked, and they generally have many friends. There is a sparkling, effervescent, unusual quality in their personal manner.

The attitudes of these people toward social and sexual morality may be unusual, departing from the standard rules laid down by society. It is not that they are devoid of principles. Rather, they have their own interpretation of what is just and meaningful. As with Venus in Gemini and in Libra, they find crude behaviour unattractive although they themselves do not always observe traditional concepts of social behavior.

Romantic attractions are often sudden and casual, not necessarily stable or lasting. The individual finds intellectual stimulation important in romance and marriage, and is attracted to ingenious or eccentric types, as well as to those who will help him expand his social outlets. The romantic partner or spouse must be a friend as well as lover, and must understand that he requires variety and mental stimulation, and dislikes boring routine. These people also dislike jealousy and possessiveness, and will shy away from romantic partners who seek to curtail their social freedom. Therefore, if one wants to remain close to Venus in Aquarius people, it is necessary to allow them freedom in their relationships with others.

The eclecticism of Venus in Aquarius inclines the natives toward unusual tastes. They

are attracted to art forms that are extremely modern or extremely ancient. There is a liking for electronic forms of art, because of the Uranus rulership of Aquarius. Intuition about people's social, emotional and personal disposition can be highly developed, verging on mental telepathy of the emotional states of others.

If Venus is afflicted in Aquarius, sexual habits can be eccentric and promiscuous. These people sincerely intend to remain constant in their affections, but their emotional outlook is subject to sudden radical changes, which can result in their breaking old relationships or creating new ones - and without any apparent reason. The hidden motivation often lies in their desire for greater personal freedom or new experience. They may be unable to work within the confines of marriage or other lasting relationships. They may have stubborn emotional attitudes and so refuse to see other points of view. Because Aquarius is a fixed sign, if Venus is well aspected there can be sustained loyalty to someone they truly love and respect.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus in this sign is cool, calm, collected and detached. How can the personal Venus feel happy in the impersonal, aloof sign of Aquarius? She isn't! She can function well in friendships, with acquaintances, and in groups. But when it comes to the personal equation she does not do very well. Venus in Aquarius often finds it very difficult to understand the emotionally oriented, for she strains her feelings through her mind stuff. She has a clear-cut mind, but icy and cold emotions. Often has a background of an early life where demonstrations of lovingness were missing. If Venus in this sign is afflicted by Saturn, Uranus, or Mars, the love life will be unfortunate until a true sense of love is inculcated. There would be a debt from a past life where love is concerned. Until that debt is paid by willing sacrifice and with love that asks nothing in return, the individuals would not have the love in their lives they would like. A person with Venus in Aquarius could be righteous, ethical and correct but lacking in lovingness and understanding.

(Donna van Toen)

In traditional astrology, this could be keyworded as 'unusual romantic needs'. These could lead to involvement with eccentrics of both positive (genius) and negative (drifter) types. It could lead to a need to remain single, or it could lead to a sudden commitment that lasts forever. On the other hand, the ruler of Aquarius being Uranus, the planet of divorce, there could be multiple marriages. The one thing any planet in Aquarius says is that anything (just about) is possible! Though it's hard to generalize on this placing, you do have some needs that must be fulfilled if you're to be happy. First of all, your mate / lover must be mentally stimulating. Secondly, he / she must allow you to keep the door to the future open. As soon as you feel trapped or locked in, romance stands a good chance of going out of the window. You need to feel there's still more to uncover in your relationship, more truths to learn, more places to go together.

(Robert Hand)

You are friendly with people, but sometimes find it difficult to form close relationships. You are afraid that you will lose your freedom if you become too closely attached to others. You prefer friends who are somehow exciting and different; and, especially as you get older, you may become involved with people who are considered odd by the rest of society.

You enjoy being popular, as long as you don't have to give up being yourself; and you work well with other people in group projects and team efforts. You understand immediately what is good for the group, and can adjust your own goals to fit. But if your goals are too different from the group's, you will join another group.

As you get older and become involved with the opposite sex, you will look for interesting or unusual partners. You will seek out free, non-binding relationships that may be quite unusual, although not very stable. When a relationship loses its excitement, you are likely to look elsewhere.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing contributes more magnetic, film star glamor than any other. Admiration will be thoroughly enjoyed, but conflict can arise between the need for a relationship and the sacrifices that must be made accordingly. At times, these may seem too great, and sometimes a partnership is desired but a partner isn't. Conversely, there is plenty of enjoyable romance here. The individual who uses other areas of his or her chart (Sun, Moon and Ascending signs in particular) and resolves the complexities of this placing will be able to love with idealism and fidelity. Nevertheless, the feelings are coolly expressed and the emotional level must be finally judged by other planetary influences. If there is an aspect between Venus and Mars, sexual expression and enjoyment may be increased. Here is a very kind and helpful friend. He or she is usually good with money; but too much may be spent on glitzy, expensive clothes and items for the home.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placement considerably increases the Sagittarian love of independence, yet cools the ardent passions of that sign. However, there is increased fidelity once the subject is committed emotionally. The Sagittarian love of the chase and its challenge is carefully disguised. This placing can also glamorize the usually very casual Sagittarian image. This is a rewarding, warm-hearted friend who will give plenty of positive encouragement. Financial risks may be enjoyed and taken erratically, without due thought.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, this Venus placing can make the aspiring Capricorn type seem rather haughty. Budding relationships may be damaged because the subject feels that no prospective partner is good enough. This may be an excuse to delay commitment and the full expression of emotion, which can be difficult. (The Moon's

influence may help.) Here is a faithful and helpful, yet unpredictable, friend. Financially, caution may clash with a desire to live it up.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the subject has dynamic and magnetic powers of attraction, but may be very difficult to know really well. Independence is necessary, but love and admiration are also needed. All the traits described for Venus in Aquarius apply. Expensive items may be hard to resist.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Piscean emotion is controlled here, and there is also a good ability to distance the self from the feeling, with the individual relying on intuition. Look, too, for indications of practical common sense. The image is spiced with originality - and too much sparkle at times. Great kindness and charity often result in personal sacrifices. This is a superb, if occasionally forgetful, friend. Professional financial advice is recommended unless business ability is shown elsewhere.

If the Sun sign is Aries, the fiery Arian passion is quenched by the cool detachment of Venus, but the Arian need for independence will be complementary. The desire for a permanent relationship may clash with the wish to be fancy-free. A compromise must be reached, helped by a sympathetic partner. Here is a very lively friend who is enthusiastic about joint interests. Financial flair may be present, but hastiness when investing could cause problems.

(Grant Lewi)

Your emotional responses are frank and heartfelt, even when they are directed toward generalizations and groups, as they often are, or toward art in some form. Your emotions serve your aesthetic sense; you are capable of a detached and spiritual form of personal love which you relate to beauty rather than to passion. You worship beauty concretely and in the abstract; and can want nothing more than to look upon the beautiful face of your beloved (who must have a beautiful face) or upon a beautiful body, which you want to do without fear of being betrayed or thought immodest. You are sensuous, but not sensual; your emotions feed on the stimuli of eye, ear and the olfactory senses; less on touch. You belong to the perpetually pure of heart, and because of this your emotional responses to individuals are high-minded and beautiful in the extreme, and can be transmuted into the pure gold of universalized love by the alchemy of your spiritual strength.

(Sydney Omarr)

Venus in Aquarius tends toward generalities rather than specifics. This includes the native's response to love, romance, emotions and inner drives. He must be taught to be an individual; he should learn to demand something in return for his efforts, affection and trust. Otherwise, his tendency is to attract those who demand sacrifice but would not think of giving anything in return.

He attracts artistic friends and is attracted to beauty, but must learn that beauty is only skin-deep.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a liberated, though potentially indifferent, lover. Love for you is something that should never tie you down. Other has to be a friend to you just as much as anything else, be that lover, spouse, etc.. What all this amounts to is that you see love in terms of ideals and principles rather than needs or passions, although at times it can be quite confusing as to what is really motivating you. Freedom and honesty are your bywords, but they could become an excuse to say and do what you fancy.

You attract with a package of the unusual, unique and friendly that makes a light go on inside Other that he / she didn't even know was there; with an easy-going and nonpossessive attitude which is like a breath of fresh air; and with a socially progressive attitude that is open to new ideas and values.

You repel with an aloofness and lack of personal feeling towards other that in time will attract the same from Other - in earnest; with a complete disregard for loyalty towards Other, when it suits you; and with an odd and / or theoretical, as opposed to realistic, version of how one should relate.

You are attracted to Others who are people in their own right and maybe stand out from the crowd; to freedom-loving Others who have their own specially devised rules for living; and to unusual, experimental or open relationship set-ups.

You are repelled by being put into a set category or expected to behave according to the norm; but Others who toe the party line and cannot think for themselves; and by an inability to share thoughts, feelings, and even bodies.

When you are alone, it is because your insistence on the freedom to do as you or Other chooses eventually causes relationships to become dysfunctional or non-starters. Relationships run on a fuel called human emotion, whatever else you may think they ought to run on. In the name of doing what you think is your own thing, you have probably overlooked what really is. So, sooner or later, you are made to feel what it is like to be without anyone to feel for you, or you are alone with someone who is no longer able to feel that much for you. In the second case, Other probably hangs there for his / her own unique reasons, while you hang in there because a feeling is keeping you there despite what you think. Apart from this, your free and experimental style of relating is bound to experience periodic gaps, rather like being short of guinea pigs!

(John Townley)

You seek special styles and unusual varieties of love; and you look for partners with similar interests. This may be a mental exercise as much as a physical one; that is, the appearance of the unusual may be sufficient without having to explore it in depth physically.

You need a lot of action in order to be mentally stimulated in a relationship, so your affairs may become quite complicated and multifaceted. This may be very interesting and exciting, but try to avoid too much complexity, because that can lead to shallowness in some other area of the relationship.

Similarly, you may be tempted to get involved in several relationships at once. This can be a stimulating, even head-spinning experience, but it could prevent you from becoming involved with any one partner in a truly deep and lasting relationship. In any case, you should avoid jealous lovers who cramp your style or try to impose limits.

If you can overcome and rise above the problems of cross-conflicts and jealousies, however, you have the capability of openly and honestly sharing your love among several partners, which will enrich and enlarge the experience for all.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Attachments are idealistic and impersonal.

Symbol: A group of young people admires a statue of Aphrodite in a museum.

Venus in Aquarius bestows a love of the ideal and a tendency to idealize love. The person with this combination may find that ordinary marital relationships fail to satisfy his desire for romantic excitement, and he begins to cast about for something more exotic. Aquarius brings out the mental rather than the sentimental side of Venus, and stimulates a craving for novelty which often gives rise to unusual relationship.

Venusian Aquarians make better friends than lovers. Frequently, they want their lover to be a friend who understands their intellectual interests and who can provide pleasant company. Their sympathies are usually expressed in broad humanitarian terms rather than through devotion to specific individuals. Feelings are seldom passionate; but there is a need to exchange ideas with others and to participate in a community of congenial personalities.

In men, this blending of Earth and Air elements encourages unconventional love affairs and also attracts them to independent types of women. Such partners may be exciting and provocative, but they are likely to have careers and ideas of their own which militate against the establishment of permanent relationships. This may be all right with the Venusian-Aquarian male who likes to think of himself as a jet-set type with a girl in every airport.

In the case of females, Venus in Aquarius extends the emotional scope so that the creative energies may be directed into communal and charitable endeavors. Although they may experiment with love, their romances are characterized by expediency more than by impulse. Such women have too strong a desire for physical and mental freedom to trade their freewheeling bachelor-girl existence for the life of a housewife, at least without thinking twice. Once they are married and tied down to the care of small children, however, they begin wondering how they can emancipate themselves.

The person with Venus in Aquarius may embrace the cause of free love; but his attitude grows out of a wish to feel unfettered rather than out of the conviction that this is an intrinsically better way of life. Like all Aquarians, his concern for the needs of unique individuals causes him to look beyond the roles designated by the arbiters of convention. His own interests are so universal that he prefers not to be fettered by compelling personal attachments and responsibilities. This 'love them and leave them' attitude does not imply immorality as much as a certain amorality, stemming mainly from the desire to remain autonomous. Aquarians sincerely want to gather their rosebuds while they may, and will leave others free to pick their way along the thorn-strewn path of romance if they will extend the same courtesy in return.

A Venusian Aquarian is generally as non-possessive about things as he is about people. He appreciates beauty but would as soon enjoy a lovely object in someone else's home as to have to dust and look after it himself. He respects money mainly because it provides him with the means to do as he pleases, and especially because it releases him from the restriction of a routine job and allows him to be his own boss. He enjoys getting around, whether by plane or as a hitchhiking hobo. He can be charming, happy, and original - as long as he feels untrammelled and free.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: charitable, sociable, detached, needing to be part of a creative group

The need to be affiliated with political, social and / or religious groups or causes that reflect one's ideals is one of the hallmarks of the fixed Air sign of Aquarius. When Venus is placed in this social, eccentric and often highly-strung sign, individuals crave the excitement and creative stimulation that cannot be obtained from romantic or even sexual love alone. Their self-esteem and thus their ability to contribute to a personal and professional relationship are derived from participation in group activities, from which they develop a uniquely personal and oft-time non-traditional outlook on life.

Although they place an enormous emphasis on creative self-expression, it must always be in pursuit of a cause, even if that cause is self-promoting. A long-time client with Venus in Aquarius viewed her photography not simply as an expression of her artistic talent but as a means to penetrate the minds of people she admired in different walks of life. Once she became a well-known photographer, she lent her services to many

women's groups and other organisations whose political beliefs were either similar to or sympathetic with her own. In addition, she found that because so much time was spent away from the home on shoots or at exhibits, it was important to involve her spouse in her work either as the subject of some of her photos or as manager of her finances. In the end, her husband knew that his wife, though away quite often, was more content and loving and, by far, more interesting and exciting to be with than anyone else.

Some people with Venus in Aquarius prefer to make statements not through their creativity but through their lifestyle choices, which are sometimes non-traditional and even what might be called radical. Any choices they do make, however, whether conformist or non-conformist, are made only if they feel that they are backed up by a support system of friends, an organisation, political party, etc.. Whereas the individualism of Leo comes straight from the heart, the uniqueness of Aquarius is never expressed in isolation and can take the form of artistic group collaborations, communal living or sexual experimentation.

Like Venus in each Air sign, these people wish to be respected, and, to maintain a longlasting personal relationship, should be encouraged to participate in group activities outside their home, since the more outside stimulation they have, the more they will be able to give to the relationship. In fact, people with Venus in Aquarius are often accused of being detached when it comes to their romantic and sexual relationships; though quite verbal in their political and social beliefs, they are hopelessly unable to tap into and ultimately share their feelings. Often accused by their partners of being insensitive to their needs, those with Venus in Aquarius simply retort that their partners' needs are trivial compared to those of the community at large.

Because Aquarius is the sign representing groups and friendships, these people ultimately offer themselves to their partners, first and foremost, as friends, and seek out relationships with people who share their point of view. While Uranus-ruled Aquarius is an eccentric sign vacillating between wishing to be alone and yearning for the crowd, its co-ruler Saturn accentuates the need for structure. Although individuals with Venus in this fixed Airs sign wish to be free, they also wish to have a reliable home to which they can return to share their accomplishments with a chosen mate.

The detachment, social idealism and individuality of this placement is strong.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual is learning the lessons of universal love. He is kind and charitable, with a generous, outgoing nature. Thus, he forms friendships easily, as he follows a humanitarian path of life. Freedom of expression and a strong sense of personal independence leads his curious nature to be attracted to all of the new and unconventional things which make up his lifestyle. He has a unique feeling for the adventure of romance and the cosmic oneness of love. Yet, he has difficulty making the

discriminative choices which keep his life balanced.

His desire for friendship can lead to unconventional relationships, often with the waifs and strays of society. His fondness for original intellectual and artistic pursuits often results in his choosing offbeat, eccentric paths, and forming strange associations, far from the mainstream of established tradition.

Venus in Aquarius is in the sign opposing the Sun's rulership of Leo. Thus, the individual experiences a cool unemotional detachment to life. His love nature can be dispassionately sensible; and his outlook is somewhat eccentric. He sees things differently from how others do, through a casual independent quality and sometimes an erratic and irresponsible attitude which can cause difficulties in his personal relationships.

He tends to break rules, often seeking the rebellious untrod path as a means of finding his unique sense of originality. His eclectic tastes glean from here and there, with loyalty towards the purpose of man's humanity to man, but having difficulty focusing his devotion in any specific area with true personal loyalty towards one specific individual. In fact, it is easier for him to love humanity as an abstract ideal than to apply the same standards of fairness, equality and kindness to another in a one-to-one relationship.

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

The inconjunct from Cancer teaches him how to contact his sensitive and sympathetic feelings for others. As he learns to be openly responsive to the emotional needs of those around him, he grows closer to others and begins to realize the kind and good-hearted feelings from which his beautiful love for humanity as a world family will unfold.

Many with the Venus in Aquarius placement have difficulty accepting their need to learn emotional responsibility. Yet, the Cancerian lessons of loyalty, devotion and faithfulness are the very cornerstones of human decency. In essence, they provide the emotional basics of care and nourishment upon which the individual's feeling of universal love is built.

The inconjunct from Virgo teaches him how to order his life. He must learn how to discriminate between passing whims, or kinky, offbeat irregular impulses, and that which truly represents the humane, kind and charitable feelings through which man serves himself and others. These lessons of differentiation and discrimination help him to establish the priorities in his life so that his natural humanitarian instincts are not wasted. Rather than dissipating his love in idealistic dreams, distant causes or remote crusades, he learns through Virgo to recognize the ordered standards of society so that his sincere feelings for humanity can find their fertile channel in acceptable form.

The sextile from Cancer to Virgo shows how the individual can achieve the emotional refinement which helps him to understand humanity's true need. Thus, he develops a sensitive conscience through which he becomes attuned to the real human brotherhood of man.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod are learned, the individual discovers that he has a remarkable understanding of human nature along with a great need to put his ideals into useful function. Sometimes, he reaches out singlehandedly to help enlighten a friend or acquaintance, liberating him / her from the emotional burden of spiritual darkness. Sometimes, he devotes himself to working for worthy charities, or useful organizations, or to joining sincere clubs and groups through which he participates in the social progress of mankind. Yet, whatever he does, it is always his ability to rise to the active moving flow of awakening consciousness which is forever creating man's future, through which he finds his true center of beauty.

His unique Gift of Love is for the very essence of human fulfillment - not for himself, but for the unselfish unfoldment and enlightenment of the ever-becomign nature of mankind.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern, Venus in Aquarius individuals are and have been rebelling against, or liberating themselves from, common value systems and relationship forms as defined by the consensus of the society in which they live. The causal factor that generates this rebellion is an emphasized feeling within the psychology of Venus in Aquarius people of being different - a sense of cultural alienation or estrangement. As a result of this archetype, these individuals learn about the nature of their individuality, the feeling of being different, through a process of elimination - an awareness of what they are not that precedes an ongoing awareness of who and what they are.

A perfect example on a collective level that illustrates this archetype was in the 1960s when Uranus was in Libra (naturally Venus-ruled). At that time there was a massive rebellion among young people against the prevailing consensus social value system and the ways that society expected intimate or marriage-type relationships to be defined - namely, as role-specific. The rebellion at a collective level created the slogan 'free love' in which many of the young people began to experiment (Uranus) with different forms of relationship specifically, and a radical reformation of social, political and economic values generally. This radical rebellion among the young people over time began to be integrated among the prevailing status quo of society in such a way that society itself began to change at a mainstream level.

Even though the archetypal intent of Venus in Aquarius is to rebel against the prevailing consensus of the existing society, there are three reactions to this intention as reflected in the people who have it in their birth chart. The first reaction is one wherein there is an absolute rebellion against everything that the consensus symbolizes. This reaction will

correlate to individuals who feel totally disconnected not only from the existing society and their parents, but also from their prevailing peer group. As a result, these individuals will stand as a group of one if necessary rather than conform to any expectation from any source. The second reaction will correlate to individuals who are also rebelling against the prevailing consensus, yet will form relationships to other individuals within the existing peer group who also feel just as alienated as they do. In this way, they join forces with this group of people who now stand apart from the consensus as a group. This estranged group now has a collective impact on the prevailing society in such a way as to change it in one way or another. Beyond the example cited above, Uranus moving through Libra in the 1960s, the 'punk rockers' of the 1980s illustrates this point. The third reaction is a paradoxical one (Uranus directly correlates with the dynamic of paradoxes). In this reaction, these individuals rebel against not only the prevailing consensus, but also against their own peer group. This rebellion takes the form of trying to resurrect value systems, and ways of being in relationship, that come from some other time in the collective past. A current example of this phenomenon, as of this writing (c. 1996) now that Saturn has transited Aquarius, is the movement among some young people of rebellion against having sex with anyone until marriage.

The causal factor that generates the necessary rebellion or liberation from the prevailing consensus of social values and the expectations that these values create in general, and the ways of being in relationship specifically, is detachment. Archetypically speaking, the evolutionary intention within the sign Aquarius is to objectify, in a non-emotional way, the nature of reality at any level on which one focuses. In order to objectify anything, the ego within consciousness must separate itself from its own subjective reality. For this to happen, detachment becomes necessary. When consciousness is in a detached and objectified state from its own egocentric reality, it is then able to understand the overall nature and structure of any dynamic in its totality: how the nature and structure of any dynamic came to be the way it is, and what is necessary for it to grow or evolve. This archetypal function within consciousness is necessary. If it did not exist, growth would not be possible. A state of absolute crystallization would occur.

The three possible ways that the Venus in Aquarius individual can react to the archetypal intent of liberation or rebellion from the prevailing consensus of social values and expectations, and the ways of being in relationship, will determine specific value associations and the meaning they generate. The specific value associations will thus determine or create the vibrational magnetism of attraction (Venus) that correlates to the types of people that the Venus in Aquarius person attracts into his / her life. This is the principle of like attracting like which leads to social groups of people.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

For Venus in Aquarius to have a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives, it becomes necessary for them to form relationships with people of like mind. The commonality of shared values that this creates sustains their own individual values. In many ways, then,

the Venus in Aquarius person is dependent on the commonality of shared values within specific social groups of people, to have any individual sense of purpose and meaning. To be able to inwardly relate to oneself as an individual, to have individual meaning, is to be part of a larger social group. It is from this larger social group of shared values, and the meaning that these values create, that the Venus in Aquarius person will choose with whom to be in intimate relationships.

The type of Venus in Aquarius person who is in absolute rebellion against the consensus, including the peer group, will not be able to relate (Venus) to any existing groups of people. These Venus in Aquarians will only be able to relate to other people on an individual basis - other people who are as socially alienated and as iconoclastic as themselves. If they are able to relate to any kind of social group, it is to the extreme radical edge whose values are aimed at completely overthrowing the existing system, including the consensus of their immediate peer group. The vibration of rebellion is extremely intense in these people, and this vibration will permeate their entire way of being - how they dress, appear, think, and relate themselves to others. The intensity of this vibration will naturally create an insecure and defensive reaction in all other people who are not like themselves. This occurs because the vibration and values of rebellion naturally challenge the security of all others who are aligned with social groups of one kind or another, the security dynamic being linked with others of like mind. This reaction is analogous to a group of yuppies sitting around a cocktail party table becoming happily drunk and, from stage left, someone throwing a tarantula onto the cocktail party table. This type of Venus in Aquarius person is the tarantula.

This type will typically appear arrogant, superior, righteous, angry, iconoclastic, and intellectual. They will express themselves through some kind of radical or revolutionary mental constitution of one sort or another. They stand apart from all others and project, overtly or covertly, critical atom bombs at anyone or anything that supports identifying with 'the system' at any level, in any way. The very sense of meaning and value that they give to themselves is dependent on, and linked with, this almost absolute detachment from the social system. They can form friendships or alliances with other individuals who reflect this same psychological orientation to social reality. These friendships or alliances typically occur on a sporadic, moment-to-moment basis. And from this small amount of like-minded people, they can choose or form intimate connections that may be just as sporadic and short-lived as their overall pattern linked with others at a friendship or alliance level.

Such a person is intimately attracted to those that are radically different. The sense or experience of passion is linked with intimacy being ignited because of the fact of being different, which ignites the natural curiosity of Venus in Aquarius. Because Aquarius as an archetype desires to know how the whole systems are structured and put together, the curiosity function thus creates a Venus desire to know how the individual system of someone to whom they are intimately attracted is put together in such a way as to make that person different. Inwardly resonating together in their individual differences born of

rebellion thus stimulates this type of Venus in Aquarius passion for individual intimate relationships. Once the curiosity function has been satisfied, the passion may dissipate almost overnight. Thus, this type of Venus in Aquarius person typically goes through various intimate relationships that can only be sustained for small lengths of time. This type desires a fundamental freedom to explore and experiment with life as she or he sees fit. There is a rebellion against the idea of commitment in a relationship, which leads to a rebellion against the values associated with monogamy.

The second type of Venus in Aquarius people mentioned above is not quite so absolutist and isolated. They will relate to their immediate social peer group who are rebelling against the existing society, and the prevailing social values and ways of being in relationship that are expected by that society. A simple example of this dynamic, again, is the 'punk rockers' of the 1980s. From mainstream society's point of view, these individuals will appear to be social misfits - irresponsible, narcissistic, immature, and the causal factor in what used to be called the 'generation gap'. The group itself will be perceived by society as hurling the atom bombs of criticism, and the group will have the effect of creating insecurity within the consensus because of the challenge to the existing social values of the times.

Those within this group will perceive society at large as irrelevant and without meaning. Detaching from mainstream society, and the values that it promotes, thus creates a psychological perch on which this type of Venus in Aquarius person can also appear selfrighteous, arrogant, superior, iconoclastic, rebellious, alienated, and angry. Yet this type needs and desires to be part of the immediacy of the peer group who, as a social grouping, is rebelling against mainstream society. Their sense of meaning and purpose is dependent on belonging to this type of social group. Each individual within the group can represent the group as an individual, yet that 'individual' is a function and reflection of the group. What this means is that the individual who appears to be so different as perceived from the point of view of the consensus would not even exist unless there was a social grouping of these 'individuals' in the first place. This is because their individual 'rebellion' is dependent on other people who are also rebelling. If not for their supportive peer group, this type of Venus in Aquarius person would not have the inner courage to stand as a group of one if necessary (unlike the first type described above).

This is a very critical point to understand - that so many who identify in this way with their immediate peer group do not embody or reflect the archetype of rebellion or liberation in the sense that it actually defines their Souls as individuals. It can and does reflect their Souls on an immediate social grouping level relative to their peers. This type of social group at a peer level has occurred throughout time in all social systems, and is always embodied in the youth of the generation. And necessarily so, because this social grouping has the effect of changing, in some way, the existing consensus. In this sense, it is an evolutionary determinant that is part of the overall Creation from an intrinsic or natural point of view, operating from generation to generation. Because the majority of these individuals are not defined at an individual Soul level through the desire of

individual liberation or rebellion from the consensus, this social group becomes assimilated or absorbed into the mainstream as they become older. The social causes or issues that were reflected in their youthful rebellion also become assimilated by the consensus. Inevitably, some change in the consensus occurs because of it. Thus, as this group becomes older, they begin to rebel against their own rebellion! Another Uranian paradox. A modern example of this point is reflected in the 'hippies' of the 1960s and early 1970s who became 'yuppies' in the 1980s. Only a small few in this original group sustained the original rebellion reflected in the hippies as a whole.

This point is important to grasp for another reason, one that concerns the nature of the friendships that we form, and the values we define that create how we are in our intimate relationships. All of us go through the initial rebellion of youth in one way or another; rebelling against our parents' reality, and through extension the larger society in which we are born. Uranus changes signs every eight years. Each sign that Uranus is in correlates to what, why, and how each generation of youth rebels. For those who have Venus in Aquarius, this peer group bonding is especially emphasized, important, and necessary.

This is because they have an essential evolutionary lesson that concerns the nature of friendship, and the need to define their own sense of meaning and purpose. Through extension, this correlates to the need to define their own unique way of being in an intimate relationship. Thus, as this type of Venus in Aquarius becomes older, and begins to assimilate into the existing social system, they effectively rebel against the very rebellion that motivated them in youth as an extension of their immediate peer group. The friendships that were formed through the shared values of youth not become rebelled against unless those friends also begin to assimilate into the existing society. And the ones that do not rebel against the initial rebellion will rebel against those who do. The lesson of friendship is thus learned through what can be called 'situational values'. If the values (and the meaning associated with those values) are relatively the same, then friendships are formed. Once they change, for whatever reasons, the existing friendships can be lost or broken in some way. The real issue here, and the lesson, becomes this: a true friend will always be a friend no matter what, and everyone else is an acquaintance.

By experiencing the disillusionment of broken or lost friendships, and by rebelling against the initial rebellion of youth defined through peer group association, this type of Venus in Aquarius person is learning to define their own unique value system, which is a function of their individual sense of meaning and purpose in life. They will learn to define their intimate relationship requirements, their essential needs, as a reflection of their overall sense of purpose and meaning in life. At best, this will create a relationship dynamic in which both individuals reflect an attitude of uniquely defining the relationship as an extension of each of their individualities.

The third type of Venus in Aquarius person mentioned above is also very much a rebel,

in the sense of rebelling against not only their peer group, but all people who live a contemporary lifestyle. They identify with value systems associated with another time - the past. They will appear very conservative, traditional, and iconoclastic as a result of this, and will only form social or intimate relationships with those of like mind. This type is dependent on forming these small social alliances in order to have any individual sense of meaning, value or purpose. Thus, they will form a relatively small sub-stratum within their own generation, and an even smaller one within the existing society. They will also advocate social causes or revolution linked with challenging the existing value system of society at large. They can seem or appear just as superior, arrogant, judgemental, and angry as the other two types of Venus in Aquarius people. The value system that they orientate to is generally very limited and rigid, and their attitude is typically one of a righteous authoritarian who has the self-created right to impose those values on all others.

In their intimate relationships, the Venus in Aquarius people are generally good friends above all else. Most have the intrinsic ability to understand objectively the reality and individuality of their partner - to understand how and why their partner is the way that he / she is. As a result, they typically understand what their partner needs for his / her life to keep growing and evolving. And most can give their partner what he / she needs in this sense. They are good listeners, and can reflect back to their partner exactly what they are hearing as the partner intends it. Thus, they can be exceptional at keeping the conversation moving forward in an ever-evolving way that leads to sudden insights and resolutions. They can also be very adept at posing questions, and leaving it at a question level in such a way that the one receiving the question creates a gestation within his / her own consciousness leading to the answer from within him- / herself.

By nature, the Venus in Aquarius person is not monogamous. As stated before, these people need a basic freedom in order to manifest their cyclic or perpetual changes. There is an inherent rebellion against restriction in any form. Restrictions imply conditions. In love, the Venus in Aquarius person rebels against conditions that will restrict love and its expression. It can be just as easy for these people to find deep, sudden, and intense love with someone overnight as with someone for a lifetime. Thus, their attraction function (Venus) can occur suddenly and unexpectedly. Again, they are attracted to that which stirs their curiosity, to that which appears different and unique. Others who vibrate in this way will stimulate the Venus in Aquarius individuals. This can create real problems in their relationships if they are not honest about this, and if their partner cannot live in this way. The Venus in Aquarius person needs freedom to engage and create many different kinds of social networks with different kinds of people.

Because of this, the Venus in Aquarius people need a partner who is very secure within him- / herself. They require a partner who is willing to challenge the existing consensus of what life means in general, and how to be in relationships specifically. They need a partner who is willing to cyclically change the dynamics in the relationship, or to change as necessary. They require a partner who is intellectually sophisticated, and who can

match or keep up with their own thinking process. This thinking process is typically eclectic in some way, and fast-moving.

Venus ♀ in 8th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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While the seventh house describes the types of partnerships to which one gravitates as well as the ability to co-operate and share, the eighth house (second from the seventh) depicts the financial assets and liabilities acquired through marriage, business partnerships or family relationships, ranging from money, stocks and real estates to legacies, lawsuits and insurance benefits. Corresponding to the fixed Water sign of Scorpio, the eighth house also symbolises emotional, psychological, sexual and financial attitudes that colour personal and professional relationships - especially the use and misuse of power.

Just as Inanna and Dumuzi represented the convergence of sex, money and power, individuals with Venus in the eighth house seek the same type of adrenaline rush from their financial conquests, intimate and / or professional relationships. When the Goddess was sexually fulfilled, she was injected with a sense of potency that stimulated the prosperous growing season and, ultimately, empowered her people. Similarly, the selfworth of individuals with Venus in the eighth house is directly connected with sexual prowess, the ability to acquire money and / or the need to be in control.

Because the eighth house relates to emotional and sexual intensity, these individuals are aware that, in order to satisfy their complex needs and sustain their interests, relationships must have an element of challenge and excitement that quenches their sexual appetite and thirst for money and / or power. If Venus is well-aspected these people are charismatic, attractive and filled with confidence, magnetism and a boundless sense of power and control over their lives, which attracts equally magnetic, commanding and financially successful personal and business partnerships. Although these relationships may also be volatile and, in some instances, sexually motivated, there is the capacity for striking the balance between emotional compatibility and physical attraction.

If Venus is harmoniously aspected, however (especially by Mars or Pluto), these people may seek someone who provides the kind of excitement they feel incapable of attaining through their own talents. The overriding passion and sexual power may become so overpowering that these emotions will be exceedingly difficult to control. While they may be physically attracted to and enticed by those who match their level of intensity, these unions are more often than not compulsive and ill-fated, often evoking jealousy,

uncontrollable passion and destructive power games. Unless they learn to trust others and relinquish their inordinate need for control, their personal and professional relationships will always be threatened.

Rather than strive towards equality and / or develop the seventh house capacity for cooperation, these individuals thrive on the struggle for supremacy and often utilise their seductive charm and / or sexual prowess to achieve their goals by enticing others with promised rewards of sex, money and / or power. In fact, the difficulties incurred during relationships arise out of their egotism and the desire for constant self-gratification. With their self-esteem in question, they frequently seek adulating partners, friends and associates whom they can manipulate or dominate emotionally, psychologically and / or sexually.

While the placement of fertile, beneficent Venus in the amazingly creative but potentially destructive eighth house tests one's capacity to sustain a long-term partnership, the key lies in the ability to maintain a balance of power while constantly revitalising a partnership so it remains exciting and challenging. If their aggression, thrill-seeking and high level of energy are channelled through the performing arts (drama and dance), strenuous physical activities or competitive ventures that are creative and financially rewarding, individuals with Venus in the eighth house are less likely to express hostility towards their partners and might even learn to relax.

While their inexhaustible enthusiasm fuels successful and profitable business pursuits, it may also be their downfall should they succumb to negative emotions such as jealousy, combativeness, lust and greed. If Venus is poorly aspected, therefore, their ability for healthy competition may become as tenuous, ruthless and potentially destructive as it could have been prosperous. Because there is an affinity for speculation, investment or using their powers of persuasion to market a product, an idea or even themselves, these individuals will be attracted to the performing arts, politics or finance either as an avocation or, if Venus rules the second, sixth or tenth 'work' houses, as a vocation.

Fascination with the dark side of the psyche or underside of life also draws them to undercover / investigative work, occult research, psychology and astrology, often for the sheer excitement these areas evoke and not necessarily as a career. In fact, their love of intricate game-playing and risk-taking draws them into business dealings where speculation, investments and / or psychological challenges are at the forefront. Although they may profit wildly from these ventures, they are just as likely to incur devastating losses during difficult transits when their judgement is clouded by greed and the desire for instant gratification - one of Venus's most problematic characteristics.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Venus in the eighth house seek a deep emotional and sexual contact with a partner - nothing short of a soul union. They want depth and intensity; and, depending

on the aspects to Venus, this may involve a certain amount of anguish. These people cannot bear things to be static or staid in relationships; their need is for something intense, and they prefer to move through the extremes of joy and ecstasy to the pits of misery and despair than to feel their emotional life is drab. They need the extremes to feel they are really alive; and anything everyday and comfortable can feel mediocre to them, as if some essential component is missing.

They thrive on crisis; and if it is not there they will create it. Their love life can be like an emotional roller-coaster. Love is continually going through transformations with Venus in the eighth house, dying and being reborn. With each death, they are never sure whether it has died for good this time. A treadmill of pain pursues, deepening the love bond. After visiting some very dark places with a partner, they become inextricably bound up with him or her. To some extent, they will be testing their love and the love of their partner. There is a need for this to be regularly reaffirmed; and there is nothing like an emotional crisis for achieving this. This is not likely to be a conscious choice; and people with Venus in the eighth may be in considerable pain and feel this dynamic is completely out of their control.

They will be looking for someone who can offer them the emotional depth they crave. They are often possessive and jealous themselves, or else they will choose someone who is. Fundamentally it is the strong feelings they desire; and jealousy and possessiveness tend to go with passion. They will choose those who are emotionally complicated - who do not offer them a smooth relationship. Whether consciously or not, they will choose someone who will shake them up and change them in some way. Their partners will plunge them into crises if the relationship is at all meaningful for them.

They may also get pleasure from the possibility of throwing their partner into an emotional turmoil, enjoying the power they have to affect another. Knowing they can have this effect, and that they can bring about change in another, may be a source of satisfaction for them. It may be a kind of revenge for them, in response to their having been hurt (albeit inadvertently), and give them great delight.

