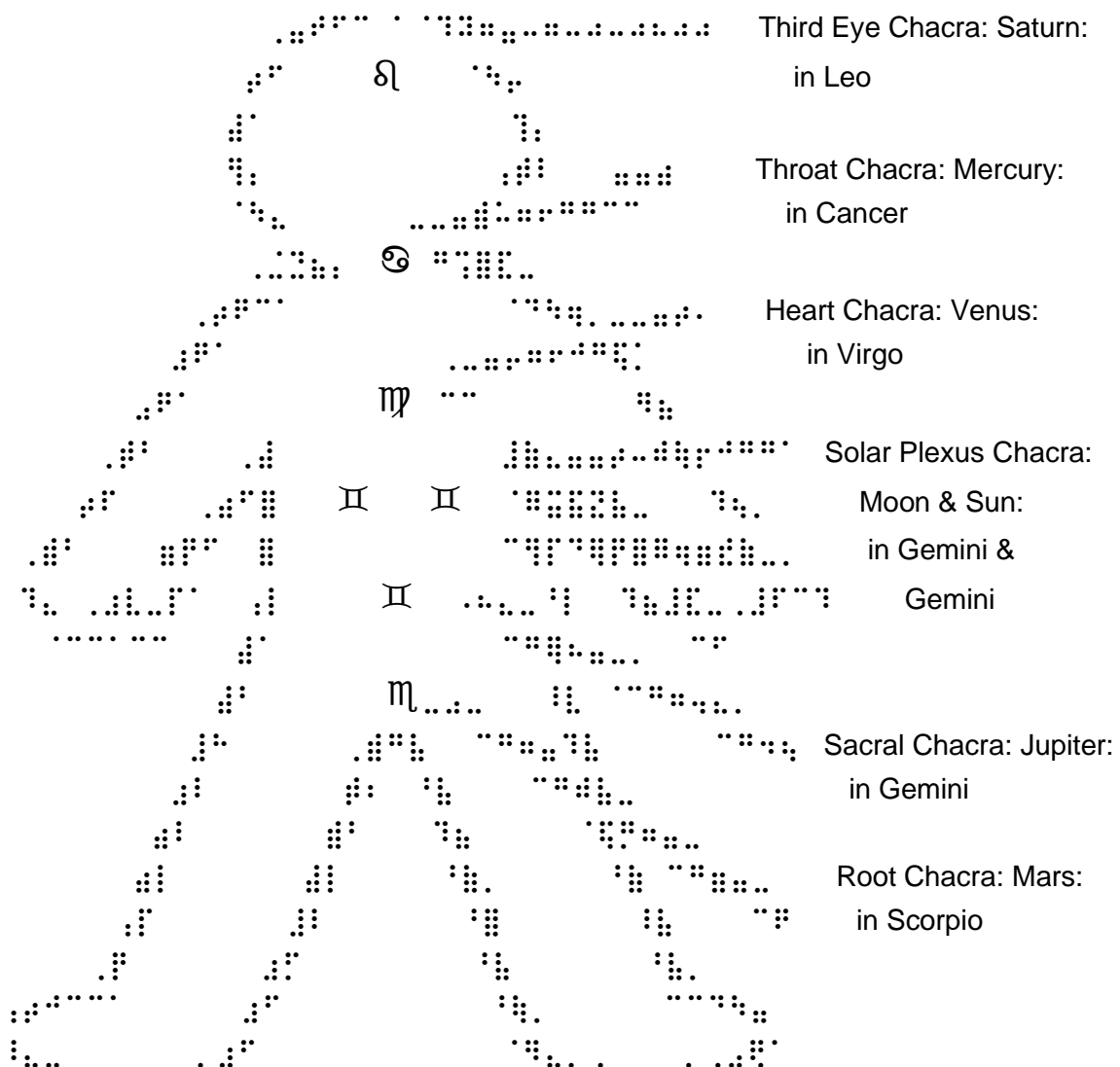


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Summaries

Gemini Sun ☿ ♊ and ♊ ☾ Gemini Moon man

([741] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Steadfast Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Brilliant, ingenious and quick-witted;

Negatives: Selfish, vain and easily bored;

Perfect partner: Someone who is engaging and fast with answers;

Advice: They need to learn to channel their energy constructively.

Sun ☿ in VIII 8th House

([866] i.thehoroscope.co)

Permanent transformation - Summary:

Strengths: Intense, introverted and observant;

Challenges: Distant, cold and aloof;

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

Moon ☾ in VIII 8th House

([879] i.thehoroscope.co)

Striking conflict - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, creative and straightforward;

Challenges: Pushy and controlling;

Advice: Be careful with the risks you are throwing yourself into.

Neutral: Experiencing feelings intensely

Moon ☾ in 7th Nakshatra: Purnarvasu

Short Version [2]

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

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

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in second pada

(23°20'-26°40' degrees Gemini): Taurus navamsa. People are drawn to your charismatic personality and you are popular and well-liked. You are talented and artistic, with a keen eye for beauty and an appreciation for the finer things in life. You like to live opulently.

Mercury ☿ in ☊ Cancer man

([890] i.thehoroscope.co)

Some escapist tendencies - In a nutshell:

Positives: Intuitive and knowledgeable;
Negatives: Vain and overly-sensitive;
Soulmate: Someone who is sociable and decisive;
Life lesson: Getting organized in a routine does him good.

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 ♍ Virgo man

([931] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Ambitious and organised;
Negatives: Insecure and cynical;
Soulmate: Someone who has a happy and fulfilled life;
Life lesson: Should read less into others actions.

Venus ♀ in XI 11th House

([955] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Friendly, cheerful and devoted;
Challenges: Pretentious and inconsiderate;
Advice: Follow your gut feeling without doubting yourself.
Neutral: Loving but a little naive

Mars ♂ in ♏ Scorpio man

([971] i.thehoroscope.co)

Like he has something to hide - In a nutshell:

Positives: Perseverant and disciplined;
Negatives: Impatient and demonstrative;
Soulmate: Someone who awakens his real self;

Life lesson: He shouldn't judge others' mistakes so harshly.
Neutral: No reason to play it cool

Mars ♂ in I 1st House

([981] i.thehoroscope.co)

Well known initiators - Summary:

Strengths: Dynamic, enterprising and assertive;
Challenges: Harsh and inconsiderate;
Advice: Being careful about the new things they initiate.

Jupiter ♃ in ♊ Gemini man

([995] i.thehoroscope.co)

Your luck go-to sources - In a nutshell:

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

Jupiter ♃ in VIII 8th House

([1012] i.thehoroscope.co)

Not ones to care about limits - Summary:

Strengths: Spiritual, intuitive and warm-hearted;
Challenges: Manipulative and overly emotional;
Advice: They need to stick with the causes they commit to.

Saturn ♄ in ♌ Leo man

([1021] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Respectable and successful;
Top qualities: Astute, powerful and creative;
Challenges: Too controlling and stubborn;
Advice: Keep your friends close and your enemies even closer.

Saturn ♄ in X 10th House

([1038] i.thehoroscope.co)

A great deal of personal aspirations - Summary:

Strengths: Elegant, flexible and ambitious;
Challenges: Vain, controlling and dismissive;
Advice: It's not the end of the world if you are not right all the time.

Uranus ♅ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1050] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Disciplined and patient;
Top qualities: Organized and thoughtful;
Challenges: Pessimistic and aloof;
Advice: Try to get used to and accept disruption.

Uranus ☿ in III 3rd House

([1055] i.thehoroscope.co)

Natural free-thinkers - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, witty and down-to-earth;
Challenges: Obstinate and pessimistic;
Advice: They should sometimes keep their thoughts to themselves.

Neptune ♃ in ♉ Taurus man

([1066] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Patient and understanding;
Top qualities: Romantic, dreamy, reliable;
Challenges: Possessive and materialistic;
Advice: Physical exercise could help you get out away from monotony.

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

In a nutshell:

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

Pluto ♇ in VI 6th House

([1106] i.thehoroscope.co)

Pursuing life balance - Summary:

Strengths: Observant, firm and hardworking;
Challenges: Anxious, conflicting and criticizing;
Advice: They should refrain from being too competitive with those close.

North Node ♋ in ♓ Pisces

([1124] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: disciplined, charming and spiritual;

Challenges: Controlling and anxious

Playing by the rules, An innate need of love

South Node ♍ in ♍ Virgo

([1130] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Loyal, attentive and charming;

Challenges: Individualistic, anxious and obstinate;

Navigating their own fears, The lesson of being more graceful and less judgmental

North Node ♋ in V 5th House (Leo)

([1117] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Spiritual, objective and adventuresome;

Challenges: Vain, isolated and overly emotional

Working from the shadows, A need of changes and transformations

South Node ♍ in XI 11th House (Aquarius)

([1135] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Supportive, confident and balanced;

Challenges: Criticizing, rushed and harsh;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♒ Aquarius

([1147] elsaelsa.com)

Neo-Creator

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in IV 4th House

([1152] elsaelsa.com)

Deep Roots

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus - (1°47') ♋5 | ♏11**

([48] astromatrix.org:) The Comic

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Elders 2. Spreading Happiness

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

► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Mercury - (0°07')** ♃7 | ♄9

([170] astromatrix.org;) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Having Stimulating Conversations 2. Working in Teams

Challenges: 1. Getting to Know Your Opinions 2. Overcoming Fear of Rejection

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars - (1°40')** ♃11 | ♄1

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

Opportunities: 1. Creating a Nice Home 2. Surrounding Yourself with Beauty

Challenges: 1. Dealing with Life's Practicalities 2. Knowing Yourself

► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Lilith - (1°46')** ♃8 | ♄4

([625] astromatrix.org;) Embodying the non-conformist

Opportunities: 1. Experiencing emotional transformation 2. Developing spiritual medium abilities

Challenges: 1. Awareness of repressed emotions 2. Avoiding unconscious decision making

► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♂ Mars - (0°07')** ♃11 | ♄1