In a relationship, they will enjoy sharing any moving experience together. Sexual and emotional intimacy and the sharing of deep feelings is where their greatest happiness lies. It is when things are going wrong in these areas that they draw to themselves the rather more traumatic circumstances already described. Occasionally, people with Venus in the eighth house may stay out of a relationship fearing the depths that they will be taken to and crave. They can then experience periods of intense loneliness.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is experienced through the mystique of sexuality, the beauty of the unconscious, the wonders of the occult and a fond attraction for all that exists in the hidden and secretive mystical side of life. The individual can regenerate

feeling through his deeply passionate nature which seeks to know the very core of all. Thus, he feels the unconscious currents of hidden forces, and has a strong ability to effectively create smooth endings to the influences which he outgrows. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, he can experience much difficulty in finding the profound depths of insight and wisdom which his love can bring him to realize.

Instead, he can linger in darkness, living in the shadow of others almost jealously spying on them, while refusing to see any light in himself. Some with this placement will inherit; but others can tend to sponge off the goodness, finances and resources of a partner or mate as their primary means of support. There can be a tendency to take advantage of others through a secretly smooth and suave manner, whose subtle undercurrents are not consciously visible.

In this House, Venus opposes its rulership in the Second House. Thus, if the individual hides himself in dishonest feelings, or goes against accepted values, he can lose out on experiencing the depth and beauty of love that Venus promises.

In many instances, the love nature is dissipated through sexual preoccupation, and the individual, rather than raising his love to the heart chakra, finds himself struggling with internal fixations which impede his moral, emotional and mental unfoldment. He has a tendency to inhibit what could be easy relationships with others, because of an attachment to a secretive lifestyle which makes him feel separated from the goodness and warmth of society that he truly needs.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual experiences a complete transformation in his consciousness. He realizes that sexual love is more than lust of the body, coming instead from the inner depths of one's being. Thus, rather than hiding his sexual nature behind a façade of complexes which keep him from his true feelings, he begins to confront the regenerative kind of sexual love that brings his unconscious into harmony with his conscious life.

In this way, the secrets of dishonesty become transformed into a sacred love which guides the mystical truths that surface from within. Thus, he becomes sensitive to his unconscious as well as the hidden feelings of others close to him. When this occurs, the individual is afforded the blessings of having other people's resources made open to him, not because he selfishly wants them, but because he is capable of understanding the great hidden mysteries of God's love that exists just below the threshold of human awareness.

He can be the strongest emotional healer in the zodiac, for he can see love manifesting where others have not even thought to look. And, it is through his very special brand of courage and willingness to serve a master higher than himself that he begins to experience the great depth and beauty of regenerative love, the redemption of the

Phoenix and its transformation into the birth of spiritual power. Thus, more than any other House placement in the zodiac, he earns his treasure through spiritual tests which bring him to transcend the limitations of the lower self as he overcomes temptations.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to transform and regenerate the destructiveness of his lower passions into the reformed beauty of new life, filled with the eternal mystery of wonder at the silent sounds of God's love whispering through the quiet stillness of darkness, and changing it into light.

(Howard Sasportas)

Venus in the 8th 'cares about' what happens between people, and wants to ensure that anything which is shared or exchanged is beautiful, appropriate, beneficial and valuable. It favours business partnerships and the accruing of money and possessions through marriage or inheritance.

In the bedroom, Aphrodite's magic girdle transforms into a provocative corselet (possibly black leather if Venus is aspected to Pluto). Her seductive charms find no better mode of expression than in the intimate whispers and caresses of love. Venus in the 8th people have a way of receiving and responding to others which relaxes them, making partners feel secure enough to loosen inhibitions and restraints. In this sense, those with Venus in Scorpio's natural house, whether innocently or not, entice others to give in to them. Hearts open, secrets are exposed, and bank accounts are put in their name.

There is also a love for that which is mysterious or esoteric, and a desire to probe for anything hidden or subtle as if what is found on that level will make them more complete. (Seance parlours are probably filled with people with Venus in the 8th contacting their dear and departed, wherever they may be.)

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here, Venus gives a charisma that outshines any physical imperfections, attracting others in a singular manner that is hard to define. There will be a great test of loyalty at some time during the life, requiring some kind of sacrifice. If there are oppositions or inconjuncts to Venus, this may be a great sacrifice, such as the physical relationship with the beloved.

Love is always bound up with death, loyalty, and sacrifice in some way. It is likely that they will suffer the death or permanent loss of someone beloved, someone beautiful and good. This loss, and its inherent threat of further loss, permanently affects their outlook on life. If the Sun is also in the eighth house, their entire life may be bound up in a drama of love, loyalty, and sacrifice, with death as the last act. This is an extremely selfsacrificial position.

These people take themselves very seriously. They don't wear their hearts on their sleeves, and are very cautious about giving their affections, because any mistake in this area will leave them shattered. They suffer so much from unrequited love that they are extremely cautious, and will wait for a long time before declaring themselves, but once they give their hearts it is usually forever.

They love stories of romantic courage, loyalty, and sacrifice. If they are artists, their works have the same appeal that their personalities have, a sort of pathos, tenderness, and idealism at the heart of a bitter and ironic realism. They are both idealist and cynic, romantic and realist; and the excitement of their personality comes from a constant tension between these extremes.

This position testifies to one whose feelings were persistently ignored or badly hurt in childhood, so that they remain cautious throughout life. If they attain power, they may be cold or cruel to others who they imagine might be cold or cruel to them, though they are usually extremely sensitive and tender toward children, the disabled, animals, or anyone who is clearly vulnerable and from whom they can feel no potential threat.

They are very sexual, and love to make love, but are capable of great restraint. They tend to be jealous, but if forgiveness is asked they will give it freely.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: you enjoy being close to another. You appreciate the experience of surrendering to love. But first make sure that love is indeed present before you surrender, and second, be certain that the other person is also in the flow of the same love. Do not seduce another into union; this leads to the pitfalls of inevitable betrayal and loss of harmony. Instead, take advantage of every good feeling to promote shared intimacy. The challenge is to understand that even personal love is a presence between two individuals, something that does not originate in their separate lives, but is instead created out of the harmony that arises from togetherness.

Transformation: Venus loves ritual in all forms, even the extreme rituals of egotranscendence. The possibility of rebirth offers its own aesthetic, so you willingly participate. You're receptive to psychological change, since you embrace more than you currently embody. The pitfall surrounds the belief that you'll be able to keep all your existing value systems after you've changed. It's as if you look forward to a future self that is the same as your present self, only better able to enjoy the fruits of life. Though this can work to your benefit in some ways, it's still a carrot-and-donkey approach to growth. The challenge is to understand that ego-death means completely giving up old ways of understanding pleasure in favor of new values, and, happily, new pleasures.

Sexual merging: The chemistry of sexual union is a powerful aphrodisiac, a perfume of lovely and delicate scent, a very magical potion. For you, it's the icing on the cake of life.

Feminine qualities are emphasized here: enfolding, softening, receiving. Whether you are male or female, it's your beauty that draws others toward union with you. You know how to offer yourself to your beloved in total openness, but there are pitfalls. You can also be seductive, presenting an alluring mask of receptivity to entrap those you wish to snare. You can even seduce yourself into believing you're open when you're not. Remember that sexual vanity is your enemy, not your ally. The challenge is to understand that the aesthetic and physical pleasures of union are truly worthwhile when they occur with the right person, at the right time, in the right setting. Under those conditions, the joy of full release invites self-renewal.

Focused intuition: Your intuitive capabilities have a special purpose, to tap into the vibration of personal love. You also appreciate psychic sensitivity in others. Finding it in someone fills you with pleasure, making your inner world resonate more harmoniously. The pitfall involves using these sensitivities in a purely self-serving manner, rather than with mutuality, to benefit both yourself and others. The challenge is to open yourself to the invisible worlds that exist all around us, worlds of ineffable beauty.

Shared assets: It may be that you stand to inherit money, or marry someone wealthy. In any case, the struggle for money is something you may not understand. Even if you don't have any money, you imagine yourself deserving of it, since you feel it to be the birthright of your superior station. Whether you're correct or deluded, it's a consideration in all your decisions. The pitfall lies in this attitude of complacent superiority, the tendency to overlook real suffering and deprivation in the world. Nonchalance could inspire enmity in others. The challenge is to use all resources to further expression of love and beauty. This may be limited to family or friends, but it should keep expanding until you've filled the world with love. You can be the shepherd of the open heart, whether or not you have a dime.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are attracted to warm and sociable persons who are as eager as you are for a meaningful relationship. You have a compelling need to satisfy your strong physical desires, but you are usually on your best behavior, hoping to attract the kind of person who will indulge you in your desires. You are greatly influenced by physically attractive persons who have the same needs as you but who also have qualities you admire. You enjoy doing favors for people, because you know that this increases the likelihood of making the right kinds of social contacts. At first you tend to underestimate your ability to satisfy people's expectations, because you make unfair comparisons between your qualifications and theirs. When you realize that everyone has fears and anxieties, you will be more comfortable with yourself. You don't want to offend others, which is admirable, but it doesn't allow others to know that you also bring something of value to a relationship.

You are willing to make concessions to others and to tolerate their negative qualities

because you truly want to understand them and their problems. You tend to regard their positive traits as sufficient compensation for their less desirable qualities. The people you help will remember you; and later in life you should derive some satisfaction from the knowledge that your efforts were appreciated.

You must make many adjustments before you can satisfactorily indulge your personal desires. Obligations to your loved ones must take precedence over personal pleasures. You also have an obligation to fully exploit your creative talents to fulfill the demands of your career. This will improve your image before others and let them know that you share some of their material and personal advantages and that you aren't intimidated by them. Choose a career that requires you to deal with people's problems, because that is probably where you are most effective.

You are generally successful in dealing with people, because you make the concessions that allow for a continuing relationship. They enjoy talking with you, and they know that your interest in them is sincere. You definitely need people to be a sounding board for your intellectual development and to verify that your actions in their behalf have yielded satisfactory results. You must figure out exactly why you are interested in people and what your motivations are for becoming involved with them. There are two possible reasons. On one hand, you may be driven by envy to gain control over their resources, but on the other hand, you may be sincerely concerned for their well-being and want to do what you can to make them happy. You may be tempted by both motives and vacillate between them before making a commitment.

Make certain that you understand every implication of the preceding paragraph. Ideally, your actions will be directed by a strong spiritual desire to make sacrifices in helping those who lack your deep perception in handling problems. While it may often be desirable to make concessions to others, you must not allow them to gain complete control over you so that you cannot fulfill your own destiny.

Mars in Taurus 20° 46'

(Donna Van Toen)

You have high-to-adequate practical and emotional energies, but low mental and physical energies. Your energy is stable, controlled and persistent. It is often channeled into keeping things as they are, building (both literal and figurative types), and accumulating things. Your strengths are stability, craftsmanship and loyalty. You lack flexibility, inner drive and physical energy.

You're much slower to act and much more patient than someone with Mars in Aries. Anger can be a problem for you. You tend to hold it in for too long, so when you do blow up it's often over something trivial, and your anger is totally out of proportion to the

circumstances. You're quite conservative in your actions and ambitions otherwise. In the health area, there's some danger of throat problems, particularly if Mars is under stress or in the 6th house.

You have a powerful sex drive, and can be quite sensuous and earthy. Men with this placement have a tendency to want their women to feel obligated to them; they therefore aim to please, and also often aim to procreate. Women with this placement tend to deal easily with the requirements of marriage and family life, including sex. They do, however, take a while to 'warm up', and don't like to be rushed into lovemaking.

You want money. You also want physical demonstrations of love, and possibly tangible tokens of affection. You exude a strong sexuality, but it's low-keyed rather than overwhelming. It tantalizes at the background of your personality. Though your wants at first glance may seem unromantic, you're not asking for something you're not willing to give yourself. You may very well enjoy expressing your love by giving gifts, making things, or doing practical things for your loved ones. And you're also probably physical in your romantic expression. You undoubtedly like to give - and get - hugs, kisses, and cuddles in addition to sex itself. You'd be happiest with a mate who has Venus in an Earth sign, Venus in the 2nd house, or Venus sextile your Mars.

You aren't too well-suited to business partnerships - partly because of a self-indulgent streak that can cause resentment and, ultimately, friction; and partly because of your stubborn streak. So you're better off to work for yourself or to work somewhere where you're allowed to do pretty much as you please. You're a hard worker as long as you see rewards on the horizon, but a life of all work and no play is definitely not a part of your game plan - you like the occasional long lunch, a decent vacation, and a good salary with which to get a fair number of life's goodies. With proper training, the following career areas could meet your needs: finance, banking, art, music, architecture, building, cattle breeding, farming, routine office work (if the pay is good and there's potential advancement).

Your motivation is highest when it comes to practical opportunities. Your style is to work hard and play hard. Art, music, and working with growing things can steer you towards success provided you don't close your eyes to new trends that might affect your work. (You are, at times, a trifle negative about change.) Romance can provide tangibly good opportunities at times. Building construction or decorating can also be a lucky theme in your life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by judging or ignoring their values in order to confirm your own sense of self-worth. This mental competitiveness may bring about

defeat by cutting off others on a material or sensual level. You can lose the energy needed to establish your worth if you refuse to allow the experience of others to be incorporated into a rigid Taurean value system.

Dynamic

You can constructively interact with others by allowing them to contribute their ideas and values in a way that is supportive in manifesting material results. When you commit yourself to participating actively in the world, a solid foundation for material security can be established. Your values can be transformed and translated into greater material and sensual results by viewing others as your resources.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Taurus will have a good connection to his / her instinctual, physical needs. This will be a strong, no-nonsense person with a matter of fact attitude towards sex; someone who gets enormous enjoyment from his / her sexual relationships, and with wide tastes. These people could be into sex for its own sake, as pure physical pleasure, with no trimmings. They are comfortable with their own bodies and physical desires. More genteel types could find them positively crude.

With Mars in any of the Earth signs, there is the propensity to split love and sex; but someone with Mars in Taurus is most prone to this, simply because his / her desire nature is so strong. These are not people who can easily be celibate, so if there is no one in their lives who really matters to them, they are still going to look for sexual partners. They may take a pragmatic view of these liaisons, unaware of their own double standards, as when they are deeply involved with someone on a feeling level their values change dramatically.

Taurus is arguably the most possessive sign of the zodiac, and someone with Mars in Taurus may claim total ownership rights over his / her sexual partner. This differs from the emotional possessiveness of someone with Mars in Scorpio, as with Taurus the partner becomes a prized object in which a part of the self is invested. Infidelity is so completely threatening to these people that it is intolerable. They will value their partners highly, treat them as a possession, as an extension of themselves, and expect and demand absolute faithfulness. To say that they are jealous and possessive of loved ones is an understatement.

This is a very primitive Mars placement; we are dealing with a neolithic man / woman here. The rest of the world may have developed more liberated attitudes to relationships, but these will not have filtered through to a Mars in Taurus person. This is someone who has traditional expectations, and is likely to want to play a traditional role in relationships.

The Mars in Taurus person will build a relationship slowly. These people do not rush into

things, and will take their time to get to know a prospective partner. A sexual involvement does not necessarily mean to them that a relationship is underway. They will evaluate a potential relationship in a pragmatic way. Once involved, they are loyal and reliable, and are not afraid of making a commitment. They are at their best when in a secure relationship.

(Skye Alexander)

Rather than chasing madly after your goals, you pursue them with dogged determination. You may take longer than some to achieve your desires, and you might not do it with so much flair and daring; but your accomplishments are more enduring. Once you decide you want something, you are not easily discouraged, and you often succeed because of your persistence and single-mindedness.

One thing you are likely to pursue is wealth; and you'll invest all your energy to this end. Material possessions and creature comforts are important to you; and you'll do whatever you have to do you can have them in abundance.

Another area in which you might choose to focus your energy is the arts. Taurus stabilizes Martian energy, giving you the patience and perseverance to spend years developing and perfecting your talent. Architecture and interior or furniture design in particular might interest you. You appreciate beautiful things; and even if you don't have much talent, you probably enjoy art and might collect it.

This Mars placement indicates great sensuality and sexuality; and satisfying your physical desires is probably first on your list of priorities. No-one understands the pleasures of the flesh as you do. Sex is never far from your thoughts; and you have a tendency to be led around by your libido. You invest so much time and energy into fulfilling your body's appetites that you might overlook other areas of life. Your approach to sex is straightforward and uncomplicated, devoid of fantasies or fetishes. Your only sexual problems might be insatiability and lack of discrimination.

You don't radiate with energy the way people who have Mars in Fire signs do; and unless you have several planets in Aries or Sagittarius, you probably aren't very athletic. However, you have tremendous endurance and muscle strength, and are capable of doing more physical work than almost anyone. Even if you appear rather lethargic and overweight, you are remarkably powerful; and beating you in a fight is much more difficult than it looks. You're a lover, not a fighter, though; and it takes a lot to make you mad. You also have great resistance to illness and stress.

Though you can be stubborn, you are generally easy-going and co-operative, and are able to set your ego aside when teamwork or compromise is needed.

Men with this position pride themselves on their sexual prowess. Your measure of a man

is how many times he can make love in a night. Earning lots of money and owning expensive and shoy things also makes you feel good about yourself as a man.

Women with this planetary placement might be attracted to teddy bear-like men who are both strong and gentle. You want someone who is affectionate, sensual, goodnatured and down-to-earth. No James Dean types for you. Your masculine ideal is dependable, stable and a good provider; someone who'll praise your cooking and keep you warm at night. A man who enjoys doing the cooking himself is even better.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Since Mars in the sign Taurus shows a strong desire for money, much energy is exerted to acquire money and material possessions. This position of Mars indicates practicality, so that the energy is channeled into useful tasks that will produce concrete results.

Mars in Taurus is the sign of its detriment, being opposite the sign Scorpio, which Mars rules. The energy and action of Mars, therefore, will be slowed down by material obstacles and limitations. As Taurus is an Earth sign, the dense material plane does not respond as quickly as Mars would like to. People with this Mars position are slow to act, but possess great determination and perseverance once a course of action has been chosen. Although they are not especially aggressive, if they are forced to fight then this position will make them strong and unyielding.

Mars in Taurus can produce craftsmen and skilled artisans capable of great patience and precision in the use of words. They create objects that are lovely and durable. Often they use solid, permanent materials such as metal and stone.

If Mars in Taurus is afflicted, there can be a preoccupation with sex and sensuality and an excessive attachment to money and material goods. These people can be jealous and possessive, especially where love and sex are concerned. The violence arising from sexual jealousy with Mars in Taurus can be just as intense as with Mars in Scorpio.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

There is plenty of passion here, and an abundant sex-drive will be expressed with Taurean warmth. Here is a sensuous and affectionate lover who is sometimes possessive. If Mars is unafflicted, there will be plenty of energy, used in a controlled, steady way.

Once anger is aroused, the rage of these subjects is only too obvious. It will take much provocation to reach this state, for Taurean patience will steady the Martian influence; but, because Mars quickens action, once their adrenalin is flowing those angry and heated feelings will be shown in no uncertain terms. These people must understand that, while such outbursts may be justified, they can cause great damage to those on the

receiving end, for their feelings may be expressed far more passionately than they realize.

At its best, this placing adds determination, firmness and the ability to work very hard and tenaciously at both career and spare-time interests. Sometimes these qualities can develop into stubbornness; and Mars will definitely increase it if this trait is indicated elsewhere. In a chart dominated by Earth signs, the more adventurous side of Mars is slowed down, so it is important to look out for any tendency to get stuck in a rut. Overadherence to routine (even with a lively planet such as this) and a Taurean need for emotional and financial security will both be evident. A great deal of energy will be spent in making and spending money.

This is a marvellous placing for those who participate in heavy team games or the heavier sports in general - boxing, wrestling or weightlifting, for instance. Thinking of the Venus influence on Taurus, this will be a good, strong placing for a dancer, since discipline and routine are essential for such a profession; and, for the men, a great deal of weightlifting is involved - ballerinas are, after all, very much flesh and blood! The effect on health will be a tendency to feverishness and a vulnerability to throat infections.

(Grant Lewi)

You work most naturally along lines related to security, and are your best self only when this is assured. Worry over money throws you off-balance: you need to be able to take for granted at least the essential comforts of life, and can get to demand a good deal more on the luxury side. You may get, have, spend and lose much property in your lifetime; conservatism in finances is not well-marked, and you have to learn it by sheer force of strength. In a deep sense, you relate security to emotional as well as financial matters, are ardent and stable in love, and require (and generally get) plenty of sex satisfaction. Yet in this, as in money, your energies can run away into prodigality and excesses. You are 'set in your ways', know how you want to do things, and generally manage to do them that way. You are not exactly aggressive in your search for independence; you don't make a big fuss about it, but you get what you want. Your motto is, 'I don't want to fight; just let's do it my way'; and with or without the consent of the governed, you generally prevail. You are a master of the art of passive aggression and passive resistance; whether your habits are right or wrong, good or bad, constructive or destructive, you keep ploughing along in the same furrow; and those who would oppose you generally stand to one side or get mowed down. Love and finances alike can fall before you; and your constant aim in life should be to stand aside from your own desires, your own intuition, and the things you take for granted, in order that you may judge objectively the value of your fixation and your effort.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, Mars points to passion, giving vent to emotions and involvement with those

who bilk him by appealing to those emotions. The native's chief asset is perseverance. He works for security and drives toward his goals, real or imagined. Keeping on the move, he alienates many because he seems self-centered. He should strive for a more tactful approach and adopt an attitude of tolerance for others' foibles. He often thinks of love and money together - he is inclined to the physical, the creature comforts, and feels others must be worthy of his attentions. He must be taught not to bear grudges or brood about injustices.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a sensuous, though potentially jealous, suitor. Energy is created and maintained over a drawn-out period as long as you have a material goal. Laid-back initially, you take a lot to be turned on; but once aroused you take even more to turn you off. The same applies to your temper: if you are frustrated in pursuit of possession of what you desire, it is like a red rag to a Bull; what was previously steady and productive devolves into a destructive and hard-to-subdue anger.

You attract with an earthy, sensuous and throbbing sexuality; great stamina; with an advantageous material position, or at least, a sound ability and commitment regarding such things; and with a solid dependability that stands its ground and defends you and yours.

You repel with a jealous and possessive nature that is blind to reason and won't let up; with an opportunistic obsession with the physical / material aspects of life that bar any appreciation of the spiritual or intangible; and with a stubborn, intractable and unrelenting attitude that is its own worst enemy.

You are attracted to Others who promise stability of some kind or other, who have substance, and who produce solid results; to traditionally sexual types and situations, perhaps even where chauvinism has a place, to some degree; and to physical permanence and unhurriedness.

You are repelled by material insufficiency and promises that are not met; by woolly, newfangled ideas concerning sexual roles (or that do not have a discernibly practical purpose); and by Others or relationships that are prone to change and upset.

When you are alone, it is, for one reason, because you have to take stock of yourself physically and materially, and learn to be your own master where such matters are concerned. Conversely (or possibly as an eventuality of the first reason), the almost excessive importance that you place upon money and physical gratification could have isolated you from fruitful relationship, and maybe made you rather sluggish or complacent too. Ultimately then, in either respect, you may have to take some fall in the form of losing what or whom you hold most dear. This would force you to focus upon issues of physical and / or material satisfaction in order to appreciate their true value or

limitations. If you have always, or for some time, been alone, then this states that such a revaluation is a priority concerning what you want and how you go about getting it.

(John Townley)

You take a while to warm up to lovemaking; but once in gear, you sustain a steady and unfaltering pace that allows plenty of time for full sexual expression. You should give careful consideration to your lover's rhythms and timing so that you do not either wear out or exasperate your partner. At times, even though you are still enjoying yourself, you should move on to something different, just to provide sufficient variety for your partner's swifter tastes. If you find a lover who can lingeringly savor each development, as you do, you will be in luck.

Your regular sexual drive needs consistent outlets to keep in balance, so you are best off with a regular partner, not depending on the vagaries of changing social contacts to find a lover.

You may enjoy expressing your love by making things by hand for your lover. This physical love-labor can be especially meaningful, lending the gift far more impact than store-bought merchandise. This is particularly true with love toys and bedroom accoutrements when you want a personal touch rather than more sterile machinemade products.

You are quite frank in your expression of affection, and you want a partner who does not intellectualize love too much but encourages you to manifest it directly in a manner that you both understand without words.

(Robert Hand)

You work carefully and rather slowly; but your results are almost always good, because your thoroughness makes up for lack of speed. You are also quite stubborn, and will resist anyone's efforts to speed you up or change your direction. You are not a quitter, and will stick to any task until it is done.

You have a strong desire to own things; and your possessions are very important to you. if you decide you want something, you will work very hard to get it. The only problem is that you may acquire so much stuff that your possessions get in your way. Your room may look like a packrat's nest.

You may have a problem with jealousy, tending to be very possessive of the people you love. You have to allow your friends some independence, or you will lose them. People cannot be owned like objects.

Whenever you work on something creative, you may be rather slow, but your taste and

concern with craftsmanship are better than average. Even if you cannot do beautiful work yourself, you will respect others' work.

Anger can be a problem for you, because you have difficulty expressing it until it builds to the point that you lose control. It is all right to express this anger as long as you don't hurt anyone in the process. The problem is that other people may try to take advantage of your apparent patience, not realizing that you are really angry. It is up to you to let them know how you feel.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Energy is utilised in practical, persevering ways.

Symbol: A bulldozer razes a site for an industrial development.

Since Taurus is the bull and Mars is the colour red, Mars in Taurus can be expected to produce displays of temper or 'seeing red'. Yet the word 'temper' means more than a fiery outburst or sudden tantrum. A blade of steel is tempered by fire into an effective cutting instrument. Justice is tempered by mercy to make it psychologically equitable. Thus, the individual whose disposition is tempered by Mars in Taurus may have to decide whether he will smoulder with resentment over real or fancied injustices, or whether he will burn with zeal to right wrongs and to shape the rude clay of Earth into more adequate forms.

Despite the harshness of the impact of Mars upon the obdurate material of Taurus, this is a felicitous combination for worldly achievement. It impels an individual to plough through resistance and to test his strength against obstacles, even though he may be forced to confront his antagonists by having his bridges burned behind him. Sometimes he feels that he has been compelled to fight for everything he gains; and in moments of discouragement may wonder if his victories have been worth the struggle. Nevertheless, he has the courage to endure, regardless of privations.

The person with Mars in Taurus prefers practical tasks to those of an abstract nature. He wants to move mountains, to make money, and to construct an impregnable bastion of security. Not for him are moralising, philosophising, and rationalising debates as to what to do or not to do. Once he sees the need for action, he will push with bulldozer-like persistence toward a successful outcome to his endeavours. Yet all too often, having obtained the desired objective, he unwittingly allows it to slip from his grasp. Even in his lowest moments, however, he finds that, just as there are fires smouldering deep in the heart of the earth which periodically blaze into activity, he too can summon up a resurgence of the will-to-win which enables him to move resolutely forward again.

Any Mars-Venus combination is liable to produce a strongly sexed individual. In this case, where the erotic energy of Mars is grounded in the earthy nature of Venusruled Taurus, the instinctive drive of the planet can be subverted into overbearing arrogance,

unreasoning jealousy, and fierce possessiveness. The effect of Mars in Taurus can be like an underground explosion which, by churning up the emotions, destroys the hope of attaining the most coveted rewards by undermining the stable foundation upon which all accomplishment must rest. The compulsion to obtain and retain material things often betrays a power complex. Such a person may be extremely generous, but only as long as the reins of authority are in his hands and he is undisputed lord over that which he considers to be his own.

While Venus in Taurus inclines to co-operate with nature, Mars in Taurus determines to conquer it. These people court challenges, and have the rugged strength to meet them. Engineering, construction work, and enterprises which reshape the contours of the earth absorb their attention. Men with this combination are builders of tunnels, dams, highways, factories, and skyscrapers. Women often have numerous physical labours to perform such as moving households and belongings to keep up with a peripatetic mate. The job of civilising small children or a recalcitrant husband brings out the martial side of their temperament and calls forth their reserves of stamina.

All planets in detriment imply contradictory behaviour. Mars in Taurus can be alternately peaceful and aggressive, stoical and self-indulgent, generous and grasping. Control is possible, however, if the person with this turn-about temperament can remain steadfast in the conviction that the only really worthwhile possessions is his own mind and soul. He has the strength of character to achieve his basic objectives. Therefore, it is especially important for him to understand the deeper desires which motivate him to action, and to make sure that the goals he seeks justify the effort expended in reaching them.

(Isabel Hickey)

Mars is not well placed in Taurus, where it is in detriment. Mars is persistent and patient in this sign, but also extremely stubborn, jealous and possessive. Money and sex are important values need refining for they are of the earth, earthy. Security, whether invested in money or people, is important. Acquisitiveness is strong, as is pride. If Mars is afflicted, there is a tendency to resentfulness. Selfishness and too strong a possessiveness must be overcome. Sharing must be cultivated as a quality. Apt to be penurious.

(Jeff Green)

Mars in Taurus reflects a desire that seeks to become self-sustaining and self-reliant. This placement will correlate to a Soul that desires to discover, actualise, and establish its own value system and the meaning of a life reflected in those values. As a result, there is an instinctual resistance to accepting or adopting the value systems of anyone else, including the value system of the existing society that the Soul is born into. Mars in Taurus correlates to a deeply internalised focus that generates a defiant stance of

separateness and independence from the overall circumstantial conditions of society. Remaining instinctively separate from those conditions allows the Mars in Taurus person to become aware of the types of desires they need to act upon that will allow for an actualisation of the values that most perfectly reflect the meaning of the current life. Great rewards will come through sustained efforts focused on the goals and objectives that will lead the Soul forward in its evolutionary requirements. The house that Mars in Taurus is in, the house that the sign Taurus is on, the aspects that Mars makes to other planets, and the houses that those planets are in will correlate to the specific focus in subjective consciousness in which the Soul actualises the individual sense of meaning for its life, and the value system that reflects that meaning. Self-reliance will be learned through these dynamics.

Sexually, Mars in Taurus reflects a desire nature that seeks to use sexual energy as a vehicle for the metamorphosis of emotional and psychological limitations. In order to accomplish this, the Soul will create sexually confrontational situations in which the emotional and psychological reality, and the needs that reflect this reality, surface into awareness. At worst, this can manifest as sexual violence in one form or another. Relative to the desire to become self-reliant, Mars in Taurus can manifest as strong masturbatory tendencies. As a result, the sexual nature is strong and constant.

The Mars in Taurus soul is strongly grounded in the body, manifesting a strong physical and sexual magnetism that is instinctive. This magnetism creates a vibration of attraction that creates the necessary sexual experiences through which the Soul learns about the nature of sexual energy, and the proper or improper use of it. On the one hand, the sexual nature can be quite primitive in the sense that Mars in Taurus can focus on sex for its own sake - a desire for intense physical stimulation only, as if the Soul is somehow separate from the body and emotions. On the other hand, the intensity of sexual experience that the Mars in Taurus creates instinctively unlocks the depths of the emotions that lead to the Soul. Therefore, a progressive dissatisfaction will occur when sexual energy is limited to just physical intensity. This dissatisfaction reflects the Mars in Taurus people's core desire for a total connection to their Soul and to the Soul of the sexual partner. By experiencing the limitation of just physical sex, the Mars in Taurus person evolves into sexual desires that seek total absorption with the sexual partner, and thus absorption to the Soul within.

Until this is realised, the dynamics of sex as power, control, manipulation, and being attracted to others as sexual objects, or others being attracted to the Mars in Taurus person as a sexual object, will occur. When this occurs, the dynamics of sexual addiction, sexual slavery, sexual infidelity, and relationships that are created for sexual reasons only, will occur. The real lesson begins when Mars in Taurus transmutes profane sex to sacred sex. These people must transform themselves from the prostitute or gigolo to the pure state achieved when the Soul and body are united through sacred sexual practices. The specific types of desires that reflect his archetype are determined by the house that Mars is in, the house that the sign Taurus is on, the aspects Mars is

making to other planets, and the houses that they are in.

As their lives evolve, these individuals must eventually embrace the Scorpio polarity. In essence, this means to create a desire to focus on the nature of their motivations, desires, intentions, and overall psychological dynamics. They need to move from 'this is just the way I am' to 'this is why I am this way'. This polarity demands that such individuals allow themselves to grow, from the limitations that the instinct of selfisolation imposes to a reality that allows acceptance of reality as relative. Thus, they see that other people's values, beliefs, ways of being, etc. are just as important and valid as their own.

Mars in 11th House

(Donna van Toen)

The energy and motivation of Mars is expressed through your goals in life and your powerful dreams for the future. You are an enterprising person; and much of your energy goes into creative activities. You have many casual acquaintances, the majority of whom are male. If Mars is in difficult aspect to other planets, planning is not your strong point and you have a definite tendency to leap before you look.

With Mars here, you want to be a humanitarian. You may also want to be considered an accomplished lover.

You're motivated to formulate goals for the future. These basically involve egoenhancement of some sort; and you use your energy to pursue them. Physical activity involving friends or clubs, membership in scientific, psychological, or parapsychology groups, or any activity that allows you to make contact with important people can be a source of lucky breaks.

The 11th house is called the house of hopes and goals. Planets here represent plans that have not yet materialized. What you do in this life will either change these plans, perhaps even cause them to be abandoned, or bring them closer to fruition. If Mars is here in the solar 11th house, you can be strongly drawn - almost compelled - to act as a leader. How successful you'll be in this role depends on your aspects to Mars. Suffice to say that you've probably played this role or a similar one before (unless Mars is in Aries, in which case you're fed up with being a follower and this is what motivates you to lead). If Mars is here using the Equal House system, you may be attracted to work connected with machinery, science, or psychology as a means of working out your karma. If Mars is here in the Koch system, you might be involved in developing machines that will do work for people. Or you might be involved in retraining people who've been displaced by machines or helping people discover constructive, enjoyable uses for their leisure time. Regardless of house system, Mars says that actions will involve working for the

betterment of groups of people or society as a whole. This may involve participation in some formal association (which could be either large or small), or it could be a more informal effort that involves you and a friend or two. In any case, this work would help pay a debt incurred because of your selfishness in the past. Actions may also involve learning when, why and how to say 'No!' as the chances are good that in the past you've had problems in this area that have kept you from growing.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Mars in the eleventh house people may not be very grounded in their bodies, and may have so many sexual ideals that they almost unsex themselves. There can be a feeling that personal desires are unacceptable; and these people often focus all their energy on group efforts and idealistic objectives. Their drive is towards the future, and they find it hard to be in the here and now.

Friendship will be much more important to them than intimacy, which may feel rather uncomfortable, so that even when they are in a sexual relationship they may spend very little time alone with their partner. They will want their lover to be part of their circle of friends, sharing the same interests and ideas, and will definitely not want to be an isolated couple.

Sex can be an abstract intellectual idea to these people; and they may feel more comfortable discussing it in their therapy group than actually engaging in it. They are likely to have strong views on non-possessiveness, and to lay great stress on openness and shared decision-making.

Mars is not at home in this socially-orientated house; and these people often suffer from guilt around their sexual desires and personal needs. It is difficult for them to take what they want without feeling that they are being selfish and antisocial; and they may also accuse others of these traits. They tend to feel that energy should be used for the good of all rather than for personal satisfaction, which can make them rather disconnected from their physical desires. Their energy can be rather scattered; and they may feel obliged to do what they think others want rather than being in touch with their own needs. Conscious effort may have to be made to focus inwards on themselves before they can really get in touch with their Mars energy. One way of doing this is through forms of healing through movement, such as T'ai Chi.

Within a sexual relationship, they are strongly motivated by friendship and respect for their partner's rights, so that any form of deception or underhand behaviour will be anathema to them. Good communication and honesty will be essential for them to feel they can trust their partner. They may not believe in monogamy, but they will certainly not be able to tolerate deceit.

Sexual relationships can be quite difficult and complicated for these people, because

they are trying to be rational about something that is essentially a primitive drive. Sometimes, therefore, unconscious motivations can cause them to behave quite unreasonably, and this can make them feel very guilty. For them, even more than most people, it will be important to have a partner who is also a trustworthy friend, someone they can talk to and with whom they can share their anxiety and ambivalence about sex.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You want to be socially accepted, to feel part of a group. But you also want to lead, to stand at the prow of the social ship and chart its course; and others in your groups may resent or resist this assertive tendency. Work to become a vital representative of your organizations, rather than their sole voice, and you achieve greater fulfillment. Your challenge is to use the spontaneity of your desires to rally and propel groups toward more concrete stands, but to do so without engendering needless infighting or pointless argument.

Appropriate behavior: Although you have a natural instinct for appropriate behavior, and can act as the essence of social virtue when you want to, your high spirits sometimes get you in trouble. You overstep your bounds and end up dancing with the lampshade on your head. This may be just fine, a real kick, but be aware of the pitfall: social embarrassment can be extremely painful to you. Keep your assertiveness in mind; if anyone criticizes you about a certain behavior, you will try to defend yourself very aggressively, sometimes compounding the problem. And try not to attack others for what you see as inappropriate behavior. It's their business, not yours. The challenge is to make your pride an ally rather than an enemy.

Friendship, social circle: Your friendships go through conflicts, even passionate ones. You want to cut right to the heart of friendship, so be careful that you don't wound others or yourself in the process. If the chart as a whole reveals a gentler disposition, it may be that you pick out friends who provoke disagreements. But keep in mind, whether you're on the giving or the receiving end, that it's still your life. You are territorial socially, willing to fight for your friends, either through shared goals, or in defending them from outsiders. When you're close to someone, your loyalty is intense, although this can change as the friendship changes. If you occasionally lose friends, pick yourself up and make new ones.