([173] astromatrix.org;) Friend Or Lover

Opportunities: 1. Having Less Turbulent Relationships 2. Knowing What You Want

Challenges: 1. Dealing with the Past 2. Overcoming Hypersensitivity

► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith - (0°50')** ♃11 | ♄4

([634] astromatrix.org;)

Opportunities: 1. Dropping codependency 2. Exploring various relationships

Challenges: 1. Accepting your unique quirks 2. Exploring deeper sexuality

► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♀ Lilith - (0°57')** ♄1 | ♄4

([628] astromatrix.org;) Owning your Inner Wild

Opportunities: 1. Being a Powerful Creator 2. Becoming an Influential Leader

Challenges: 1. Overcoming untamed aggression 2. Sticking to your commitments

► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♀ Lilith - (0°16')** ♃8 | ♄4

([629] astromatrix.org;) Conscious Transformation

Opportunities: 1. Higher growth & wisdom 2. Taking initiatives in life

Challenges: 1. Connecting with your subconscious 2. Focusing on higher goals

► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Venus - (4°18' A)** ♃11 | ♃11

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

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ☾ Moon - (1°30' S)** ♃8 | ♃8

([2] astromatrix.org:) Even Tempered

Opportunities: 1. Leveraging Your Stability 2. Expressing Your Emotions

Challenges: 1. Understanding Others' Emotions 2. Finding a Partner

► **Saturn ♄ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (2°18' S) ♁10 | ♁4

([637] astromatrix.org:) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Embracing childlike wonder 2. Being more practical

Challenges: 1. Overcoming fears of rejection 2. Letting go of tradition

► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°40' A) ♁11 | ♁1

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

Opportunities: 1. Sublimating for Artistic Expression 2. Going all in with Relationships

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Partner for You 2. Avoiding Infidelity

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Mercury** - (3°45' A) ♁1 | ♁9

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

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☉ Sun** - (7°22' S) ☉5 | ♁8

([309] astromatrix.org:) The Achiever

Opportunities: 1. Reaching Long-Term Goals 2. Being Practical to Achieve Success

Challenges: 1. Learning from Authority Figures 2. Making Independent Decisions

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°52' S) ☉5 | ♁8

([320] astromatrix.org:) The Collector

Opportunities: 1. Being Caring 2. Connecting Emotionally to Others

Challenges: 1. Letting go of Possessions 2. Avoiding Possessiveness in Relationships

► **Midheaven MC Trine ♂ Mars** - (1°38' A) ☉5 | ♁1

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

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (0°36' A) ♁8 | ♁4

([645] astromatrix.org:) Accepting your Uniqueness

Opportunities: 1. Inspiration to chase dreams 2. Becoming an influential leader

Challenges: 1. Harnessing your wild thoughts 2. Sticking to norms

► **Moon ☾ Trine ♂ Mars** - (7°30' A) ♁8 | ♁1

([313] astromatrix.org:) Vitalizing Emotional Energy

Opportunities: 1. Integrating Your Emotions 2. Deepening Your Connections

Challenges: 1. Dealing with Your Disappointments 2. Cultivating Meaning

► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (0°54' A) ♀ 8 | ♀ 4

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

Opportunities: 1. Deeper emotional insight 2. Experiencing deeper intimacy

Challenges: 1. Heightened sense of intuition 2. Overcoming superficial emotions

► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (8°24' A) ♀ 1 | ♀ 4

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

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

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

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°47') 005 | 11
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°32') 87 | 87
- 3) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°40') 11 | 1
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°40') 8 | 10
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°34') 8 | 87
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (1°30') 8 | 8
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°36') 8 | 6
- 8) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°01') 8 | 5
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°25') 9 | 87
- 10) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°07') 11 | 1
- 11) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (1°06') 11 | 8
- 12) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (1°13') 1 | 8
- 13) ► **Jupiter ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (1°31') 8 | 5
- 14) ► **Pluto ♀ Parallel ♀ South-Node** - (0°35') 6 | 11
- 15) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (4°18' A) 11 | 11
- 16) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (1°30' S) 8 | 8
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Jupiter** - (9°49' S) 8 | 8
- 18) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♀ South-Node** - (3°49' A) 11 | 11
- 19) ► **Saturn ♀ Conjunct ♀ South-Node** - (9°33' A) 10 | 11
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♀ Uranus** - (1°15' S) 9 | 3
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Uranus** - (2°30' A) 1 | 3
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♀ Saturn** - (1°42' S) 8 | 10
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Saturn** - (3°12' S) 8 | 10
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°40' A) 11 | 1
- 25) ► **Jupiter ♀ Sextile ♀ Pluto** - (2°20' A) 8 | 6
- 26) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♀ Saturn** - (5°13' A) 1 | 10
- 27) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Neptune** - (3°00' S) 5 | 87

- 28) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (4°19' S) ☿9 | ♄6
- 29) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (7°18' A) ♀11 | ♆7
- 30) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (6°04' A) ♄10 | ♆7
- 31) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (3°04' S) ♅3 | ♄6
- 32) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♋ **North-Node** - (3°29' S) ♆7 | ♋5
- 33) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (5°52' S) ☾5 | ♋8
- 34) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°38' A) ☾5 | ♋1
- 35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (7°51' A) ♋8 | ☾5
- 36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°30' A) ♋8 | ♋1
- 37) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (6°21' A) ♋8 | ☾5
- 38) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (1°09' S) ♋1 | ☾5
- 39) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (5°47' S) ♄10 | ♄6
- 40) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°54' S) ♋1 | ♋8

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♊ Gemini 24° 53'

(Betty Lundsted)

Gemini people are born into the most personal of the air signs. They wonder where they fit in the scheme of things. They have lots of 'me', 'I' and 'my' in their consciousness, and their life experience requires the incorporation of self into a larger universe. Geminis are raised in a father-dominated atmosphere. Communication between the parents is difficult for these children to understand, because disagreements between the parents are solved with words and not with deeds. Since young children don't understand what words mean, they are uncertain as to what the fuss is all about. But, they do know something important is going on because the parents are upset by these strange words. Gemini children learn to use words well, for they are good imitators; but often they don't know what the words mean. Because Geminis find communication intriguing, they pursue either the world of conversation or the world of books. The media becomes important to them, and therefore they make great contributions in that area.

Geminis are explorers of the intellect, and are naturally very curious people. Their curiosity is manifested in several ways, depending on the childhood environment. If little or no education is available, or if there are too many Air signs in the chart, they want to

talk: they learn by talking, they entertain by talking, and they like a lively and entertaining social life. Each person they meet is a new source of information or entertainment. As they seek each new experience, they forget the old sources. This can cause conflict in their love relationships because their partner may resent all the new people. If the background was more intellectual, or placed more stress on education, Geminis will explore the world of the intellect, and pursue the study of language and / or education. In addition, they are enthusiastic about sharing information and social activities with all kinds of new and interesting people. However, the more educated Geminis have the same problem as those who aren't: they have trouble maintaining interest in an ongoing relationship.

The parents of Gemini children have some interesting reactions to each other in terms of body language. The impact of the words they react to fascinates Geminis, who feel left out. Geminis often try to recreate these situations in adult life and in their relationships. They need verbal interchanges with their mates. This interchange can start with harmless banter and work its way into bickering. If the mate of a Gemini doesn't understand the Gemini need to see a reaction (body language) to words, and if the mate doesn't respond appropriately to this situation, terrible verbal fights can ensue, leaving lots of hurt feelings and misunderstandings. After the fight, Gemini feels wonderful, but the mate is ready to pack; and, after a long series of these interchanges, the Gemini may find he's lost a partner.

One of the relationship difficulties for Geminis stems from a fear or a disinterest in working through problems to some compatible compromise or solution. Since they are social at heart, it's easier for them to run off and explore the new and different rather than to work through a serious situation with an 'old' partner. This type of Gemini needs to learn to work through disagreements without becoming resentful.

The Gemini female child admires her father, who is very often a respectable professional. Or, if Daddy is not a professional of some sort, he usually is known for something he accomplished that was special. She wants to be special just as he is, but there is a resentment directed toward him along with the admiration. At some time in her childhood when it was important that she have his attention, he ignored her. And so, she brings her resentment for her father into her adult life.

Because Gemini is a mental sign, it isn't always easy for the female to incorporate her emotional needs into her professional life. She sometimes looks at her body and physical needs as alien to her. She tends to select a mate based on his ability to mentally stimulate her, and she wants companionship with a partner almost as much as the Sagittarian female does. She loves the company of men, because she feels she can share her ideas with them; being born in a masculine polarity, she wants to feed her intellect. Because of this polarity, she may reject her feminine self. The less evolved Gemini type avoids the company of women because she basically doesn't respect the position of woman. As she becomes more conscious, she begins to cherish her

relationships with women who are interested in mental development as she is. She may even find conversations with women more stimulating than the ones she has with men, for there are no sexual overtones.

The Gemini male is known as a gadabout. He's difficult to own because he's always off exploring the universe. He rarely opens up with men, and seems to enjoy the company of women more. He likes to flirt. Because he doesn't really trust other men, he will develop few male friendships. This mistrust seems to come from his relationship with his father. During childhood, he wants to be with Daddy, but, like his Gemini sister, is in some way rejected by Dad at a time when he trusts him and needs him - hence Gemini's suspicion of men. When he picks a partner, he chooses a companion or a woman with whom he is friendly, for he seldom bases his serious relationships on sex alone. He is emotionally attached to his mother; he used her as an extra support when he was young, so he often picks a super strong woman he can 'hide behind' or depend upon. An exceptionally handsome Gemini male seldom chooses to be with a 'pretty' woman; he tends to pick a reliable type.

It seems that the parents handle situations in the early childhood of Gemini children with an overemphasis on the intellectual. The child is rewarded for doing 'things', and doesn't really understand why he is being rewarded. Adult life situations are not clearly understood, for hearty emotional responses were handled with words by the parents. The child matures only to learn that other people cope with emotional situations differently. Geminis may not understand what others want from them. Feelings of resentment may accompany responsibilities, for they don't know what is expected, or they may feel that their intellectual freedom is being restricted. The Gemini group worships 'freedom of the mind'.

In personal relationships, Geminis feel misunderstood, for the emotion called 'love' is conveyed to another in an intellectual manner. Words are more important than gestures, but the other eleven signs don't respond to this kind of a demonstration of love very easily. When a Gemini says he loves you, he may love you with all his heart, but he has difficulty demonstrating that love. First of all, his intense feelings may be completely different in the morning! Second, he may feel threatened when you tell him that he is not acting as though he loves you. Neither the male nor the female wants to be put on the spot where love is concerned. Love is a lofty ideal that can be thought about, fantasized about, dreamed about. For the Gemini, the words 'I love you' might be a sufficient demonstration of affection, and might not engender another period of affection for six months. As Gemini matures, he will learn that he has to give more than mere words. And here comes the test, for Geminis often feel that the needs of the loved one involve testing, and they resent it.

As far as career responsibilities are concerned, Geminis tend to get into the water over their heads. A basic difficulty affecting both sexes concerns direct and honest communication. It is easier to assume what the Gemini thinks the other party wants to

hear than to handle delicate situations directly. The Gemini has a reputation for being two-faced, but the double personality has a basis in the early childhood environment. In order to be well-received, Gemini assumes that others won't accept what he has to say. So he changes it. Feelings can be hurt unnecessarily, and Geminis may get themselves an untrustworthy reputation. When this kind of behavior is applied in career situations, the Gemini may get fired.

It seems that Gemini people don't understand where they fit in. They keep looking for a secure place in the universe, and this need for security is often the cause of the double talk that takes place. A dilemma is caused when the need to belong conflicts with apprehension about being restricted, for Geminis don't want to be 'beholden'. The conflict is intensified because they may not understand directions or instructions that go along with handling job responsibilities. Rather than asking how a particular job should be handled, they tend to make corporate decisions on their own. They often feel that asking questions will indicate to fellow employees that they don't have the qualifications for the job.

Sometimes Geminis even change their résumés. One client of mine applied for a job with a phoney degree. Another obtained a prospectus from a large company, learned the names of several important men on the Board of Directors, and then went to the personnel department with a 'verbal' recommendation from them. The people in the department didn't confirm the recommendation because it came from a VIP. Gemini worked for the company for two years before his action was discovered!

Geminis minimize or maximize any life situation based on the interests of the moment. The most common manifestation of this ability is the 'Gemini time system'. They tend to be late or early. If they enjoy what they are doing, time flies. If not, it drags. If they are on time, they're probably bored with what they were doing before they came. It is not uncommon for Geminis to be totally surprised that they are two hours late for dinner.

(Haydn Paul)

The Gemini personality is associated with intellect, mind and communication; and words are very important to you; you may possess literary ability and greatly enjoy reading and writing. You have an inquiring mind, being eager to accumulate knowledge and information through study, especially relating to factual and detailed topics. You tend to be curious about most things, and will search for intellectual security in the world. You need to be active and busy, loving change and variety which offers excitement to your life. You will be mainly focused in your mind, living in a world of fascinating ideas, although if over-familiarity occurs, then a lack of new stimulation can lead to a bored, restless mind beginning to look for the next interesting theme.

Gemini can be sympathetic and sensitive to others, having a quick perception and understanding of people, but this can be overshadowed by a self-centred attitude. Your

temperament may be essentially idealistic, tending to solve world problems by producing theories, which may fail to be applied in practice. There may be some problems with self-discipline, but if you can overcome these, you can be quite creative in arts or business.

You are socially adaptable, being popular and easy company, and can be an interesting and entertaining conversationalist. You are effective at self-expression, and use your fluent communication both to persuade and to gain respect from others. Friends are important to provide variety and mental stimulation, and you are likely to be attracted towards artistic and intellectual types. You do not like to be tied to anywhere, preferring changes of scenery and people in order to renew and revitalise your interest.

(Haydn Paul) (contd.)

Your reactions to life can be a little erratic, varying according to your moods (Gemini Twins), and you can be quite highly strung if life is not working out for you, perhaps becoming depressed. You are not a naturally tranquil sort of person, needing to be almost compulsively active; there can be periods of experiencing anxiety, indecision, impatience and irritability.

You prefer tidiness, cleanliness and order; and you may prefer to work from home, where you attempt to create comfortable, peaceful surroundings, and to which you often need to retreat from the world for short periods of self-renewal. You may try to create a balance in your life between action, socialising and creativity, as you are suited towards application in several areas of life at once. The sort of work that may suit you includes research, investigation, and factual content, scientific or literary.

You love life and can be erratic; and you prefer to retain independence and freedom. You will marry more for mental compatibility than for physical attraction alone, and will require a partner to be able to handle the practical everyday obligations and also be mentally stimulating, leaving you relatively free. You also enjoy contact with children, especially the aspects of play and their enquiring minds.

You feel a need to maintain your individuality and separateness from others, and can resist any forms of imposition by others; you may rebel against the status quo and established attitudes, but as you grow older will realise the value of co-operation as vital in life to create harmony and peace. You apply logic and rationality to religious doctrines, which leads you towards non-conformist or agnostic attitudes. You enjoy sharing ideas and information with others, and are tolerant of alternative viewpoints and ideas, feeling little need to impose your view on others, but just to exchange them. It is essential to clarify your life direction, and you may experiment with several occupations and lifestyles, displaying your versatility and adaptability. You can enjoy travel, art, music, and using your hands creatively.

(Sydney Omarr)

Gemini females

A Gemini woman, if you are not careful, is liable to grow on you; you acquire a taste for her, just as some people do for lima beans or buttermilk or spinach or grits and eggs. If you want to win and keep a woman born under this sign - you will have to be in good physical and mental condition. She will lead you a merry chase. You will be exasperated; your nerves will tingle, sometimes with joy, at other times simply because you're becoming an emotional and physical wreck. Apparently she's worth the trouble. Gemini women are popular. They are charming. They can be seductive. They can even, on occasion, be reasonable!

A must here is a sense of humor. Without it, you may as well give up. If you are going to pursue, or be pursued by, a Gemini woman, you must know how to laugh. This lady is on the go; she wants to know and be seen, and she wants to ask questions and to break the bubble of pomposity wherever she finds it. Sometimes, she talks too much!

Gemini women can exhibit a disturbing habit: they laugh at the wrong times. There is a romantic moment - you wish to say or do something sweet - and Gemini is laughing.

When you get used to them, Gemini women can become indispensable. However, once you let them realize this, you're in for trouble! Treat them lightly: the more you take Gemini women seriously, the more you are apt to suffer. Obviously, they have their excellent points. One of them is the stuff of life and living: there is nothing halfway about them. It is all the way or nothing at all. They can be daring, lovely, witty, and, at times, devastatingly funny.

You have a job on your hands if you are involved with women of Gemini. But it could indeed be a pleasant job - nice work if you can get it!

Gemini males

This man is versatile, alert, charming, and blessed with loads of energy. No matter what the weather, he is willing to go out, to be on the move, to experiment, to satisfy his curiosity. He may tire you, but you must not complain. That is the secret hint: never let him know when you are brooding or worrying. He may agree that you have a right to be sad, but, in reality, he expects you to keep your chin up, to keep smiling, to be disgustingly healthy. Complaining or nagging is one sure way to lose a Gemini man.

These men can be deceptive; often they are testing, probing, trying to find out what you are really made of, whether or not you are sincere. They are, like Gemini women, airy in temperament. They are idealistic; when forced to face practical issues, they are often downcast, hurt, bewildered - or at least give that impression.

A Gemini man must be convinced of your loyalty. Once he is, he is yours: you can ask for and receive anything he is capable of giving. But as far as he is concerned, it is you first - first you show your loyalty and love, then perhaps he'll come around! A Gemini man is elusive, quick with his hands, artistic, restless, with a tendency to scatter his forces. It is best for you to make him believe that you are many-sided. Once he feels he has figured you out, he is apt to shrug and go on to his next love. Gemini men talk their way into and out of almost anything. Listen to them but remain sceptical; and keep a Mona Lisa smile on your face. That definitely helps!

(Skye Alexander)

For people with Sun in Gemini, communication is of utmost importance. You are fond of talking, writing, reading - anything that involves the written or spoken word. As a result, you may pursue a profession or avocation which involves some form of communication, such as writing, teaching, public speaking, advertising, sales, data processing, talking on the phone, or telecommunications. Many writers have their Suns in Gemini.

Mentally-oriented, you enjoy discussing ideas with others, and respect intelligence. For you, knowledge is power. The written word has great appeal for you, and you are probably an avid reader. You are also eager to acquire as much information as possible, and want to share what you know with everyone you meet.

A life-long student, you never tire of learning new things, and might enjoy attending adult education classes, taking mail-order courses and going to lectures. Your tendency, however, is to collect facts and tidbits of data without integrating them into the larger picture, so that you possess lots of information but no true knowledge. You gather so many disassociated bits and pieces, facts and figures, that you frequently mix them up, confusing words, events and people in the style of Mrs. Malaprop.

Your interests are many and diverse; almost anything will attract your attention for a brief time. However, you don't have the perseverance to stick with one thing for long. One week you're fascinated with scuba diving; the next it's Tarot; then stamp collecting, weaving, oil painting, etc.. Truly the jack of all trades, master of none, you are eager to try everything, but rarely become proficient at anything.

Insatiably curious, you want to know and experience as much as possible. You have trouble limiting yourself to one job, one relationship, one residence or even one book at a time, and usually have several things going on simultaneously. You might switch jobs on a regular basis, or have a primary occupation and one or more avocations. You may engage in a series of brief relationships or several concurrent ones; at the very least, you are something of a flirt, and never stop looking around even if you don't act on your fantasies. You can watch TV, cook dinner, hem a skirt and do a crossword puzzle while you talk on the phone. You're afraid you might miss out on something more interesting if

you devote yourself to a single pursuit or activity. At times, you can seem a bit schizophrenic, and may have trouble getting the divergent sides of your personality to work together harmoniously. You also tend to scatter your energies and spread yourself too thinly.