Shared creativity: You see the other group members as players in the competitive game of creation; and you work in reaction to them more than with them. You enjoy the stimulation, the challenge to your ego; but you must keep in mind that others may occasionally react negatively to the personal tone of your thrust. Remember that this is indeed a shared process, and these are your comrades in arms. Your creative role is to push the group toward new directions and new challenges.

Receiving love: You do so want to be loved. You want to be wanted, and you're willing to

extend yourself to make it possible. This is a paradox, since the very nature of the experience requires a receptive posture, and thus the action must be created subtly rather than overtly, magnetically rather than aggressively. If love can be considered a dance, you are a master of leading while seeming to follow. You feel loved when your suitor acts out your desires, when the behaviors are direct, forceful, and ardent. Urgency looks like love to you, as does assertion, and above all passion. Even anger is sometimes interpreted as a display of affection, since you understand how closely linked these primal emotions can be. Gentleness wins no points with you. Your challenge is to encourage a release of the fire in others, and, having initially done so, to discover a way to keep the fires burning. Mere smoke will not do; the flames must rage brightly.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With an eleventh house Mars there is a strong determination to move continuously toward permanent goals that are fixed in youth and rarely questioned later. If there are other planets in the eleventh house, the goals may be mixed or, where the planets are not congenial, there may be confusion or conflict between two or more goals. However, no matter what the difficulties, these individuals will struggle on toward their goals in spite of everything.

They have a great deal of energy for getting what they want, are not easily talked out of going for it, and will keep it once they've got it. If not actually 'born to the purple', they are inclined to be social climbers and like hanging out with the Four Hundred, shining by their reflected light.

These people have strong personalities, and have a hard time yielding to the desires of others. Often, they will fight to have their way about something that they don't care about any more, just on principle. They may suffer inner stress over the conflict between doing things the way they want and doing them the way they must if they are to 'get ahead'.

This Mars gives great power to act on ideas. It is good for an artist, writer, or any kind of independent creator. In the realm of ideas, it is possible for them to work well with groups, but they will usually do best on their own.

With Mars in fixed signs, they are unbelievably stubborn. They must be in charge, and are not particularly sensitive to those they are bossing. In cardinal signs, there will be more perspective; they will be excellent at setting and achieving goals. In mutable signs, they will be more flexible, better with co-workers and groups. They will be more able to upgrade goals in later life, with spiritual goals more likely.

Often, women with this location of Mars are attracted to men of the same nature, and they will form a team to achieve common goals, although sometimes an overly competitive attitude makes team work difficult, even impossible. Women with this Mars should not marry early, as often they will come to regret it later. Neither sex should marry

until they know themselves well enough to tolerate someone else over a long period of time.

(Robert Pelletier)

You hope to achieve many goals, and you apply yourself knowledgeably and with common sense. You have plenty of energy, and you assert yourself to get what you want in your career and your personal affairs. You've cultivated friends who will gladly assist you in reaching your objectives; and you offer them help in return. Your mate shares your enthusiasm for doing whatever will benefit both of you. You know how to bring out the best in people in everyday situations; and they reward you by getting satisfactory results. You are confident that you will eventually achieve your objectives and enjoy a comfortable life. You have a zest for making your dreams materialize as you want them to.

Because you want to be completely free to come and go at will, you must succeed in your career and be financially independent. With this in mind, you got the education you needed to qualify for more important and responsible positions. As you progress, you dream of having the freedom to indulge in your personal interests and enjoy your friends more fully. Financial independence is important to you, for it will allow you to enjoy privileges that are out of the question when you have to be gainfully employed.

You demand opportunities to show what you can accomplish with your creative talents; and being challenged by competitors only stimulates you to prove your claims. You give your children every chance to succeed according to their own needs. Being appreciated and loved brings out the best in you. Your strong physical desires demand to be satisfied, but you must also consider your partner's expectations. You aren't afraid to make sacrifices in your career to help achieve your long-range objectives. Financial burdens are especially painful, for they limit what you can accomplish. You may have to resign yourself to earning a living before you can indulge your outside interests. That is why financial stability is so important, so you can relax your anxieties about independence. With some self-discipline, you can satisfy your current needs and still continue with your long-range plans.

Your parents probably made some sacrifices so that you could pursue your own course in life more freely. You appreciate their efforts; and you don't mind making sacrifices for them now, although you realize how important it is to build a foundation for your own accomplishments. You aren't afraid of hard work, because you know it will make you that much more valuable to your superiors and to yourself. You should exercise restraint so that you don't exceed your physical limits.

Tension really builds when you can't be as free as you feel you deserve to be, which makes you resent the people who are imposing their will on you. Because of this, you apply yourself in your career to derive the greatest return for your efforts. You want to be

able to come and go at will and enjoy a more leisurely life in your later years. Helping people who lack your fortitude, daring and talent will bring you contentment; and you should be grateful for the opportunity to prove how sensitive you are to people's problems.

Jupiter ♃ in ♌ Leo 20° 51'

No interpretation.

Jupiter ♃ in 2nd House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Material security.

Jupiter's position here in an 'earthy' house and the keywords of 'material security' do seem at first glance to confirm the narrow traditional meanings of the second house: money, possessions, wealth, etc.. However, this house has a far broader meaning in general; and when Jupiter is located in it, its range is stretched further still to a vast spectrum encompassing deeper values, a faith that the earth will provide what one needs, and a profound appreciation of nature and its bounteous creative powers.

Over forty years ago, Margaret Hone wrote that Jupiter in the second house could indicate a 'contentedness with possessions', which is surely a different image from that of greed for masses of money, which is the impression that students of astrology get from so many basic textbooks. There is often an inner faith that one will be provided for; but in perhaps half the cases, the person will use this faith as a reason not to save for a rainy day nor to exercise prudence with his or her assets. In some cases, a notable wastefulness is apparent, with a tendency to spend every dollar they receive. Perhaps some people can 'tempt fate' in this regard; but I have seen cases where the individual has been forced into a financial corner that is exceedingly uncomfortable by relying completely on faith while simultaneously spending or wasting rather large amounts of assets that came to him or her easily.

Invariably, when Jupiter is in this house, it will expand this area of focus in life. Sometimes, it will manifest as what Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas call 'an instinctive regard for Earth's bounty', with the person sometimes prospering through what they call 'the carefully planned development of natural resources'. In a broader view, Charles Carter was, as usual, way ahead of his time when in 1947 he wrote in *Essays on the Foundations of Astrology* that 'psychologically... the 2nd has much to do with one's contentment and ability to enjoy life'. From this perspective, I would say that - come what

may financially - those with Jupiter in this house are always wealthy!

This Jupiter position has an appreciation for form, and for vast, inspiring images.

(Marilyn Waram)

Jupiter in the second house connects Ultimate values to the physical world of sensual needs, personal finances, possessions and resources, material security and maintenance of the status quo. There is something of a conflict between Jupiter (and the restless quest it symbolizes) and the qualities of preservation, stability, security and comfort represented by the second house. Jupiter is associated with risks. The second house stands for a part of human nature which does not want to take chances at all, for any purpose. Jupiter represents a vision of the future; the second house is focused upon the present. Jupiter stands for the need to grow and expand, to make better and bigger. The second house symbolizes the need to hold on to what is already possessed. Jupiter deals in possibilities. The second house deals with what is; and it is particularly intractable in its reluctance to deal with anything which lacks material substance.

If the individual with this placement connects values to second house affairs, she may make money, sensual appetites, personal possessions or overall security into gods. That is, any or all of these can be held to be so important that they are revered, idealized, and exaggerated in importance. She may expect too much from them and anticipate tremendous satisfaction when she finally gets enough money, enough food or sex, enough furniture. With Jupiter, the propensity is to never get enough, partly because it is Jupiter's nature to seek ever more, and partly because the need can easily get out of control. In this case, the individual with Jupiter in the second house has the potential to become a hedonist, who pursues pleasure to the exclusion of everything else, or a miserly sort who feels she never has enough money. The latter is somewhat less common due to Jupiter's association with confidence and optimism.

Because the second house is an Earth house, she may place all her faith in concrete goods or money, rather than in philosophical ideals or spiritual truth. She may feel the latter are not to be trusted because they are somehow not real enough - that is, not material. With Jupiter in the second, she may prefer to trust only what she can see and handle, not something as nebulous as an idea.

There can be a struggle between the Jupiter desire to gain more - more money, possessions, sensual input - and the second house desire to avoid risk. The individual may want more, but be unwilling to invest or take any other kind of chance. She may experience this as an uncomfortable dilemma, wishing she could improve her situation but unable to take the steps to do so.

The person with Jupiter in the second house may also have some inner conflict between the intellectual approach signified by Jupiter and the pragmatic tendencies of the second

house. She will often solve this most successfully by doing something practical with her values and beliefs. That is, she needs to translate them into something concrete. For example, this is the type of person who collects goods to send overseas. She is not happy to merely pray for those who are less fortunate. She may even make practicality an ultimate value. She will not, for the most part, have a lot of tolerance for endless philosophizing and discussion, but will want to know how she can use the ideas she hears. Her tendency will be to discard those which are not immediately practical.

Many people with Jupiter in the second house can be quite materially or financially generous. Although they will not take unnecessary risks with their resources, they may have the confidence that is associated with Jupiter and assume that they can always get more money, acquire more possessions, and so on.

The second house does represent a need to deal with concrete products. Jupiter in the second may, therefore, make a particular item an object of extreme value. Books can be valued highly, or art objects may be the focus; money is always a strong possibility, as well. Art for the sake of art might be held up as of primary importance.

Generally speaking, the individual will tend to expect learning to be comfortable, not too demanding. She will not want to endure pain or go through a lot of struggle to gain knowledge. Comfort is far more important for her. However, some people experience this as being comfortable with higher learning. And as always, those who place too much faith in one area of life may set themselves up for future disappointment. Money and possessions are notoriously insecure. Material resources cannot provide the kind of satisfaction, the kind of fulfillment, for which Jupiter searches. Many who misplace their faith onto material goods or money find themselves with a great void, when some circumstance of life exposes them to the reality of what they have acquired. In such a case, they may experience real despair as they look around and ask, 'Is this all there is? Is this what it's all about?' Unsaid is the implication that it is not all there is; but the emptiness within can be devastating if a person has spent all her life and energy in the pursuit of goals which are suddenly seen to be empty and meaningless. Many people who have come to such a realization late in life have died within a few months, perhaps unable to start over with new values, or perhaps lacking the very faith and confidence in the future which is the great gift associated with Jupiter.

Some people with this placement may let the part of their nature represented by the second house dominate the part symbolized by Jupiter. In that case, they are susceptible to attempting to preserve the values and beliefs with which they started out. These people may have a real problem with the natural questing urge related to Jupiter, so much so that they can attempt to squash it, to deny it, to refuse to stay open to new ideas and concepts because there is always a time of anxiety when new thoughts challenge old. The second house does not want this time of uncertainty. It wants everything settled, certain and predictable. Consequently, such people may have a natural bent toward developing illogical prejudices; and with the second house tendency

to get stubborn if challenged, those who do develop the prejudices are particularly entrenched in them.

Those who handle Jupiter in the second house constructively can value their money and possessions without becoming overly attached to them. They can preserve elements of knowledge and truth which have stood the test of time without attempting to keep everything static and stagnant. They can enjoy sensual pleasures without excessive indulgence or expectations of total fulfillment. They can find practical or artistic ways to express their faith without discarding the need for some intellectual and inspirational facets to that faith. Balance is always tricky with Jupiter, which represents a part of human nature which is naturally excessive in behavior; but those with Jupiter in the second house can find that balance when they understand the divergent natures of the planet and the house, and work to make room in their lives for both.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Once Jupiter gets over the cusp of the second house, it ceases to indicate those who get along on their own and becomes the sign of those who depend on patrons or the good will of others, so that locating the cusp accurately can be important.

Jupiter at this angle is concerned about religious and philosophical ideas, but does not let them get in the way of obtaining bread and butter. This is an excellent position for an artist or performer, as it guarantees patronage and support. It is a good sign for doing what one wants in life, although, unless Jupiter is trine the Midheaven, it is not so good for a career as it relaxes the anxious, upward thrust for sheer survival that is usually necessary for successful career efforts. At times of stress, rather than forge a new path in solitude, this one often turns to home, family, or old friends for strokes and needed support. Young people with this position may find it hard to leave the comfort of the family nest.

If Jupiter is trine the Midheaven, it assures a smooth and easy path to success, frequently with little conscious effort. They just seem to get all the breaks, are in the right place at the right time, and succeed more through good luck than through hard work. The further Jupiter is from a trine to the Midheaven (or a planet in the ninth or tenth, the more work is needed.

Good things come easily to these people; but it takes other placements to ensure that they stay. They tend to be big spenders who don't devote enough time and thought to practical matters. They tend to be 'easy come, easy go'.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: With Jupiter in the 2nd, self-judgement is linked to optimism and social advantage. Optimism enhances positive feelings about yourself. The more opportunities

for social expression are recognized and acted upon, the better you feel about your life. However, exaggerated feelings of personal worth lead to disappointment, for the challenge is not simply to feel good, but to convert the ease of social relating into real and grounded benefits. Lady luck is often with you; but do not depend on her presence.

Possession: Ownership becomes an area of opportunity. There is bounty here; but it's hardly the result of 'good luck'. It comes from well-developed intuition and an equally well-developed social network. The key is to take advantage of social opportunities for the acquisition of possessions, and be generous with personal property. Don't hold on, don't cling selfishly, for the challenge is to understand the fundamental truth of the old phrase, 'Easy come, easy go'.

Money: Acquisition of money is associated with a positive attitude and the broad development of social skills. These qualities should be used freely and without restraint to further social position, and to enhance the sense of opportunity for expression into cultural realms of collective involvement and sharing. The pitfall is waste of personal resources by relying too heavily on your laurels or counting on luck to provide a continuing flow of money. The challenge is to build an increasingly broad networking base through continual reinvestment of resources back into the social world.

Self-exertion: With Jupiter, as with Mercury, there is a mental orientation to the effort of working. But the mentality is different in that it is essentially conceptual rather than analytical; an overview of productivity is more important than the solution of specific problems. As with Venus, there is a tendency to take the path of least resistance in accomplishing tasks. This placement is well-suited to a networking orientation, for the bent toward work is essentially social in motivation, and you excel at motivating, organizing, supervising others. The challenge is to flow around obstacles like water. Don't let yourself be dammed up or bogged down, for the psychological sense of free movement is crucial. Whistle while you work.

Sensuality: Your experience of sensuality is full and flowing. Touch is seen as a way of connecting with others; and the pleasure that results is palpable proof of social participation in a shared reality. There is an ease in physicality, a sense of comfort or naturalness with your body. This may lead to a love of athleticism, the sheer joy of movement. It also inclines, as does Venus or the Moon, to a love of good food as purely sensual pleasure; but there is an increased appreciation of the social ritual of gourmet eating or the cultural history of food. Every opportunity for physical stimulus is enjoyed, since there is little in the way of moral restraint; but this can lead to pitfalls of excess and an exaggerated tendency to use your body to take advantage of others. The challenge is to fully recognize the opportunities for self-expression that touch can provide, but to do so in a way that ennobles the self.

Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra 6° 23'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to maintain the Libra emotional security by clinging to certain social ideals and always being pleasant. This form of harmony may result in difficulty with being yourself since it cuts off personal expression with others. When you place a limit on your actions with expectations of how others should respond, severe limitations may be felt. The result may be that all of your relationships become burdensome and disappointing.

Dynamic

You have the skill and social responsibility to create relationships that actually work by bringing into manifestation their natural inherent harmony. Acknowledging yourself as creator of the harmony and disharmony that you experience gives you security in your ability to experience what is created. Once you are willing to undergo the possibility of disharmony in relationships, you have the capacity to actualize yourself by sharing your honest, individual point of view. A natural, authentic balance can manifest in response.

You can commit yourself to your integrity, sharing your independent point of view honestly, and then objectively notice how others respond. This process allows you to use your diplomatic abilities on an impersonal level that serves a collective need. The result can bring about the necessary structure to produce an alliance that answers both your needs and the needs of the other person, with no limiting justifications of how you think the relationship should appear.

General

Your own sense of separate identity is completed and perfective as an effective, selfintegrated entity. You are looking for another person with whom to share, recognizing your own independence and seeing a partnership with another who is also a fully selfintegrated, independent being.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Libra is a natural square which calls for integration between activities as an equal and power roles. Life should be big enough for both marriage and a career; but to do justice to both, we have to make compromises. If one person in a partnership is dominant, even if acting as the responsible parent with impeccable intentions, there is no real partnership. If Saturn is still being experienced as fear of the world's power, we may marry a father-figure to protect us. If we have enough confidence in our own power to avoid doing that but not enough to deal with an equal, we may pick a partner who will let us play parent as owner of the power and the responsibility. Or, our insecurity may lead

to delaying marriage for fear of being dominated, criticized, rejected, or hurt in some other way.

We only claim our share of the power of the world when we are realistically coping with the area of life symbolized by the sign and house of Saturn. When the cardinal and / or the fixed dilemmas are emphasized in a chart showing a major issue involving power and relationships, it is helpful to have a place in our lives for all three of the major alternatives. We need some co-operative relationships, some competitive ones which let us develop and test our powers, and some in which we help others. The latter interactions reassure us that we have our share of the power and we use it to assist others.

Libra careers may deal with people or involve beauty in some way. The first includes counselling and consulting in many areas, law, politics, social work, arbitration, and personnel work. The second includes architecture, photography, and any area of design.

The father may be equalitarian, fair-minded, artistic, pleasant, etc. if he is expressing the positive potentials of Libra. Or he may be learning to handle power in peer relationships. In general, other things being equal, the psychological drives of the house tend to outweigh the sign. Of course, the nature of the planet is primary.

(Skye Alexander)

Partnerships of all kinds may prove troublesome for you; and in your relationships with other people you probably will experience your share of disappointments, frustrations and delays. Through relationships, however, you are likely to learn your most significant life lessons and grow in many ways. This position of Saturn could signify 'fated' associations and lessons to be learned through your relationships.

Perhaps you will be denied a meaningful relationship, at least until you are mature enough to balance your needs and desires with another person's. Indeed, one of your tests in life might be finding this delicate balance and learning to compromise without sacrificing yourself. Although relationships are very important to you, it may seem as though you are unlucky in love. External or internal obstacles - cultural, ethnic or religious barriers, age differences, poverty, work or family obligations - might stand in the way of your happiness. Your relationships could develop very slowly, or you might have to wait a long time for a lover to become available. Physical problems, such as illness, handicaps or ugliness, could make it hard for you to attract partners.

You may feel you are unlovable; and your inferiority complex could repel prospective partners. Or, you might be so desperate for love that you cling to any likely candidate, and thus drive him / her away with your expectations. Because you believe you are inadequate and undesirable, you tend to be quite defensive and sensitive about love and relationships. Afraid of being rejected, you might shut yourself off from other people and

refuse to get involved because you don't want to be hurt. You are cautious and conservative in love; and your cold, aloof, disinterested demeanor can cause potential partners to give up on you and go looking for someone more accessible.

The sign Libra also is connected with art. Saturn in Libra can suggest a need to channel love and attention into artistic pursuits; therefore, you might be blocked from relationships with other people so that your time and energy can be devoted to another cause. Perhaps your tests and growth experiences will come through the arts.

Your relationships may be a burden to you in some way. Some sort of sacrifice could be necessary; and your partner or the relationship itself might make great demands on you. Perhaps your independence will be limited by your partnership; or the relationship might require you to shoulder heavy responsibilities.

This is a good placement for business partnerships, however, since Saturn is associated with work, and Libra with all types of committed partnerships. Perhaps you and your mate share career goals and work together effectively in business. Work might be an important and solidifying part of your love relationship, or you might meet romantic partners through your job.

Once you establish a relationship, it is likely to endure. You are not frivolous with your affection, and tend to be a traditionalist, preferring marriage to less structured casual love affairs. A devoted and dependable partner, you take your commitment and the relationship very seriously, and won't give up when the going gets tough. You are willing to work hard to make a partnership a strong and lasting one; and though they may not be easy, your relationships ultimately can be very successful.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Libra brings the realization that to accomplish anything of lasting value, or even to make life possible, human co-operation is necessary - and it must be enduring if it is to be effective. But enduring co-operation is feasible only when all parties in a project are dealt with justly; and justice requires mutually accepted rules of conduct and commitment. Each person must strive to complete his work and must be responsible to the whole. Most discipline and responsibility grow out of the understanding that human relationships entail mutual commitment, as in marriage, business partnerships, and close friendships. The reason is that Saturn is exalted in Libra, the sign ruling relationships.

Because Saturn in Libra deals with responsibilities in relationships, it also rules the laws that formally regulate such affairs. Thus, people with this Saturn position often become lawyers, judges, and mediators.

To a large extent, Saturn in Libra rules contracts, including marriage contracts. These

Saturn agreements often are of a karmic nature, arising as they do out of interactions with people who have incurred past responsibilities and moral debts.

Because Libra is an intellectual Air sign and a cardinal sign of activity, people with Saturn in Libra deal extensively with business arrangements: organizational planning, formulation of legal contracts, co-operative division of work responsibilities among people. The ability to plan and organize group endeavors is seen with this position.

Saturn in Libra can indicate marriage in later life or marriage to a serious person with heavy business or professional obligations. The marriage itself often incurs burdens, hard work, and the need for patience.

This is a powerful position for Saturn; it gives much social awareness and social responsibility. If Saturn is well-aspected, these people often attain positions of great wealth and social honor through their ability to work with others - an ability that implies receptiveness, tact, reliability, and good organization.

If Saturn is afflicted in Libra, there can be exacting attitudes toward people and a tendency to drive them at work. Natives can lack love, forgiveness, and a sense of responsibility in their relationships. They are inclined to apply the letter of the law strictly instead of understanding the justice implied by the spirit of the law. The concept of justice that they enforce so strictly is colored by their personal outlook. An afflicted Saturn in Libra can indicate a false ambition leading the natives into too many commitments, which they can fulfill only at the price of overwork. In some cases, they cannot meet their commitments, and the consequent resentment they arouse in others results in their own loss of status.

(Grant Lewi)

You appear to have little need to defend yourself, because your justification comes directly through others. You are capable of being one of the best adjusted of mortals, living easily with your associates, in getting along with whom your deepest ego is vindicated. This position of Saturn is bound to take you out of yourself and turn a major portion of your attention to the outer world and the people in it. If you're a naturally aggressive and extroverted person, this gives you great tact and charm, because of which you get what you want with a minimum of struggle. You don't have to fight your way along because your deepest intuitions tell you how to win friends and influence people graciously. If your nature is passive or tends to be introverted, you devote your life wholeheartedly to service of others and satisfy your tendency to inwardness by selffulfillment through sacrifice. In any case, and along whatever lines the total personality leads, this position of Saturn is one of the best insurances of usefulness, and will tend to strengthen and lend significance to an otherwise undistinguished chart.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Libra tells us of a native who would like his life to be in order, who wants the world to hand out justice rather than punishment. In seeking the ideal, he often runs into emotional storms; there are indications of more than one marriage, of disappointments in partners (both marital and business).

He has strength, ability and courage, but his public image is apt to be ultra-serious. He must pay heed to public relations and should take special care with legal documents, including birth certificates, passports and contracts.

He is not an easy person to really know; the astrologer must help him to know himself better. He makes his influence felt - and the key is to make it felt in a constructive manner. Otherwise he is accused of being prejudiced and narrow.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Saturn is traditionally well placed in this sign; and there certainly seems to be a subtle harmony between the sign and the planet. There is a natural sense of justice; and the individual has an above-average sympathy and understanding of other people. Kindness and practical common sense are also present; tact and diplomacy will color any advice that is given. He or she is usually impartial, flexible and fair; and the need to see fair play, so characteristic of any Libran emphasis, will certainly be present with this placing.

If Saturn receives mostly negative aspects, particularly from the personal planets, or makes a square or opposition to the Ascendant, some intolerance may be shown toward partners or colleagues, especially if Saturn is in the seventh or tenth house. If in the fourth house, there may be a tendency to be discontented with the home and domestic situation, and / or perhaps a desire to move very frequently. However, attention must always be given to Saturn's house position.

Despite the longing for a permanent emotional relationship, it may be avoided or sacrificed for some reason, perhaps due to sexual inhibition or an inability to express the emotions freely. Any external reason will probably be mere justification - the real one will definitely go much deeper.

Saturn's inner authoritative voice from this sign will sharpen the subject's conscience by arousing a guilty sense of shame; 'If you do that, you will be treating me very badly, after all I've done for you. You are totally selfish and if you do this dreadful thing I'll never forgive you.' Ask if the subject had a parent who always grumbled in this way and was never satisfied with what his or her child produced or did.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a just rock, but may potentially suffer a decision block. Your tasks and

obligations include having the discipline to fulfil your loving duty to Other - but not just be bound by convention; taking / allowing the time to establish right relations - thus avoiding untenable relationships; and building relationships that are true to themselves - and are not just relationships in name only.

You can get stuck with a relationship that starts out well but becomes increasingly dull, meaningless and confining; with doing a balancing act between the Other whom you have to be with and the Other whom you want to be with; and with any Other, for fear of being alone.

You are learning to enter into relationship for reasons of conscious choice rather than just because it is 'what one does'; to face the fact that you only find yourself reflected in Other - if you are split within yourself, there will be more than one Other; and to be true to yourself.

You commit to an Other who is as willing to commit him- / herself as you are (how much is that?; to an Other whom you know and feel will make an honest person out of you, and who wants you to make an honest person out of him / her (honest = honest with oneself); and to an Other of serious intent and gracious demeanour, and with some doubts.

You should be wary of thinking that simply having a certificate of marriage will make it work; of an Other who has all the right qualities and credentials - the less cracks there seem to be then the more cracks there will be; and of any Other who is utterly convinced that you are made for one another, or conversely, who is constantly undecided.

When you are alone, it is basically because you are having to review and consider what relationships are all about, for you as an individual in terms of your experience, and also more generally with regard and in contrast to your social milieu. It is more than likely that your initial attitude to relationship was very much moulded by your class, racial and cultural background. This is the social 'programme' which has you unconsciously believe that a certain Other, at any age, and from a certain social category, is certainly the one for you. If my records are anything to go by, one person in 20 with Saturn in Libra remains happily and faithfully married to his / her original marriage partner. So the chances are that at some point you will be looking at just yourself in the mirror - and, it is to be hoped, realizing that any partner is entirely to do with what you see there. What is honest and real will attract just that, in the same way that what is denied and bound up in fantasy will conjure up frustration, deceit and disillusionment.

(John Townley)

You tend to be balanced and stable in settling difficulties within a relationship; and you aren't flustered by temporary turmoil. Generally you can patiently wait out an emotional storm or take steps to calm it down, even to your own disadvantage if you are at fault.

You have the foresight to see that the situation will balance out in the end and that you will reach that equilibrium only by keeping your present relationship on an even keel.

Indeed, you are probably better than your partner at coping with problems, at least in your approach to them. But that may be a sensitive issue between you, so avoid reminding your partner of personal failings, particularly when you have successfully handled a situation and your lover has not. In the interests of harmony, let it go at that. Otherwise your partner may be at cross-purposes with you in similar situations in the future.

You may have a special talent for arbitrating problems outside your own relationship, which can be a creative outlet for you. But you should do this only if requested to, lest others think you are interfering. Or your lover might think you are less interested in your own relationship.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only when Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you need plenty of time to make decisions and that you always want to know everything about the subject before making up your mind. Others may think you are indecisive at times; but they will find that when you finally make a decision it is usually right.

You may be somewhat reserved in relations with others; but once you commit yourself, you will stay with that person - friend or lover - for a long time. Your strong sense of fairness is evident in your relationships as well as in every other area of your life. You are conscious of rules and duty toward your friends, and you are not likely to break an agreement that you have made with someone. You take relationships so seriously that you would never make an agreement lightly. While you are young, this trait might not be very obvious; but it will be clearer as you get older.

You are very concerned that everyone has what he / she deserves; and your sense of justice is outraged when someone takes advantage of someone else.

If you are not encouraged to encounter other people and to believe in yourself, you may prefer to be alone, unburdened by the necessity of relating to others. Or you may feel that others do not understand you. As you get older, this should diminish.

Saturn ♄ in 4th House

(Liz Greene)

The fourth house, corresponding to Cancer and the Moon, is the domain of childhood, origin, family, and roots. As the base of the astrological chart, it represents the base of the individual himself both literally - in terms of the home he has come out of - and symbolically in terms of his inner sense of security and safety. This house describes the emotions and atmosphere which surround him before he is old enough to make a conscious and rational choice about whether he accepts them or not. This house may be associated with the Jungian idea of the personal unconscious and with areas of conditioned instinctual reactions imposed by the early environment.

Because of this association with influences that occur prior to the development of the discriminating mind, any planet placed here is highly suspect because it points to something in the psyche which must be first discovered and brought up to the surface before it can be dealt with constructively. The influence of this house lies like a great moving subterranean river beneath the surface of the later personality which is developed in accord with the Sun and Ascendant; and this river may be powerful enough to dominate the behaviour without being seen. It is a wholly personal house, and does not seem to have much to do with the larger area of collective unconscious streams which affect the group emotional life. Because it is so personal, it is that much more difficult to approach with a clear and unbiased eye.

The fourth house is generally considered to be the indicator of the father and his relationship with the individual. This is of course subject to much argument; and the only clear statement which has so far come out of the confusion is that the fourth-tenth house axis refers to both parents. In some ways, it is immaterial which house goes with which parent, as problems with one automatically create compensatory problems with the other; however, I am inclined by experience to assign this house to the father as it is he who establishes the backbone of the family, gives it his name, and determines by his presence or absence the security or instability of the child's early life. It is rare that a child loses his mother except by death; but when a marriage fails, or there is no marriage in the first place, it is generally the father who leaves and whose support is withdrawn. The background of a difficult or broken home in childhood is usually coincident with afflicted planets in the fourth house or the fourth sign.

It will be obvious that having Saturn working as an unconscious factor from the plane of the feelings is rather difficult as he is very slippery. He is usually considered, in Cancer or in the fourth house, to suggest conditions of coldness, limitation, authority without love, separation or isolation, and a generally unsympathetic early home life. This is often in a very literal fashion, where the father dies or the parents are divorced or where the father is forced by circumstances to be away much of the time. The isolation may also occur in a symbolic fashion where the father is very much physically present but can offer no love, sympathy, or emotional support - or where he may be loving and kind but is a burden or a great disappointment through alcoholism, sickness, weakness of character, or an emotional pattern which destroys the peace of the home. Or there may be undue emphasis on material development and little on emotional expression.

There are many possible avenues on the mundane level in which a fourth house Saturn may find reflection. The forms are as varied as are individuals. Regardless of which means of outward expression occurs, however, the inner reaction is generally the same; the sense of security, the feeling of protection needed by a developing child as a base on which to build the evolving ego, is denied or frustrated; and the natural expression of feeling which seeks to find unity with family and a sense of heritage is blocked.

It needs little further reasoning to see that this kind of situation, working on unconscious levels, can effectively cripple part of the individual's emotional nature for the remainder of his life if it is not understood. The mistrust of any emotional intimacy, particularly the kind which revolves around a domestic situation, is usually pronounced; at the same time, a craving for something secure and permanent and tangible in the emotional life is also pronounced. It is a rare individual who is aware of this polarity existing within him; he will see one end or the other. He may either be inordinately tied to his family and the place of his birth, or hate them or display coolness and detachment. He is never truly indifferent, however, for something which was necessary for his emotional development was missing, and the entire structure of his psyche has had to develop lopsided to compensate for the loss.

There is often great emotional instability with Saturn in the fourth house; and a definite feeling of having been unloved, unwanted, is common. This may not be wholly conscious, however. Nevertheless it will show, in a very obvious fashion, to the perceptive observer. There is also often resentment toward men in general as the father is the first man or symbol of masculinity encountered by the child. This can, of course, wreak havoc with a man's understanding of his own masculinity and a woman's understanding both of men and of her own unconscious male half. This is particularly true if the father is actually absent from the home; for then, however justified she may be, the mother must play both roles, and consequently, whether she is temperamentally suited to the role or not, she must become a dominant or authoritative figure. This is as much true of the weak or inept father as it is of the vanishing one. The areas of the emotional life which can be affected in adulthood are much greater than the sphere of the home, for the fourth house is one of the angles and is therefore more significant in terms of the expression of the man on the physical plane.

Saturn in the fourth house is also often concurrent with a compulsion to accumulate land. In this way, the need for some new sense of security on the emotional level is reduced to a physical fact - a common translation which Saturn very often attempts to make. The translation usually fails, however, for material things cannot satisfy an emotional need. But to the person carrying this emotional burden, land is solid and unchangeable, and a home which is owned cannot be taken away in the same fashion that emotional support can suddenly be torn away by death or absence. The unchecked crystallisation of a feeling value will eventually, as the individual hardens and grows older, lead to that which has been referred to as a 'lonely end to life'.

It will be obvious from this that a fourth house Saturn can rule the life with an iron although invisible hand by undermining the sense of self-worth and making it difficult for the individual to permit any close emotional contacts. It is the meaning of the position that is necessary if it is to be utilised in a constructive way.

By denying a component which ordinarily comes from the environment, Saturn's influence forces an individual to create that missing component himself if he is to have any peace. He must gradually withdraw identification of the value with the external world and find its reality within himself as a part of his own psyche. Thus the opportunity is offered, when Saturn is in the fourth house, for the person to build an inner sense of security and self-acceptance based on an understanding of his real origin. This solid inner psychic structure cannot be destroyed or shaken by circumstance; unlike the support and confidence given by a loving parent which fosters emotional dependency on others later in life - the worst quality of Saturn in Cancer - this inner strength becomes the inviolable possession of the soul. What begins as an emotional value must remain an emotional value, but the field of its expression is expanded.

This kind of security on a feeling level is extremely rare. The great majority of individuals bear many scars because of the loss of security in childhood, or they are dependent on loved ones for a constant supply of it. Only the individual with Saturn in the fourth house is likely to have developed it on his own; and this because he has had to. There is some amount of trust required in the guidance or wisdom of the inner self who has chosen this particular experience. Without this trust, there is no possibility of understanding the meaning of the experience. Saturn always drives a man to understand the nature of his pain. With a fourth house Saturn, he must understand the vulnerability of his own feeling nature and the needfulness which underlies his apparent coldness toward all family and domestic matters. It is then necessary to accept the experience as a positive means to an end which will be worth the pain and the effort, since the pain is relative to the dependency on others in the first place. The very personal and intimate world of the feelings must be acknowledged and encouraged. This is particularly difficult for men to do; and for this reason a fourth house Saturn is more dangerous on a man's chart; but in compensation, a man with Saturn placed here who has taken the time to descend into his own emotional depths, as do the heroes of mythology into the underworld, will display that rare integration and serenity which comes from a balancing of the masculine and feminine sides of the nature.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: In the 4th house, Saturn reveals the seriousness of self-importance. Privacy is a difficult issue. At times it seems forced rather than chosen, more solitary confinement than secure space, as if you cannot really connect with others. However, at other moments, privacy feels denied by circumstantial responsibilities, and you must steal your aloneness, protecting it jealously. The pitfalls revolve around fear that you

may never achieve truly balanced self-centeredness. How can you be the centre of everything, yet remain humble? The challenge is to realize that your personal identity is inviolable, a source of strength buried deeply within the self, like the roots of a giant oak.

Personal security: Security is linked with responsibility, especially the feeling that you must carry on some fundamental family tradition, whatever the cost. You probably believe it would be selfish to do otherwise, even when what you must carry is a difficult burden. You may have trouble realizing the weight of these traditions, bearing them dutifully rather than examining them directly. This is part of your basic conservatism, a special sensitivity toward solid, dependable structures. Though you are cautious, you work like 'the little piggy who built his house out of bricks' to establish a home and family of permanent value. While we all deal with the pitfalls of shame in our families, you in particular must devote enduring efforts toward overcoming any crippling effects from shame-based experience. The challenge is to honor the past without sacrificing yourself.

Emotional imprints: Your family was highly structured, marked on the one hand by solid respect for authority, and on the other by a sense of brittle rigidity. Identifying your role in the family was difficult. You may have felt unimportant, unwanted, or unloved; or conversely, you may have felt far too important, like a bird in a gilded cage. In either case, alienation is a real, if sometimes unconscious, presence. It's lonely both at the bottom and at the top. But you learned how to satisfy your desires and avoid getting caught with your hand in the cookie jar. Whatever you couldn't have, couldn't do, couldn't be is what you most remember and work to achieve.

'Inner-link' parent: What can we make of the father's symbol in the mother's place? It may indeed be that the father is the inner-link parent in this situation; but more probably, it indicates that the mother took over the father's role. She came to represent authority and external structuring power for you as a child. This placement often corresponds with a 'missing' father, someone not necessarily physically absent, but psychologically neutralized in one way or another.

Private intuition: Can you trust yourself? You want aid from your guides, but may be afraid to seek it out for fear you may be unworthy of your own best counsel. The key is self-respect developed over a long period of growth, self-respect that can mature into trust - truly believing in yourself. Honor the justice of your inner guides; they may at times seem stern, cold, even unfeeling, but finally they are on your side, helping you to become strong, capable, and grown-up. Real, honest adulthood is very difficult for all of us. Your guides want to see you achieve that rare state.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the fourth house emphasizes the early home and parents. Children with this position usually learn to work early, though this can be for many different reasons. Life on a farm is possible, with chores for everyone. Help from the children may be needed

because of poverty, illness, or just a large family. There might be a single parent playing both parental roles. Guessing details is a futile effort in astrology. When we understand the principles, we can often change the details.