A consummate shopper, you love to get a bargain, and pride yourself on never paying full price. You know the price of everything, but the value of nothing, and would rather buy a dozen inexpensive items of poor quality than a single good one. You aren't a bit tipper, and usually ask for separate checks when you go out to lunch.

Extremely friendly, you enjoy companionship and probably have plenty of friends and associates. Usually you are cheerful and good-natured, and are always available for a movie, a card game, a party or a good chat. You don't like being alone or still, and keep busy doing things, running from place to place or socializing - anything to avoid looking at yourself deeply. Not at all introspective or reflective, you don't understand your own motivations or those of others, and can be rather shallow and naive.

Gemini rules the hands; and, consequently, you might be quite dextrous. Perhaps you are skilled at drawing, woodworking, playing a musical instrument, typing, sewing, or some other handcraft.

(Sasha Fenton)

Geminis have a reputation for being friendly, clever, but not able to stick to anything or anyone for long, although in reality this is not so at all. Many Geminians have a bad start in life, often because their families drift apart, so when it comes to forming a family of their own, they make a great effort to keep the household together. They will put up with a difficult relationship for longer than most, and will always keep in touch with their children, even if this is from a distance. They tend to stick to their main job although they may have subsidiary interests which bring in money, but all their jobs must offer them a variety of tasks and an opportunity to meet new people. Geminis usually have the sense to choose the kind of work which does not require deep thought or long periods of slog. They make great telephonists for example, because they can cope with a busy switchboard and they are rarely fazed by machinery.

One genuine Gemini fault is obsessiveness. I have never seen this mentioned in any other astrology book, but I have known a number of Geminis in my time, and have seen this kind of behaviour quite regularly. When something sets off this behaviour, they can become amazingly unbalanced. One example is my old school friend Sherry, whose husband left her and her daughter for another woman when she was thirty-seven years old. Sherry wept and wailed, became hysterical and stayed like it for a couple of years. Even when she later began to make a new and more interesting life for herself, she never forgot or forgave her husband's treachery.

Geminis take an interest in many things, but there is always one subject, one job, one interest (maybe in the background) which they tend to know thoroughly. Explaining anything to a Gemini can be frustrating because they only want to deal with the overview and they become impatient with details or logical processes. For example, if you are teaching a Geminian how to use a computer, don't bother to go through all the steps in detail; just give them an overview and stay around so that they can ask for help when they need more information. It is sometimes hard to talk to a Gemini because they ask questions and then don't bother to listen to the answer. These subjects are not interested in the moods, needs and behaviour of other people because they are so totally involved with themselves. They are restless and uncertain about life because they feel that the grass is always greener somewhere else, and are often mentally on their way out of the field which they are in and looking for the next piece of grass.

Geminians are witty and they often have a very funny sense of humour which helps them get through difficult situations. Their ability to move on quickly to a new interest or a new person also helps them overcome bad times. These subjects are noted for being excellent communicators, but they may be better at connecting people with each other in the sense of an agent or a broadcaster than actually talking (and listening) to people themselves. In a social setting, a Gemini will chat away nineteen-to-the-dozen whilst at the same time their eyes roam around the room, taking in everything that is going on and analysing it with some other part of the brain.

I have to admit to being a little wary of Gemini men. They can be quite bossy and may treat the other members of their family and, indeed, women as a whole, as some kind of inferior species. They are so clever and persuasive in an argument that they become used to getting their own way, and can be terribly surprised and hurt when someone potentially slower and softer gets the better of them. There may be an unfeeling or thoughtless side to these people which allows them to use others or to 'con' people into giving them what they want. This mental arrogance can lead some Geminis into criminality. Others utilise these talents to turn themselves into excellent salesmen who, by means of a mixture of cheek and persistence, manage to close deal after deal.

I recently read an excellent book about people working in the stock market, where the combination of a fast and active brain, a talent for selling and the ability to work at great speed strikes me as making it a place in which many Geminians would feel at home. A Gemini friend of mine who works for a merchant bank told me recently that nine out of their eleven accountants are Sun in Gemini subjects. Bankers and dealers need to be hard-hearted, and this type of unfeeling Gemini is ideal for the job.

As parents, Geminians will go to great lengths to provide their children with an education. They genuinely want them to succeed, but they may find it hard to express affection towards them. Geminis are not terribly keen on touching. Their sensitive nerves seem to reach out into their auras, and they may feel uncomfortable cuddling a child, just as they dislike being grabbed or rubbed against by casual acquaintances. These nervy

people can be quite difficult to live with or to understand, but their sense of humour, quick minds and interest in everything make them excellent company. Another great plus is their non-hostile approach and their genuinely non-judgemental attitude to other people's foibles and failings.

Whatever their age, Geminis are always in vogue; and they are often real trendsetter where fashion is concerned. Typically, their trim figures help them to look good, whatever style they choose to follow.

The typical Gemini is small and thin, with a slightly sallow skin colour, and mousy hair. Non-white Geminis are also small and neat, but will obviously vary in colouring. Some Geminis put on a lot of weight as they get older, and begin to resemble that famous Gemini, Queen Victoria. All of the female Geminis whom I have come across sensibly use tints to make their hair a more interesting colour, often preferring to make themselves either very blond or jet black. Both sexes are fussy about their clothes and their appearance, and usually look very good indeed, preferring rather formal clothes to the casual look. Many smoke quite heavily in a rather nervous and 'twitchy' manner. Even if they are sitting down and reading a paper, they always look as if they are on the point of getting up and rushing away somewhere.

Weak spots for health are the hands, arms, shoulders, and the upper respiratory tract. Some Geminis have considerable problems with bones, while others never seem to get ill at all. Asthma is a possibility, as is a whole range of auto-immune diseases such as eczema, psoriasis, migraine, rheumatism and colitis. Nerves play a large part in the health of this sign; and this may underlie most of their ailments. A number of Geminis suffer from arhythmia (a fast or uneven heartbeat) whilst being otherwise healthy.

Geminis are the communicators of the zodiac, and can be found working in the media, in information technology (computers, etc.), as sales representatives, and as teachers. They make excellent secretaries, telephonists and technical writers; and some of them write books for a living. Quite a number of Geminis enjoy working in hospitals, but they are usually more interested in the clerical aspects of such work than the purely medical area. Others are interested in the way other people think, which draws them towards psychology and astrology. Sport interests Geminis, especially the more prestigious kinds of sport such as tennis and golf. Paradoxically, one type of work which is rarely mentioned in connection with this sign is accountancy, because Geminis are traditionally supposed to be at home with words rather than figures. I've met quite a number of Gemini broadcasters who excel at chat show interviewing.

Gemini hobbies include reading, writing, talking on the 'phone, organising young people in sporting or outdoor activities, and driving for pleasure. These people enjoy games such as chess, Trivial Pursuit or cards; and many have the kind of creative hobby which allows them to use their hands. Light engineering or carpentry interest Geminis, and many spend hours solving problems associated with craftwork or model-making.

Geminis are not notably money-minded, but they like it for the freedom it brings. These subjects don't enjoy being beholden to anyone, and will strive to gain financial independence, even under the most difficult of circumstances. Gemini women seem to attach themselves to wealthy men or to encourage their husbands to become wealthy, after which they help them to spend their money on classy and elegant goods. Geminis rarely have large sums of money put by, but they are never broke either. If financial trouble strikes, they will take two or even three jobs at once in order to solve the problem.

Geminis love shopping, and usually have large and very up-to-date wardrobes. The vogue for smart sportswear is right up their street. They usually look and dress younger than their actual age. Their homes are kept nicely, but not usually by them! They prefer to employ someone else to clean for them and, if this is not possible, they will either do what they have to do or ignore the whole business altogether. As far as décor and furniture are concerned, Geminis will buy the best that they can afford and then live with it for years afterwards. All the Geminis I have ever come across would rather lay out in the garden soaking up the sun or snuggle into a nice, comfy armchair in front of the television than do housework. Many Geminis love animals, and have at least a couple of dogs around the place. This mercurial sign loves to be on the move; therefore, a fast and efficient vehicle is a must for them. Geminis prefer small, sporty cars but won't say 'no' to a large and luxurious vehicle if the opportunity to own one comes their way. If all they can afford is an ancient rust-bucket, then this would be far preferable to being reduced to using public transport. Geminis love holidays in sunny, fashionable places where they can laze about in comfort.

Geminis are relaters rather than loners, who will go halfway to meet a partner wherever possible. Relationship problems arise from their moodiness and restlessness. They can be dissatisfied with their lot even when it is very good, because they have an implicit belief that the grass must be a good deal greener elsewhere. To be honest, most Geminis are fairly stable and, as long as their relationship is not boring, they will put up with quite a lot. Geminis are quite mercenary, and will stay in a relationship if it gives them the standard of living that they require. These subjects need to live in style, but they are prepared to work hard and earn the necessary money to pay for this themselves. However, they cannot be persuaded to hand over all their hard-earned cash to the rest of the family while they, themselves, go without. Geminis can only function comfortably by being well-dressed, well-fed and in the process of looking forward to an entertaining outing of some kind. This sign has a reputation for unfaithfulness but I don't think that Geminis are any more likely than any other sign to cheat on a partner.