The main issues for Saturn in the natural house of the Moon involve dependency versus power and responsibility. Some people are struggling to do justice to both a family and a career in the world, and they have to accept the fact that we can't do everything well. The answer to dominance / dependency is interdependency - each person able to give something that others value and can receive. As small children, the power is all outside, and sometimes Saturn in the fourth house shows a truly difficult home life; but as we gain skills, we can create the secure home and family we want.

Fourth house careers can include 'mothering' our own family or the world. We can feed, clothe, house, or comfort the public. An office or business in the home is possible, or a family business which follows in the footsteps of the parents. Family roots, genealogies, antiques, could be treasured. Security is very important, but concerns can range from self-absorption in an insecure person to the urge to protect all of life including mother earth. Some individuals might not have children of their own for fear of 'not doing it right', but they might substitute pets or a garden to satisfy the parental instinct.

(Zipporah Dobyns) (contd.)

An astrological colleague with Saturn in the 4th house says she did not have harsh, punitive parents or a difficult childhood. She and her siblings didn't have to do any work, though their single parent worked hard. Saturn ruled her seventh house, and her grandparent did some parenting. She was aware of 'poverty' in that depression-era messages were received from both her mother and grandmother, so she felt 'poor' sometimes even though she wasn't. She worked from the home, followed parental footsteps in career, and works in a field involving emotional support of people.

(Bil Tierney)

In this house of psychological roots and subjective anchoring, Saturn suggests we may feel a deep lack of inner security due to our early family experience. It may not have been easy for us to digest the general atmosphere within the home during our formative years. Later, we may grow up making a concentrated effort to protect ourselves from whatever we regard as emotionally threatening. Saturn in the Fourth House can be an easily internalized placement. We can become quite adept at constructing defence mechanisms and other psychological barriers that insulate us from experiencing vulnerability in close human interactions, leaving us lonely and cut off from others at a root level of our being.

Some of us work hard to keep our real feelings from being exposed or even analyzed. Perhaps we fear that those we desire to attach ourselves to are capable of wounding us

or - even worse - abandoning use in our moment of greatest need, so we may choose to remain impenetrable at the base of our inner foundation. How did we develop such a deep distrust of other people's ability to nurture and support us on emotional levels? Why all the hard-as-steel insulation? People may feel we are difficult to reach. Ever on the defence, we disagree that we are inaccessible. We probably just don't see ourselves like that, and it hurts when others do.

We may have viewed elements of our childhood years in the home as a source of discomfort, denial, pain, and general restriction. It probably made little difference, from a subjective viewpoint, whether ours was an environment of privileged affluence or abject poverty. Any sense of deprivation was more on an emotional level than a material one. We were paying close attention to how well our parents either responded to our original needs or ignored them. Our upbringing and conditioning may have revealed patterns of rigidity, coldness, a lack of color, and varying degrees of enforced discipline and control.

Many of us took all this quite seriously, and seldom without anxiety. We may have been made to feel disliked and unwanted by at least one parent, whom we nevertheless tried to appease and from home we nevertheless tried to gain respect. What we basically wanted from that parent (and maybe from the rest of the family) was unconditional love and closeness - an affirmation that we were lovable for just being our imperfect selves, warts and all. We typically grew up feeling we never got that. The prerequisites for love and emotional nourishment centered on our obedience and model behavior. As few of us were flawless in word and deed, we may not have grown up feeling accepted. As adults, we may distance ourselves from our family at large rather than submit to their critical rejection. (Much of the above is also likely to be symbolized by a very harshly aspected Saturn: Saturn / Moon / Pluto conflicts in particular.)

This house puts us in touch with the maternal manifestations at the circumstantial level. We usually learn about our own caregiving capacity through interaction with our biological mother or early mother figure. With Saturn here, we want our maternal figure to be dependable and solid. We expect her to be predictable in her support. We can become preoccupied with this parent's ability to fulfill our need for safety. How well she does can have quite an impact on how we express closeness and intimacy as adults. But astrology wouldn't put the sole blame on our mother if she did a poor job here. We are the ones born with Saturn in the Fourth House, and it is we who are projecting certain unappealing Saturn traits onto our mother. We may have trouble internally reclaiming these projections as we get older, but they will need to be reclaimed as part of our wholeness. Until then, our mother has to carry and act out much of Saturn's darker face.

In actuality, Mom could have been inconsistent or contradictory in her rearing of us, creating mixed messages. She could have been very protective of our welfare while also reluctant to be too warm and demonstrative with her feelings, as if driven more by parental duty than instinctive love. We tend to absorb this same inner complex, resulting

in an ambivalence that typically doesn't sit well with the Saturn principle (which would rather opt for clearly defined expression). Maybe our mother was unable to show her love for us because daily survival needs were the number one priority, with little time for tender-hearted moments of maternal affection. Her opportunities to show care may have been limited for some tangible reason. Maybe her career needs were put before our baby needs. How this Saturn dilemma played out could have taken many paths.

It could also be that our mother was emotionally immature at the time, or simply wasn't very maternal at heart. Babies pick up on this quite vividly and can appear constantly cranky as a form of protest for getting the cold shoulder. In a few cases, our mom may not have physically been around long enough (due to abandonment, divorce, institutionalization, or death) to help us structure healthy security patterns during our formative years. Her absence created a void that may still need to be filled.

It is generally considered a social taboo, so we probably carry some weighty guilt about it, but some of us may grow up disliking or even hating our mother. Maybe we grow up realizing we function best by keeping a safe distance from our mom and her negative impact on us. (Often Saturn / Moon stress aspects are similar in theme here.) We feel vulnerable around many of our family members, sensing they collectively know how to target our weak spots. But what we tend to dislike the most are the feelings of obligation and duty we may have towards them. Dependency issues unresolved in the past can be associated with an ongoing sense of doubt and frustration.

We may realize that our maternal relationship is neither healthy nor growth-inducing, especially if we do nothing about it but gripe and let resentment slowly build a nest of thorns. At the least, we sense a firm parental grip over certain aspects of our psyche - a power we cannot break away from completely without first learning the inner meaning of that power.

Saturn in the Water houses is more apt to indicate 'karmic' ties than when found in other house placements. With Saturn in the Fourth House, we may feel quite bound to our mother (or the concept of mother), even if we don't like her personally or trust her motives and intentions. But by paying attention to what discomforts us about her, we may learn plenty about what we have trouble getting in touch with when others come into our life and attempt to mother and comfort us, or when they show that feared dark face and deny our needs by turning cold or leaving us.

Some of us with Saturn in the Fourth House tend to block our ability to become emotionally dependent on another. We feel weakened by our own neediness. It is possible that we associate such dependency with loss, restriction, or even harsh criticism. Perhaps our early attempts at securing maternal warmth and affection were unsuccessful. We could misinterpret ourselves as unlovable because of it. Later, in our adult relationships, we may have little confidence in our ability to establish a sound emotional base. We could push off others who need to depend on us on some level. Yet

we can deeply feel attached to others. Our degree of linkage can be enduring, but unfortunately we may associate such connection with powerlessness.

If we do not eventually examine ourselves and ask why we are so afraid to meaningfully connect with others, we could end up lonely and shut off from really intimate contact. This can be painfully felt near the closing years of our life (the Fourth House deals with our approach to 'old age'). We need to carefully review our past, studying the nature of parental interaction - and especially that parent we strongly reacted to on the emotional level. Even if we lacked an adequate maternal figure altogether, we are still prone to fixate on the emptiness and hunger such a lack of nurturing could create.

Realize that Saturn in the Fourth House does not exclusively deny us warmth or sensitive responsiveness from others; but still we feel we must work hard to earn and secure such response. We may assume it will involve a struggle. We are as likely to doubt our own capacity to be caring of others (even of animals / plants / the home itself), but in truth we are anything but uncaring and unconcerned at the roots of our being. One important life goal is for us to recognize this. We need to work at accepting dependency relationships and viewing them as redemptive and healing for us.

With a mismanaged Saturn, regardless of house, we often suffer because of our own unrecognized potential, underdeveloped strengths, or untapped capacity for excellence. Saturn in the Fourth House suggests we can convince ourselves that we are somehow emotionally inadequate. Maybe we inwardly doubt our ability to relate to people on a safe, connecting level. We think we do not bond easily.

Perhaps we take the 'family' concept much too seriously. Inside us we crave having Ozzie and Harriet for parents, but in reality we got a less than ideal set-up. Maybe we continued to over-analyze various family members (the Fourth House also describes the 'family dynamic' as a whole) in terms of how they accept or reject us. Do they know we are sometimes full of hurt? Or that we are lonely or scared? Would they even care? Before we drown in self-pity, we need to recognize that our own standards of right / wrong or good / bad behavior for our family can be rigid and unyielding.

Our family unit probably did appear to us as conservative, orthodox, formality-conscious, or bland and lacking in imagination. Everyone seemed to take the safe route of controlled interaction. Structured roles held the family together. But have we committed ourselves to forever seeing some family members in an inflexible manner? If they don't seem to ever change for the better, how much of that is due to our fixed attitudes and lasting impressions? We need to be careful we don't stifle their growth too.

Although our family typically didn't treat us like pampered babies (we certainly weren't spoiled rotten with attention), we may still grow up feeling as vulnerable as infants psychologically. Such emotional hypersensitivity either goes unrecognized by those we try to get close to for support, or is harshly reprimanded and devalued (we are brushed

off as too clingy and suffocating). We are accused of always being hungry for unconditional assurance from our mate, our kids, even the dog, and can get very down and fearful when they start to back off and put up a stone wall of separation. Saturn can be tenacious; and the Fourth House can be blind to its aggressive instincts to envelop others in its waves of feelings. We often are too subjectively wrapped up in our reactions to understand that breathing space is always needed in healthy relationships. We are subject to separation to begin with; but at some point in our development we need to consciously allow for independent functioning, especially in the home. The 'empty nest blues' need not be our fate. It would be good to see how well we can live alone and unattached, if need be. Saturn will test our ability to be self-sufficient security-wise.

Economic difficulties in our family when we were young can make us sensitive to future deprivation. We may harbor doubts as adults about not being well provided for on the home front, fearing we won't have a decent roof over our heads. We over-achievers with Saturn in the Fourth House will make sure we have a well-protected home (or homes) that is ours to control (renting is less satisfying than owning for Saturn). But if we block our Saturn needs, our failure to properly self-nurture also expresses itself as a lack of support for our domestic security needs. We can end up living in places that are cramped, unattractive, worn out, or in constant need of repairs. It can get expensive to maintain such a place. Maybe we also gravitate towards unsafe housing, such as a dangerous neighborhood or living quarters that lack safety features such as deadbolt locks and peepholes. We may live some place with cheap rent, but it may be drafty and a utilities guzzler due to poor insulation. We may even forget to lock our doors or safeguard our belongings in other ways. (An out-of-touch Saturn behaves much like a careless Jupiter or Neptune.) Whatever the case, we need to ask ourselves why we literally feel at home in such substandard dwellings. Don't we deserve a better nest, a safer shelter? Maybe even a real dining room?

Some of us over-achievers react to our anxious feelings of insecurity by doing our very best to build the most solid foundation we can afford. We insist on a sound and dependable home structure. We'd even like to have our own land to build our home from scratch. We also want to be grounded in natural surroundings. Our home must be our sturdy fortress, totally managed by us. (Saturn is very much into protecting territorial rights.) We typically desire fences, walls, heavy shrubbery defining boundaries, and other forms of clear demarcation. We may instead pick an isolated spot away from populated areas. However, we need to be sensible about how far we will go for the sake of ultimate protection. Why do we only feel safe when living in a home resembling Fort Knox?

Uranus ♅ in ♊ Gemini 14° 33'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive from the planetary mind new forms of communication to reach people with the message of the times. They will have fresh insights into how to verbalize and promote the new directions that have been established. Disruption occurs only when attempts are made to stay on a logical, rational level with their messages instead of expanding the mind to a more intuitive form of communication.

(Joan Negus)

Uranus was in Gemini during the American Revolution, the Civil War in the United States and World War II. Since Gemini is an Air sign, we would expect some form of communication to lead to dramatic Uranian changes; and at least one important document stood out during each war to support this premise. The Declaration of Independence, signed in 1776, set the stage for the United States becoming an independent nation. The Emancipation Proclamation presented by Lincoln to his cabinet in 1862 had a great impact on the Civil War, and ultimately resulted in the freeing of the slaves. And the Charter of the United Nations created in 1945, it is to be hoped, will eventually lead to the freedom of all nations and worldwide cooperation. There were also outstanding orators connected with each war.

As we focus specifically on the period in the twentieth century in which Uranus was in Gemini, another Gemini quality becomes evident in connection with revolutionary matters. Communications played an important role in our attitude toward World War II. The movies and books of that era were filled with messages to evoke patriotism. It was as though we had to be convinced that the actions of our country were the right ones in order to stay on that path. And the propaganda continued throughout the war.

Another Uranus in Gemini characteristic that was obvious in mundane events of that period was speed. When Uranus was in Taurus, we seemed to be heading unrelentingly in the direction of a worldwide conflagration, but the movement was slow and steady. Once Uranus transited into Gemini, the pace accelerated. There seemed to be more skirmishes and isolated battles. This was particularly clear as the war spread to the area of the Pacific Ocean. Battles took place on islands, and thus there were interruptions in the action as the troops moved from place to place. In Europe, however (where the war began with Uranus in Taurus), soldiers traveled uninterrupted across land.

So if you have Uranus in Gemini, you will feel quite comfortable with the spontaneity associated with Uranus. You might not stay with a revolution or cause for an extended period of time, but you can react and become involved quickly. Then, of course, you can drop these activities just as suddenly. Because you want to remain as unencumbered as possible, you will probably not get too close to the people involved or too deeply attached to the activities. In this way, you can easily flit to some new cause. If you are too interdependent with the other participants or at the hub of activity, it is more difficult

to remove yourself and you could feel trapped.

You really are not looking for deep-seated commitment in terms of revolutionary activities. If you become interested in a cause, you probably want to make your contribution quickly and go on to something new before you become bored. You could be chosen as spokesperson for the group or do writing in connection with the project. Your objectivity and ability to reach people on their own level would help you explain issues clearly.

When you are dealing with matters of change, freedom and originality in your own life, you could find that talking about possibilities before you take action is helpful and perhaps even essential. Then once you think you have made up your mind, you might make quick, but small changes. You could ultimately make drastic changes, but you should do this in stages. In fact, you will probably be most comfortable taking a number of actions simultaneously, in different directions. In other words, if you are experiencing a Uranian period - one in which you are restless and have an urge to be freer or to do things differently - you might examine various parts of your life and make small moves in several of them. For example, you might rearrange the furniture in your home, reorganize your routine at work, and in your social life go to a new place or take out a new person.

Such changes are not drastic, and if they do not work out well you can return to the way things were. Or, if any of them work out well, you can then make a further change in that area. Changes will occur suddenly but sporadically. Although it may seem that a great deal of action is taking place, meaningful progress may be slow. Eventually you may end up in a very different place from where you began, but you will do it gradually. This is because you might take one small situation that needs to be redirected. In other words, you are always active, but sometimes you may move in circles instead of a straight line. Compare this to Uranus in Taurus, where movement can be so slow as to seem non-existent. Yet important changes will probably materialize at the same rate of speed that they will with Uranus in Gemini.

If you were to concentrate on only one segment of your life that seemed unsatisfactory and immediately make radical changes, you could feel restricted and anxious instead of freer. For instance, if, instead of rearranging your furniture, you packed up your belongings and moved to a new location with the first twinge of restlessness, you could regret what you had done. You might miss your old home and decide that you want to go back. Then you would spend a great amount of time and effort retracing your steps in order to return to your starting point. Whereas, if you take small steps forward without closing doors behind you, you might eventually move, but you would know by then that it was right for you. In other words, individuals with Uranus in Gemini are always ready for action, but the focus is more on movement than on sweeping change.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Gemini last century in August and September 1941, and again from May 1942 to early June 1949. Those of you born with this Uranus placement have experienced and been responsible for changes in the education system, changes that resulted in more openness, individuality and equality. Most of you with this planetary placement attended state-run school systems that were authoritarian, unimaginative and stultifying. In an attempt to change this limited system, many of you chose to pursue careers in education and were responsible for breaking away from the traditional methods of teaching. Open classrooms, alternative study programs, greater freedom of expression and more emphasis on students' rights were initiated by members of your Uranus-group. Those of you who went to school in the southern United States were the first to experience the integration of the public schools, a change designed to create more equitable opportunities for all children.

Gemini is also the sign of communication, and the most notable and significant changes effected by your 'mini-generation' are in this area. Those of you with Uranus in Gemini have been responsible for revolutionary technological advances in the way we communicate. Although earlier generations may have designed the first computers, it was your Uranus-group who improved and expanded the technology and made it available to a broad audience. Under the leadership of people with Uranus in Gemini, all sorts of sophisticated electronics and communications systems that not long ago would have seemed like science fiction have proliferated and become part of our daily lives. As a result of your inventiveness, worldwide communication has been opened up, accelerated and made easier than most people would have dreamed possible.

As children, you were the first group to grow up with television - another major breakthrough in communication. Suddenly the world was opened up and laid bare for all to see. With the invention of the television, the way people received information changed radically, and that information could be conveyed instantaneously from any spot on the globe - even from outer space. Those of you with Uranus in Gemini saw the world from a different perspective relative to those of earlier generations.

Another 'first' for your Uranus-group was the development of electronic music as a form of communication. Rock-and-roll, and its many variations, burst on the scene with your mini-generation; and many of the bards of this musical language had / have Uranus in Gemini. Along with this new music came revolutionary changes in musical equipment. The invention of stereo systems and other technology related to the electronic music field irrevocably altered the way people listened to and produced music.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Gemini indicates a generation of people who are destined to be the progenitors of a new way of thinking. They have brilliant, original, intuitive minds; they will pioneer new concepts in science, literature, education, electronics, and

communications media.

People with this position have a tendency toward extreme restlessness, which can make it difficult for them to follow an idea through to completion; they need to exert self-discipline in order to bring their ideas to fruition. Because of their restlessness, they generally travel about a great deal, seeking new social contacts and an exposure to new ideas. This position indicates great freedom in thinking and - since we create our destinies with our minds - gives the ability to break habitual living patterns as a result of the awareness of alternative modes of activity.

If Uranus is afflicted in Gemini, the thinking can be disjointed, eccentric, and impractical. There can be confusion and the danger of accidents while travelling, as well as unreliable relationships with brothers, sisters, and neighbors.

(Grant Lewi)

This position of Gemini represents the genius of America in all its phases. It was in force when the Declaration of Independence was signed, and again during the Civil War it brought the Emancipation Proclamation. It stands for freedom, liberty, independence of action and of conscience. It makes you mentally alert and is one of the indexes of genius. It gives quickness of perception, and an exalted mental approach to all problems, whether personal or social. You think things through quickly and logically, appearing because of this to have intuition (which is probably in your case a super-rapid working of logical processes). You love freedom, and one way or another will have it. At the same time, you respect the rights of others, and will fight for abstract principles even more effectively than for your own individual rights. Mental training is what you need to rise to your best. Without training and a conscious effort to concentrate, your great mental energies are likely to scatter. You can be a dilettante, covering many fields swiftly; or a creator of importance if you stress one field and stick to it.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is an excellent, very dynamic and lively placing, endowing originality, quick thinking and often brilliant ideas which the subject should be encouraged to think through carefully and eventually develop to the full. Here is excellent potential. If the chart veers towards the intellectual, with Mercury and Jupiter well placed by sign as well as aspect, this influence will blend in, adding spiciness, a sharp attitude and quick responses, especially in argument and debate. It is also good for the subject who works in the media or follows any sort of literary or academic career. The technical areas of communications will also be of interest.

The restless, nervous side of Gemini and the tension of Uranus can cause problems. See if these are indicated elsewhere in the chart, if Uranus receives squares or oppositions from the Sun, Moon or Mercury, or if it is in negative aspect to the

Ascendant. If so, such an aspect, plus this sign placing, will be a potential source of tension and sometimes distress, since the individual will become very worried when finding it difficult to relax, sleep properly or put problems to one side; a relaxation technique or yoga may help. If Mars is involved, there may be migraines, or nasty headaches at the very least. However, on the whole Uranus is in an excellent mood here.

(John Townley)

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Not everyone in this age group is a soulless swinger, by any means, but this generation does tend to overintellectualize new sexual experiences, which sometimes stifles the benefits.

On the other hand, this attitude enables many who might otherwise be restricted by oppressive and archaic sexual mores to relate to new partners and techniques. Being able to reduce sexual hangups and accept or reject them rationally is the touchstone of sexual liberation. This generation has been able to let the sexual taboos and repression of generations out of the closet and into the light of day.

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(Robert Hand)

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Uranus ♅ in 12th House

(Joan Negus)

If you have Uranus in the twelfth house and, as a child, your independence and creativity were encouraged, you will undoubtedly be able to easily express these qualities as an adult. You should have little difficulty exhibiting your individuality and you will probably easily combine imagination with your creativity.

If on the other hand the independent side of your nature was frequently suppressed, you might have become timid and too conforming. If you are overly cautious and never allow yourself to exhibit the maverick in you, you could stunt your emotional growth. You might spend your life being unhappy about your circumstances, wishing that somehow you could be freer.

If, however, you become extremely restless or dissatisfied, your self-control could disappear and then your behaviour might become erratic. This extreme will not be

satisfying either. You want to express your individuality and independence, but you have to determine acceptable limits in so doing. Although you do not want to be totally conforming, nor do you want to be a pariah. Therefore, you have to decide how different you can be without being considered very strange or even crazy by others; but it is most important that you approve of yourself.

Another way you might choose to quell the restlessness is to become a 'closet rebel', nourishing your differentness without fanfare. You could do it quietly, or perhaps deviously. Being covert, however, might give you feelings of guilt. This, in turn, could interfere with the personal gratification you should get from expressing your individuality.

If you have Uranus in the twelfth house and tend to have problems with such issues, you might try the following procedure to get your energies moving. First, probe deeply (twelfth house) into why you feel inhibited. Stir up old memories of how your individuality was thwarted and what occurred when you tried to express your independence. This could unlock fears that have been stored up over the years, and allow you to take small steps toward becoming freer and more creative.

You also can consider acceptable outlets for expressing your uniqueness through the twelfth house. You might choose to become involved with mystical pursuits. The particular mystical path you select is unimportant because any form of mysticism is considered unusual and sometimes strange by the materialistic society which sets our standards. Delving into metaphysics could enrich your life; and you may begin to feel that freedom you have been missing.

Another possibility is to become involved in the arts, particularly music. This will trigger the creative element associated with Uranus that you may not even know you have. Your creativity may be unusual and come in spurts, but demonstrating your uniqueness in this manner can alleviate your restlessness or feelings of suppression. This may seem like an indirect approach to expressing your individuality, but you may find that it is far more satisfying than inciting an insurrection, or being covert about your nonconformity.

As mentioned in the beginning of this section, if your creativity and individuality were encouraged when you were a child, you probably grew up with the ability to openly display your uniqueness confidently, without concern for rejection or repercussions. Your creativity, too, will flow quite easily. Keep this in mind when you are intimately involved with children who have Uranus in the twelfth house. Work on helping to cultivate Uranian themes in their lives.

No matter which house in your horoscope holds your natal Uranus, remember that this is the area in which you are supposed to break with tradition and also directly display your individuality. With all the planets, but especially Uranus, the planet of change, you will need to find different ways of expressing the themes in the course of your lifetime. You will know it is time to make changes in terms of Uranus when you feel oppressed or

restless. If you recognise these symptoms as soon as they appear, you can immediately define your parameters in the house in which Uranus is placed so that you can begin to break out of the mold quickly. Then you can make the necessary changes with a minimum of effort and a maximum of spontaneity and success.

(Haydn Paul)

Uranus in this house involves the concepts of endings, transitions, the results of the past, and an affinity with the unconscious mind. In several ways, this can be a challenging placement, which will oblige you to confront powerful hidden habit patterns or 'karmic residues' which are affecting your life, options and choices.

There is a parallel between your psychological health and that of society, through the connections of the collective and individual unconscious mind. Often you will be pulled back towards the past, both because of the influence that it has on your current life, and as an escape from the present moment. Emotionally, you probably have 'unfinished business' with the past, and perhaps with parental relationships. There will be a need to free yourself from this preoccupation, and to resolve the stresses and splits that make you look back; such an integration could become essential for your psychological well-being, and if problems develop related to your mental interpretation of human 'reality', you may need psychotherapy (even self-directed) to enable you to release the unconscious pressures, and to shine a liberating light clarifying and making the unconscious conscious. Forms of self-evasion and deception may work at covering up inner splits and problems for a time, but eventually they will stand revealed, as the personality-structure fragments under the strain of living an illusion.

In discovering self-healing, one participates and contributes to the healing of the collective. The higher aspect of this placement includes the potential to become an inspirational channel and voice of the collective mind, the natural inner receptivity being expressed in forms of insight, revelation, and artistic creativity. This may emerge after a period of self-exploration, through which a more inclusive centre of identity and consciousness is discovered as previously unconscious aspects of the self are exposed to the light.

You will certainly have to face the consequences of the dominating patterns which are operating through your life. Wherever these derive from, or from whichever experiences they have been formed, you will initially have to acknowledge their existence and impact on you; accepting them as part of you is the next step in integration, and will begin to resolve their more negative influences. A serious evaluation of these restrictions and limitations may reveal their potential transcending too, indicating the right way forward. Confronting 'fate' is not inevitably a negative encounter; it can equally be the opening of the doors of opportunity and success, and a sowing of fruitful seeds for the commencement of the next cycle of experience and expression.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetypes that the 12th House correlates to in human consciousness are based on the impulse to transcend and unite with the ultimate causal factor that has set in motion the phenomenon of creation through time and space.

Individually, the reaction to Uranus in the 12th house is to overly identify with a singular dimension or aspect of the total nature. An undefined fear of losing control, of egocentric dissolution, of being consumed by thoughts or images that arise apparently of themselves within the consciousness, and of going 'nuts', produces this overidentification. Again, the primary archetype in the 12th House is to rise above duality, of cause and effect, of conditional, temporal, secular reality in order to unite with that which created everything - to transcend. Uranus here requires a liberation from the egocentric structure of consciousness that is only identified with itself as a singular, separate entity that is distinct from the total Creation.

Anatomically, Uranus here increases the amount of electrical energy impacting on the pineal gland within the brain. Increasing the amount of melatonin produced from this gland promotes the weakening of the non-material barrier separating the interface between the conscious and unconscious. It is the conscious merging of conscious and unconscious that allows for the transference in the centre of gravity within the total consciousness to take place: from the ego of the personality, which is subjective and is perceived as singular and separate from the Creation, to the soul, which has its own conscious centre. The conscious centre of the soul can only be made consciously available to the egocentric structure of personality by dissolving the barrier separating the unconscious from the subjective consciousness reflected as personality in each life.

The unconscious has two dimensions within us all: the individuated and the collective, as we discussed earlier. In effect, it is by making the unconscious conscious that we shift the centre of gravity in our consciousness from the subjective ego of personality to the conscious centre within the soul. By being centred in the soul, we thus transcend and unite with the ultimate causal factor of Creation. It is this archetype within all human consciousness that has given rise to the various spiritual traditions throughout time.

And yet it is this very impulse that is resisted and feared by many who have Uranus in the 12th House. This is because of the disassociation or disorientation from separateness, from accepted and normal reality as defined by the existing social conditions that one is living in, that Uranus in the 12th House can produce. Thus the common reaction within this group is to overly identify with a singular aspect of the total nature, to blindly accept the existing reality conditions, focuses, beliefs, and immediate social group that they find themselves living within. When suppression of the total nature occurs, consciousness reacts by producing fantasies, dreams, escape behaviours, or imaginary thoughts that most of these people live out quite passively through daydreams, regular dreams, the modern media of movies or TV, or reading, in which

vicarious fulfilment can take place. The high rate of alcoholism in this group of people reflects escape behavior based on denial of the total nature. It is no coincidence that the first astronauts in space had Uranus in Pisces. This physical event symbolises the need for a global consciousness, of a detached view of Earth that induces a universal vision that naturally makes us aware of how small and seemingly insignificant we are in the total scheme of things (humility), of inducing an absolute wonderment at the nature of Creation in which the laws and structures of Creation as understood and experienced on Earth are uniformly experienced in the space beyond Earth. It is no coincidence that for many in the generation with Uranus in Pisces, the generational icons are individuals who are larger than mundane life, individuals whose personae are produced through the illusion of movies or created through the myths of fiction.

Liberation and freedom from the known occur when these individuals allow themselves to actualise their total natures, to step outside the times they are living within. It occurs by their examining, in some way, the causes or bases of the fear of losing control, of the fear of being overwhelmed by undefined forces. It occurs by their examining the nature of their dreams, the nature of their illusions or delusions as projected possible realities, the nature of their personal ideals that remain as unfulfilled expectations. Liberation and freedom occur in many by their accepting the individual lifestyles of those who are perceived to be so very different from themselves. Liberation and freedom occur when these individuals can design strategies that will allow them to expand their sense of reality. It will occur when many of these people learn to act upon the ideas that seem to be pulling them away from the immediacy of their existing reality and all the commitments that this reality induces.

A natural stress can occur in the endocrine system, thymus gland, and immune system. The various problems, conditions, or diseases associated with these areas can result because of this stress. The body can require a constant and above normal amount of vitamin C, fluids, and 'sweats' in order to maintain the integrity of these systems, and the thymus gland. A natural stress can occur within the pineal gland that promotes the accelerated secretion of melatonin, a hormone that increases the sensitivity of not only the anatomy and physiology but also the consciousness of the living organism itself. The increased sensitivity of the anatomy and physiology produces abnormal reactions to extremes of anything that goes into the body or interfaces with the skin or biosphere (etheric) of the body. There can be an abnormal sensitivity to sunlight, as an example, that leads to discoloration of the skin through the rapid production of melanin. This, of course, can progress into skin cancers such as melanoma. Internal stress can produce melanemia, or an unnaturally dark colour of blood. There can be a heightened reaction to impurities or chemical additives in foods, as well as to synthetic drugs and their side effects. Because of the natural polarity between the coccyx chakra and the crown chakra (pineal), a certain percentage of these individuals can experience puberty quite early in their lives.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Difficulties in childhood are apt to make those with a twelfth house Uranus into mavericks; often bright, even brilliant, but frequently out of the current mainstream of human experience. They are apt to be psychological or spiritual exiles, sometimes political exiles as well, either through choice or through the activity of enemies. They have strong activities and opinions, which they have a hard time keeping to themselves. They see the faults in everything, including themselves, and work hard to put them right. They have great sympathy for the underdog, and, given aspects of power, can do much to bring about more just and sensible ways of doing things.

Uranus, with its clinical attitude at this angle of moral sensibility, can give them a moral blind spot so that the ramifications of their actions are not always clear to them at the beginning, through with good planets and aspects, though, they may ultimately become very sensitive to moral issues. They run the moral gamut from cold-blooded killers to the greatest humanitarians.

With Uranus in the twelfth house, there is always a moral crisis of some sort. Circumstances will force these people to study issues of right and wrong and to take a stand. If they don't, and they just allow things to take their natural course, life is going to batter them pretty badly. Some choose early, some late, but all must choose. Once they have chosen right over wrong, they are able to ride out the storm.

Their critical faculty is so strong that it can hinder their progress. They do best working for the good of some alienated or misunderstood group as their criticisms will then be of use in defence of something other than themselves; although, without several planets or angles in water signs, their approach may be overly clinical. They have trouble early in life in discriminating properly between those companions, lovers, business associates, etc., who are good for them and those who are not, and the process of finding out which is which may take a long time and bring a few shocks and sorrows along the way.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 12th house represents the collective sea out of which we all emerge. Those with Uranus in the 12th need to take a deep breath and jump in, not forgetting to bring along their best diving equipment and research apparatus. Through exploring the unconscious it is possible for them to regain a sense of continuity with evolutionary and historic processes and glimpse the guiding patterns on which their lives are based. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but in whatever house Uranus is placed, we have to take risks and be different.

People with Uranus in the 12th can approach the whole unconscious realm in an inventive, original and intuitive way. They have access to the mind's storehouse of ancestral wisdom - experiences accrued in the past and inherited through previous generations. Some find the key to unlocking this treasure through drugs, others through

meditation or any form of artistic expression which allows them to 'tune into' these ancient records of experience.

Uranus in the 12th can also give a close attunement to movements within the collective, often before these actually manifest (the 12th house contains the seeds of the future as well as the remnants from the past). In a collection of her essays on the outer planets and their cycles, Liz Greene points out that Uranus in this house often has 'a very strong interest in political movements and ideologies, but in a rather compulsive as opposed to reflective way'. Uranus gets the rumblings of something even before it happens.

From what I have observed, if Uranus is well-aspected in the 12th, these people have a wealth of good advice to offer others - as if insight and knowledge are there on tap. However, if Uranus has many hard aspects, then their vision is sometimes impaired by their own personal neuroses and complexes. These will have to be 'cleaned up' before the positive benefits of this placement are felt. They are also more likely to be thrown off course by negative feelings in the atmosphere. Regardless of how Uranus is aspected, there is often an interest in parapsychology and spiritualism.

A deep-seated reluctance to relinquish their independence can make it difficult for them to settle down or take root. One part of them might desperately want closeness and security but somehow they manage to thwart this happening. Exploring their own unconscious motivations can free them from this conundrum and help alleviate a lingering sense of loneliness and isolation.

Some join secret societies or engage in 'behind-the-scenes' work for groups. They may align themselves with institutions of a progressive or unusual nature. Acting as a channel through which new ideas and trends are established, they could revolutionise or disrupt the workings of any institution with which they are involved.

Periods of confinement or incarceration may produce surprising effects. In a few cases I have seen, they have not acknowledged a need to temporarily retreat from life, and consequently attracted 'accidents' or illnesses which forced them to do so. Sudden reversals of fortune are possible: something which seems ominous and threatening may turn out to be completely different from what they expect, and vice versa.

It could be fruitful to enquire about anything unusual which might have occurred to the mother during the gestation period - in some way, this may have impressed itself on the psyche of the developing embryo.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your parents indulged you and gave you plenty of opportunities to prove what you could do with your creative imagination. You owe it to yourself to develop your talents so that you can make your own way successfully. At first you may have to accept the limitations

that society imposes on you, but this will pass as you make your own contribution to its needs. When you see others enjoying greater freedom because of your efforts, your anxiety about restricted mobility will pass. Knowing that someone needs your skills gives you the enthusiasm to put forth your best effort. You can motivate people to utilise their resources more effectively, but you should not expect any sexual favors as a condition of your help. You can satisfy your physical needs in a different setting.

Although your freedom is very precious, you put up with the limitations of your career because you realise that after you've achieved your goals you will have a more lasting freedom, with financial security. Surely you must know that sharing your talents is part of your destiny, and the enrichment you give others will be returned when you review your life efforts later.

Until you focus on providing a unique service, your progress will be slow. To learn the necessary skills, you must get a good education. You can't hope to succeed on your intuitive gifts alone; and formal training will help you find the best way to apply yourself. Your insight gives you an advantage over your competition and enables you to solve many problems that baffle others. You are keyed to the social problems in your immediate surroundings; and your finger is on the pulse of the major problems of the larger society. You should have little difficulty attracting patrons for your service, and as your reputation grows so will your patronage. It will be to your advantage to seek a career that allows you self-determination and opportunities to grow and develop to your maximum potential.

A career in science, medicine or social work might be appealing to you. These fields would give you the opportunity to deal with their inherent special problems, and recognition will surely follow your achievements. However, you will have to sacrifice some of your personal pleasures to invest the time and energy in exploiting your creative potential. Your partner and children will make any sacrifice seem a worthwhile investment.

You carry a heavy burden of social responsibility, because you are so aware of society's problems, and you have the talent to help solve them. This responsibility you cannot ignore. The freedom you enjoy depends on your willingness to share your skills with those who do not have such freedom. You have the resources people need to lead them out of the darkness of their ignorance. Later you will feel very proud when you reflect on how much your efforts meant to those who benefitted from them.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your dreams glisten with the promise of the unusual, the abnormal, the miraculous. There are no limits; anything is possible. In fantasy, you express freely, with no concern for acceptance. The judgements of others are irrelevant; and even your own judgements about yourself fall away. The pitfall occurs when fantasies become real. In

dreams you leap beyond the pull of gravity, but in real experience you're subject to the density of earthly existence. It's like the difference between stopping on a dime and running into a brick wall at eighty miles an hour. Be careful about what you transfer from one realm to another. The challenge is to realise through your dreams that nothing is as it seems, that the expected norms of life are mere illusions. Everything in existence is absolutely unique and incomparable.

Unfocused intuition: You're fascinated with psychic development (or research in general, for that matter). Intuition is a visit from outer space, a non-sequitur leaping in to disrupt the ordinary process of logic, a neon sign flashing suddenly in the night. It's either on or off, hot or cold, but never lukewarm. The challenge is to awaken your superconscious, however revolutionary it may prove to be. Channelship repots you, ripping you up by the roots so you can find new, more fertile soil in which to grow.

Withdrawal or isolation: Others see you as unique, even odd, but you struggle to identify what makes you different. You withdraw from life to find the 'real' you. Privately, you're interested in arcane and unusual pursuits, especially mental explorations. The more in touch you are with your secret self, the more tension you feel about revealing it to others. The challenge is to take selected individuals into your private world. As your trust increases so you're safe to be yourself with them, gradually move your private world towards the public realm. The goal is to merge the 'outlaw' self with the 'normal' self, so that there is finally only one self, acceptable but special.

Selfless giving: When you give of yourself freely, with no conditions, something special happens. Selflessness is your chance to step out of the mundane. The precise nature of what and how you give cannot be foreseen; it is unpredictable both in form and in content. In fact, the more radical your gifts are, the fuller is the release of new perspective. The pitfall is stubbornness. You become like the zealous minister who is going to save souls whether or not they want (or need) to be saved. Remember that pure giving is correctly a response to need. The challenge is to awaken to a will higher than that of the ego.

'Past Lives': Independence has come up in life after life. You may have been such a non-conformist that you alienated others. There were broken commitments, sudden separations, both personal and cultural. Or you may have been someone so concerned with acceptance by others that you sacrificed your individuality, stuffing it into your unconscious. In either case, the issue of freedom has reached a point where patterns from past incarnations are carrying over into this life. Whenever you experience unpredictable breaks in relationships, urges to shock others, or compulsive desires to overthrow the status quo, you're in the flow of karmic rhythms. The challenge is to integrate personal freedom without totally upsetting your own and others' lives. Study what independence means; learn the difference between productive reform and unconscious iconoclasm.

Neptune ♆ in ♑ Capricorn 24° 54'

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune entered Capricorn in January 1984 and remained there until November 1998 (except for brief periods between June and November 1984, and February to August 1998). Capricorn is connected with conservatism, traditions, the past, business, materialism, work and career success, banking, government, stability, realism and practicality. Therefore, these are the issues that become important and fashionable during Neptune's passage through this sign. They are also the areas, however, where illusions, confusion, disintegration, disillusionment and deception are likely to occur.

As Neptune moved into Capricorn, the collective unconscious became attuned to conservatism and materialism. This mass response resulted in a return to traditional values and attitudes, and a renewed emphasis on financial growth and material success. Conservative politicians gained control, liberal social programs and issues were pushed aside, and laws and policies that benefitted big businesses were implemented. International banks expanded their power. In the United States, making money was more desirable than ever; and how much you were paid for your work became more important than what you did. Investment plans and tax shelters proliferated, 'networking' parties to make business contacts became chic, and finances, real estate profits, stocks, etc. were popular topics of conversation. Greed was fashionable, being poor became a disgrace, and the Reagan administration epitomized this attitude.

This trend toward traditionalism also brought about a resurgence of fundamental religions; and a renewed interest in the past was reflected in historical movies and books. Antique furniture and even traditional, classic clothes became fashionable again.

Neptune was last in Capricorn from about 1820 to 1834. This coincided with the Classic Revival period in architecture and furniture, when ancient Greek, Italian and Egyptian motifs were incorporated into current designs. Historical novels became popular, too; and in the United States there was increased interest in preserving and edifying the nation's historic buildings and sites. This also coincided with the founding of F.C. Lowell's textile mills in Massachusetts and the beginning of America's Industrial Revolution. Materialism was rampant and fashionable, leading Washington Irving to coin the phrase 'the Almighty Dollar'.

However, unseen and insidious ills were obscured by the rosy haze of Neptunian fantasies and flattery. Unchecked capitalism destroyed small businesses and undermined the free enterprise system itself. Relaxed regulations allowed corporations to damage the health of their employees and the environment. Tax breaks for businesses and the rich forced greater burdens on the poor and middle classes. Unsound economic policies

created financial instability in many wealthy and developing countries, and produced a dangerously inflated national debt in America.

Those of you who have this planetary placement in your birth charts idealize all things associated with Capricorn. Your generation dreams of great wealth, success, social status and stability, but although you desire these things very much, they seem to elude you and are, perhaps, the most difficult things for you to achieve. Or, if you do achieve success you may find it's not all that you'd expected. When those of you who have Neptune in Capricorn reach adulthood, you may be confronted with financial burdens and a worldwide shortage of natural resources that are the legacy of earlier, wasteful generations. Because of declining birthrates in the developed countries, there will be fewer working people in the future to support a larger number of elderly, and maintaining social services might require individual monetary sacrifices. Economic stability - personal and / or national - could become an unattainable dream.

Neptune always involves some sort of sacrifice and signifies a conflict between ideals and reality. Those of you with Neptune in Capricorn might have to sacrifice your ideals and illusions of wealth and accept more conservative, practical and realistic lifestyles in a time of material scarcity. Or, you may come to an understanding that the physical world is just an illusion, that money doesn't bring happiness, and find contentment through relinquishing your desire for material things.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Capricorn indicates a period in which world government was in chaos and economic and political structures were brought to their knees. Out of this chaos and suffering came true spiritual responsibility and discipline, which is expressed in practical dealings.

People no longer have the luxury of abstract Sagittarian spirituality. In order to survive, they are forced to incorporate spirituality into their practical lives. Through these experiences of the karmic summing-up of the Piscean age, many of those who survived reached new heights of spiritual attainment.

New forms of government and political concepts were brought into being out of necessity. The end of this period produced the beginning of world government.

(Grant Lewi) - Note: this entry was expanded by Dr. Gordon Melton, editor of the 1990 edition

This combination resembles footprints in the sand: visible until the tide washes the beach clean. Strong intuition in business matters, even real genius, is qualified by possible miserliness and a penchant for fuzzy-headed schemes (the motives of which are always mixed). A barrage of LBOs sent the corporate world into a dither, and there

was generally an attraction to conspiring against institution, fraudulently if necessary. There was heightened perception of opportunity, and the wherewithal to take advantage of it.

Neptune always has a strong Pisces side, regardless of what sign it is in, and connotes integration of the life function, a translation of consciousness from what is possible to what is real. Pisces is also the sign of boundaries. All too easily, with Neptune in Capricorn, you lose yourself in pursuit of opportunity. There is a nagging warning not to sell out or bargain with alien needs. You evince a subtle martyrdom to mass prerogatives. Too easily you may be tempted by peers to veer from your course. Neptune in Capricorn warns against a lack of self-determination which challenges all people embarked on the quest of self-knowledge. Be careful you don't end up with agendas and priorities you don't understand, much less can't execute. Regularly assess the nature of your needs. To what extent have you taken on dependencies or distasteful customs, having let your convictions be manipulated by the forces of 'a foolish consistency'? Do not confuse usefulness with bondage or enslavement.

Neptune in Capricorn is characteristically revealed in drugs, both trafficking and addition, small- and large-scale. Being out of touch with the Self fuels a need to anesthetize pain. You compare yourself to others: athletes who think they cannot compete without steroids, teachers who loath learning because they cannot admit any capacity for error. There is a battle of learning versus suppression. Consider the People's insurrections against repressive government throughout the world in 1989, most successfully in Europe, horribly in China and Tiananmen Square, dramatically in Romania with the execution of Nicolai Ceausescu. And consider the flip-side of Neptune in Capricorn relative to these events: entrepreneurs buying up the tumbled Berlin Wall and selling it as souvenirs at \$10 / pound in retail stores (complete with certificate of departure). There were face-offs between the ruthless pragmatism and ambition of narrow-visioned political entities and every individual's genuine need for right and freedom. The Chinese students became Neptune in Capricorn martyrs by throwing themselves at a cause with such conviction and passion. Ask yourself if there are any people whom you permit rulership, anyone who justifies atrocities with a pretence of inalienability - for world events occur in microcosmic form within individuals. Neptune in Capricorn supports the survival of the clever and ambitious; and where it might seem that compassion would mitigate such Darwinian mechanics, beware how quickly kindness is diffused by the paralyzing loneliness which results from seeking salvation in others.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Neptune is in an Earth sign, and so the vital issue of the Earth's resources, of the harm that has been done by their exploitation, is powerfully focused. We hope we can save the planet, but it will be up to the children of the 1970s and early 1980s to do so - to right the wrong of many earlier, less caring generations.

We can only assume what the personal implications will be, but it would seem that for someone with Capricorn prominent in his / her chart, the sign's rather strident, severe qualities will be softened, and its rather low emotional level will be heightened.

There may be flair for the creative use of natural materials. Here are people who will be determined but cautious, able to control the negative elements of Neptune so that they will be less vulnerable to escapism, self-deception and taking the easy way out of difficult situations.

(John Townley)

In general, your contemporaries have a rather negative view of love and personal involvement, a certain expectation that disappointment and loss are necessarily involved in any commitment.

Naturally, that does not have to be the case, but it is certainly more likely if you go into an affair with a defeatist attitude. Love can certainly restrict your personal freedom in certain respects, particularly a permanent relationship. However, that restriction should be taken on joyfully and willingly, not as a sacrifice that will be regretted later.

You may find that your attitude toward love is quite different from this negative approach. In that case, you should follow your own direction and take on love without hesitation or worry that it will somehow turn out badly. However the affair proceeds, it does not happen because of the nature of love itself but because of the problems and joys you and your lover develop on your own.

You should thoroughly investigate your peers' preconceptions about love and sex, for they will certainly color and perhaps distort your own attitude. If you understand this, you can be true to yourself and can develop relationships in your own way, unhindered by others' prejudices.

(Robert Hand)

This generation should represent quite a reaction against the previous one. These children will probably idealize work, thrift, practicality and duty rather than the abstract spiritual ideals of the preceding generation. However, they may not be very effective in dealing with practical principles, which may decline considerably, simply because this generation does not deal with them in its daily lives.

Natal Neptune in Aquarius

Note: the books used for the other Neptune sign placements were all published so long before Neptune entered Aquarius that none of them bothered to cover it. Sakoian and Acker's speculations date back some thirty years and I have adapted them a little! Grant

Lewi's were presumably courtesy of editorial intervention by the editor to the 1990 edition. Lewi himself died over 50 years ago, and Neptune was last left Aquarius before 1850, over 50 years before he was born!

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune entered the sign Aquarius in 1998, and its tenancy of this sign significantly coincides with that Of Uranus here. A new civilization is being born, based on enlightened humanitarianism and on a science using new technology and new forms of energy. The intuitive, clairvoyant faculties of humanity will be highly developed, and universal brotherhood will be established in practical reality.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The gentle characteristics of Neptune should marry well with the humanitarian elements of Aquarius, but the detached, independent, loving Aquarian traits are poles apart from the sensitive, intuitive emotion of Neptune. Those with the planet wellplaced should be able to get the best of both entirely different worlds.

(Grant Lewi)

Neptune's entrance into Aquarius brings deep interest in humanitarian causes. There is a tendency to messianic feelings of social and economic reconstruction, perhaps an inclination toward dubious methods of accomplishing worthwhile goals (an 'end justifies the means' attitude).

There will be a challenge to understand your true friends apart from manipulative and deceptive acquaintances. Watch yourself that you choose your friends carefully and plan around what you know to be ethically compromising situations. Creative originality will experience a heyday during Neptune's transit of Aquarius. On the personal level, eccentricity will accompany a dynamic of breakthroughs.

Your private life will take on new significance. Neptune in Capricorn fostered a need to insulate yourself against harmful influences. Neptune in Aquarius will ask that we confront dangers more directly. The question will be 'Are we ready for the reality of a greater human fraternity?' Vision will need the ballast of compassion. We will not be able to afford hating those with whom we disagree.

Neptune ♆ in 7th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This is another of those 'loaded' positions, because these (the seventh and eighth) are the most likely houses from which to project planetary energies, and Neptune, a transpersonal planet, is not easily welcomed into one's personal repertoire, thus making it an excellent candidate for projection. The result is that Neptune in either the seventh or the eighth house is most often not expressed personally but must be dealt with, at least initially, as if it comes from someone else. The usual and most likely someone else is the spouse, that special person whom we promise to love for better and for worse. The 'worse' definitely includes the special agony of projection when we are married to some of our least comfortable traits.

On the positive side, Neptune in the seventh is another of the artistic combinations. This one may lean particularly toward graphic arts, but any revenue of artistic expression is possible. It is especially positive if spouses can both be artistic, and particularly if they can share this without letting competitiveness spoil it. However, it is most important for the person with Neptune in the seventh to find an artistic outlet for otherwise it is easy to project and expect the spouse to be wonderfully artistic and creative, whether she wishes to be so or not.

Neptune in the seventh or eighth house is an excellent combination for counselling potential. Neptune in the seventh or eighth can be attuned to others on a deep emotional level which may even be psychic. There is an inherent talent for psychological studies and for the ability to share innermost thoughts and feelings.

It is often quite natural for a person with this placement to be at ease with emotional intimacy, with closeness and with a feeling of connectedness. In many cases, Neptune in the seventh or eighth expresses itself as a naturally strong valuation on close, warm relationships, and the individual will feel motivated to create and sustain such relationships. Again, if only one spouse wishes to pursue this, it is most important that it be the one with Neptune in these houses. It is his need; it is up to him to fulfill it. The partner will, however, need to acknowledge that this is a vitally important part of the individual's life, and will need to share at least some part of it with him.

Another positive expression of Neptune in the seventh or eighth is when spouses share a spiritual quest. They may read and study together, meditate together or support each other in exploration of occult concepts or in deep inner seeking. At any time, one may be more heavily involved, but the other is willing to give sincere support and to share and perhaps to contribute to discoveries. This is one case where a single spouse is not likely to be able to do it all. As one learns and grows and changes, the dynamics of the relationship will change. The partner who is not involved in the growth will be terribly threatened by this and usually seeks to stop the changes, which means undermining or blocking the growth. This rarely works, however, since most people, having once seen a richer way to live, cannot go back. Unless both partners have some say in how the dynamics change, or both agree to keep it the same, the relationship usually grinds to a halt.

Being so prone to projection, the negative possibilities for Neptune in the seventh or eighth are legion. Most obvious is the expectation that one will have a perfect mate, or a perfect marriage, or that one is perfect in the marriage. With Neptune in these houses the individual tends to really buy into the Walt Disney stories of the princess and the handsome, rescuing prince, and the way they supposedly lived 'happily ever after'. Neptune loves a good rescue(r). Neptune also loves a good fantasy. This can simply work out as a very romantic streak, with a deep and abiding trust in the partner, but it may develop into a full-fledged expectation that the mate will fulfil all the individual's deepest needs, will provide unconditional love and support under all circumstances, and will be charming and lovely at all times. This is not exaggerated. One well-known psychologist has written about the shock and utter disappointment he experienced the first time he saw his new bride blow her nose.!

Such blind faith in the ability of the partner to be the embodiment of all that is beautiful and delightful is an illusion. It is an invitation to frustration for both partners. The one with the expectations, unwritten of course, will feel betrayed when the mate starts to look distressingly human and capable of obnoxious behavior. The mate will feel the burden of the partner's expectations and feels responsible for letting down the partner. Yet this feels unfair because usually the behaviour which has disappointed the partner so much was something minor. The strange truth is that Neptunian partners are often amazingly noble and forgiving over the major incidents which break up many marriages, yet are unable to tolerate day-to-day differences and disappointments with any degree of grace.

Some Neptunian partners manage to maintain the illusion of the perfect partner, often in the face of an astounding amount of evidence to the contrary. They will overlook ignorant behavior, make excuses for immaturity, protect a weak mate, and generally do whatever is necessary to protect their image of their mate. This may be motivated by a need to have a perfect mate, no matter what the cost, or it may be the result of the Neptunian ability to see the best in others. Often both dynamics are at work. The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth who is protecting such an illusion will not give it up until ready to do so on her own. Usually the mate's behavior has to clash violently with some other cherished value before the Neptunian partner begins to see the problem.

It is worth mentioning that the Neptunian who faces the cracking pieces of this illusion suffers a particularly terrible inner pain. It can be survived, if the Neptunian can acknowledge that he built the illusion personally. Otherwise he is likely to feel forever betrayed and become bitter, hopeless and miserable. If the illusion can be seen as a personally constructed fib-to-the-self, the Neptunian can grieve for the lost dream, can rage at the unfairness of it all and at his own foolishness, and can then let go of it. After a time, peace will settle and the Neptunian can begin to get to know the person he married and to reconstruct a relationship, this time based on honesty.

One constructive choice for the individual who simply cannot give up on the need for a perfect partner, perfect devotion, perfect union and so on, is devotion to the ultimate partner: God. This can be achieved through the ministry, priesthood or sisterhood, or through missionary service. It is a choice which needs to be carefully considered, however, for it is all too easy for Neptune to be overwhelmingly drawn to such a life without consideration for the individual's more worldly needs. On the other hand, some people find that with the devotion to a life of service, pressure is taken off their need for a perfect mate and they can approach relationships with more compassion and acceptance of the human condition. Then again, some simply become more committed to otherworldly perfection and are less able to accept human foibles and differences in needs.

With Neptune in the seventh or eighth, there are all sorts of possibilities for the victim / saviour game to be played. The Neptunian with a strong chart will usually try the saviour role, which means a victim is required. This is a semiconscious procedure; few people deliberately saddle themselves with a frustrating burden. The saviour usually simply falls in love with someone who seems so deliciously vulnerable and needy, someone who just needs a little propping up here and there in order to be perfect. Only when the illusion begins to crack does the saviour see that the struggling actress wrecks her chances for success with her addiction to drugs; that the talented singer blows his auditions by refusing to co-operate with managers; that the inspired writer won't stick to deadlines; that the sweet, vulnerable creature who is too gentle and loving to hurt anyone is a walking time bomb of repressed anger just waiting to get into another accident; that the charming, childlike waif is determined to remain helpless and actually manages to avoid a great deal of unpleasant responsibility.

Eventually, under the burden of relationships with such victims, the potential saviour often becomes a martyr. Many a sickly, bedridden spouse has outlived her caretaker mate!

The Neptunian with a less strong chart will often choose the victim role. Again, the choice is unconscious. Usually the chosen role looks romantic or spiritually worthwhile to the Neptunian, who only wants to create a loving and perfect world. The pitfalls are not apparent ahead of time. The choice which looks like one of sweetness and Christian generosity of spirit may lead to dangerous repression of personal needs and the resultant illnesses, lack of energy, or accidents. The repressed energy is bottled up and the god or goddess is angered - the energy turns inward. The choice which looks like one of loving sacrifice for a troubled partner may well lead to an abusive relationship. The choice which looks like dedication to an ideal may well turn out to be an evasion of worldly responsibilities which is motivated by fear.

The victim / saviour relationship is not always unhealthy. In counselling relationships, it is to be hoped that the counsellor has enough training, experience and mental stability to gradually empower the client to grow out of the victim role. In marriage, this is extremely

difficult to accomplish, although it can be done. It requires that at least one partner be psychologically and spiritually very aware, very patient and very, very strong. Each partner must be willing to take responsibility for his / her own behaviour, attitudes and beliefs, be able and willing to grow and to interpret pain as a measure of change which is needed, not a measure of the partner's failure. This very difficult path can only succeed when the roles are alternated to some degree - in other words, each partner takes a turn as saviour and a turn as victim, until both can leave these roles behind.

In short, it is an extremely difficult path and it is not recommended. People who need help usually benefit most from a helping relationship with a professional, or at least with someone with whom they are not in love. The helper inevitably becomes the target of the 'victim's' anger and frustration at some point, which is extremely destructive in mate relationships. Few mates, especially Neptunian ones, can understand why they get continually punished, verbally attacked and emotionally blackmailed when all they offered was loving help. They expect loving gratitude but generally end up with a rare fury directed at them, as the 'victims' lash out in fear and agony at the people who are 'forcing' them to change.

When an individual has Neptune in the seventh or eighth houses, he will need to become conscious of his illusions regarding marriage, his partner, his own role and the satisfactions which are possible from a marriage. He will almost certainly tend to expect too much, and may place unrealistic burdens upon his mate. He will need to be alert for the appearance of saviour / victim games in his close relationships, games which can lead to abuse and an unimaginable kind of hell. He will need to take responsibility for his own spiritual and creative needs, and to take steps to express them for himself, rather than wishing the mate would provide the experience. He will also need to take responsibility for the strength and importance of his need to have a mate who can share or at least value and honour his needs for spiritual growth, artistic expression, psychological exploration or all of the above.

The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth house possesses a rare talent for intimacy, perception and insight into others - including the ability to fathom their pain, and the ability to inspire the partner to develop spiritually. With acceptance of personal responsibility for emotional, artistic or spiritual fulfilment, all of these can be shared with a mate to create a truly special relationship with rich rewards for both partners.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Neptune inclined toward self-dramatisation. These people see themselves as heroes of fiction, living through dramatic events. It is very hard for them to see themselves clearly, to perceive what it is they mean to others. They continually strive to be heroic and play their roles to the hilt but, until they have a clear idea of what their roles should be, they often fail and then suffer terribly from their own sense of failure.

The ordinary roles of child, student, mate, parent, and worker are dull to them.. They seek to spice them up with other considerations and, as a result, can make their lives, and the lives of their friends, families and co-workers, chaotic. They are frequently attracted to those who inspire their romantic fantasies. They are never practical about relationships, always preferring romance and excitement to practical concerns.

As they seek to play a heroic role in a partnership, they may find themselves giving far more than they are getting. If Neptune is in a fixed sign, they may continue this role to the finish. If it is in a cardinal or mutable sign, they will probably tire of it at some point and seek a more balanced relationship. Their romantic cravings can get them involved in some very peculiar emotional and / or sexual situations, from which they may find it very hard to extricate themselves. They tend to think of themselves as heroically independent, one who gives and doesn't need, but they desperately need clear-sighted, inner-directed people to work with and for, to keep them in balance and aimed at a goal, or else they lose momentum and lose sight of priorities.

They will throw themselves into projects, get tired when things don't work out and just let them lie, then go back to them when their enthusiasm returns. This off-again on-again approach means that their plans take a long time to develop (if ever they do). They are inspirational to others and can be of use by cheering them on, encouraging others to do right and develop themselves; but they themselves often set a poor example by their fluctuating energies and enthusiasms. They can do very well if tied in with an individual or group that is practical and down-to-earth and can keep them moving forward. Their great contribution to any enterprise is their innate optimism and ability to inspire others.

Pluto ♅ in ♊ Gemini 20° 53'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 12th House

(Ginger Chalford)

Here we find the infant truly in touch with his or her magical powers. The intensity of experience is a delight and a passion. As the child grows, crawls, and then begins to walk and explore the environment, she / he has already discovered the ability to control things with thought or desire. Children with this Pluto placement can fantasise something and have it happen, without putting any physical effort into it. Pretty soon, however, the demands of socialisation are made on these young mystics. They are encouraged to embrace the world view of their parents, an image in which they as children are helpless,

powerless to do anything about their situation.

The intensity of these children's life experience is internal, and not seen by the parents for what it is, although they will undoubtedly feel it. This intensity makes the parents realise that controlling their children could very well be a difficult job. For this reason, they will often confront the power of the child with power of their own, on a psychic level. The child knows that she / he has a strong will, but must begin to accept the parental world view. Survival comes first, delaying the use of real power until later.

Unfortunately, later is when the power is needed again; but by then it's forgotten. These Plutonian children have sacrificed their power to the world view or attitudes and beliefs of the parents out of love for them, and for the sake of physical survival (such as food, warmth, etc.). The parents do not intend to sacrifice their child. They often have no idea what they are doing, except that they feel a need to train the child so that it can function well and coherently in society. The parents mean well, and assume their responsibilities with a sense of duty. As is often the case with Pluto twelfth house children's parents, they do the best they feel they can, despite their lack of inner vision. The children in turn realise their parents are only trying to help them learn practical things, and the child is willing to trust the parents' intention. When an individual is in touch with his or her magicality, it is obvious that the universe is made out of love and thoughts of love or desire. For the child to sacrifice its inner psyche will seem a fair exchange for the love and companionship of these two large and supportive people, the parents. The Pluto twelfth house child has traded his or her inner will and experience for the security of parental support, and has thus become dependent.

As these children grow up, they discover that other children have already given away their magicality too. They soon learn not to mention their astral flights or previous lifetimes to their fellow students or their parents. They become afraid that they will betray themselves by their actions, so they begin to repress this power of magical action. They will retreat from view as they attempt to push that inner intensity of life further and further from their conscious mind. They begin to repress any idea or feeling that is not compatible with prevailing views - which they have adopted by now. They look upon their own psyche as a dangerous beast that could get out of control, overwhelming them in that intensity of life and feeling they revelled in only a few years earlier.

This attempt to submerge the true nature of the self can continue into adulthood. With this comes a feeling that their inner selves are imprisoned, but they are afraid that if they were to release this self, they would not be able to function... that they would be physically weak and incapable of normal action. This can lead in some cases to an almost morbid preoccupation with their own inner problems, which often include poor health. The body is the victim in the conflict between the spiritual and the psychic, between the material and the spiritual. It is very difficult initially to see how the two can fit together. Yet, these individuals will often try to establish some connection for the sake of personal balance, between the left and right brain, between the logical / physical / linear

and the irrational / magical / organic. This could involve the Pluto individuals in cults or other groups of people with strange, counter-culture attitudes. They could move between the extremes of drug-taking madmen and totally obsessed churchgoers.

What they are looking for, and are frequently unable to find, is a format or structure that can allow them to safely re-examine their inner selves. Unfortunately, society in general has no place for this connection between inner and outer, and dooms those who search for it to the 'fringe' of our culture. These people may then become psychics, astrologers, Tarot readers, I Ching readers, or simply bums and winos, often as a way of rebelling against the world view which they forgot they had adopted so many years ago. Others may maintain the world view at any price; and for them the price can be very heavy indeed. Mental and emotional disturbance may not be obvious in someone who does his or her social duty every day - work, sleep, eat, etc. - but this normal exterior may hide a fanatic. This type of fanatic can be religious or political, or anything else with a particular view that classifies him or her as right and everyone else as wrong.

The people who have this particular disposition are seldom the leaders of the conflicts that occur over these major differences of opinion. They are followers, hoping that by being one of a large group, their world view is safe. They find security in belonging to a category with many people in it, even if they don't actively participate in a specific or named group. They tend to have unexplained health problems having no obvious connection to the mental warps which their inner conflicts have given them. They make extreme attempts to avoid fear, by whatever escape routes they can find. Even though being ill is a sad situation, there may be a feeling of security or safety in being ill and having someone else to take care of them. Or they may try to escape through drugs, and become paranoid in the process, for their fear pursues them wherever they go to escape it.

Anxieties may be relegated to a worldwide scale, where they can see conspiracies behind all problems and imminent world disasters. They can often feel that they are the ultimate victims of society, that it does not want to hear about their revelations and is in fact trying to repress and subvert whatever they attempt to do or think. They imagine they have enemies everywhere, although they don't really know who they are. The antagonistic forces are simply referred to as 'they' or 'insiders' or 'secret intelligence', or whatever suits the mind's creative fantasy. They may try to postpone the confrontation they feel is coming in the world, but which is actually within their own consciousness. They may spend days on end reading escapist fiction, delaying the crisis of that awareness. When they superimpose their own reality on the world, they have lost their world view or their belief structures; and this compromise between the inner self's powers and the pragmatic nature of the world is destructive - so destructive that it can lead to the extreme and final option, suicide.

Obvious problems related to Pluto's presence in the twelfth house are, as already mentioned, chronic and unexplained health problems, drug or alcohol addiction,

excessive escapism, unrealistic fantasies, self-destructive emotional attitudes such as paranoia that alienate the person, and an unwillingness to see any weaknesses or wrongs in themselves. They are often victims of society's rules, spending time in prison or being personally affected by social upheavals. With this placement, these individuals may organise small groups to protest threats to human rights, expressing individual and mass frustration in the process.

When the Pluto individuals realise that this inner versus outer conflict is getting them nowhere, they will begin to search for themselves with diligence. As they tune in more and more within themselves, they begin to find that the early repressions of inner feelings are no longer necessary, and they turn their attention towards the spiritual realm. As they begin to realise that they have created essentially their own reality, and start taking responsibility for it, their health and other problems begin to clear, and their anxieties about survival begin to wane.

Initially, they tend to hold onto or remember early childhood experiences as a key to finding their inner soul power. But as they search more deeply, they find that they can once again get in touch with that magicality through living in society as an adult. They then see the uselessness of destructive or paranoid attitudes, as well as the inebriating effect of them. At this time, the individual begins to balance and work toward eliminating the use of drugs or other mental / emotional escapes. There is simply no need to escape any longer, since there is only the present, the here and now.

Information about the inner self takes on more importance at this time; and these Pluto people will search through such mystic systems as astrology for answers, rather than out of rebelliousness or as a way to express inner conflict. Although the inner arts do not have the true, ultimate answers, they are at least guides to the expansion of the self, which is the highest potential of this Pluto placement. Finally, the desire and passion for discovering the true inner self has been manifested! With a little patience, these people are able to tune into their own subconscious; and the inner psyche then begins to emerge into the light of day as it reaches the realm of the conscious mind. The self is rebuilt with self-love and a desire to find the true inner destiny. No longer will these individuals search beyond themselves for a look at the universe, for now they know that it is all within them! This concept is perhaps the greatest discovery possible with this placement. With it comes the power to vanquish the enemies within - fear, anger, self-destruction, guilt and inner conflict. The pathway becomes clear; and in order to make a decision, these people tap into the true inner self and therefore find the highest and best answers. (In fact, when an answer is needed, it will often appear as an inspirational flash.) At this point, these people are no longer afraid of losing control within themselves. Patiently they open up door after inner door, releasing their pent-up power a little at a time. They develop a timeless understanding of the higher nature of things, and operate from that perspective in their daily lives. They understand the struggles of the less fortunate, and are often willing to reach out and help them in some way. They are not afraid to see the ugly, mean and bitter side to themselves; and this enables them to

forgive and release these negative qualities. Their discovery of themselves leads them back into the universal love principle that truly motivates them, helping them reach extraordinary levels of personal success.

When Pluto transits through the twelfth house, the people affected will have to examine their world view, as it is likely to come crashing down upon them if it doesn't supply the necessary inner connections, motivations and purpose. Old emotional garbage, old attitudes from childhood, are likely to re-emerge at this time and require work. The psyche will need restructuring, at the very least. Whatever is useless or interferes with one's capacity for strength and power must be ditched, must be abandoned.

Any karmic 'interest' will have to be paid at this time. That is, situations which required power and action, but which were postponed or ignored, will build up an emotional charge over time. The longer one ignores these feelings, the more the suppressed emotions grow in power, until finally they explode on the scene as a crisis. And that is just what happens, for the emotional backlog has been compounding itself daily. This is the interest accrued, and it must be dealt with at this time. For some people, this may manifest as an intense and sudden preoccupation with personal difficulties, and a feeling of loss of control. For others, it is a culmination of personal study and growth; and the searching becomes fruitful, as the subconscious begins to express itself directly through the controlling consciousness.

It is possible at this time for the motivations of the self to move from the inner to the outer plane, resulting in some kind of success for the person. More than that, personal understanding can lead to enlightenment. It's not a comfortable experience however, as the old blockages standing in the way of self-fulfilment rise up from the inner depths to emerge into consciousness. Yet, with every release, these individuals can feel lighter, freer to be themselves and find their true home within their true self. This is a very high psychic placement, with a magnificent underlying motivation to acquire knowledge. (Besides the eighth house, Pluto feels most at home in the twelfth.) Turning negatives into positives is a joyful, deliberate choice and process. If it seems to be a drag, then you really haven't touched your magical inner self yet. With Pluto in the twelfth house natively or by transit, you must avoid the trap of spiritual egotism, of believing that you have a special mission to the world. No, you don't! What you do have is a very profound mission to yourself. The world won't be interested in what you have to say until you have completed this search and discovery mission into your own inner self.

Since the process of inner learning can and usually does take at least a whole lifetime, realise right here and now that your ability to serve the world at large depends on how you serve your inner self, and most probably will not take on the grand scale you might imagine or hope for. Leave society out of your work, until you are solidly comfortable within yourself. Then you will begin to reach out a loving hand; and anyone who is magnetically attracted to the inner self that shines through you will come to bask in your presence. Do not, at any time, sacrifice yourself on the altar of universal service, until

you actually have some enlightenment you can afford to give without depleting yourself. You are a channel, and any technique can work for you, once you have the right attitude. Before telling others to meditate, you have to gain mastery yourself - or else you're a fake! Once you understand this, you can develop greater and greater aspects of yourself, and thus get in touch with your inner realities. Read the negatives-to-positives listed at the end of each Pluto house description. Choose the ones that appeal to you and work with them, but touch upon them all. For your calling is to become complete, integrating all twelve aspects of the self within a whole that is larger than the sum of its parts. Only then will you have accomplished your personal and spiritual synergy.

(Haydn Paul)

The position of Pluto in the 12th house can be a difficult one to handle correctly; this is because areas of the personality are hidden in the unconscious mind, and yet have a potent influence creating motivations and desires which condition your life and choices. Obviously, this applies to all Pluto placings to some extent, where the underlying impulses leading towards compulsive and repetitive action can be located in the sphere of the unconscious; but this 12th house position emphasises such influences to the point where they can almost swamp the conscious personality. The possibility of this has to be guarded against by attempts to regenerate these impulses in the unconscious, by bringing them to the surface and integrating them into the conscious mind and personality. You will be internally preoccupied with your own mind and emotions, as though you are fascinated by the inner processes continually in motion; you can become morbidly obsessed with your own problems, and repeatedly circle above them, yet rarely facing them in an attempt to resolve and release such repetitive blockages.

Traditionally, the 12th house is associated with endings and the concept of karma (the law of cause and effect, action and reaction); and you are likely to suffer from feelings of guilt and patterns of self-persecution. In some ways, you will prefer to suffer as a form of expiation for unknown sins that you feel you have committed.

Certainly, you will find it difficult to come to terms fully with yourself, and to feel an inner harmony. This is made harder by the fact that you possess a psychic sensitivity to the hidden lives of others, registering their thoughts and feelings through your links with the unconscious mind. This may manifest as confusing and conflicting thoughts, feelings and impulses arising in yourself, which may well not be yours to begin with, but someone else's being received through your sensitivity. Responding to the inner suffering of others, together with a personal sense of insecurity, can lead you to prefer more privacy and seclusion, to be free of the imposition of the social psychic atmosphere. If this process becomes understood, then a form of psychic protection could be used to minimise such intrusions; and you may find that a form of inner intuitive guidance could begin to guide your life and actions.

You may need to follow some form of path or spiritual belief which can bring some clarity

into your conflicting emotional patterns; a transformation on that emotional level is essential for you, to become free of those neurotic and negative emotional guilt feelings. If that could be achieved, then your inner balance would correspondingly improve. Until such time, you will maintain a distance between yourself and others, and you may find difficulty in being able to co-operate with such a variety of personalities as you can find in the workplace. Within any intimate personal relationship, try to be as honest as possible, because in such a potentially supportive atmosphere, you may have the opportunity to allow aspects of yourself to arise from the unconscious and to deal with them through the transformatory filter of the relationship.

(Donna Cunningham)

Repression of emotions can cause either self-destructive behaviour or physical illness, since this is one of the health houses. Here illness can serve the purpose of allowing these people to stay secluded from a world that seems too powerful, too dangerous and untrustworthy. Illness can be a way to control others; and thus is also true of the emotional illnesses of the twelfth house. Have you ever had to tiptoe around someone who was severely depressed all the time, and felt controlled by his or her seeming fragility? Addiction, a twelfth-house ploy, can also be used to control emotions and keep others safely at bay.

These people may repress an urge-to-power and yet control in round-about ways they little understand. For instance, being the seemingly helpless victim also serves to conceal the power urge - have you ever 'rescued' some poor helpless soul who later took over your total life and all your energy? No doubt you learned that victimhood is powerful! (Please understand that there are legitimate victims, but here we are talking about the illegitimate ones, the ones who are forever drawn to these situations thinking that their suffering is some sort of moral victory.) Unconscious fascination with power can also lead to contacts with underground characters, negative psychism, and various unsavoury scenes where power is used in a murky way. Healing submerged resentment can go a long way toward lifting this position out of its negative manifestations into the constructive. In the house of secrets, the deep, dark secret is ever the possibility; and revealing it in the right therapeutic places can release you from its power.

The constructive use of this placement is in its capacity to delve into the unconscious and heal deep-seated emotional problems. Thus, it is a frequent placement for those working in the field of mental health. Likewise, people who have suffered from an addiction and been able to stop have the most power to help other addicts. This is also a mediumistic or psychic position, and one where the study of dreams can be very useful. Spiritual healing is another strong possibility.

(Ulla Palomaki)

In the twelfth house, Piscean values are brought to light; that is to say, values of fusion,

of the wave coming back to the ocean. The values of belonging to the whole are essential to this house. It is also a transcendental house.

The twelfth house demands a lot of understanding of the forces inherent in life, the invisible forces that are related to the wholeness of life. Extreme egoism and self-centeredness are especially harmful for the individual, even though we can say that they are harmful to anyone. The nature of the twelfth house is somewhat secretive; and the individual may thrive for spirituality and silent secrets of life, perhaps revealed in a monastery. This thriving may be unconscious, with the individual fusing himself with the larger whole by using alcohol or drugs as a means to reach this state. People who have problems with alcohol often have a strong twelfth house or strong Neptunian influence.

The wrong attitude with the twelfth house leads the individual to run away from the world and its conscious manifestations, and from worldly responsibilities. At times he may feel lonely and isolated; and partly this is very useful for him because in that way he may find a connection with the larger whole, with God. He digs up new things in solitude. This may be exaggerated. According to Jeff Green, these people exhaust themselves by isolating themselves and by escaping so that they feel themselves extremely weary. The feelings of meaninglessness are not uncommon. One of the best means of realisation of the possibilities of this house is to have spiritual practices. The search for meaning in spirituality, in meditation and merging with the whole, gives important purpose for the individual. Meaningful service is equally important. Pluto's position in the twelfth house may bring connections between the unconscious and obsession. In general, this position increases the power of the unconscious.