As a child, the Gemini may be unhappy and very anxious to grow up and leave behind the misery of childhood. This is strange when one considers the Geminian's evergreen youthfulness when he eventually becomes an adult. Gemini children either do very well at school or drop out altogether. They are quick and clever, and they enjoy and

appreciate any toy which occupies their minds and keeps freedom at bay. Some Gemini children are excellent at sports, while others have wonderful mechanical ability; all of them learn early and very quickly, but they become bored with the routine of school work and homework, and out of tune with the kind of teamwork and petty discipline in school life. If either a relative or a teacher takes the time to show a little approval to these children, they really blossom. Unfortunately, this rarely happens, and they have to do their blossoming much later in life.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

Geminis are never boring; they love to chat, but not all of them are good listeners. They are bright and intelligent, and usually well-informed. Some are intellectual, while others have street credibility, but none are fools, except to themselves at times. Neither sex is very domesticated; and, knowing this, Geminis usually make the kinds of arrangements which allow their homes to run smoothly without their having to do much themselves. They equip their homes with every kind of labor-saving gadgetry, and also hire someone to come in and do some, if not all, of the cleaning. Many Gemini women marry domesticated men who happily swap roles. Neither sex is particularly demanding in a relationship. These subjects won't complain if a meal is not up to scratch; and they don't need a perfectly-run household. What they do need, however, is a bit of peace and quiet. Gemini nerves are sensitive, and they can become extremely upset by hostility or anger; so if they have had a bad day at work, they need to come back to a peaceful atmosphere. [There are a few rogue Geminis who seem to thrive in an argumentative atmosphere, but these are rare.] These subjects need love and affection, but they cannot take smothering, jealousy or tyranny; and too much emotion in a partner unnerves them. If badly treated, they will slip away and find themselves a nicer partner, probably as a result of getting to know someone at work.

Gemini faults are supposed to be flirtatiousness, restlessness and an inability to stay put in a home or a relationship. Geminis are flirtatious, but only in circumstances where this is both allowable and appropriate. They may start off by flirting with a new face at a party; but if the person they are chatting up turns out to be interesting, they soon forget all about flirting and get into a serious conversation. Geminis can be critical and sarcastic, but usually only when they have been hurt. In some cases, their wit can be a little too cutting for comfort; but it is meant to amuse rather than to hurt. Gemini people are much warmer and more considerate than they are given credit for; and, although young Geminis can be a bit thoughtless, they are usually quite reasonable when they have gained a bit more experience of life.

Geminians need to keep their minds active, and can become so absorbed in a hobby or interest that they begin to neglect their partners, although this is usually quite unintentional. One lady who filled in one of my questionnaires said that her Gemini husband sometimes put his computer before her. One nice thing about Geminis is that they will try to be accommodating to others in the family, and they even make good

stepparents. however, they can be very self-absorbed, vain, and inclined to nag and worry about unimportant or transient matters. Geminis find decisions hard to cope with, and even panic when faced with a problem; although they soon get over this, and set their clever minds to solving the problem.

Another trait which may or may not endear them to their loved-ones is their absolute cleanliness and fussiness about their clothes and appearance. Geminis also have an irritating habit of concentrating on something which interests them for hours on end, and then never touching it again. They appear to lack sympathy with people who are ill, which is due to the fact that they are unnerved by illness and don't know what to do for the best. This is balanced by an ability to ignore or to shake off their own ailments; and they hardly ever take time off from work when sick. Geminians can go on and on about little things, and they do try to cross bridges before they come to them. However, as long as they are not forced to live with a person who is a wet blanket or an absolute bore, and as long as they are offered enough stimulation, they are not unreasonable partners.

Geminis are quite highly sexed. This may seem a surprising remark, because many astrologers traditionally comment on their need for mental rather than physical stimulation and their coolness where it comes to such matters. They may not be the most affectionate of signs, partly because they were rarely, if ever, cuddled as children. However, if they find themselves with a loving and affectionate partner, they blossom into very cuddly and loving partners themselves.

Geminis are extremely curious, and not overly embarrassed by unusual sexual situations, as long as these can occur in private. Being analytical, Geminians can distance themselves from their feelings and enjoy sex in the same way that others enjoy good music or a good book. Geminis like to experiment, and they love variety, which, added to their changing moods, makes them excellent lovers. If a Sun in Gemini subject has the planet Venus in the neighboring sign of Taurus, sensuality is added to their need for mental stimulation; while, if the Geminian has planets in nearby Cancer, he may be surprisingly shy. In a loving relationship where the Geminian can relax and allow his tensions to drain away, he or she can make a very rewarding life-long partner. If an affair is on the agenda, then the Gemini would make the most amusing, and possibly slightly kinky, lover.

Geminis are friendly but not always terribly close to those who are around them. They make good in-laws and step-relatives because they don't interfere. However, if a relative takes it upon himself to dictate to the Geminian, he will be given very short shrift. Friendly but distant is the way the Geminian likes to be. He will not abandon elderly parents or other relatives, and he will do all he can to see that they are comfortable and well cared for; but he cannot live with cantankerous, sick or needy relatives, and will not allow himself to be pushed into such a situation. Geminis are reasonably good parents, but they may find it hard to cuddle their children because they themselves were not cuddled enough when young. They will do all they possibly can to ensure that their

children have the very best education, and they will surround youngsters with every kind of educational toy or aid. They may be a bit too pushy, because they are competitive and they want their children to compete as well. A Gemini parent will not hesitate in sending a child away to school if he thinks that it is for the best. Indeed, he finds his children much easier to deal with if they are at a distance from him for part of the year.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Versatility is the hallmark of Sun sign Geminians. This is the first dual sign of the zodiac, and its subjects find it essential to pursue several courses of action at once. They also need to communicate on all levels. Their potential can be expressed in many ways, but especially through the media. This need for communication is so strong that they'll telephone their local radio station with comments on every conceivable subject and will even chat to someone in a bus line in no-one else is available at the time.

Superficiality is the worst Geminian fault and should be controlled - these people tend to know a little about many subjects, and sometimes fail to acquire truly deep knowledge of the things that really interest them. An ability to quickly assimilate knowledge can work well under certain conditions, but it is important for this type to realize the necessity for deep thought and seriously based opinions on some matters.

A tendency to inconsistency is another problem; the Geminian need for variety and change makes it all too easy for these people to start a great many different projects but leave most of them unfinished. Once more, awareness of this element of their characters will help counter it.

Geminians are very logical, rational people and, generally speaking, their minds work very quickly; but the influence of their ruling planet, Mercury, is important and must be carefully considered.

Geminians unquestionably need a lively, intellectual rapport with their partners. Shared interests are important, and the partner should have his or her own definite opinions, which will be enjoyably discussed and argued over. All of this will add lively spice to the partnership.

Geminians often don't entirely trust their emotions. When overwhelmed by feelings, they will immediately bring their rational, logical minds into play, trying to explain their emotions to themselves in order to give them a coherent perspective. This can cause problems, especially when Geminians are still young and coming to terms with the expression of emotion.

A Geminian child will start talking, and probably crawling, then walking, at a very early age. The parents of such a child should make quite sure that their youngster has plenty with which to keep happily occupied, as boredom will not be tolerated - indeed,

Geminians almost fear it. To get to grips very early on with the tendency to inconsistency and superficiality, the child should be encouraged to finish all tasks that are started, although it would be wrong to insist that he or she tackle them one at a time. This simply doesn't work with Geminians, who obtain their best results when able to move from one project to another as the mood takes them and their interest waxes and wanes.

Geminian children usually do quite well at school, but they can bluff their way through tests. Really clever teachers will soon recognize this, and be able to stay several steps ahead of their Geminian students; less shrewd instructors will be taken for elaborate rides. At examination time, the Geminian will probably write reams and reams of opinion, backed up by too few essential facts: they usually find facts boring!

It goes without saying that Geminians are lively parents, filling their children's out-of-school hours with activity. They must be careful, since their children may not be as versatile, or have such quick minds, as they themselves. They should consider the basic needs and true qualities of their children, which may not coincide with their own. There is a very powerful critical streak in every Geminian, which can be more damning than they realize and may badly deflate and upset their children; it should be softened with humor and tempered by praise.

The Geminian versatility and communicative skills should ideally be used in a career. Many Geminians do very well working in the media; and Geminians are also the natural salespeople of the zodiac, doing well in department stores, in advertising, and as commercial travellers. Their need for change and variety must definitely not be ignored: predictable routine is inimical to them. So is solitary work; but at least when a Geminian acquires a lonely top job, he or she will never fail to listen to former colleagues, although this doesn't always mean that their advice will be accepted! A full and free interchange of ideas, and the battling to and fro of different opinions, is important.

(Julia and Derek Parker) (contd.)

In business, Geminians can be highly shrewd and cunning; and if they apply these characteristics to making money, they often do extremely well, although sometimes a faulty decision, perhaps too hastily made, will result in financial collapse. This is not an overly ambitious sign, but the Gemini imagination will happily enjoy success before it is actually achieved, which acts as a spur!

Continual change is a way of life for Geminians; as we have suggested, their chief fear in life is being bored, so they will continually find new ways of keeping themselves interested. If they don't, then their nearest and dearest must, at the slightest sign of twitchiness, do it for them. Leisure? They don't even have time for any - every moment is filled with activity, even if that is just writing or conversation. The thought of retirement won't dismay them, because there are many interests they want to pursue (probably all at once!) when they eventually find the time.

Although not necessarily strong, these people are almost certainly wiry and apparently perpetually young, so should not have too much trouble with their health. Any difficulties that do arise may perhaps be for psychological rather than physical reasons - Geminians have vast amounts of nervous energy which must be burned off. They are usually too individual really to enjoy team games, and they can quickly grow bored with the strict routine of formal exercise. The best solution is to join a health club but to use it in combination with other, individual, forms of exercise, such as running, jogging, walking, squash and tennis.

Gemini rules the lungs, and Sun sign Geminians must watch carefully for signs of breathlessness, or when a cold goes to their chests. It is vital that, if possible, they should refrain from smoking, which, while bad for everybody, is particularly lethal for them. They thrive best on a light diet of fresh salads and fruit, fish and white meat.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Individuals born under the intellectual air sign Gemini are ruled by Mercury, and think and act swiftly. The key phrase for Gemini is 'I think'.

Since Mercury has to do with communication, Geminis must identify and classify. They must produce words and models in order for their contacts to be meaningful to them. Speech is especially important to them, serving as a framework for their activities. Words are anchoring or safety devices, as the mind jumps from one thing to another. Geminis' ease of speech is a positive attribute, but they must keep in mind the harm they can do by being chatterboxes.

They are thirsty for knowledge and eager to study. Generally, they have a highly developed learning capacity. Their inventive imagination qualifies them for professions in writing, experimentation, and criticism. Education is therefore necessary to them from the time they are born. If their training is poor, they often make life unbearable for others. If they are well-educated, however, they tend to be charming and refined individuals.