(Howard Sasportas)

With Pluto in the 12th, there is a pressing need to bring what's weak, hidden or undeveloped in the psyche into clearer focus. As with Pluto in the 8th, some people might be so frightened of being overwhelmed by the nature or intensity of their deeper drives and complexes that they exercise a tight control over these. However, very often it is not only 'neurotic' urges which are suppressed, but healthy, positive drives as well. The psychologist Andrew Maslow pointed out that many people not only evade what they deem is negative in themselves, but also block what is 'god-like' and laudable. He called this 'the Jonah Complex', the fear of our own greatness. From my experience, certain individuals with Pluto in the 12th defend themselves not just against the so-called 'lower' or carnal drives, but also against such positive impulses as the desire to develop their 'higher' possibilities more fully, or to realise more of their innate potentials. To paraphrase Maslow, they are afraid to become that which they glimpse in their most perfect moments. Why? The answer, in a nutshell, is death-anxiety. All change makes them highly anxious because it means the dissolution of what they already know themselves to be. Growth inevitably requires the breaking down of existing patterns or the letting go of what is familiar; and on some deep level they equate these kinds of changes with death itself. Part of them desperately yearns for growth and development,

and yet another part mounts every campaign possible to ward off what they unconsciously feel is trying to kill them. Until they locate and make peace with their deep existential dread of non-being, they will keep displacing their fear onto whatever comes along which threatens to change them. Until they know they are afraid to die, they cannot fully live.

A basic tenet of Psychosynthesis reflects the meaning of a 12th house Pluto: that all the elements of the psyche - both dark and light - can be consciously recognised, experienced, accepted and integrated into awareness. Through dream analysis, introspection, therapy and various exercises and techniques, those with Pluto in the 12th can release the energy trapped in unconscious complexes and redirect it towards strengthening and building the whole of the personality, including their 'higher' intuitive and emotional faculties. Provided they can track down and deal with their death-anxiety, people with Pluto in the 12th are well equipped to search out what is weak, blocked, hidden or missing in the psyche. Indeed, what more appropriate place for them to exercise the innate investigative nature of Pluto than in the house of 'secret enemies' and 'behind-the-scenes activity'? And rather than waiting for angry and neglected parts of their own psyches to chase after them, they are well advised to go hunting for these first. In the 12th, the destructive energy associated with Pluto can be used to remove that which is obsolete and detrimental to new growth. Or destructive energy can be improperly displaced and unleashed outwardly in a treacherous way or dangerously turned against the self. The difficulty for those with Pluto in the 12th, however, is that they are not simply dealing with the personal unconscious, but dealing with the collective unconscious as well.

A contemporary medical model theorises that noxious bacteria and viruses are always present in the physical system, but the healthy or strong person is able to defend himself or herself from these taking over. Similarly, stress is everywhere in society; but some people have a better ability than others to prevent it from getting into their systems. Those with Pluto in the 12th are more sensitive to what is dark, destructive or overwhelming in the atmosphere than someone with, let's say, a well-aspected Venus in the 12th. While Venus there may feel that 'love is in the air', what might Pluto sniff? Some of them may unconsciously be 'taken over' by what other people have repressed - sexual drives, anger, hostility, etc.. It is not unlikely for a child with this placement, for instance, to take on the role of family scapegoat or 'identified patient'. When tensions run too high at home, he is the one who gets sick or burns down the school. Starting a conflagration serves two purposes: it gives a concrete expression to the emotions he feels around him, and it serves to divert the parental unit from its own interpersonal problems. Those with Pluto in the 12th can make better sense of their actions and behaviour if they view what they do and feel in relation to a larger scheme of things.

The 12th house represents the greater whole out of which we come and into which we are born. Pluto there has to contend with the less pleasant aspects of this inheritance - the collective shadow, that which society as a whole finds ugly or unacceptable. These

people may be required to acknowledge, integrate, and, if possible, transmute the anger, hate, destructiveness and rage accumulated over centuries. In this sense, they are in charge of society's waste disposal unit. They either act out the collective's shadow and thereby release this pent-up energy, or gather it inside themselves and find some way to creatively transform and redirect it. Some people with Pluto in the 12th may work to transform outmoded institutions or campaign to change laws which are no longer functioning as they should. Often, and sometimes in mysterious and obscure ways, they facilitate changes on the level of the collective. Periodic withdrawals from life may be necessary in order to grapple with emotional complexes which have been awakened through social interactions. These people might be significantly affected through brushes with institutions, such as confinements in hospitals or prisons.

Pluto here gives the capacity to transform a crisis into something productive and useful, or make the most of even limited or restricted circumstances. Even if those with Pluto in the 12th cannot change an unfortunate situation, they can still choose what attitude they are going to hold towards it. They have the ability to learn from failure and defeat and to understand the necessity of one cycle or phase of existence ending in order that another can begin. In this respect, a 12th house Pluto recalls one of Nietzsche's sayings: 'That which does not kill me makes me stronger'. Even suffering and pain can have meaning if they make a person more whole.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a good place for Pluto, out of the way where it won't attract trouble, and above the horizon so it won't build up too much internal pressure. It brings the same single-minded devotion to the inner voice as it brings in the first house, but not the obstructions or the difficulties with making contact with the outer world. There is the same inability to follow the herd; but they are usually able to find an opening so that they can continue to pursue their own path, even from the beginning, frequently due to the assistance of a sympathetic parent or family. This position gives the ability to maintain a strict regimen of daily work or training without assistance, if necessary, though usually an appropriate coach, teacher, or mentor is found who can give instructions, guidance, or even just occasional advice. These people generally don't enjoy taking instruction, preferring to figure things out for themselves, though they are capable of taking orders if convinced that it's necessary. There is a soldier-like ability to maintain a rigorous or even painful schedule for long periods of time in order to accomplish some goal. Sometimes a means of livelihood will be chosen partly because it demands an ascetic lifestyle.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

These reactive compulsions are not only desperate, but doomed to failure. They may work for a time, but in the end will dissolve into meaninglessness. Wandering in confusion, many of these individuals will magically experience a metamorphosis in which a new thought, realisation, dimension of themselves, or a new way of relating to

themselves and life emerges from the Soul. This process seems to occur of itself, and is not a product of the individual's egocentric mental process.

These new patterns and thoughts that emerge out of the Soul are actually 'inspired' by divine sources, although many of these people would not consciously acknowledge or identify it as such. The new situation is simply born of itself. Now clarity exists where there was confusion, integration where there was disintegration, belief where there was disbelief, relatedness where there was alienation. This process occurs to teach these individuals not only belief, but also the awareness that they are connected to a much larger living whole; the universal. They have been learning how to experience themselves as an individualised wave upon the sea. This process is, and has been, teaching them about the areas or dimensions within that are preventing and limiting their personal identification with the cosmic whole; to shift their centre of consciousness from the wave to the sea. This process is teaching these individuals, willingly or unwillingly, to plunge into the abyss of infinity, rather than remaining paralysed upon the precipice, or turning backward to the light of the past.

In plunging into the abyss of infinity, Twelfth House Pluto individuals are learning the lesson of faith; that the fear of individual dissolution, or surrender to a higher power than themselves, is only a delusion of separating desires reflected through the ego. They have been learning faith by willingly or unwillingly plunging into the abyss of the cosmic sea and experiencing, on a cyclic basis, disintegration of whatever personal limitation needed to be dissolved because it was promoting a non-growth situation. Coming out of this plunge into the abyss, a metamorphosis will have occurred. This metamorphosis will produce a new realisation, the discovery of a latent dynamic within the individual, or a parting of the mists of confusion that reveal the answers and new directions that he or she was seeking. The cycles of dissolving that lead to cycles of clarity symbolised by the plunges into and out of the abyss occur of themselves. The individual cannot control them with respect to his or her ego. These cycles occur through the direction of the person's Soul with respect to the intrinsic intent of the Twelfth House Pluto 'life lessons'. In this way, these individuals are learning faith. Faith is linked to the experiential awareness that somehow, or in some way, 'something' has made, and will make, the past and current difficulties all right. By experiencing revelations and realisations that seem to arrive spontaneously in their consciousness, these individuals will be experiencing, in their own ways, 'divine communion' or guidance.

Many individuals with Twelfth House Plutos have succeeded in repelling or denying the evolutionary impulse to merge or identify with the Source. Through denial, these individuals will create one fantasy or illusion after another in order to find the meaning that they are seeking. It is as if the dream or fantasy symbolises the Ultimate Meaning. The denial force reflects the desire to separate from the Source. The actual nature of the dreams or fantasies is conditioned by the specific kinds of separating desires that these individuals have. Because all Twelfth House Pluto individuals are seeking a sense of ultimate meaning in their lives, these dreams and fantasies are given tremendous power.

They are glamorised and distorted out of proportion. They become very real to these individuals, and are focused upon in a singular kind of way. They become potential experiences through which the individual will seek to discover him- or herself. These fantasies and dreams can become potential experiences for two reasons:

1. The desires inherent in Pluto translate into a personal will to actualise those desires. In the context of the Twelfth House, this process teaches the individual that he or she is a co-creator of reality in relationship to the Ultimate Source. The power to actualise these dreams and fantasies is thus linked to visualisation and belief. If the individual believes in the dream or fantasy enough, the power of visualisation and affirmation intrinsic to Pluto in the Twelfth House, it will come true.
2. The fantasies can teach the individual about the nature of his or her dream illusions and delusions. An important point to remember is that these dreams and fantasies can seem very real to these individuals either as they are creating them in their consciousness, or as they are actually being lived out. Even to an outside observer, the actualisation of these separating-type dreams and fantasies that the Twelfth House Pluto individual creates will seem very real. An observer would be hard-pressed to see or understand that these 'realities' are actually based on illusions and dreams because the individual has succeeded in actualising them: he or she is living them out. As such, they constitute the basis of the person's actual or concrete reality. They seem so real.

Most Twelfth House Pluto individuals have a difficult time recognising the actual basis of their 'dream realities' because they are living them. They are hard to recognise because the motives and fears that create these desires and realities are quite unconscious. Yet, because these desires are separating by nature, and are not the result of a conscious direction that is based on an inner relationship with the Source, the realities that are created are destined to fail in some way. The dream balloon will pop, and reality will strike. These individuals then confront the fact that this 'reality' was only a dream, the fantasy only a fantasy, and that, in the end, they are left standing on the precipice alone, without meaning, contentment or inner peace.

The need in all Twelfth House Pluto individuals is to align their personal wills and desires with the will and desires of the Source. When this does not occur, then that which is created through separating and egocentric desires will collapse at some point. This emotional shock intends for the individual to realise the nature and basis of his or her dreams, illusions and fantasies.

The compulsive chasing of the dream can last many lifetimes, because the dreams and fantasies are limited only by the power of the individual's own imagination. At some point in the evolutionary process, however, these people will exhaust their separating and avoidance-oriented desires, and an ultimate weariness will descend upon them. Disillusioned, they will finally turn to the Source to face the abyss of infinity and seek a relationship to the Cosmic Whole. In this exhaustion of separating fantasies and desires

that issue from a deluded imagination, all Twelfth House Pluto individuals will one day realise the old spiritual axiom that 'life is but a dream'. As the wave upon the sea must return to its source, the ocean, so too must all of us return to our Source. Once these individuals come to this realisation, they will become divinely inspired as to the nature of their real identity, and can also become divinely inspired to fulfil some type of 'mission' on behalf of us all. This realisation will occur as soon as the individual develops a conscious relationship with the Source so that his or her actions and desires are in direct conformity with how the Source wants to express itself through them.

Resistance and denial to merging with the Source can be manifested as other 'symptoms' including denial that anything is wrong with themselves, and their lives. Compulsively they pretend that everything is OK. Even though their 'reality' may not be what it seems, with the blind strength of their Twelfth House Plutonian wills they try and make it OK whether it is or not. At some evolutionary and karmic point, the proverbial rose-coloured glasses will break. Cracks in the tint now allow the glaring white light of truth to illuminate their actual reality and their life-situation. The cracks are induced through unconscious self-undermining activity, or through environmental confrontations in which the self-created reality undermines what they believed in. The shock of experiencing reality creates the necessary disbelief, disassociation, confusion, and alienation that enforces the awareness as to how the person was 'hung up'; of that which was actually unreal. These kinds of shocks enforce the awareness of why the individual was blocking, denying, being excessively naive, seeing what he or she wanted to see, or refusing to acknowledge that anything was amiss. This awareness usually occurs after a necessary amount of time is spent in not knowing why. One day, of itself, the necessary knowledge illuminates the individual's consciousness. When the magic of this clarity and understanding occurs, the individual is forced to consider that some other Power is operating in his or her life.

All Twelfth House Pluto people will come into this life with an ultimate, timeless sense of right and wrong. This ultimate sense of right and wrong is reflected in a standard of idealised conduct. This standard of idealised conduct manifests itself in varying states of conscious development within these individuals, depending on their evolutionary state. In most, it is sensed as a deep inner feeling of how things should or could be. This inner sense has developed because of the prior evolutionary intent to seek identification with a transcendental truth or reality. As a result of this prior evolutionary intent, all these individuals judge themselves, others, and life in general in reference to this idealised standard of conduct. When their own actions or the actions of others, or humanity's actions, do not reflect this standard, they will commonly judge themselves, others, or humanity in a negative way as measured against the ideal. Because of the dual desires in the Soul, the desire to return to the Source competes with all the separating desires that are manifested as dreams and fantasies of an escape or avoidance nature with respect to merging with the Source. Thus these individuals will, on a cyclic basis, judge themselves in relation to what they should have done, or should be doing. As a result, many exhibit an intense selfinduced persecution because of their perceived inability to

do the 'right' thing; to conform to the idealised standard of conduct whose ultimate root is based in the evolutionary need to merge with the Source.

Consequently, many will also persecute or judge others relative to their own weaknesses or shortcomings. Many have drawn lifetimes of persecution upon themselves in order to atone for their guilt for not doing the right thing. This condition serves as the basis of projection wherein they can judge and persecute others for not doing the right thing according to the Twelfth House Pluto individual's standard of idealised conduct. Some who have drawn lifetimes of persecution upon themselves will come into this life with an ultimate sense of victimisation or martyrdom. They will feel that life is beyond control, or that they are at the mercy of forces beyond their control. Some of these 'victims' will compulsively avoid or escape reality through drugs, alcohol, or any avoidance-oriented activity. This prior life karmic condition usually reflects the fact that these individuals have desired to undermine and erode the illusion of power from an egocentric point of view. Many will have abused power from an egocentric point of view before - the 'god complex'. Thus the necessity for a few lifetimes of persecution and containment wherein their lives were at the mercy of forces apparently beyond their control. Those who have failed to realise the intent for these conditions, to align one's will with a Higher Will, have compulsively blamed or will compulsively blame everything and everyone to justify their negative and avoidance-oriented behaviour. Some will remain locked in their own self-imposed prisons, quietly wasting away. Still others will be compulsive 'Florence Nightingales' who attempt to help everyone, whether they want this help or not. These types will shower indiscriminate mercy upon all, judging nothing, as if judging itself were to be avoided: to be treated as a 'wrong'. In reality, Pluto Twelfth House individuals have needed to learn what judgement really means, what it is, what it is not, and how to exercise proper judgement upon any aspect of life.

The lesson here has been and is to learn that 'ultimate' judgement is based upon intentions. Intentions reflect desires. Thus these individuals must learn to focus upon their desires in order to understand the connection to their intentions. If the desires for right behaviour as related to their idealised standard of conduct are consistent and strong enough, the intention to act in that way will follow.

Similarly, Twelfth House Pluto individuals must learn to judge others according to their intentions. The inner judgement, which is based in their own actions, and how this judgement is projected on others in relation to their actions, is the important issue here. As Jesus said when the prostitute stood before the avenging crowd, 'Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone'. Of course, nobody could throw the stone. The crowd based their anger on an idealised standard of conduct. Yet, as Jesus pointed out, even though all of them had the desire conform to these standards themselves, none of them had perfectly done so. However, it was appropriate to inwardly judge the error in the prostitute's ways, as it was appropriate to judge the errors in their own ways against the standard of right conduct. It was not appropriate to hurl stones at the prostitute because of her error. It was not right because they were not free of error or sin themselves.

The inner judgement was necessary because the judgement itself promotes the vehicle to become more perfect in relation to the standard of right conduct. The key in this necessary judgement is to forgive oneself for the shortcomings or failings that occur, because very few of us are perfect. The intention and resolve to become perfect, to improve, is the ultimate standard upon which all of us must be judged by ourselves, others, and the Source. It is important to exercise this kind of judgement on ourselves. In the same way, Twelfth House Pluto individuals must utilise an ultimate standard of conduct in order to recognise the incorrect desires and behaviour of others so they do not reflect, assume, or manifest the 'wrong' behaviour of others through lack of necessary judgement and discrimination. Concerning others, these individuals must learn not to express judgements upon others unless asked. Unless asked, the best strategy is to mentally affirm change for them.

Some who have been karmically destined to play the role of a martyr or victim in order to realise their own lessons in judgement have left us with inspiring testimony to this kind of Twelfth House truth concerning judgement and forgiveness.

The evolutionary lesson in proper judgement is extremely important in another respect. Many Twelfth House Pluto individuals will have an irrational and abject fear of the unknown. Many will not be able to face themselves alone. The Soul for all Twelfth House Plutos is anchored in the universal or cosmic whole. While this is true for all of us, Twelfth House Pluto individuals are pulled into the Universal Source much more intensely than those with any other house position of Pluto: it is their emphasised and intensified 'bottom line'. Consequently, many will experience this pull as a deep inner vortex, like a black hole in the universe, that threatens to consume them in the abyss. Fearing dissolution and loss of control, they can manifest all forms of aberrant behaviour. Acute paranoia, neurosis, schizophrenia and phobias are extreme manifestations. Less acute 'symptoms' are intense nightmares, sleepwalking, fear of closing their eyes, feeling unable to be alone, always talking, intense escape or avoidance patterns (always having to be doing something until physical exhaustion overcomes them), and refusal or denial of anything they don't want to hear, touch, feel, experience, taste or smell.

Some with Ppluto in the twelfth House can be the recipients of 'visitations' by other entities or energies. Or, they can experience feelings, emotions, moods, thoughts, or desires of 'unknown' origins. Sometimes the origins are inner repressions that suddenly erupt to the surface; sometimes the origin is psychic absorption of the thoughts and emotions of others, and sometimes the origin is derived from 'promptings' of other-worldly forces or entities. All of these behavioural symptoms reflect the same evolutionary intent: to dissolve all the old barriers preventing a direct contact or relationship with the Universal Source, and to align with a transcendental belief system in order to foster this relationship. In worst case scenarios, the resistance to this process will produce insanity, possession, or total disintegration and fragmentation. In a few, it

will manifest as the Jesus syndrome: individuals who are totally deluded and intoxicated by their own egos, and who consider themselves God. Judgement and discrimination are necessary so that these individuals learn to understand what is happening inside of them. This understanding can only occur through the desire to align with a transcendental belief system or structure in order to realise, and place in proper perspective, the cause behind the manifestation of any or all of these symptoms. In this way, they will learn how to sort out delusions, illusions and fictions versus revelation, truth and divine inspiration. The fear of the unknown will be replaced with the faith and trust to plunge into the abyss of the unknown, and to become resurrected or metamorphosed. In so doing, the fear that some of these individuals have of being dissolved into nothingness or nonexistence will evaporate.

With the bottom line anchored in the universal, some who have positively responded to the prior evolutionary intent will come into this life as natural psychics, channels or mediums. Others will plunge totally into the abyss of infinity with faith, and will have an almost exclusive focus upon the Source. A few in this group will have experienced absolute revelations as to the nature of creation. They will experience themselves as Cosmic Beings. Some have realised or felt that 'nothing else works' to such an extent that they have denied or will deny other aspects of themselves that need to be acknowledged and developed - not suppressed. Each individual is unique. Each chart will reveal the prior evolutionary and karmic background that has led to any or all of these conditions.

Others with Twelfth House Plutos will come into this life not understanding why they are here, the Earth being sensed as a foreign environment. These individuals have either spent many other lives elsewhere (other planets), or have spent a great deal of time out of body. A common problem of these types is a frustration at being unable to express to others how they feel and experience themselves. Some Twelfth House Pluto individuals have had a series of lifetimes of utter withdrawal from the world itself. This withdrawal could have occurred in monasteries, prisons, in the wilderness, and so forth. The prior intent was one of self-contemplation within the universal whole. Sometimes this withdrawal was enforced against the person's will through confinement, in order to enforce the same lesson. In cases of forced confinement, the element of karmic retribution must be considered and evaluated as to the reasons why.

All Twelfth House Pluto individuals will have a highly stimulated pineal gland. As Manly Hall points out in *The Occult Anatomy of Man*, this gland was called the 'occult gland' in other cultures and times. Located above the spinal column, in the middle of the brain, this gland secretes a naturally transcendent chemical substance called melatonin. Just as the ingestion of LSD, for example, will alter the state of consciousness, so too does the pineal gland through the secretion of melatonin. The pineal gland is stimulated by light entering the retina of the eyes. Because this gland is highly stimulated or active in these individuals, they can experience, on a cyclic basis, altered states of consciousness. This process is a naturally spiritualising one. Yet for those who have not

consciously desires to pursue and develop their spirituality, this process can produce the negative psychological symptoms mentioned above.

From a physiological point of view, melatonin produced from the pineal gland sensitises the entire organism. By its sensitising the brain (consciousness), the individual's neurological (electrical) impulses are sensitised or attuned to 'higher vibrations', impulses, or knowledge of a transcendental nature. This substance sensitises through sharpening all our natural anatomical sensors to any stimulus: touch, taste, hearing, smell, and seeing. For example, a person may become more sensitive to impurities in food. If such individuals do not exercise caution, they can suffer problems in their pancreas (enzyme, insulin production), gall bladder, stomach, duodenum, liver, digestive tract, necessary levels of bacteria in the colon and intestines, endocrine system, and the strength of the astral or etheric body. Emotional, psychic, intellectual or physical stress can produce physiological and psychological problems, as can resistance to the evolutionary pull. If the individual is extremely denial-oriented or suppressed, the worst case scenarios promote cancer, tumours, boils, or abscesses.

From a prior-life point of view, all of these individuals have been learning how to balance their need for down-time with their need for external activity. This balance is critical. Too much of either can promote emotional distortions of all kinds, loss of perspective, loss of a centre of gravity, and psychic distortions. Because it has been so very easy for these individuals to lose touch with themselves, it has also been easy to lose awareness of the need for this balance; of when to retreat or seclude themselves and when not to.

Losting touch reflects the dissolution process, the over-identification with an aspect of themselves, or the chasing of one fantasy or dream temptation after another. The balance point or rhythm is ever-shifting, and never the same. This shifting occurs because these individuals have also been attempting to live in the eternal now, the moment, as it reflects the past and the future simultaneously. Thus, it has been and is important to develop an ongoing inner attunement or awareness as to the shifting nature of this rhythm for inner and outer activity, and to act accordingly. If these individuals try to follow this need as it occurs, then they have developed or will developed a consistent clarity or understanding at all levels of themselves, and their worldly activities, because they are in harmony with themselves and the universe. The Chinese philosophy of Taoism reflects this necessity in the concept called wuwei. Simply translated, it means non-action. If the individual develops a conscious awareness as to the need of any moment and acts accordingly, then his or her actions are in harmony with what is required in that moment. Thus, there is no action, because action implies acting upon the moment from an egocentric point of view.

The three most common reactions to this prior evolutionary intent, and the related karmic conditions that occur because of these reactions, can be simply stated as follows:

1. Some Twelfth House Pluto individuals will have rejected or repelled the evolutionary

desire through the strength of their egos. Thus, turning their backs to the abyss, they have retreated to the light of the known world; the past. Latching onto something familiar, to tradition, they deny any larger force or source beyond themselves. They become intoxicated with their own egos. Karmically, this reaction will produce, on an ongoing or progressive basis, life situations or conditions of increasing powerlessness. Possible manifestations include physical disabilities, situations of confinement, or life circumstances wherein they are karmically blocked from being able to exercise any power at all.

2. Other individuals stand poised on the precipice, unable to move forward or backward more than a few steps either way. They commonly sense that there is a universe and Source to which they are connected, yet still are bound by compulsions and the fear of going too far into it. There usually is a subconscious resistance to submitting to a higher power than themselves. They are simultaneously attracted to and repulsed from developing a conscious relationship to this Power. Thus, they practise their own kind of nebulous spirituality. In some, the need to develop their spirituality is only acknowledged in moments of extreme crisis when all else fails. As soon as the crisis passes, so too does the need and focus upon their spiritual side. Commonly, these types of individuals will align themselves with work of a human service nature. Karmically, they will experience alienation, emotional difficulties or disruptions, work-related problems, psychic disturbances, cycles of utter meaninglessness, emptiness or futility, disillusionment, and divine discontent, in order to induce a more active development of the evolutionary intent. Some of these individuals will be highly creative icons who can transform our own vision as to the nature of the world. An amazing number of the world's most gifted actors, writers, and composers have had Pluto in the Twelfth House.

3. These individuals have faced the abyss and, with faith, taken the plunge. In this way they have allowed themselves to be dissolved from all the old barriers and egocentric limitations, and to be totally unconditioned from cultural or societal identifications. They have been reborn as individuals through whom the Source was, and is, expressing itself. In other words, the centre of the individual's consciousness has shifted from the wave to the ocean. Becoming at one with the Source, these individuals simply do the tasks and duties that they are asked or destined to do. Some will have very specialised 'missions' to perform on the behalf of all of us. Karmically, they are rapidly becoming freed from any further necessity to be on the Earth plane. At some point, they will not return to this plane unless they so desire, or are asked to do so by the direction of the Source and its agents.

Reactions one and three are not common. Reaction two is by far the most common. Of course, these three distinct reactions can intertwine as an individual ebbs and flows with the inner and outer conditions of life. Individual evolutionary and karmic conditions will help aid our comprehensive understanding as to how and why each individual has reacted, and is reacting, to this prior evolutionary intent. In general, then, all Twelfth House Pluto individuals have been attempting to learn how to expand the centre of their

awareness to encompass the universal whole: to become Cosmic Wholeness, to see themselves and all others as extensions or reflections of the Source of Creation itself. In the Tenth House, the individual learned to be a cultural person with a national identity. In the Eleventh House, he or she learned to break free from this limitation and become an international or planetary individual. In the Twelfth House, he or she is learning to become a Universal or Cosmic individual. This process required of these individuals redefining themselves relative to time and space, culture, groups of like-minded Souls, or anything that conditioned their sense of separate and personal identity that did not accommodate their timeless and immortal identity in the Source, the Cosmic Sea. The need was to understand the individual part they were meant to play in their various lives, and to allow the Source to express Itself through that part. In this way, the individual must learn how to let go of everything that pertains to his or her past in order to prepare, once again, for a brand new evolutionary cycle. This new cycle will be represented by Pluto in the First House. All of us keep going around and around until the Twelfth House archetypal intent is fully realised. It is a process of refinement and progressive elimination of our separating desires, and the karma that these desires generate. The polarity point is the Sixth House. The general evolutionary intent is for these individuals to develop specific and practical mental methods or techniques through which they learn how to analyse themselves. By developing these mental techniques, they will be able to understand how and why they work the way they work, and are the way that they are. In addition, they will progressively learn to see, experience, or witness how one part is linked or connected to another part, and how one part or condition influences the expression of every other part.

Relative to their need to connect themselves to a transcendental belief system, this polarity point now demands that they harness their natural meditational state through specific meditative techniques that will allow them to bring into a sharper and more experiential focus their living connection to the Source. Through these techniques and methods, they can examine with their conscious and rational mind the dynamics within their totality that need to be adjusted, changed, eliminated, or purified because of the blockage that these dynamics are creating.

In addition, the polarity point demands that these individuals commit themselves to some form of work of a practical and useful nature to others. The main theme that must be actualised is one of human service. In other words, they cannot remain in isolated and self-centred pursuits. The form that this work takes does not matter. As long as the theme of human service is met, the form is irrelevant. On the other hand, the type of work should reflect what the individual is here to do; it should not be just 'any' work. The individual's right work can be determined by his or her natural evolutionary and karmic condition.

In the East the concept of karma yoga reflects this evolutionary need. Karma yoga means that the individual must identify his or her 'right' work relative to his or her natural capacities and tendencies, karmic actions, and attunement to Divine Will. An individual

who identifies his or her work in this way simply co-operates and fulfils that work requirement, allowing the Divine or Source to express itself through the work.

In this way, the work itself becomes a vehicle through which personal knowledge, self-realisation, self-purification, devotion and humility are obtained. Work expressed in this way would also benefit all those who were affected by the work itself. What is important is the attitude towards one's work, no matter how grand or insignificant it may be from external standards of judgement. The specific form or kind of work is always in response to the needs of the whole at any point in time. Work is necessary because, of itself, it is a dynamic that promotes a focus through which these individuals can harness and channel the undefined energies of their Twelfth House Plutos. When one is working, one is involved in an activity that promotes processing or focusing of oneself through that activity. Thus work serves as a mirror or lens in which these individuals can experience, witness, see or analyse all the emotions, moods, feelings, images, states of being, inner dynamics and component parts that surface into their consciousness because of the activity of work. In this way, these individuals can adjust, change, eliminate, or purify components or dynamics that are creating blockage, that are being misapplied or misunderstood, or that are delusive by nature. In addition, these individuals are learning lessons about reality as it is: not what they want to see, not what they blindly want to pretend is happening, not what they want to make reality into based on fantasy, delusions, or naiveté. The development of this current evolutionary intent usually demands that these individuals experience cycles of crisis. Crisis brings situations to a head, into sharp relief. The nature and function of crisis is to force these individuals to deal with reality as it is: to see things just as they are, and the actual reasons that it is that way. Crisis can come to these people through the emotional, physical, intellectual, or spiritual bodies. Many will come into this life with subconscious desires or intentions to create crises for themselves. Sometimes this need for crises can be quite compulsive and unconscious. In many cases, these individuals are not aware of this pattern, and do not understand why crises seem to be occurring. Some will assume the attitude of the victim. Others will resign themselves to their 'fate'. Some will compulsively create crises in the lives of others as they undermine the relationships that connect them to others. They undermine by subconsciously desiring to the foundation that binds them to others, or they undermine by criticism because they feel others should be punished just as they punish themselves for their own errors. Of course, this type of activity only attracts criticism from those upon whom they project this behaviour.

Individuals who have abused power in the past, who have been overly intoxicated with their own egos, or who denied the prior evolutionary intent, will experience extreme limitations in relation to finding meaningful work that reflects their capacities. These people will experience reality as it is through the crisis of subservient and mundane work. They will feel as though a big hand is forcefully holding them back. This karmic effect will occur to induce humility, to enforce the awareness of forces greater than themselves. Some of these people will also experience physical problems or disabilities. This form of crisis also enforces analysis as to why this condition exists. Even in such a

situation, these individuals are meant to assume some form of service-oriented work.

Some Twelfth House Pluto individuals will produce works of lasting value. These are individuals who have been and are 'divinely inspired' in some way, and will serve as examples for others to experience, in order to be helped or transformed in some way by the very nature of the work itself. Many of these types, however, need to learn when to take time off for themselves, as many become so dedicated to the work, so self-sacrificing, that they have no time for a life and identity outside their work. By ignoring the intrinsic Twelfth House Pluto need to balance work with rest and withdrawal, they can deplete or waste themselves. Some crisis will usually intervene to make these individuals pay attention to this need.

As these evolutionary lessons are put in motion, all Twelfth House Pluto individuals will metamorphose into the essence of humility. This will occur through the inverted pyramid effect wherein the totality of cosmic forces pours through the individual. These forces will reflect an inner illumination that can light the way for others. This effect can occur in all natural evolutionary conditions, and through any role that the individual is destined to play within the cosmic scheme of things. In its highest manifestations, these individuals can be the living embodiment of the Taoist principle of wu-wei; their actions will be in precise harmony with whatever is required of them at any moment in time.

Common characteristics of Pluto in the Twelfth House include: being deeply private, not what they seem to be as interpreted in others' eyes, deeply sensitive; taking things to heart; being amazingly shy at a core level; being ultra-emotional; although you may not know it, they can be extremely giving in a silent kind of way; having many deep and unresolved fears, an aura of dreaminess, and powerful dreams or never any dreams because of exhaustion; being naturally psychic.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♀ Mercury** - (0°32') ☿1 | ♀9
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°40') ♀5 | ♀7
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°55') ☿3 | ♀11
- 4) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°17') ☿6 | ♀7
- 5) ► **Mercury ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°37') ♀9 | ♀8
- 6) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (0°57') ♀8 | ♀2
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°35') ♀8 | ♀4
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°22') ♀2 | ♀4
- 9) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Neptune** - (1°49' A) ♀7 | ♀7
- 10) ► **Mercury ♀ Conjunct ♀ North-Node** - (6°41' S) ♀9 | ♀8
- 11) ► **Jupiter ♀ Conjunct ♀ South-Node** - (9°03' S) ♀2 | ♀2
- 12) ► **Uranus ♀ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (6°20' A) ♀12 | ♀12
- 13) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Uranus** - (1°39' S) ☿6 | ♀12
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Pluto** - (4°41' A) ☿6 | ♀12
- 15) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°19' S) ☿1 | ♀11
- 16) ► **Jupiter ♀ Sextile ♀ Pluto** - (0°02' A) ♀2 | ♀12
- 17) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Venus** - (1°51' A) ♀11 | ♀8
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♀ Pluto** - (3°35' S) ☿3 | ♀12
- 19) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♀ Jupiter** - (0°05' S) ♀11 | ♀2
- 20) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°42' S) ☿3 | ♀11
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♀ Neptune** - (0°26' A) ☿3 | ♀7
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♀ Jupiter** - (4°39' A) ☿6 | ♀2
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♀ Uranus** - (4°51' A) ♀8 | ♀12
- 24) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♀ Neptune** - (4°08' S) ♀11 | ♀7
- 25) ► **Saturn ♀ Trine ♀ Uranus** - (8°10' S) ♀4 | ♀12

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♀ Mercury** - (0°32') ☿1 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

Mercury conjunct the Ascendant shows that you are intensely preoccupied with yourself. You probably start your conversation with 'I' more often than most people do, and the word 'me' crops up regularly in your dialogue. This is not such a terrible thing, but it is boring to others. Your mental faculties are well-developed, and for the most part you are bright and witty, so your incessant use of the personal pronoun must be tolerated.

Intellectually enthusiastic about every bit of information you receive, you are inclined to burst out with rash statements of opinion when provoked. You pride yourself on how easy it is for you to learn, and may show disdain for anyone who has to concentrate harder. You are mentally impulsive and rarely give anyone the chance to answer your questions. In a crowd, you can dominate the conversation by asking questions that you answer yourself or by posing problems that you immediately solve. An original and creative speaker, you often dramatize what you have to say with a display of acting ability. People are fascinated by your command of language and effective delivery. You are not afraid to speak up when you know you are right, but the fact is that you aren't always right. When your views are criticized, you become indignant and argumentative. You are no shrinking violet, and would rather put up than shut up.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Mercury on the Ascendant shows a fondness for contacts with the outside world; also a need for continual change and give-and-take. There is great curiosity, and often this makes us early-wise. Mercury is a mobile planet and, when on the Ascendant, gives physical mobility and unrest, sometimes nerviness too, but also considerable manual dexterity. This conjunction, which generally indicates a bright mind, does not necessarily promise great learning capacity, since we find it hard to concentrate. We are at our best when free to chop and change and to do several things at the same time (although the remainder of the chart must be taken into consideration before one can hazard an opinion on the degree of changeability involved).

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this conjunction are able to put their thoughts into action, for Mercury rules the mind, the ability to communicate. The Ascendant indicates how we start things, and how we function best in career. These may be talkative people, but the energy can be channeled to help them get their point across.

(Sue Tompkins)

The immediate impression that a Mercury conjunct Ascendant individual might make is of being bright, youthful and curious - and very chatty. These people have a very pronounced need to talk, and often to write, especially about their own experiences. All contacts from Mercury to the Ascendant-Descendant axis favour autobiographical writing. As always, the sign placement, other aspects to the configuration, and the houses where Gemini and Virgo are to be found, will all have great bearing on Mercury rising and form part of the overall complex.

People with Mercury rising usually have very strong early issues around siblings and schooling. Exactly what the issues are will be shown by the overall picture. Mercury rising people often immediately talk about their siblings and what those issues are.

With Mercury conjunct either end of the Ascendant-Descendant axis, there is a strong need to communicate with someone else in a one-to-one setting, a need to discuss oneself, and oneself in relation to other people. Lots of people gravitate to therapy situations with these contacts for there is a need to be listened to. It is through verbal interchange with another person that the individual is able to arrive at his or her own position on given subjects.

With all contacts there are often lots of comings and goings and general activity around the individual's birth. A lot of talking is also implied.

People with Mercury rising, and sometimes making other contacts to the Ascendant-Descendant axis generally, often have two or more names which they may be known by simultaneously or at different times. This reflects the general ambidextrous quality of these contacts.

2) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♄ ***Neptune*** - (1°40') ♀5 | ♄7

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates great sensitivity, but for this energy to work positively, your earliest childhood must be reasonably peaceful and serene. You are very sensitive to the hidden energies in your home and between your parents or other members of your family; and any kind of ongoing negative feelings can cause you to become insecure and lacking in self-confidence. Later on, you may feel that you cannot easily cope with life's challenges, because inside you cannot depend upon your emotions and your spontaneous actions to make everything come out right.

Your relationship with one of your parents may be rather difficult. Often this aspect signifies that one of your parents is too weak psychologically to play his or her role in your life. This might lead you later to seek out someone who can be a guide and a loving parent figure for you. The problem is that such a relationship would displace your search for normal adult relationships.

However, even if both parents are strong, you may go to the other extreme and idealize the more influential one. In that case you would compare everyone you meet to that parent, instead of dealing with each person as an individual. This is not so bad as the first alternative, because at least you have strong ideals that you can believe in. Later in life this may turn into a strong belief in God. Because you are so sensitive, you may eventually develop a strong psychic and intuitive ability.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Neptune on the IC tend to be wistful about their more recent past but unclear

as to their early beginnings. Sometimes there are secrets or confusion with respect to the family that they came from. Such secrets will usually be to do with the house which has Pisces on the cusp. There may be a tendency to idealise the early home life or to delude oneself about one's upbringings or even ancestry. Sometimes there is a feeling of 'shaky foundations' with this placement, but this can be psychological, emotional or physical. For example, living on a houseboat could be descriptive of shaky physical foundations whilst a mentally ill parent might describe psychological instability. And I have known people with this placement who were raised in a pub. The early home environment was 'open' to anyone, and some would have been addicted to frequenting it, all of which might have a variety of repercussions.

Those with Neptune on the IC often yearn for an 'ideal home' and may put great effort into making this dream into some kind of reality; sometimes the real need is to escape from one's roots. The dream may be for a home which will be a sanctuary, a retreat, an escape route from something or a place where it's possible to transcend some of the imperfections of living in the outer, workaday world.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the Nadir) partakes of the same qualities as Neptune exalted in Cancer. It helps to bring spirituality into the home life. Often it signifies a mystical attachment to Mother Earth and the forces of nature.

If Neptune is afflicted, the home environment can be affected by peculiar conditions. The house may seem to be haunted, for example, or give the native an uneasy feeling. Whether this is the product of the native's own imagination does not matter as far as its effect upon him is concerned. The native may shut himself up in his home, or use it as a place for séances or psychic activities of some kind. In any event, the home is likely to have something unusual connected with it, even if not the proverbial skeleton in the closet.

Natives tend to live near the ocean or other large body of water. Those with afflicted horoscopes may live in institutions or spend the end of their lives in nursing homes or hospitals.

Neptune square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven make us insecure, and we have considerable trouble forming an identity. For not only are we very sensitive to what the world says of us; we are inclined to misinterpret what it says. To make matters worse,

the world has a false impression of us anyway. But however that may be, with these aspects we are liable to run round in circles for a long time, worried by the difference between thoughts and impulses that are generated by ourselves, on the one hand, and our thoughts and impulses that have slipped unobserved from outside into the unconscious mind - from where they rise to influence us - on the other hand.

Hence we are extremely suggestible and easily misled; especially when, as often happens, we have not yet found our bearings. By drawing an inaccurate picture of self and society, we can become deluded and create confusion. On account of the pretence we know how to make, people can impute to us things for which we are not responsible. The other side of the coin is that we can go on to do extremely well in areas where pretence and illusion are raised to a fine art: the world of film for example. We need to be on guard against various forms of addiction; addiction to drink or drugs say, which may seem to offer a refuge from hard reality but, being impersonal, impedes personal development. The addiction can also be to unworkable religious and idealistic concepts that equally help us to avoid confrontations with everyday problems and push personality into the background. In addition to idealism, we are full of both empathy and sympathy. If we find ourselves in a stimulating environment where no unfair advantage is taken of our sensitiveness, pliability and insecurity, we gradually shed uncertainty and (provided we engage in Neptunian occupations with the active support of others) can do much to further our ideals.

3) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°55') ♀3 | ♃11

(Haydn Paul)

You probably have a view that perceives life as a challenge, a fight between yourself and the world for supremacy, and you adopt this combative and assertive stance in an attempt to prove your self-worth. Underlying this attitude is a clashing of inner energies, which are projected out as shadow-adversaries in the external world, so that arguments, dissension and conflict almost seem to follow in your footsteps. There is little tranquillity in your world; it becomes more of a battlefield where you believe you can 'win your spurs' proving your capabilities. You are fired by the competitive spirit, intending to win and be number one, although the quality of your aggressive vibration tends to attract similar people into your life, and this can result in power struggles in working or domestic environments. Applying extra force may leave you in a position of superiority, yet can also increase the number of adversaries that you leave in your wake; your genuine friendships can be few if you act in this manner.

You have a powerful desire nature, and you easily become fixated on attaining these desires, whether they are lovers, positions of executive status, or whatever, even if your energies are focused only temporarily in such specific directions. These desires can reflect the themes of the houses and signs of Mars and the Sun, and often contain the issues that you feel most combative about. There can be an aura of 'danger'

surrounding you, possibly with a sexual magnetism and aggressive power that some can find extremely attractive, although this energy can overflow through displays of irascible temper and potential violence if uncontrolled. You are very physically responsive, and will have a developed visual and sensual appreciation of life. You may have to ensure that your desires do not become compulsive or obsessive in nature.

In relationships, you may lack sensitivity to others' feelings and needs, and may need to transform expectations of a partner so that they conform more closely to a realistic appreciation, rather than providing fuel for later disillusionment. A wise choice of partner is required; otherwise your domestic life could become volatile and traumatic; a partner who evokes your higher nature and qualities is probably more ideal than one who just stimulates your passionate and vigorous nature. Finding a suitable companion, who is strong enough not to allow you to dominate, would probably help in modifying your attitude towards life. A danger can lie in a tendency to make impulsive decisions or actions, and then regret them later.

It may be that experience eventually influences you to make changes in your style of expression, and this may not occur until later in life, perhaps after the age of thirty and through developing maturity. It is to be hoped that there will come a point when you lessen that driving feeling of insecurity and lack of worth, so that you can recognise your real value and potential. Once that self-imposed pressure to challenge and compete has diminished, and acknowledgement of your performance has been achieved, then new life directions may open. When this occurs take the opportunity to dismantle your combative attitudes, by broadening your world view beyond those limiting tendencies of yours to perceive life in stark black-and-white distinctions. This could develop to include involvements with social causes and pressure groups, where your partisan approach and abundant energies could be put to positive use, providing that you can maintain a balanced perspective on your beliefs and attitudes, and do not attempt a forceful proselytising or fanatical expression.

4) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°17') ♄6 | 137

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction emphasises emotional sensitivity and vulnerability to others, especially through an impressionable, sympathetic psychic empathy. The nature of your environment will be highly influential in affecting your inner balance and wellbeing, so ideally you need to live and work within suitable places and with suitable people, or else you may discover that your spirit and vitality begin to wane through absorbing what are negative influences on your sensitivity.

As your heart is so open to experience life, it is equally likely to experience suffering, anguish and disappointments. Evolving ways of self-protection or essential filters to this sensitivity may be necessary over time, otherwise life could become too painful for you.

Through your innate understanding and sympathetic attitudes, you are likely to become a listener and confidante to others' problems; yet a degree of detached impersonal objectivity needs to be developed or else you will take their problems and pain away with yourself. This is not a sacrifice that needs to be made, even though you are rightly willing to offer aid and assistance to those in need. It may be that you are attracted towards employment in the spheres of social welfare and care, where you can serve deprived people and encourage them to take steps of advancement. Certainly that compassionate heart will be a main motivating factor in your life, and it is probably through such a route that you can most easily display your most natural qualities and abilities. Your influence can have a beneficial and catalytic effect on others, stimulating them towards either personal growth or resolving problems. Employment which fixes you into a repetitive mundane work pattern will not be satisfying, and will ultimately be a denial of your talents and abilities. It is easy to recognise when you are stuck in the wrong place: you are beset by the intensification of wishful thinking and daydreaming, of desires to escape, and of a lack of interest in application.

You have a powerful imagination which does not like to be inhibited or denied and is constantly looking for ways to be expressed; there will be considerable artistic and cultural appreciation as well as creative gifts within you waiting to be released. Suitable channels are art, music, poetry, design, ways that preferably evoke an emotional-feeling response in yourself and others. You could develop into being visionary and inspirational if this area was especially focused and all your energies were committed to such a task. Your psychic sensitivities could play a role in this, offering the awareness of more subtle currents in life and the power inherent in symbols and images, or even your dream life with a prophetic quality could be influential. It is probably best to use any such psychic or mediumistic talents only as a support to artistic creation, because you may find that they can be too unreliable or too shrouded in Neptunian sea mists and make clear perception difficult. These tendencies can develop towards religious or spiritual interests, such as the exaltation of the mystic's emotions and heart devotions.

In your personal life and intimate relationships, you may need to be wary of a tendency to be excessively romantic, preoccupied with dreams of the ideal lover, always searched for and never found. In real life there are real people, and disillusionment is never far away from the anima-animus projected obsessions which create self-delusions and the experience of being shocked by the reality of your 'dream lover'. Turning men or women into gods or goddesses is a dangerous game; they always fall off the pedestal that you have placed them on. Like Humpty Dumpty, the fall shatters the illusion which can never be put together again around the person. Yet falling in love again with the real person is often much more rewarding and enriching.

There can be tendencies to evade the impingement of harsh reality at times. That isn't the way, but making adjustments to your own attitudes may be the key to deal with this challenge. Accepting reality is a process that we have to continually confront in life, although this doesn't necessarily imply a surrender to the inevitable; it can be the initial

action required to determine how to transform an unsatisfactory situation. Sometimes the influence of Neptune dominates the Moon, and the result is a retreat towards private worlds, hiding within defensive shells, unable to face the real world, and living within the glamour of those castles in the air of your imagination, lost in dreaming worlds.

Additionally, Moon aspects indicate an association with the Mother image, symbol and real parent. The conjunction implies a close bonding with your mother or an important influence over your development, but, as with your romantic relationships, illusions can be present which may need cleansing or releasing if they are negatively affecting your adult relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows that you are imaginative, emotional, sensitive, and sometimes given to daydreaming. Your psychic ability enables you to respond to outside stimuli that others are unaware of. You are inclined to offer assistance to anyone who seems to need help. However, this may get you into difficulty, for some people will blame you if their problems aren't solved. Disappointments are common in your life, for, even though you suffer with others in their grief, you may be left alone when they experience joy.

Your professional life must have sufficient challenge to keep you alert and reasonably 'on the go'. Avoid any occupation that involves long periods of time spent in repetitious and boring tasks. In such a job you would find escape in daydreaming and dawdling, and accomplish little. You would probably be fired as lazy, incompetent, and indifferent, which would be accurate only in those circumstances. Your latent ability should find an outlet through public-oriented endeavors, such as service and welfare programs, nursing, working with the mentally retarded, or rehabilitation of the handicapped. Working closely with others who depend on you would serve as a catalyst for your energies, and you would participate with attentiveness and vigor.

Your love nature is extremely romantic, and it is truly difficult for anyone to measure up to your expectations. You've mesmerized yourself to escape from the abrasions of reality. Most individuals you meet disorient you, so you categorize them according to your own way of thinking. In time, when their human nature becomes painfully apparent, you are shocked in disbelief. Learn to accept people at their level of development and don't give them attributes they haven't earned or deserved. You will be admired by others for your sympathetic understanding of their 'highs' and 'lows'. You can express your imagination in artistic pursuits - designing, painting, music, or poetry. Help others by painting joy in their lives, by designing activities for them, by letting a song ring out to relieve their stresses, or by sharing tender moments in poetic escape.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she reacts to life when the person is very young. Neptune represents some characteristics of delusion or inspiration, or it clouds the mother issue. In an adult, the Moon indicates the ability to respond to life, and its sign indicates how it will be done. When Neptune conjuncts the Moon, it clouds the feelings, covers them, puts a veil around them, and it may also cloud the image of the mother so that much of her effect is confused or unclear. This makes it difficult to evaluate the mother's actions, and it deludes the individual about woman issues: how a woman should act; how a woman is expected to behave; what are 'nurturing', 'caring' and feeling'. The aspect affects males and females differently.

In a man, the aspect often clouds his emotions and veils his concepts of what a woman should be, so that when he enters into a relationship with a woman it is often with strange expectations. He thinks women are different from what they are in reality, and he is usually disappointed in their behavior. This man doesn't want to know that women go to the bathroom or wear hair curlers etc.. His mother taught him illusions and delusions, so he is eventually forced to determine from a conscious point what adult female behavior is all about. He is also extremely intuitive; he will have intuitive feeling responses that he may not consciously understand. This can be both a blessing and a curse. If his body is so sensitive that he picks up too many vibrations from the environment, he may not know 'who' he is feeling - himself or those around him. He may be unsettled because of his intuitive response, for his sensitivity may not match his conception of a two-fisted, hairy-chested male. If he is mother-dominated, his mother can do no wrong; he seldom sees her for what she is, always covering her with a shimmering cloud of perfection. If he is father-dominated, he often bases his idea of what a woman should be on a fairy-tale image of Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty attributes. He has trouble separating his anima function from his wife or girlfriend because he often projects his anima onto her personality. His girlfriend's actions may not be akin to his anima image, so he is constantly disappointed. If he is mother-dominated, his girlfriend seldom acts as his mother told him 'good' women should.

When a woman has her Moon conjunct Neptune it indicates that her mother misled her as far as the behavior of woman is concerned; therefore, she often has a distorted image of what a woman should be. The image of Woman is frequently associated with martyrdom and unrequited love. She falls in love with a person on a spiritual basis and sometimes doesn't notice that the one she has fallen in love with is a hopeless alcoholic or has psychotic disturbances. She feels guilty about sexual involvements and consequently may pick a partner who cannot relate to her sexually, or she can't relate sexually to him. She may find herself in perplexing predicaments, for she doesn't know what earthly love is. The problem stems from the fact that she doesn't know what a woman should be and how she as a woman should react. The result is often too much phoney spirituality and a lot of hurt feelings. Confusion surrounds the nurturing, caring and feeling functions.

Both sexes have some kind of problem expressing their feelings of love on a sexual

level. Sometimes it's easier to be sexy with someone you don't love, for love is such a 'spiritual' experience that physical sex can 'defile' it in some way. Men with this aspect sometimes have a woman they love and a woman they sex. Or, if the Moon is in a Fire sign, their sexuality is limited because of thier idealism. Women with the aspect tend to choose spiritual relationships that may be emotionally painful - the man may mistreat them, or he may not be able to perform sexually. Sometimes this aspect appears in the charts of women who fall in love with homosexual men, so the relationship is close but the unrequited love aspect is there.

The aspect is an intuitive and sensitive one, and its owners may have many interesting psychic and intuitive experiences. It can sometimes indicate people who have a great deal of healing ability; they become involved in the mental, spiritual and phsyical healing of others. They are intuitive enough to be able to manifest on a creative level as well, and this sources of energy is never-ending once they learn to tap into it. The creative potential cannot be completely realized until they learn to share their feelings with another human being. This can be a most productive aspect. The blind spot toward the mother can be emphasised by other aspects in the chart; she may be the one who stands between this person and his freedom - and he can't see it.

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6) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♌ **Jupiter** - (0°57') ♀8 | ♏2

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus to Jupiter indicates that you are benevolent, kind, sympathetic, and generous. But you go to extremes in expressing these qualities and are indulgent with people even when they don't deserve it. Brutality and vulgarity are intolerable to you. You have a good sense of humor, although you have your contemplative moments, and you usually conduct yourself with decorum. In the presence of adversity, you are especially optimistic and always hopeful that the situation will turn out for the best. Selfindulgent in acquiring material comforts, you prefer a life of ease that allows you to participate in all the pleasurable social activities that you love.

Domestic conditions in your childhood may not have been abundant in material comforts, but probably you were not deprived of anything truly essential. Love, kindness, and understanding between you and your parents established the foundation for your continued growth and development.

You are suited to occupations in which your effusive manner can be expressed, such as public relations, travel, working with young people as a teacher or guidance counsellor, or directing social activities. Through your work in a welfare organization or foundation, you could bring joy and hope to people who are disadvantaged by social, economic, or physical problems. Your talents might also be applied in rehabilitative therapy through crafts and other avocational pursuits.

Your breezy disposition and warm nature make you popular with almost everybody. You are too easy-going, though, and some individuals may try to take advantage of you. However, you are rarely embittered by such negative encounters. You seek and are sought after by people who are also self-assured and who expect to succeed. You respond to honesty and gravitate toward persons with that quality. But you react negatively to those who make sincere gestures toward others only if they have some ulterior motive. You don't waste time on people who waste their time. Any accomplishment, either material or personal, makes you glow with happiness. Difficult stress contact from Saturn to this planetary pair may make it burdensome to gain this happiness, but you would still be inclined to it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here, expansive, ameliorating Jupiter joins forces with Venus, the promoter of balance and harmony. It is generally assumed that this should make us lovable, friendly and jolly, and therefore well-liked and popular. We appreciate good companionship, and certainly know how to enjoy life.

In love and friendship, we can shed a lot of warmth, but the desire to spread our wings (given by Jupiter) may mean that we do not stay faithful to one partner.

We are quite prepared to set the ball rolling socially, and we like to immerse ourselves with others in anything that happens to fascinate us, including philosophical subjects (Jupiter). However, Venus is a rather lazy planet and, in this conjunction, can make us rather half-hearted or self-indulgent when it comes to Jovian interests such as study, travel and philosophical reasoning. Enjoyment, comfort and elegant idleness are liable to have the edge on serious effort. Self-discipline is not the strong point of this conjunction.

Venus also represents the need for material security. Its conjunction with Jupiter intensifies this need, and a fair amount of effort will be expended satisfying it. Generally, we look for a position where we can prosper and wind up with plenty of money in the

bank.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother brings an exciting, open and straightforward influence to this child's concept of expectancy. This influence can be somewhat moderated by the signs in which the conjunction takes place, and the aspect should be read with the signs in mind. Other aspects can mitigate this interpretation, for the energy will not be free to operate until the mitigating aspect is rechanneled.

The conjunction aspect is helpful for it indicates the capacity to relate to what is wanted, to pursue what is wanted, and if the aspect is unafflicted the energy can indicate a gogetter. If other aspects inhibit this one, or if the chart is undeveloped, the aspect can indicate a person who is merely self-exuberant or selfish.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and the inharmonious elements may result from this configuration, according to the sign involved and the remainder of the nativity. Grace of expression, deep philosophic insight, idealism and literary tendencies are among the good expressions.

This conjunction is sometimes rather sybaritic and amorous, but may be present in the charts of people capable of sternness. It also has a lighter social side. It seems to tend to popularity, but, in itself, appeals to the less thoughtful and serious elements of the population - one may become a *matinée* idol or the object of flapper-adoration. It certainly tends to make men popular with women, and it would be an excellent feature in the nativity of one who desired to do business with that sex, or to found a religion which might appeal to them. Teachers with this position have indeed been criticised rightly or wrongly for allowing themselves to become objects of adulation from ladies with more heart than discrimination.

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7) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Saturn** - (0°35') ♀8 | ♀4

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition to Saturn, you are inclined to regard your experiences as being almost useless. With this aspect, you will always be challenged by competitors until you realize how important you really are. You must stop underestimating your self-worth. Remind yourself continually that you can match your competitors, and don't give others

more credit than they deserve. If you will examine your good qualities carefully, you will see that they compare very favorably to those of others. Stop hiding the truth from yourself. Perhaps when you were very young, you were led to believe that you were less talented than others in every way, and you still act on that belief. You need competition to prove how capable you are; if you reject competition, you will never truly know your capabilities.

Throughout your life, you will have to make concessions to others without knowing whether or not they are worth the effort. In time, however, you will be able to judge people without having to endure the painful experience of submission. As your judgement becomes sharper, you will become very skilled in solving problems for yourself and others.

You may suffer emotional frustrations during the early years, but as you become more mature you will understand that no-one gets everything when he or she wants it. You may compensate for privations that you experience in your personal life by becoming successful in your profession. Real estate, law, insurance, designing, sales, and buying are suitable fields. All of them require responsibility, attention to detail, integrity, and honesty if you are to be proud of your accomplishments. It is advised that you work alone or at least be able to set your own pace. Working with others in an intimate atmosphere would not be advisable because you would arouse their criticism. You have talent, but your employer may refuse to recognize it in order to avoid paying you more.

Don't anticipate an early marriage unless you are prepared to make enormous concessions to keep it together. Better to postpone a binding partnership until you can be more selective in choosing a mate. If you marry for security it may last, but it will be little more than a corporate merger with little emotional satisfaction. If your upbringing was austere and you saw privation and financial difficulties in your parents' lives, there is even more reason to wait for financial independence before taking a mate.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the energy is similar to the conjunction and the square, but there is an additional feeling of compromise or loss (or both). Venus symbolizes the effect of the mother and Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual, and the images are confused. One parent may leave when the person is a child; but even if the loss of a parent doesn't occur, the person feels like a victim between the two parents who are each throwing a different vibration into his developing psyche. What is a man? What is a woman? How does one treat men and women? How does one feel about oneself and one's relationships with members of the opposite sex?

This often represents an individual who has losses in love because the psyche is programmed to lose; this individual may fall in love with someone who is unavailable or with someone who dies or who makes him intensely miserable. The parents removed

the objects that the person was attached to during his formative years. The 'love object' may have been a favorite toy or a security blanket, or the affection of one or both of the parents. One parent may have been harsh to the other; one parent may have suppressed the other; the child saw the parents disliking each other in some way. So the image in the psyche carries a message that men and women are against each other - each must make the other compromise in some way.

The ability to love is harshened or lessened, and frequently authority is resented. When Saturn opposes Venus, the father is harsh with the mother because Saturn is a stronger planet than Venus. It makes the person suspicious of his own desires, unnecessarily hard on himself, willing to give up pleasure, and ready to turn away from love.

The mother didn't value herself, and this person will absorb her feelings: women have little value; love can hurt or love can be a harsh experience. This individual grows up to be very cautious about developing relationships, and it is this feeling that makes him look for the love insurance policies that are unattainable. This is the type of personality that doesn't give of itself or gives only of the material self, or one who unconsciously picks someone to love who is taken from him. It seems possible that the psyche of unconscious self of a person with this aspect may not think that he or she deserves to have a longlasting, good relationship.

It's important to understand that there are no bad aspects or awful destinies in astrology, but rather that we tend to seek what we have been programmed for even though the program is unconscious. The psyche is powerful; the power of the subconscious is far stronger than that of the conscious mind. There is no argument going on between the subconscious and the conscious. Once we are able to diagnose an unhealthy program, we can begin to change the way we use the energy and rid ourselves of the negative influence of any energy source that we call an 'aspect'.

8) ► **Jupiter** ☌ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Saturn** - (0°22') ⚡ 2 | ⚡ 4

(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.

9) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Neptune** - (1°49' A) 137 | 137

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune opposition the Ascendant shows that you are greatly influenced by the people

with whom you associate. But it is difficult for you to distinguish between those who are your friends and those who are not. Because of this, some people may take advantage of your emotional sensitivity to make you feel obligated to them. Your opinions of the people you deal with are too idealistic, and you are hurt when they disappoint you.

When you volunteer to help people, you must protect yourself. Offer to help only when you know positively that someone needs your assistance. You tend to love everybody and overburden yourself with concern for their welfare. Actually you are trying to compensate for your inability to stand on your own; you need someone who needs you in order to have a feeling of belonging. Being alone makes you feel helpless, so you seek out obligations to others.

Since you are imaginative and creatively inspired in expressing yourself, you should direct your talents to writing, music, or the arts. Avoid competition until you gain the expertise to meet challenges without being crushed by failure.

You depend on others to provide the opportunities you need to earn a living. Because you feel that you don't deserve to be happy and contented, you overemphasize your negative qualities. But you are more loved than you realize, and your friends are deeply concerned for your welfare. Seek their advice before making a commitment so you won't regret it later. When superiors make a promise to you, get it in writing or have someone present who can back you up when they don't fulfill it.

In a romantic alliance you are easily mesmerized by a stronger personality. You should never agree to a permanent relationship until you know the person well and know that the feelings between you are sincere.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct Descendant suggests that saving others or being rescued by them is a central feature in relationship and all one-to-one encounters. Those with Neptune on the Descendant may be looking for a God or a Saviour in their close personal relationships; or they may play that role to others. Individuals with this placement often have difficulty in seeing others clearly, either idealising or distorting their true nature. Whilst there may be confusion about what is wanted in a relationship, there is usually also often great idealism and romanticism. Boundaries in relating to others are often quite weak, and the individual can enter into others' lives, and allow them into their own lives, with the ease of a ghost walking through walls. The problem with Neptune on either end of this axis can be a tendency to live the life vicariously. On the one hand, this is a splendid combination for anyone who legitimately and consciously needs to dissolve boundaries and be able to empathise with others' suffering. There is a talent for mirroring others, which also might find outlet in a variety of creative fields.

Neptune square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The square and opposition between Neptune and the Ascendant can make us particularly insecure. Sensitivity to environment would be great whatever the aspect between these two factors, but with the hard ones we are almost completely at a loss in it. Others have no idea what is going on inside us; all they know is that we are continually reacting to them.

Owing to this combination of uncertainty and impressionability, our attitude is evasive: we do not tackle problems straightforwardly, and we tend to sidestep anyone seeking a rapprochement with us. Sometimes fantasy or a false impression leads us to get hold of the wrong end of the stick and to react badly; not in a direct way, of course - insecurity prevents us from doing that - but in such a way as to lay ourselves open to charges of dishonesty, prevarication or misrepresentation. However, all reactions are expressions of sensitivity and vulnerability. We are quickly moved, even to tears, although we do not always show it. Others may interpret this as emotional instability.

The Ascendant also represents the body and, with a Neptune conflict, we could be physically below par - mostly due to uncertainty. When we are going through a difficult patch we may need to sleep on our problems, and we can suffer from tiredness without obvious physical cause. Flight into a private fantasy world is another possibility with the hard aspects but, because the latter are also energetic, creative talents can be wonderfully stimulated if we take up artistic or mystical pursuits.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a square or opposition aspect is formed, it indicates a difficulty assimilating the world of fantasy into the persona or in the beginnings of new life experiences. In plain English, the hard aspect can signify people who don't know what they are doing for they can't see themselves or the impression that they make on others.

When the square aspect occurs, the tendency is to pursue one end of the square for a while and then give it up to pursue the other. In order to accomplish anything worthwhile, both ends of the square have to function comfortably at the same time.

The opposition between the Ascendant and Neptune will involve a compromise. The Neptunian dream might not bring pleasure; and people with this aspect may have to learn that any misery they encounter in relationships may be caused by the fact that they have not understood what they are doing; that they are pursuing a dream or fantasy that doesn't provide satisfaction for their needs.

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(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) is similar to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. The endeavors of the natives may be blocked because of bad timing. Their social and ethical aims may clash with prevailing societal customs, creating conflicts of interest. At the same time, the natives can give a detailed and honest appraisal of commonly accepted values. They can encounter obstacles in obtaining higher education and find themselves in disagreement with prevailing religious institutions. There can be difficulties and delays in foreign lands, and problems connected with all these matters.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect often forces the people to swallow their own philosophies. This makes it quite easy for them to abide by any of their own philosophies. There is nothing wrong with coping with your own philosophies, provided you know beforehand that they may not be used against you. As a normal human being, one with always likes to have general philosophy for others with reservations for oneself. This aspect does not give that individual any discriminating rights or choices in that respect. Their own environment and structure often expands within, giving the person internal satisfaction. This expansion of inner dimensions is noticeable by others. As a result, others feel sorry for these individuals. In terms of esoteric or spiritual growth, this is considerably strong as an opposition. When one with this aspect brings down the universal consciousness to cure and heal the internal structure of his soul, the results are always helpful to him in most of the worldly senses. These people often learn to overcome the materialistic barrier either by choice or by heavenly force. On a mundane level, it creates problems with a child, or its conception. Based upon the rest of the chart, happiness from children might be a void issue to these people. Glandular function in the body is also distorted by this aspect.

(Donna van Toen)

Misguided religious, expansive, or revolutionary tendencies can impede growth. Sociability sometimes detracts from the growth process. Growth can be attained by consciously working on it; but often inner growth is confused with status or material progress.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, we can find the extreme pessimist instead of the extreme optimist: someone with absolutely no belief in the good in people or in the progress of humanity. At the Descending Node, the forces of Saturn are especially active, and they hamper Jupiter with its awareness of what is meaningful. Depending on the sign, the native can always find an excuse for personal weakness, and can believe, 'That is not really me'. Many are 'doubting Thomases'. They throw up the sponge as soon as difficulties arise. It is hard for them to look on the bright side.

Jupiter square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of good fellowship, the tendency to look out for one's own gain first. Disharmonious or anti-social conduct in associations.

(Bernice Grebner)

Here there is a lack of temperance; this person is at one extreme or another, never down the middle of the road. He can be overly religious or extravagant with possessions, and that can lead to catastrophe. He can be revolutionary and reckless. It gives great love of adventure, always seeking new experiences of some kind. Optimism is difficult to maintain at a steady level. It can give legal problems, especially in affairs of the Nodes. Example: third house, or Gemini, with brothers and sisters, people in the immediate environment.

12) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Pluto** - (6°20' A) ♀12 | ♀12

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a

dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture

between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

13) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°39' S) ♄6 | ♀12

(Haydn Paul)

Challenges will probably occur within intimate relationships. These will reflect the clash between old and new, between familiar behaviour patterns and the attraction of renewal emerging from a chaotic unknown. Your inner life may feel like a battleground, as these two different energies try to influence choices and decisions; and at times of crisis, you may feel almost torn apart.

A tendency toward mental and emotional stress will exist, arising from emotional instability and problems created in relationships through unpredictable and frequent mood changes. The impact of the Uranian vibration may create sudden changes in the erratic mutability of the lunar emotions. This can stir choppy seas into more dangerous storms. If you then release this tension through conflict with those closest to you - which is a common behaviour pattern - relationships could become quite stormy. Others' inability to rely upon and trust you will obviously affect the development of long-term

relationships.

Your need for variety can also cause problems. This can be felt inwardly, where you easily get bored and lose interest in your home, employment, marriage, lovers etc., and then enter a phase of frustration if your need for new stimulation is denied. To break free from this tension, you may suddenly 'explode' toward new explorations, attempting to shatter all limitations and restrictions. This can lead to moving to a new house, changing employment or established careers to pursue other directions, or entering affairs or separating from marriage. You find responsibility and commitments hard to bear during times when the Uranian impulse is too strong and capable of breaking through the Moon's established defensive patterns.

What should be avoided is a repressive build-up of inner tensions, because if they 'explode' through you, their destructive quality will dominate, rather than their transformative intent. The first step lies in acknowledging this inner pressure, and then learning to release it slowly and with conscious control, directing it into suitable channels as a natural development of your life. Accepting this impulse for new experiences and interests can be adequately handled, if a continuous element of exploration in your life is sensibly allowed to operate in appropriate ways. This is an essential 'safety valve' to develop for your well-being.

Understanding this tendency will help in choosing a suitable partner, one who accepts this need of yours and is both capable and willing to compromise when necessary in helping you to find ways to safely release tensions. Any progress made in integrating your emotions and mind into a functioning whole will reap considerable dividends. Self-help techniques devoted to personal wholeness could be explored, offering potential positive development. Attempts by you to impose either emotional or rational dominance on your inner life will lead to additional friction created by the ignored planetary energy.

Feelings of instability that often persist also diminish your self-esteem, resulting in insecurity. You may lack a firm personality centre, fluctuating between Moon and Uranus, between emotion and logic, finding a home nowhere. You could find it useful to experience your emotional depths as deeply as possible. Let them rise to the surface; feel and understand their intensity, without cutting them off whenever they become unpleasant by an 'intellectual put-down' as inferior and not part of your preferred self-image. Equally, your mental interests and pursuits should be emotionally resonant, drawing both levels together. As your nervous system is overamplified, attempts like these help moderate and balance the flow of combined energies, thus making it easier for you to live with others without frequently feeling a restless obsession for change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon in opposition to Uranus indicates mental and emotional stress. You are trying to integrate your feelings with logic to achieve a better balance between your inner and

outer lives. You constantly feel the need to make decisions involving others, and these decisions cause you much emotional turmoil. If your feelings dominate, you alienate yourself from others, but if logic prevails you feel crushed. Only experience can teach you to compromise so that both impulses are satisfied. The whole process will succeed if you are patient; this conflict can be resolved.

The crisis lies in your insecurity about projecting yourself in relationships that seem threatening. You are eager to make contact with others who will respond warmly to you. The important thing is to be yourself, realizing that others may have the same apprehensions you have. People will warm up to you and become friends if you give them the chance.

Your occupation should involve you in the personal affairs of others. In helping others to acquire self-confidence, you will increase your own. Teaching is especially recommended because it will force you to project your creative abilities. The constructive results you achieve will make you more totally aware of your potential development.

You may become involved in the most unusual romantic alliances. You tend to innocently form attachments with individuals who are either already attached or at least spoken for. You have a fascination for bizarre or complicated relationships. Perhaps this is your way of avoiding responsibility, which can never develop in such situations. You are emotionally promiscuous even if you never actually indulge in physical promiscuity. Others will insist that you put up or shut up.

Try to get as much rest as you can. Your keyed-up nervous system can seriously affect your digestion. A serene outlook will do wonders to help you avert physical distress.

14) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (4°41' A) ♄6 | ♃12

(Haydn Paul)

You may experience emotional blockages which inhibit sharing feelings. Emotional energies which cannot find suitable release may accumulate. You maintain tight inner controls which influence relationships, as others may sense an atmosphere of repressed violence and passion. At times, you can be like a coiled snake waiting to strike a target, just so you can unload excess emotional energy.

This tension and pressure can make it difficult for others to relax in your company. Relationships are uneasy, and are not helped by your suspicion of others. You rarely allow access into the sanctum of your personal life, so this distancing suits you. Domestically, you dislike intrusion, and take offence whenever anyone is patronising or attempts to dictate to you; if anyone is going to dominate, it has to be you! You prefer to control your family and anyone else you can, yet dislike having to acknowledge others in positions of authority. You may just barely accept them if they truly deserve such

positions, but otherwise show little respect and may even actively undermine their influence. It follows that you are never the ideal employee!

You can find consistency difficult in intimate relationships; not in the sense of loving, but more in how you express feelings. This is due to emotional blockages and control needs; you may appear to 'blow hot and cold' to your partner; yet this simply reflects how your emotional world is at any given time, rather than indicating the depth of love you feel for your partner.

You will be emotionally sensitive, and feel really hurt when another does not respond to your advances; you have a low threshold for emotional pain, which amplifies mood swings. You tend to store pain; and this increases inner pressure over time, which in turn affects domestic relations, and so on, in a vicious circle. Frustration occurs from your high expectations of intimacy and life; and yet this is often caused by your inner state that inhibits receiving and enjoying as much as you should. Contact with the outer world is through feelings; and as the primary impact is emotional, this colours your perception of life.

There may be disputes concerning finances or family inheritance, and certainly over the question of family authority, and those you intend to win. You do not often welcome others' advice, seeing this as interference or attempted domination; and you intend to make independent decisions and choose your own way. Even if this appears to take you in the wrong direction, the path is still your decision and choice, and, in that fact alone, it is 'right'.

You need to acknowledge others' rights, and their importance in your life. Again, compromise is a necessary virtue to acquire or, through sheer obstinacy, you could lose more than you gain through lack of moderation. Learn to value your partner, become less insistent upon your will and desires, and listen to others more. Inner changes could allow considerable benefits to emerge, ones which cost far less than you imagine and which do not really change you except positively. These can also help redirect emotional energy which otherwise may cause problems if unreleased.

Instead of trying to remake your family and close friends, turn this impulse inward and use it to change yourself for more social harmony, as this is the Plutonic transformation which awaits.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Pluto shows you are very demonstrative in your affections and easily hurt if your love is not returned. You may try to get even by using daring methods to dramatize your pain. Your tolerance for emotional pain is very low, and you never seem to get what you want without much hardship. Perhaps you have a memory of some punishment associated with your parents that has left unhealed scars. This could

produce bitterness and resentment toward anyone who attempts to control you. You are suspicious of anyone who tries to get too close to you and resent intrusion into your private life.

You are naturally defiant of authority and may have difficulty in dealing with the general public, although your job may require such contact. Try to have consideration for the feelings of those you serve. If you aren't careful you may become cranky and hard to get along with, although you won't realize it.

Because of your strong physical needs, you tend to be somewhat careless in seeking satisfaction. Examine every lover's credentials carefully, or you may find yourself involved with dubious characters who could cause serious trouble and embarrassment to your job, your home, and your reputation. It isn't easy for you to accept advice, but at least try.

In a romantic partnership you tend to be argumentative over money, joint resources, and positions of authority in the home. You are aggressive in love and can alienate a partner whose identity you have challenged. You must learn to be more passive.

You demand a great deal of life and the permanent relationship you seek. It is imperative that you compromise in your expectations, or you will search far and wide to no avail. Don't assume that others only want to use you; you attract all kinds of individuals - good, bad, and indifferent. It is up to you to choose wisely.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes the physical mother, how she reacts to life when the native is forming his or her emotional self. The mother is not comfortable with her environment when this child is very young, for the Pluto opposition indicates that the mother feels she has to control everyone. A lack of spontaneity, feelings being manipulated, outsmarting the rest of the family in order to maintain control - these are the symptoms of the opposition.