Geminis' reactions are prescribed by the mood of the moment; hence the dual quality to their personality. Variety is the spice of life as they see it, and this philosophy makes them high-strung. Unless things go their way, they are likely to become depressed. Geminis are happiest when they have more than one dominant interest.

Their state of nervous awareness allows no intellectual or physical tranquillity. In emergencies, therefore, they rarely lose control, and their ingenuity provides unsuspected solutions.

Since Gemini rules the hands and arms, as well as the nerves, these people experience

much pleasure when their hands are busy giving form to their ideas; and their ideas are plentiful!

Geminis must work to acquire calmness of minds as well as body. They might well begin by trying to keep their hands and feet still and to eat slowly. This discipline will enable them to maintain control even during angry moments or extreme nervous tension.

Geminis enjoy great popularity, largely because of their witty conversation, mental agility, sociability, courteousness, and intuition. However, they dislike being bound to any particular person or place. Their home life, therefore, leaves much to be desired. They are continually curious, and always searching for personal intellectual security in the middle of their changing experiences. They are fond of constant travel and changes of atmosphere.

Although they have no special attachment to material belongings, Geminis see money as power and freedom, and feel an attraction to it. They may be thrifty with their own money, but squander that of others.

As children, Geminis are so charming and ingenious that parents and educators are often blind to their defects. They should be trained early, since their objectionable traits are extremely hard to correct in later years. Once they are adults, education or discipline must come through their own volition. When this process occurs, this passion turns into creative energy and originality, which can be manifested in both business and the arts.

Geminis are the nonconformists of the Zodiac. Thus, they must maintain their separateness and remain different from those around them. They feel that if their potential is to be fully realized they must emerge from every possible kind of bondage. They rebel against the status quo, often breaking rules and resisting authority, and never yielding their individuality to one place or to one person. They will never act because someone or convention tells them to do so. However, as they grow older, they come to realize that co-operation is necessary to self-fulfillment. As Dane Rudhyar says, the very air we breathe has been exhaled by someone else's lungs. The air signs bring the individual to realize his relationship to humanity's common lot.

If Geminis master their deficiencies and negative tendencies, the excellent potentialities they possess at birth will enable them to reach high objectives.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a friendly and flippant heart. You have the will to use generously your levity and sense of humour - without it devolving into flippancy. Your life should be led in a spirit of interest and communication - as opposed to trivia and distraction. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is light and amusing, and / or fly and insubstantial.

You generate a sparkling display of wit and anecdotes that refreshes Other and relieves him / her of his / her heavier thoughts and feelings; a sense that things are easy to accomplish and that worrying is for fools; and an air of deftness as you turn your hand to all manner of things with style and agility.

You can alienate Other with a superficiality that is paradoxically quite profound in that Other cannot penetrate it but can only leave it, ultimately; with a cleverness that masks a deep inner doubt with regard to yourself and life in general, which Other inevitably spots; and by knowing everything but understanding little - least of all how Other feels.

You overemphasize who and what you know - or, curiously, your lack of knowledge and contacts. You overemphasize your fear of commitment, to the point of Other not wanting, or not being able, to commit to you. You also are reluctant to get right down to the real underlying truth of some issue, because it means you'll then have to stop flitting.

You can feel weak in the face of not knowing what to say or how to behave; at the prospect of someone getting to know you well enough to discover that you do not love or know yourself that much; and when you cannot rationalize or wander, which you do for fear of not being accepted for both sides of yourself.

When alone, you have your other half for company. This can be your 'light twin' or your 'dark twin', but it is more usually the latter. Your dark twin is all the doubts and irrationalities that you find hard to accept and strive even harder to avoid. For this reason, Geminians try never to be out of relationship for too long. It is also why they have, or are tempted to have, more than one partner - or, at least, keep their options open. But sooner or later, your dark twin, like your own shadow, will overtake you. The song 'Yesterday' by Gemini Paul McCartney says it all: '...I'm not half the man I used to be; there's a shadow hanging over me'. It is at such a time of being alone (all-one) that you must get to know and befriend what you have come to regard as unlovable in yourself. You will eventually realize that your dark twin was simply in the dark.

(John Townley)

You have the potential for a broad variety of sexual experiences; indeed, you will not be truly satisfied if you repeat the same kind of lovemaking over and over again. This does not mean that you require a number of lovers to achieve happiness; but within one relationship you need the stimulation of change to avoid sexual boredom. It would be wise to choose a partner who enjoys experimentation or is willing to learn and to try whatever you dream up.

However, sex is not your most important form of expression. You should avoid lovers who feel, as many people do, that personal intensity in lovemaking is the indicator of success in a relationship. For you, sex is recreation more than a personal statement, and you need a partner with an equally lighthearted approach who will become involved

with you in other ways as well.

It is unusually important to you that your lover be your friend, because no matter how good it is, sex alone is simply not enough. It is only one of many expressions of personal togetherness and communion that you need for a rewarding relationship. Your most fulfilling moments come when you are deeply in touch with your lover, and this does not happen in the bedroom alone.

Sun ☉ in 8th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

You may become interested in deeper self-understanding, and through your need for this begin to search in the realms of psychology, religion and occultism and commence your spiritual quest to discover your holistic centre. This attraction to the mysteries of life

is associated with the 8th house; and your solar path of development will lead towards such realms. Areas of social taboo can particularly fascinate; and you may become interested in techniques that require the application of a focused will, such as magic or creative visualisation.

The exploration of your sexuality may assume a high profile, as that is one way to gain experiences of emotional and physical intensity. Much will depend on your reactions to the issue of life intensity, whether you wholeheartedly embrace its potential or whether you feel afraid of exalted and heightened feelings and senses. If fear dominates, through unease about moving beyond existing boundaries, then you may choose to resist deeper life intimacy and reject the potential transformation. However, if you persevere in daring to explore the scope of life, your inner experience can become enriched and those pressures dissolved through conscious self-expression. Relationships may then become less a battlefield and more a foundation for progressive growth and enjoyment of life, as you succeed in transforming your need for union into positive life enhancement, instead of passively allowing yourself to be dominated by the consequences of inner storms.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

Unfortunately, along with these powerful gifts this position also brings emotional isolation in some form. In youth, they were usually socially isolated in some way, the ego undergoing difficult tests of the loss of love, death of loved ones, undue restriction, social ostracism, possibly even institutionalization, or a combination of these, at an early age,

and often alone, without loving counsel. Rather than destroy the ego, this usually works to crystallize it, strengthen it, forcing it to feed on ideas, fantasies, on religious truths, or plans for the future, giving it great potential for the adult years of power.

These people seem complete unto themselves, cool, self-reliant, and secure within their own abilities; but they will always be vulnerable, deeply craving affection and commitment, and more or less terrified that they will never find it. In their own isolation, it is hard for them to see the need and vulnerability of others; and they may be capable of terrible coldness, and even cruelty, to those who need them. They may latch onto one person who they hope will give them all they crave in the way of emotional sustenance and commitment; but this can be neurotic in intensity and lead to an agonizing breakup. There may be a number of such relationships.

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

dependent, yet not separate; linked in trust while still honoring your own path.

Transformation: Approach transformation with your whole self. It's not a process you can flirt with, for when you undertake this path, the essence of your life-direction changes. It's like a solar eclipse. The lights of your universe temporarily go out - not something to be undertaken lightly. If you can't die well, you can't live well. You didn't come to the Earth to live one life; you came to live many, in sequence, each built from the ashes of the one preceding, and all within a single lifetime, within a single body. An ordinary life is not for you, so don't try to create one - it can result only in the suffocation of being buried alive. You need to live in the flow of the extraordinary. Forget normalcy; go for the gusto.

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

Fulfilling your destiny requires participating in public affairs and serving the needs of others, even though it means making sacrifices. If you turn your strong desire nature to providing dependable public services, you will be amply rewarded for your efforts. A

career in medicine, psychology, research, crime detection, insurance or financial guidance might be suitable; and you can earn a comfortable living in these areas if you accept the responsibilities. Your parents will encourage and support you until you are established in your career. Examine your moral and ethical standards, for nothing erodes your gains so quickly as taking liberties with legal guidelines. Misrepresenting your ability to perform the services that your career requires will undermine your credibility. When you agree to provide a service for someone, you are in that person's debt until the service is rendered.

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

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

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

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

Moon ☾ in ♊ Gemini 26° 23'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you seek others to provide an emotional escape from the isolation of your mental gymnastics, you embark on a search for the perfect person. This may lead to the frustration of never finding a single relationship that can satisfy and provide release from idealistic mental visions.

If you lack confidence in your instincts, you may fear losing one option by choosing another. Such behavior does not bring stability in relationships. Constant disillusionment can result in an endless series of relationships, a scattering of energies, and loss of identity.

It can be difficult to see inspiring influences that you can trust and aim toward. This results in a loss of confidence in your ability to be spontaneous. You may hold back in communicating, due to fearing that others will judge you; thus, you lose the benefit of others' abilities to put your ideas in a practical perspective. You may deprive yourself of the very solutions you seek by withholding the truth.

Dynamic

You can create an atmosphere in which you get your point across by noticing that logical methods have not worked. The truth is that others cannot accept ideas that are not relevant to the practical solutions they are seeking. The lesson is to allow the needs of others to direct your mental talents so that you can share ideas they can accept. This is accomplished by focusing beyond the threat of others' motives. Then you can see the disorder in their lives and their attempts to organize themselves.

Sacrificing the assumption that you know what is right in the long run enables you to accept the needs of others. This acceptance allows their goals to guide your intuitive talents for mutually beneficial and practical results. When you realize that in order to achieve happiness it must be given to others, you experience what you are giving in the process. This interaction brings about wholehearted participation in assisting others to find their answers.

When you pay attention to problems others are having in their daily lives, you can make a commitment to serve on a practical level. Thus, you discover the very solutions that are next on your own path. You gain the spontaneous faith you need by encouraging others to believe in themselves. The power to direct your life is finally realized as a by-

product of inspiring others; and your own role as a mentor is appropriately exercised. The realization that your excitement comes from serving and inspiring others develops unshakable self-confidence and a sense of variety in all relationships.

General

You have a feeling of incessant restlessness. You feel the urge to move on, thinking that there is always something new and exciting over the next hill or that the grass is greener in the next location. What actually lures you on is the feeling that the next piece of information to be gained and shared with others is to be found in the next town. Thus, the urge for continual movement from person to person continues.

You are constantly seeking new mental stimulation and may have a difficult time settling down with one person in a family relationship. An internal restlessness drives you on with the lure that the best relationship is just over the next hill. This idea can lead to a feeling of dissatisfaction in whatever relationship you are in, no matter how idyllic or healthy it may be for you.

You are learning to relax, to deepen your mental connection with those in your immediate environment so that the stimulation you seek can be satisfied at deeper, more profound levels. You are learning to exchange a quantity of ideas for the quality of a deep rapport by integrating the dimension of feeling into your arena of mental exchange. In this way your desires for constant communication take on a new dimension of satisfaction and fulfillment.

In order to develop deep mental connections with others, you are learning that you must first develop a connection with your own spiritual, intuitive processes. Once in touch with your intuition, you will have access to the information you need, when you need it, without the restless feeling that you continually need more information in order to feel secure. Then you can share ideas with others with a feeling of ease based on the joy of exchanging those energies that release both people into truth.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Gemini need to communicate verbally, to interact with a variety of people, to awaken and satisfy our curiosity, to train and utilize our minds, to develop basic skills, and to be open to and engaged by a stimulating environment. The deepest needs of our Gemini Moon pertain to experiencing and expressing our feelings in relationship, and to cultivating a network of people and activities which truly nourish us rather than simply pique our interest. We also benefit by feeding our hunger for knowledge and developing our capacities as thinkers and communicators.

When our real needs are not met, we may lose ourselves in compulsive Gemini behaviors - we may talk incessantly and superficially without making real contact; we

may scatter our energies widely, shifting from person to person and activity to activity without experiencing fulfillment anywhere. We may seek refuge in knowledge for knowledge's sake and intellectual activity as an escape from feeling.

Negatively, our Gemini Moon suggests that we experienced one or both of our parental figures as changeable or inconstant, as overly identified with the mind and inclined to rationalize and intellectualize rather than directly express feeling. Such a parent may also have been high-strung, nervous, and preoccupied with trivia. Positively, our parent may have encouraged and supported our verbal and intellectual abilities and provided us with considerable stimulation and challenge.

If our parent did not provide the nurturance we needed, we may have internalized messages which incline us to deny or explain away our feelings, and to remain open to too many outside influences at the expense of learning to make commitments or develop an area of expertise. Feeling insecure in our bodies and emotions, we may have exercised our mental capacities to such a degree that we have become adept at rationalization and prone to use words and superficial interactions to defend against our needs for real contact, intimacy and communication. Our task may be to reconnect with our feelings and bodies in such a way that we may think, communicate and structure our lives to make our mental activities and relationships truly nourishing.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Gemini is indicative of one who is mentally alert, keen on self-expression - perhaps a literary buff, a reporter, one who can tell a good story, is adaptable, versatile, and has a tendency to scatter his forces. Seems to move about constantly - if not physically, then certainly mentally. He can see various points of view, but doesn't often go too deeply into any one subject.

He can be perceptive, can hit at the truth in a lighthearted manner; he would make a good satirist, for he is flexible, tends to doubt the seriousness of his own acts, intentions, statements, writings. He would make an excellent humorist, but when things are not going just right, he is inclined to nervousness, brooding, self-suspicion, doubt, envy, and perhaps even a 'persecution complex'.

He is articulate, seldom at a loss for words; but he might spread himself too thin, at times becoming involved in absurd causes, attracting 'tricky' friends, flirting with the underground or passing a bit of money under the table.

He possesses a great amount of curiosity, but once he finds the answer, or thinks he has, he tends to lose interest. He does not have the staying power of the Moon in Taurus, but he is a better self-starter - more active and more likely to do something about changing an unpleasant situation.

Self-control is essential. Greater self-discipline is also necessary if the native is to be more than merely an attractive but superficial individual.

The native finds it fun to use his hands skillfully, such as in sleight-of-hand; he is fond of short journeys, getting around and contacting people. He would make an excellent salesman, is capable of living by his wits, and is willing to experiment with an occupation.

His strong points: versatility, curiosity. His weak one: a tendency to be superficial and flashy rather than thorough and knowledgeable.

(Haydn Paul)

You will feel an important need for mental stimulation, verbal communication, and a variety of relationships with others. Satisfying an alert curiosity and a desire to know will be a high priority, and your intellectual life will be a continuing sequence of 'fascinations', as exploring areas of human knowledge attracts your interest. While, over time, you can acquire a broad knowledge base, you may tend to develop only superficial knowledge, lacking real expertise in any particular subject. But the Gemini influence is like the magpie's activities, and accumulation is the game played; this may partly satisfy the lunar need for acquisitiveness. Displaying a fund of information will be enjoyable, and you hope that others will be impressed and respect you more.

Mental stimulation enlivens your life, although, with the combined Gemini restlessness and Moon changeability, interest will wax and wane in most subjects, only to be reawakened by the next exciting set of ideas. Indeed, words, ideas, and symbolic conceptual structures may be especially attractive; and in these you can almost become lost; the danger may lie in the trap of misrepresentation, where you focus on the pointing finger instead of that toward which it is pointing.

You may favor the Gemini dimension of this astrological relationship, and there are benefits from following this. Mental development through training and constant use can help your responses to a highly stimulating environment; and any knowledge acquired can always have a potentially practical application. Rational analysis can be used for decision-making; and a higher quality of interpersonal communication may also be achieved when involving the intellect.

Yet there are also the more negative aspects of a Gemini-placed planet. Since Gemini characteristics are favored, the Moon influence receives less expression and acknowledgement. The negative attributes of an unbalanced Gemini Moon can include a lack of mental consistency, unduly influenced by every temporary attraction. Ideas and projects may suddenly be dropped due to more exciting ones appearing. The inability to sustain interest and complete things may be a weakness, both intellectually and in relationships. You insist on the freedom to change, and tend to express this by seeking

variety, even to the point of being fickle with lovers and friends. You may find difficulty remaining committed to any idea or person for long; and being easily bored and restless does not help to create stability.

The Moon's influence and needs are probably denied to some degree, and yet will still filter into your life despite attempts to block them. Your emotions are changeable, and represent an unintegrated realm of your nature, one with which you prefer not to have to deal too often. Their subtle influence often distorts your reasoning faculty - even without your conscious realization - and helps to form judgements, decisions, and personal values, even if you do disguise these in apparent rationality. Begin to examine your defensive arguments, and you'll observe a deep emotional bias to them; what you are really protecting are unacknowledged lunar tendencies.

You may also attempt to rationalize away feelings, reducing their impact or covering their inner messages - avoidance tactics. Ignoring instinctive feelings can lead to expressing more compulsive and negative Gemini-type behavior, such as excessive talking, continual information acquisition, engaging in a whirl of nonstop superficial social activity, or a general scattering and dissipation of personal energies.

If this happens, there may be an unconscious attempt to convey a message of confusion derived from previously ignored feelings and instincts. Often these are related to unease with the demands of your physical and emotional natures. Your mind has become overly dominating and out of harmony with other parts of your self. To redress this imbalance, you may need to reduce involvement in any wide diversity of activities and interests, and, at least temporarily, recenter yourself; stop displacing your identity into external interests and activities.

Relationships need transforming so that you become free to experience and express whatever you really feel, perhaps by concentrating on the quality of interpersonal communication with a more select and intimate group of friends and family. Essentially, you may need to re-evolve the Moon qualities in yourself, integrate denied feelings, and allow them release and acceptance. Intellectual activity should not be used as an escape from or substitute for personal feelings. You may need to reconnect to any repressed instinctual feelings, satisfy emotional needs, and integrate your personality, rather than believe that fulfillment can be still found by repeatedly ignoring inner promptings. These needs are also an integral part of you, and require acknowledgement.

(Skye Alexander)

You are generally easy-going and good-natured, and rarely stay angry or unhappy for long. Friendly, gregarious and sociable, you probably have a large circle of friends, lovers and acquaintances. You enjoy parties and get-togethers of all sorts, and will find any excuse to socialize. When you can't visit with friends or family members in person,

you call them on the 'phone or write them long, chatty letters.

All types of communication interest you, and you are never at a loss for words. You probably enjoy reading, writing, languages, word games, and of course, talking. Many people with this Moon placement have natural writing ability.

You are always eager to meet new people, and want to experience as many different kinds of relationships as possible. As a result, you find it almost impossible to remain faithful to one partner for long. You might miss out on something! Quantity is more important than quality to you, and you are inclined to be fickle. You'd prefer to have two (or more) partners simultaneously - if you can keep them from finding out about each other.

Emotionally shallow, you don't tend to form strong attachments or get deeply involved with anyone. Though you may marry or maintain long-term relationships, you never become really intimate with your partner(s). Unless you also have water signs prominent in your chart, it's almost as though you think your emotions rather than feel them. You aren't very introspective and don't examine life below the surface. Consequently, you tend to misinterpret other people's needs, motives and desires. Unless you have Scorpio or Capricorn energies prominent in your chart, you can be quite naive and are easily duped.

Freedom is important to you, and you don't want to be restricted by emotional demands. Jealousy and possessiveness have no place in your relationships, and if a partner becomes too clingy or serious you might start looking for someone new.

Infinitely curious, you want to know something about everything. A life-long student, you enjoy taking classes, reading, going to museums, attending lectures, socializing with people who can teach you new things, and sharing what you know with others. Ideas nourish you, and your minds never stops buzzing. Your interests are many and varied, and you'll try just about anything once. However, you have trouble sticking with anything for long, and don't usually become proficient in any area. Nervous and high-strung, you are rarely still, and tend to flit from one thing to another like a butterfly sampling flowers.