This child learns manipulation and control because it is done to him - so it must be 'normal'. The mother may feel that raising a child is an overwhelming responsibility. She may be in the throes of an unstable marriage, not knowing where she stands. Whatever the cause, she smothers those around her. The child becomes an adult who 'smother-likes', who obsesses over people and feelings, who falls apart emotionally when he feels the reins of control slipping away. One can't truly resent a person with this aspect, for the actions taken on an emotional basis are seldom conscious, and the person who smother-likes doesn't know any other way to behave. He must consciously learn new behavior patterns, for he doesn't know how to respond emotionally without the Pluto controls.

Pluto also represents the mass consciousness and it usually remains in the psyche on an unconscious level. As the opposition energy develops, it can result in disassociation from the peer group for it hears 'a different drummer'. This person may avoid groups or crowds because he doesn't feel in control of himself in a crowd. A fear of crowds, a fear of being trampled by the masses, pertain to all the hard aspects (conjunction, square and opposition) of Pluto to the Moon.

Before one can use the creative energy of the Pluto-Moon opposition, the control and obsessive needs must become conscious and released. It's important to learn to love people without helping them so much that they become helpless. Obsessive love patterns need to change. If other aspects in the chart warrant it, this individual may draw a partner who is also controlling and who drains him. The battle of the two strong individuals is interesting to watch.

When we give up, when we let go, the creative self can emerge, and we no longer have to live our lives guarding the 'Boulder Dam' of our emotional selves. When we realize this, the Pluto energy brings wonderful blessings.

Moon square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression. Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

15) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (2°19' S) ☿1 | ♃11

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars sextile the Ascendant, you usually express yourself with persistence and determination. You are fearless in saying what is on your mind, and careless as well. You assert yourself enthusiastically but impulsively. This lack of temperance in expressing your opinions tends to put people on the defensive. Because you are somewhat of a 'live wire', people come to expect the unexpected from you. With so much nervous energy, it isn't easy for you to sit still for very long. When your body isn't in motion, your tongue is, and this is how most of your problems in relationships begin. Although you may want harmony in dealing with people, it isn't evident from your actions. If you learn to reflect before you speak, you will avoid saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. You want to be admired by your friends for having a mind of your own and the courage to speak up when you feel you should. You need their support because you aren't always that sure of yourself.

You work hard at your career, perhaps doing more than is expected of you if you work under supervision, and certainly so if you are self-employed. There is some danger that you actually do more than you should, because much of your effort comes from nervous energy. You feel challenged by competitors and want to prove that you are more competent than they are. By being well-informed, you are prepared to take on any responsibility when the opportunity is offered.

You need greater self-discipline to get the full benefit of your creative ability. If you can consolidate your efforts towards a specific objective, you will always manage to succeed. Your zest for living is dramatically shown by your boundless enthusiasm in everything you do. Don't waste it in nonproductive enterprises or in a useless show of superior strength.

Mars trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Generally speaking, we stand up for ourselves, manage our own affairs, and put in a fair stint of hard work; but the idea is to concentrate on doing the things we like best.

We know how to encourage others and to keep them busy. Quite often these aspects give leadership qualities; but more by setting an example of courage, boldness and enthusiasm than by good administration.

We are very resilient; and physically we can often achieve a great deal. Usually we are very keen on sport and sporty things, but our keenness can degenerate into mere rivalry. Competitions and tournaments appeal to us, and we can do well in them. It is not unusual for us to espouse some cause or ideal; for we are not averse to the smell of battle, even with the harmonious aspects. Here, too, even if we are not quite so culpable, we have to learn to leave others some breathing space. If anything, our quick spontaneity is to blame when we expect more than our due.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Mars trines or sextiles the Ascendant, the individual was taught constructive action as a child; and action taken as an adult will complement the persona.

16) ► **Jupiter** ♌ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°02' A) ♎2 | ♏12

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile aspect gives a 'higher turn of the spiral' to the energy which is released; and this will enhance your mental and intuitional faculties. You will have an optimistic and positive outlook on life; and the way in which you and others will benefit is through the exploration of higher ideals, elevated ideas and philosophies or religions. This is the direction to travel towards, both as a form of self-discovery and unfoldment, and as a medium through which you can eventually express your insights and understanding back into the world for the use of others.

The potential is there for you to serve as a spiritual channel and transmitter, provided you ensure that you truly work for the good of humanity. Pluto will support any efforts you make to communicate a unified vision to the world, greatly enhancing the effectiveness of your influence. This real effectiveness will be determined by your ability to serve selflessly, either as an enunciator of a vision, or by a lifetime of support and co-operation with others who also seek to promote a positive direction for humanity to aim towards. There is no real glamour in such a task.

You have a penetrative mind and intuition, enabling you to discern the reality behind social, cultural and personal appearances; and there is a motivating curiosity that seems to require satisfying in whatever direction it turns. Your ideals are high, perhaps unrealistic to some degree, but still something to aspire towards in yourself and in the world. You are self-motivated and inspired, attempting to live to a high moral code (albeit your own), and tend to expect high ethical behaviour from those in positions of social

responsibility; you strongly object to hypocrisy and injustice. You will give your support to those whom you feel are being treated harshly and unfairly by society, and may often associate yourself with social and world movements to initiate change. Your sense of responsibility is highly developed, and you experience a strong inner impulse to share in the work of world regeneration and rebirth. Any close partnership should ideally involve someone who has a similar way of perceiving and experiencing the world; and it is quite possible that you could work together on projects, sharing a common idea.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Jupiter to Pluto enables you to perceive truths that are hidden by appearances. Your curiosity often leads you to make a penetrating examination in order to discover the facts. Because of your high ethical standards, you align yourself with enterprises that act to improve social conditions in your environment.

You are concerned with injustices and will communicate your observations to the proper authorities, so that legal pressures can be brought to bear. Law and the administration of law are particularly suited to your basic character and integrity. You can be a champion to those who are unable to defend themselves or whose values need support.

You are also qualified to manage corporate financial enterprises successfully or to serve as liaison in arbitrating disputes. Business administration could provide you with an excellent avenue of expression, regardless of your specific field. Medicine or psychology would also be satisfactory expressions of your personality, and you would enrich those you serve. Literally dozens of occupations could give you much fulfillment. You are a benefactor to those you contact through your profession. You enjoy giving your talents, because you respond to your fellow man with a sense of spiritual responsibility.

Your partner must share your enthusiasm for social responsibility, for serving whenever and wherever you are needed. Your mate will also have a mission to fulfill, and the two of you can be a powerful force to relieve society's burdens. You are especially responsive to anyone who is concerned with elevating people's sights for the future. Your optimism generates in others a desire to share your excitement as you philosophically 'reach for the stars'.

Your religious attitude requires you to actively participate in stimulating others to accept a spiritual obligation to mankind. Thus you will redeem the gift of your vast capabilities.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is common to a fairly large group of people born in the same year. It indicates the potential for relating to large groups of people; it indicates a person who may work well with groups or for the furthering of group interests. Relationships formed will be similar to those of the contemporary generation, and relationship ideals will vary

with the generation's standards. The mass interests will interest this individual, so the problems of the generation will affect his personal life.

Because Pluto can indicate the collective unconscious and all the mythic images contained therein, this individual may be either creative in the kinds of relationships he forms, or affected by those images in some way. Any problems that can be related to universal or mythic images may be solved by pursuing the studies of that subject and relating the information into the personal life.

Jupiter trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Pluto, there are power plays in many areas; the need to be important can make itself felt both on the physical and on the mental plane. Willpower is unusually strong, and we stand by our points of view. We hammer opinions home, and are not easily dissuaded. When linked with the personal planets, these aspects give great powers of persuasion. The obstinacy typical of the conjunction is typical of these aspects, too; but, because they are easy, it shows itself in a different way and causes less offence.

Expansive and improving Jupiter, in combination with taboo-breaking Pluto, sometimes gives social reformers who try to dethrone current moralities in order to replace them by others that seem more tolerant. Certainly freedom is promoted by Jupiter, but Pluto does not readily release its grip and will encourage the setting up of fresh power-structures which deny freedom in other areas. Although these are harmonious aspects, the Jupiter / Pluto combination is intrinsically so powerful that these people, though well-meaning, seldom give others a fair chance.

The desire to explore and investigate is well-developed in this combination. In professional life, this is excellent for scientific pursuits; in domestic life, it signals the housewife who is not taken in by sales patter but checks carefully before she buys.

We are inclined to moralize because we have a strong sense of right and wrong, which also encourages us to work actively in support of progress - whether material, social or religious. We can do things on a large scale and are good organizers, but we must be careful not to attempt too much at one time.

17) ► **Midheaven** MC **Square** ♀ **Venus** - (1°51' A) ♃11 | ♎8

(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.

18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (3°35' S) ♀3 | ♀12

(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.

19) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°05' S) ♃11 | ♄2

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mars square Jupiter indicates that it is essential for you to discipline yourself in using your abundant physical and intellectual resources. Everything you do must be planned, or you will waste a lot of energy in nonproductive enterprises. You want to emulate those you admire for their professional accomplishments, but you may not be willing to endure all the hard work required to succeed. You make valiant efforts to acquire knowledge, but when there is no immediate reward you quickly lose interest. Once you acquire faith in your ability to succeed, persistence and determination will come. You are impatient to an extreme, but with some contact between Saturn and Mars or Saturn and Jupiter, this will eventually be corrected.

In spite of the sloppiness resulting from your careless use of your energy, you will nevertheless benefit somewhat from the lessons learned. Only time can refine your manner of applying yourself. You need to define your objectives clearly and then establish a program for realizing them, a schedule you can adhere to. You need to consolidate your resources to make a massive assault on your most important priority. To do anything less than this would be a sheer waste of energy. Diversification is fine, if you take up each subject exclusively, but not if you attempt to develop a variety of interests simultaneously.

You are almost certain to have domestic and professional difficulties when you first set out to make a life for yourself. This planetary combination inclines you to have some difficulty in dealing with people. You feel threatened by competitors and unfairly treated by superiors in your job. You don't accept criticism gracefully. Your domestic tranquility will be disturbed because you complain so bitterly about the way you are treated that your partner becomes bored with it all.

You have the potential for excellence in law, government, teaching, writing, public speaking, sports, acting, and the communications media in general. This aspect gives you the necessary drive to accept challenges, for you realize that they are the only way to determine your competence. You are probably more likely to avoid a confrontation when you suspect that your opponent is expertly trained and has a greater advantage than you. With experience, you will meet any challenger with complete assurance of success. Even if you don't succeed, you will know you have given your best, and that is all that can be expected.

This configuration indicates that you are accident-prone because of your reckless disregard for safety measures. You tend to act impulsively, not taking time to consider whether any danger is involved. Because you do everything to excess, you need frequent rest to restore your physical reserves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the relating principle and the action principle are at odds. Mars represents the action taken on any physical level, including sexual expression. Jupiter represents the relating principle and how one opens up to new experience. The square indicates that this person may not relate to the action he takes, and therefore may be accident-prone, for he may expose himself to unnecessary risks. He may not relate well to career decisions either; he may not understand the actions he takes regarding his job responsibilities. On the sexual level, he may not relate to his own sexual needs; he may have excessive needs, depending on the additional aspects in the chart.

Any square between Mars and Jupiter indicates a setup for excessive action, and when things don't go as planned, this individual often overreacts. The aspect indicates a childhood environment that was excessive during the formative years. If the square also ties into the Sun or Saturn (father) or the Moon or Venus (mother), we can see which parent helped form the reaction pattern. Because Mars indicates action and sexuality, the square to Jupiter indicates a problem relating sexually, as well as an over-relating in other aspects of life. If the square doesn't tie to any of the parent symbols, everyone in the family was functioning that way during the individual's formative years. Overreacting sexually may be indicative of a parent who only relates on a sexual basis, or one who is confused about sexual attitudes. The individual picks up the reaction and makes this response a part of his or her adult experience.

Because of the square, one form of expression that happens is that of not relating to the partner after a sexual relationship has been established. Sex is separated from the relating experience. The complex can be cured by examining the needs of both planets by sign and function. Combining the energies in some constructive manner can be learned. Examining old relationships may be of help in discovering the relating pattern, so that new ones can be established.

Mars square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although the optimism and enthusiasm, the executive power and force of the Mars / Jupiter aspects already mentioned are equalled if not exceeded here, this is not an unqualified blessing. Great care is needed; for not only are the two planets not noted for self-control, but the strain set up between them makes it hard to use and manage our energies properly.

We are never satisfied, but are always looking for more - though not necessarily in material things; the aspect works even more strongly on the mental plane. We crave

adventure, have an enormous need to prove ourselves, and want to be completely unfettered and independent. We ram our opinions home (soetimes we go on about them far too much), and are extremely pugnacious where ideals are concerned. Fair play is something on which we insist, and we champion new things or indeed anything we find absorbing. But the constant danger is that, because we can underestimate the force and application needed to gain our ends, we shall always be wanting too much and pushing ourselves (and possibly others) too hard, often to the point of exhaustion. All the same, we do manage to keep extricating ourselves from self-made difficulties, and our sense of purpose can be tremendously stimulating to those around.

20) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°42' S) ♀3 | ♃11

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Mars shows that you have leadership ability and the selfconfidence to use it creatively and fairly. Your courage and endurance enable you to accomplish very demanding tasks. You have faith that you will always be able to succeed without resorting to deception or dishonorable practices. Not only are you honest in your dealings, you pride yourself on competing successfully with those who aren't so honest. Although you may behave impulsively at times, on the whole you plan your actions efficiently and purposefully. You can always express your creative abilities in such a way that you benefit from it. If anyone dares to question your ethics, you rise in anger, generally with the support of those who know you well.

With an abundance of energy to sustain you as you seek your goals, you won't be greatly restricted in expressing your talents in the life work you choose. In performing your duties you don't challenge or threaten people, and you get along well with most of them. You like everyone, and other people think well of you too. When someone needs assistance you will provide it, since you are secure in your own destiny and no one can seriously deter you from it. You mind your own business and maintain privacy in your affairs.

It is possible for you to gain prominence in the fields of law, managements, or sports, in creative activities such as acting and the communications media, or in working with young people as a teacher or guidance counselor. Guidance counseling is especially suitable to your capabilities. You easily win the approval and admiration of youngsters because you accept them at their own level of development, not expecting them to behave as adults.

Your emotional interests are average, so you will be able to adjust your desires in order to encourage a partnership with someone who fulfills all your expectations for a mate. You accept people for what they are and expect the same treatment.

Your life is apparently untroubled, and you take care of any problems without fanfare or

publicity. You are content to let those with driving ambitions have all the rope they need, but you don't need that kind of anxiety to spoil an otherwise tranquil existence. Not that your life is uneventful, for you work diligently and play enthusiastically. But because you don't have high expectations, your investment is less burdensome.

(Haydn Paul)

The trine enables you to turn theory into practical application, and this reconciling quality could become a source of your life direction, as your ability to apply your energy positively can generate ways to resolve problem situations. This may be one approach that utilises your energy in a creative and beneficial manner, and which poses challenges that you intend to overcome.

You will be self-confident and believe in your own abilities, setting goals and pursuing ambitions, emerging from your unique aims directed towards creating a suitable lifestyle, which may not always correspond to traditional paths and signs of success. You do not appreciate a volatile living or working environment, preferring a more tranquil atmosphere where you are free to follow your interests. While you enjoy new challenges, the cut and thrust of competition seems less appealing, and you see little value in exalting yourself if it requires another's detrimental fall.

Fairness, integrity and honesty are qualities that you respect and expect in your dealings with others, and ethical or moral considerations are taken into account in your life. These form your code of relationships, and you try to stay as true to these as possible, even if at times this may require you to forgo some success or progress, as you are not usually willing to compromise for the sake of any advancement. You can adopt an individual chivalry and style of conduct. While you have leadership ability, you try to ensure that you deal correctly with others from any position of responsibility, and are willing to help others on their way, provided they do not attempt less scrupulous tactics to progress.

Organisational and managerial qualities are likely to be present, and you can take the strain of highly demanding tasks, proving to be a reliable, efficient and conscientious worker who can purposefully carry out and design successful plans of action.

Spheres that may attract include law, business management, education, media, personal creativity and physical endeavours. Opportunities may steer you towards deeper interpersonal contacts, and working in areas of counselling and guidance may be highlighted. One asset that you may possess for this work is a genuine tolerance for others, allowing each to hold their unique view of life, and having respect for their free nature. Many inwardly condemn people for failing to be like themselves, taking an attitude that everyone should conform to a picture that they have developed. Fortunately, the life process disagrees with that attitude, and displays an incredible abundance of variety.

You tend to form a realistic perception of life, so that your expectations are not too excessive and unreal, and you appreciate the gains that you do make through expressing your creative talents and powerful energies. A need for disciplined focus may be required at times, as you may be faced with various options and lack a clarity of purpose which diffuses your will power. Be wary against occasional acts of impulse; they may not always work to your advantage, and a careful and steady progression can prove more beneficial. Working in harmony with this trine energy can serve to open doors throughout your life; be alert to recognise when opportunities are being presented, so that you can take full advantage of the gifts of life.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°26' A) 1173 | 137

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, there is the potential for a successful reconciliation and resolution of the Neptune-Sun energies, leading to a powerful positive blending of the individual Sun centre and the transpersonal outer planet.

Potential is present, but there may be question marks against your incentive, motivation and application in exploiting latent talents. This is the hurdle that can face you, especially when confronted with the nature of choice and decision over your lifedirection. You may be multi-talented in a variety of artistic and creative ways - music, art, literature, dance, drama - yet find it hard to be focused and sufficiently disciplined to become a master and not a jack of all trades. Ideas spring forth easily and naturally, followed by an enthusiastic grasping of them, only for them to be quickly put aside, replaced by the next set of shooting-star ideas. Commitment and perseverance may be lacking, and the directed energy is fragmented by turning towards too many directions at the same time.

Associated with a perceptive mind, which is capable of good assimilation and understanding, should be an intuitive quality too, which you can use as a source of insight and knowledge. This intuitive or psychic faculty will mainly operate through the emotional nature as empathic identification, in distinction to the Uranian intuition which is more mental and impersonal in nature. This intuition often gives you insights into the nature and motivation of others around you, and environmental atmospheres can influence your state of mind and well-being.

There can be an ambivalence towards social involvement and responsibility. Much depends on the nature of your expression; if it is within creative and artistic spheres, then your focus of attention and energy is absorbed within the creative vision. You are not unresponsive to social concerns, but you feel that being a creative channel is your contribution to society. Or you may respond to the Neptunian vibration by opening your heart wider, feeling a channel for 'universal love' supporting and uplifting others. This path is one of service to the community of human beings, and medicine can be a favourite expression, or similar forms of physical, emotional and mental therapy and

healing.

Becoming clear as to direction is the challenge; once determined, you should be able to pour your energies and talents into achieving those aims, and in so doing walk your solar path of purpose. You have the capabilities to achieve your objectives, once definition and focus is made. There may be a need to be more practical, perhaps modified by evoking a strong Saturn or Mercury influence to ensure that material results occur, or you could waste those talents and end as a negative dreamer, chasing your flights of imagination but never containing them within objective form. In relationships, emotional freedom and trust are highly valued as components of an ideal romantic love. You tend to be emotionally faithful, and give priority to the virtues of a close and loving family environment. Your empathic and sympathetic nature adds to those feelings of closeness with family and friends.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Neptune means that you have enormous talent to express, but you may never find the right way to exploit it. You take up ideas with enthusiasm, then drop them right away. Your mind has a precocious quality, in that you learn quickly and with deep comprehension. You respond to what you learn both emotionally and intellectually. In reality, you are extremely psychic, and much of your knowledge has been acquired through this faculty. This may have been the reason you were bored, as a child, by teachers who were giving you information that you already knew intuitively. Because you learned easily and didn't have to overcome the usual obstacles, now you don't readily take on duties unless you want to very strongly. You may avoid involvement in the affairs of the community, for it is almost impossible for anyone to provoke you to respond to your social responsibilities.

You can write your own ticket to your professional ambitions. Probably you will never encounter a challenge that you can't successfully meet. You are extremely creative and will be able to perform almost any task assigned to you. Your greatest problem is dawdling when time is urgent or schedules must be met. Consequently, it is better for you to be self-employed, so you can work at your own pace, and others don't have to depend on you. Art, drama, education, writing, and medical research would all provide you with a field for creative expression. Even though your ambitions may not be defined, others will benefit from your efforts.

Your personal relationships are characterized by permissiveness between you and your mate, a freedom based on mutual trust. You and your beloved enjoy a blissful, romantic love and can indulge in escapes to Shangri-la. You can be devoted to your mate and know that indiscretion will never come into your life. Your family will be warm and tender toward you, and your children will be a source of endless joy to you as they grow into maturity.

22) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°39' A) ♄6 | ♋2

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Jupiter gives you a glowing personality, ease in relating to people, and generosity. You have a vivid imagination and much creative potential. Even when circumstances seem dismal, you always look on the bright side. Your hopeful outlook brings optimism into the lives of everyone you contact, especially in your own family. Your infectious enthusiasm generates a feeling of well-being among the people you are with. You are very sensitive to outside influences, but you always attempt to understand their real significance. You work out solutions to your problems as quickly as possible because you don't tolerate complications in your life for very long. Confident that you can cope with any situation as it arises, you don't try to cross a bridge before you come into it.

Because you are well informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in just about any conversation. Civic affairs hold an interest for you, and you may hold some elective position in your community. You would support programs for solving social problems, because such projects are especially interesting to you. However, you might not become personally involved in their administration, because your day is already filled with matters that need your attention. Knowing how to determine priorities, you become totally absorbed by whatever heads the list.

You enjoy the many avocational interests that fill your life with purpose and accomplishment. Your activities enrich those close to you by stimulating their continued development. The spiritual fortitude that you radiate is comforting to them. Because of this, you might find that you are the advisor whom everyone seeks when they have problems. You apparently have a capacity to take on these burdens without laboring under them. Your opinion is highly regarded because of your vast experience and good advice.

Such fields as public relations, civic functions, travel, or physical therapy could serve as a platform for your creative talents. Working in these or similar areas would benefit others and give you a sense of accomplishment. You are inclined to be selfindulgent, though, and you should limit your activities to a selected number of interests. It would seem imprudent to sap your physical reserves by taking on more tasks than you can handle easily.

You are romantically interested in persons of good moral character who are sincere, honest, and spiritually motivated. A peace-loving person, you enjoy being with people who are untroubled by tension and pressure in their personal affairs. You are greatly devoted to the one you love, and your relationship will deepen with each passing year.

23) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (4°51' A) ♁8 | ♊12

(Haydn Paul)

The expression of the trine has several similarities to that of the sextile, and usually enables these two planetary energies to work well together.

The social sphere of life will be of considerable importance to you, both as a personal need for contact with others, and in the enjoyment that you derive from it. Whilst you develop your own individuality and style, you have a 'community attitude'; your ideal is to live in a way that both succeeds in satisfying your needs and has a beneficial effect upon the wider world. Your personal values are founded within a social perspective; and you feel that your concerns embrace the world. As a planetary citizen, you may feel attracted towards involvement with those groups which share this attitude, so that through either personal or financial support you are able to contribute towards creating a better world.

The ability to have positive relationships with people may be used through work which brings you into broader contact with the public. This can be through teaching or communication in some way. Possibly your talents can be expressed via artistic creations or music, which embody your Venusian sense of harmony and beauty.

In your intimate partnerships, you find it easy to express your feelings, and these will remain more consistent than with the conjunction aspect. With these Venus-Uranus aspects, though, there is the tendency to be affectionate and sympathetic with the majority of people, a form of diffused love which is universal rather than individually orientated. This can cause some unease and confusion within a partner who fails to be convinced of your specific love for him or her.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Uranus shows that you are usually optimistic and cheerful and thoroughly enjoy life. You express your love for people without great fanfare, and can usually detect insincerity in others. You make necessary adjustments to people, which endears you to them, but you are quick to see when others are abusing your affable nature.

Because of your sense of values, you strive to enrich the lives of others by sharing your good fortune with them. In the past, you accepted your responsibilities, and now you can enjoy the rewards. You realize that what you give is returned in abundance by others, to your mutual benefit.

Your well-developed sense of harmony and appreciation of beauty may be expressed through the arts, music, design, or drama. You radiate warmth in everything you do, and are rarely negative in your social contacts. You can work effectively in occupations that involve the public, because people feel comfortable with you.

Children are especially appreciative of your truthfulness in dealing with them. As a teacher, you would instantly capture your students' imagination because you have a talent for making a subject come alive. Your unique talents could prove rewarding in financial work. Your intuition would be an asset in speculating on the stock market.

Because of your innate self-control, you will probably marry well. You can look forward to satisfying romantic experiences based on mutual trust and understanding. You expect a lot from your partner, and you are willing to do whatever is expected of you. You have high hopes for a future rich with inner contentment. Your excitement and joy in living are the keys to much happiness.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a lovely aspect; it is much like the sextile. Venus indicates our ability to appreciate love, our 'druthers', our 'I want to be's; and Uranus indicates our behavior pattern. The Venus placement shows how the mother influences the individual from a psychological point. The trine to Uranus denotes that she is a broad-minded woman who is receptive to growth, change, and ideas from the younger generation, and that she is able to give the child a similar image to imitate. This individual will enjoy exploring humanitarian or new-age interests, sharing with others and supporting future generations and their ideas. If the chart warrants, this may be a person who will make an excellent teacher or counsellor, for he can be supportive of his students or clients; it can indicate someone involved in the art world, for he is looking for new forms of expression.

As far as love is concerned, relationships may be unusual or unorthodox but meaningful. The elements will express this energy differently; for instance, this trine in Water signs will indicate a much different person than the trine in Fire. The Water trine will be extremely sensitive and intuitive, looking for a very special relationship. The Fire trine will be looking for ultra-idealism. The energy is best used when the needs of the signs and elements are incorporated into what is looked for in life, and those needs should be tied into the qualities described by the Sun.

Venus trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The option of remaining free to lead one's own life, and of developing within a relationship as one thinks best, is a must for those who have harmonious aspects between Uranus and Venus. As soon as friends or the partner start tying this person down, Uranus incites him or her to kick over the traces. He or she is attracted by anything unusual or capricious in others and is quite likely to copy this behavior. A

woman with ones of these aspects is often very independent and has a mind of her own. A man with one of these aspects usually looks for a strong-willed woman who knows how to get what she wants.

People with these aspects are fully alive to the individuality of themselves and others, and, with their taste for the unusual, they keep an open mind on everything, no matter how strange. Nothing much disturbs them; instead, the unusual may even be found stimulating. Sometimes, they even go looking for change (at work, for example). The chance that the emotional life will be fairly unstable is therefore present even in the harmonious aspects.

(Charles Carter)

This is a combination which usually signifies unusual taste and some degree of artistic ability. There may be talent for music, literature, or the drama; it is often witty, fascinating, humorous, or charming. With a prominent Mars, there may be ability for work in metals.

It tends somewhat to eccentricity, sentiment, and romance, the passions being very sensitive. In many cases, it seems to be rather a dumb note, and goes no further than a mild liking for music.

So far as externals are concerned, it favours popularity, easy circumstances, and enjoyable, though not always steadfast, relations with the other sex. Very much depends upon the ability of the native to find an adequate outlet for the emotional nature, for there is a proclivity towards adventures in love, and the romantic part of the nature may lead to looseness of conduct unless it can be 'sublimated' in some harmless way. For example, Petrarch expressed his romantic nature by writing sonnets to Laura, while living a perfectly comfortable and respectable life with a wife and several children, being plump and well-fed at a time when, according to his writings, love denied him food, sleep, and most other necessities. Or, again, romance may be sought in stranger directions, as in the case of William Blake, who was most happily married, but allowed the eccentricity of Uranus to find vent for itself in such peculiar habits as insisting on receiving and entertaining his guests in a completely unclothed condition, by way of demonstrating beyond all argument the fact of his having regained man's pristine 'innocence of childhood pure'. Another eccentric, but (so far as I know) perfectly moral Venus-Uranus man was Joseph Smith, the Mormon, who 'rationalised' the inner cravings of the aspect by producing a polygamous religion, miraculously revealed.

24) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (4°08' S) ♃11 | ♆7

(Haydn Paul)

The energies of the trine should enable you to become a practical idealist, where the

spheres of personal relationships and social obligations are highlighted in your experience. Mars will provide you with a powerhouse of energy to use, and Neptune will indicate suitable directions for expression.

This will be through a heart sensitivity to the problems of others, either individually or on a more impersonal, collective scale, and you will feel motivated to share in aspects of social responsibility. Fortunately, most of your personal aims can be achieved within such a framework, and so you may be attracted towards socially orientated work, especially in the fields of welfare, medicine, community aid and physical therapy. In such ways, you feel able to share your energy by supporting others who may be struggling in life, perhaps through ill-health, disadvantaged social conditions, or family problems. There is a natural sympathy, and your compassionate approach will often lead to many sharing their problems with you. It may be that at times you will need to cleanse yourself of 'accumulated suffering' absorbed from such work, and forms of negativity-releasing meditations or psychic protection are advised; otherwise, you may experience your level of vitality dropping under the burdens that you choose to take.

Even if you do not adopt the Neptunian way as a profession, your closer social friends will recognise this quality of support within you, and will often turn to you for a helping hand and a listening heart, coming away feeling less burdened, more inspired and sharing in your confident energy that all will be right (or that they can at least cope successfully). This is an aspect of a healing energy that you can transmit, and which is often connected to an acute inner sensitivity to the environment and people's emotions. This empathy is a key to your potential effectiveness in relationships, an intuitive knowing of how to respond and what type of support can be offered. Some may consciously gravitate towards areas of spiritual / occult healing techniques, and this could be an effective channel to explore.

Your intimate love life should be reasonably satisfying, often with a strong emphasis on physical and heart energies, possibly with some intense and passionate romances. Once you settle with a stable partner, you will appreciate those deep emotional bonds, those subtle empathies and feelings of real relationship that can be established through mutual love. Generally, your partnerships are honest and direct: friendship and goodwill for each other are strong, and genuine feelings for people with whom you have shared intimacies can still persist even after a relationship has ceased. Some relationships end in perpetual bitterness and mutual conflict; but whilst recognising that love can fade, you prefer to separate on good terms. People can benefit through contact with you, and finding a suitable partner can offer you an opportunity for considerable mutual inner growth and enjoyment.

There can be an attraction towards more dramatic expressions of the energies of these two planets, perhaps one where flamboyance is possible, such as the theatre, acting, dance, or where physical culture is emphasised. In some, the Martian energy to act is focused through spheres of Neptunian creativity, design, art, literature, film,

photography. The trine often appears in charts of creative people, as the energy helps the process of anchoring the idea, vision or intention. You should find that you can achieve your goals, making the most out of the potential and opportunities that are presented to you; allowing scope to your imagination and then acting on it is the key to success.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Mars and Neptune shows that you have successfully integrated your aggressive and desirous nature with your social responsibilities. You can satisfy personal goals and objectives without sacrificing your impersonal obligations. Because you understand your deepest biological urges, you are able to control them, realizing there is a time and a season for everything. You are sympathetic with those who are less fortunate in managing their impulses, and readily 'lend an ear' when others want to unburden themselves or discuss their problems. Your inner perception is highly developed to detect sincerity or dishonesty in people.

Your inspiration and driving ambition to serve others are particularly suited to welfare programs, medicine, law, or physical therapy. Your healing abilities would astonish even a professional practitioner, who may not realize that your success results from helping people cope with spiritual as well as physical problems. You would bring special insight to psychology, group encounter therapy, and other rehabilitative techniques.

If you are motivated to seek personal acclaim, you could pursue a theatrical career as an actor, dancer, or stage designer. You have a flair for effective delivery, and your sensitivity brings out a warm, emotional response in others.

Your romantic life is uncomplicated but still very exciting. Because of your poise and personal dignity, you enjoy warm and tender relationships with the opposite sex. You maintain honest and sincere ties with those you love, and willingly sever ties with those whose interest in you seems to be waning. Their love may fade, but they will never fail to respect you completely for all your good qualities. You hold others simply by your magnetism, charm and sociability, and you know how to bring enthusiasm and joy into the life of the one you love.

25) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (8°10' S) ♄4 | ♅12

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect can offer a good working balance between these two energies, one which can successfully reconcile their opposing natures. The more positive Saturn qualities allied to less extremist Uranian ones will be in evidence, operating through your personality expression.

As with the conjunction and sextile aspects, the trine will enable you to anchor and materialise the Uranian impulse, so that the energies will flow easily and fluently through you without creating any unnecessary blockages. Working from the Saturn ability of selfdiscipline, practical skills and organisation, you can take full advantage of the inspirational ideas of Uranus, eventually making them real on this material level. Yet you are not dazzled by materialism, and much of your actual interest and enjoyment is with the nature of the ideas themselves; being capable of manifesting them to some degree is but a completion of the process. It is those futuristic ideas and dreams that take hold of your imagination, giving it some form, definition and direction.

You are able to learn quickly from life experiences; you choose not to waste time having to repeat similar experiences through failing to realise the implicit lessons hidden within them. Time is short, and you prefer to make the best use of your natural talents and resources for yourself, and to aid others too if the opportunities present themselves. Potentially, you could become an inspiration for the young and others in how to actualise your intentions and complete the process of creativity, due to your ability to resolve the Saturn-Uranus polarity. Much of human experience revolves around the conflicts inherent in that dualistic polarity; and you could become an exponent of the fact that it can be reconciled. Your life could demonstrate the ability to weld together old and new impulses, the creative process, and the dichotomy of matter-spirit. Obviously, it would not always be easy; but you can make the potential real in your life, and prove to others that it is achievable. This is another aspect of the 'bridging role and function' that is currently needed during this transition stage, when unifying the planetary impulses is essential.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have learned from your experiences and acquired discipline. As you project yourself toward future accomplishments, you are excited by the prospects of all the tomorrows. You have earned the freedom you enjoy. Although you have a healthy respect for material things, you are fascinated by your increasing detachment from them. In the future you will be enriched by letting others share the benefits of your knowledge and experience.

You have the talent to mobilize and exploit your resources. You are intuitively aware that success depends on taking measured risks rather than on speculating. Consequently, you can teach others how to effectively capitalize on their potentials. You are well-qualified for executive positions because of your keen judgement and uncanny insight. Your understanding of people and their motivations enables you to organize their talents to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

You are particularly good at handling young people, because they can identify with you and the authority you present to them. They admire you for 'getting it all together' and being able to assert yourself without arrogance. They also respect you for expecting

them to define and seek their own goals.

You can successfully apply your potentials in many occupations. Suitable fields include mathematics, science, research, and astrology, as well as many industrial positions requiring leadership and organization.

Your ideals are based on solid experience and the tried and true. As you strive to gain your objectives, you uphold the highest values of behavior. You are optimistic about the future for yourself and for those who share your ethical standards.

(Betty Lundsted)

The trine indicates children born into a generation that wishes to co-operate with established forms of authority. The father's effect on the individual's psyche can be used constructively because Dad was co-operative with his peers. Dad's values may be expressed differently, but this person is exposed to the concept of a changing consciousness.

If the trine ties into the personal planets, or if the trine ties to the chart of the nation, this individual may be drawn to work in the political arena, for he relates to contemporary events. In the personal sense, his need to develop a 'personality' works co-operatively with his drive for maturity.

Saturn trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tensions encountered in the conjunction are less conspicuous in the harmonious aspects between Saturn and Uranus because the two factors support one another in the way they express themselves. Consequently, we can structure our lives well (Saturn) within existing frameworks - social or otherwise - without sacrificing anything of our individuality (Uranus). We function in the community in a completely personal way without creating tensions in the outer world or in ourselves.

We can apply ourselves diligently to personal development, showing great determination and energy. The will is resolute and we have plenty of staying-power

Life's ups and downs are taken in stride, and we are not easily thrown off balance. Although probably having a high opinion of ourselves, we are not blind to limitations, are prepared to give others elbow-room, and are likely to have a democratic outlook.

A balance is struck between the preservation of structure (Saturn) and the alteration of

structure (Uranus), which interact smoothly to give a quiet, steady renewal. We are prepared to accept all kinds of change, and can take a keen interest in the ideas of others; but we always endeavor to integrate the new with the old or the old with the new as easily as possible. Therefore this is an excellent aspect for a legislator, since it encourages the framing of laws that, without being too rigid or too revolutionary, pay due regard to both public and private interest.

However, the tenacity and obstinacy characteristic of this aspect can make us unwilling to listen to reason. When locked on target, we are not easily diverted.

(Charles Carter)

This is an excellent practical combination, uniting common sense with initiative, willpower, and nervous energy.

It is favourable for any sort of work that requires patience and prudence, combined with originality and insight. Thus it is good for organising or for scientific work - the 'marshalling of facts' in the logical upbuilding of a great theory (e.g. Newton, Pasteur). The same tendency is exemplified by Ulysses Grant's remark: 'I will fight it out on this line if it takes me all the summer'. This great leader had Saturn trine Uranus-Neptune, and his determination was equally well evinced by his personal fortitude in great pain. Note that, as so often with Saturn, success came late.

There should be concentration, mental and volitional vigour, quiet resolution, prolonged preparation, and drastic final action.

It favours positions of control and administration; and, to judge by examples, it seems by no means without relation to the arts. It is likely to make the native popular as a governor.

However, even the good aspects appear to be of little use as preventives of injury and violence, for they often occur in charts of victims of such things, although one can scarcely suppose that they are themselves indicators of the dangers.

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