At an early age, you displayed your cleverness and your ability to learn quickly. You probably impressed your parents, who encouraged you to develop your mind. Perhaps your parents, or at least your mother (or nurturing parent), were intellectuals and valued mental ability. Your earliest recollections might be of your mother reading you stories or teaching you the alphabet. Your parents may have sent you to good schools and praised your mental acuity, but neglected to nurture your feeling side.

You strive to teach your own children all you can, and try to instill in them your love of knowledge. Though you enjoy talking with them, taking them places and playing games with them (non-physical ones), you aren't very comfortable showing them affection. Any

sort of physical closeness can seem cloying, and your children may not get enough hugs and kisses from you.

Your physical home isn't terribly important to you, and you may never choose to own property; you don't want to be tied down or be responsible for maintaining it. Probably you change residences more often than most people. Other than books, you don't tend to acquire many possessions, and our home may seem rather stark and uncomfortable to those whose nesting instincts are stronger.

Because the Moon is an embodiment of female energy, women usually respond to it more easily than men do. Women with this Moon placement are likely to demonstrate their Gemini characteristics readily; men sometimes project this part of themselves onto the women in their lives and are attracted to women who are friendly, communicative, intelligent, high-strung and somewhat superficial.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are interested in the intimate contact of the moment. Your emotional personality requires variety and novelty rather than duration and depth of feeling. You are generally incapable of long-sustained feelings or of undivided loyalties. Though at times you can be insensitive, your perceptions are quick and accurate. You sustain impressions through thought rather than feeling.

Your senses serve the intellect rather than the emotions. This results in an ability for dispassionate observation and reasoning. Your mind is changeable and at times chaotic, but you can assimilate an indefinite amount of detail. Being versatile and adaptable, you may have two or more vocations, often at the same time.

You have a fondness for action and movement, either physical or mental. Your hands are able, facile and skillful, and you have a well-developed sense of smell. You are not intuitive, but rather you are observant, quick to form impressions, and usually able to verbalize these impressions.

You are drawn to artistic and literary professions or any area involving communications. A preference, even a need, to do several things at once is important for your psychological well-being. The intellectual ability of this placement often makes you an avid reader or a talented artisan.

You are reserved in personal matters, and at times others find you cold; you are more interested in the here and now than in the past. Torn apart by changing feelings, you can spread yourself too thinly and scatter your forces; this can manifest in nervous tension. You know how to play up to others, and at times you may be too shrewd for your own good. Your restless nature is always in search of something new.

This position of the Moon may indicate superficiality and a lack of domesticity in a woman's chart. A man with this placement is attracted to an intellectual partner who can fit herself into any social role.

You see your mother as emotionally detached, social and versatile, yet supportive of your education and early attempts at conversation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is not really comfortable in this sign, and this may lead to some conflict within the personality. The instability of Gemini plus the fluctuating nature of the Moon could make your emotions a little too changeable and your nerves jumpy. If you have something steady such as Leo or Taurus on your Sun or Ascendant, then the Gemini nervousness would just be confined to bouts of irritability. You are impatient with demanding people and cannot cope with those who are chronically ill. Your own health is not all that good but you try to ignore bouts of illness and hardly ever take time off work to recover or recuperate.

The mutability of this sign gives you a fascination for new and interesting people and places, and this leads you into the kind of job where you continually come across new people and get around from place to place. You like to be in the swing of things, and hate to miss anything that is going on. Your private life is probably less changeable, but you certainly have many friends and can usually be found on the end of a 'phone somewhere.

Women with the Moon in Gemini need to be out at work. This is even stronger with the lunar type than in women who have the Sun in Gemini because the underlying nature is highly ambitious and rather calculating. Both sexes like the home to be clean and orderly but are not interested in doing much housework themselves. Both sexes like to look nice and tend to feel confident if they go out knowing that they are well dressed. Your mind is very active and you may be intellectual; even with very little formal education, you would be a deep reader and a self-educator. Your mind (unless Mercury is badly placed) is very quick and acute; and you have a fine, fast sense of humour and a gift for making amusing and witty comments. The reverse of this coin is that you may become sarcastic if irritated. Lunar Geminians think fairly deeply and are less likely to be content with surface knowledge than are Sun in Gemini subjects. However, in addition to this depth of thought, you also have a dustbin-like mind full of rag-tag bits of knowledge. Although chatty and friendly to every new face on your scene, you do have strong relationships with your family and you will keep your most personal friends for years. Your moods change quickly but you don't sulk, and you have no patience with those who do. Your attention span is strange; people who moan about their problems or go on at length about their pet subject bore you, but an interesting book or TV programme will hold you riveted for ages. Your thought processes are logical and you learn in an orderly fashion, but you can blend this logical approach with instinctive or even psychic awareness if

there is help from other areas of your birthchart.

There is a kind of Peter Pan aspect to this Moon position which I think may also apply to the other air signs of Libra and Aquarius. Somehow you never see yourself as quite grown up, and can continue to display quite babyish behaviour when away from the outside world. The reverse side of the coin is that you do seem to keep your youthful looks and a young outlook to life far longer than most. You have creative and artistic ability, and may paint, or make ornaments or interesting clothes. You may be interested in model-making or computer techniques. You have strong dress sense and a good eye for matching up an outfit.

If given the opportunity, you learn to drive a car while you are in your teens, explore your own neighbourhood, and then travel the world as soon as you are able. Cities appeal to you more than the countryside, and you particularly enjoy visiting foreign cities. You are resourceful and can usually find a way to solve practical problems. You are probably quite good with your hands.

Although not a social reformer, you hate racism and ill-treatment towards those who can't stand up for themselves such as children or animals. As a parent you would make quite sure that your own children were being well-treated, but would not want to spend all your time looking after them. Your worst fault is a certain inner coldness. You really cannot take to people who wish to lean upon you, and may give the appearance of having very little depth of concern for others. You can give practical help when it is needed, but you may find people's emotional problems hard to cope with. Being logical by nature, you cannot see how or why they fell into their particular emotional mess in the first place. Care must be taken to watch that your witty tongue does not spill over into sarcasm.

Oddly enough, you can suffer from depression at times, and can become so downhearted that you feel life to be a total waste of time. One case of those feelings might be when you are suffering from exhaustion, because you have few reserves of energy to call on and you have the habit of going beyond your limit if there is work to be done.

Some of you may delay marriage or parenthood until you feel that you are sufficiently grown up to cope with it, but when you do take the plunge, you are quite serious in your attitude. You make a delightful parent because you never quite grow up yourself; therefore, you relate easily to children. You will break the bank to provide them with a good education, and your children will never be short of books, materials of any other kind of mental stimulation. You will try to remain close to your grandchildren, as you value family life.

You can have a real problem in the realm of relationships, leading a very busy life which leaves you too tired and over-stretched for much relating. To some extent this is a

mechanism which helps you to avoid the reality of responsible relating. This 'busy-busy' business could hide a deep well of unspoken unhappiness. You may avoid emotional commitment, preferring to keep your contacts with the opposite sex on a somewhat shallow level. You could attract (or choose) a rather weak, dependent type of partner who would be drawn to your inner strength - remember Gemini is a positive sign, but you are better off with one who can stand on his or her own feet. Helen, a young Moon in Gemini travel agent, tells me 'I'm not so much afraid of commitment as bored by it. I still feel at my age (early twenties) that I want to play the field. I have to admit that to some extent I dread the thought of being tied down.' Perhaps you need to get in touch with your own feelings before being able to handle those of others. You could be a theorizer and, as far as emotions are concerned, you may prefer to read about emotional matters and to rationalize them than to feel the reality of them. To some extent this derives from a mistrust of the opposite sex and possibly a lack of sexual self-confidence. You don't like to be emotionally fenced in. Malcolm, a high successful Sales Manager for a vehicle hire firm, told me recently that he had just fallen in love for the first time at the age of forty-eight. 'Why?' I asked him, 'why now?' 'Well', he replied, 'I suppose I was always nervous of being somewhat vulnerable or of committing myself totally. I did go through some really stupid escapades with a number of totally mindless women at one time - escaping reality, I suppose.'

You don't suffer from jealousy if you see other people making a success of themselves; and, like most of the lunar masculine signs, you measure your own successes against your own achievements. Not being jealous or possessive yourself, you strongly resent being on the receiving end of this behaviour by others. You are proud of your achievements however, and also proud of your family. You could push your children educationally, and will make sacrifices in order to help your family.

Sex has to start in your mind and, if you are not careful, it can stay there too; like lunar Pisceans, you may be happier fantasizing about sex than actually indulging in it. If you find a compatible partner who encourages you to relax, you can bring all that sexuality down from your mind to reach the parts that the other beers cannot reach, and then you could become the lover you always wanted to be. You are easily put off by coarseness. Your nerves are sensitive; therefore, a quiet atmosphere, an amusing lover and a couple of drinks will work wonders. You may possibly experiment with bisexuality, and may privately enjoy rude books and even blue films! Oddly enough, both solar and lunar Geminians are tactile. They enjoy hugging, touching and being touched, as long as they are not smothered or held too close. Before leaving the fascinating subject of sex, it is worth noting that anyone with Gemini strongly marked on his chart can do two things at once!

The position of the Moon will not indicate any specific career, but will show your inner motivations. People, mental activity, words and travel are essential ingredients for your working life. You may work in sales, telephone or telex communications, or marketing. Writing, especially journalism, may appeal; also all forms of teaching. Your own

education may have been of almost any quality, but many of you do teach yourself, then others, possibly in the realms of sports or dancing. You are generally respected by others both for what you know and for your pleasant way of handling people.

Your mind should be orderly (unless there are other indications on your birthchart) and you can organize both yourself and others. Travel appeals to you, especially air travel; and many lunar Geminians work in the airforce or the travel industry. You all seem to love driving, and may be able to pilot a plane as well. You have a quick grasp of new ideas, and can communicate them well to others. You are very good at handling people and make a wonderful manager. You can be canny and crafty in business; you love wheeling and dealing, and you may not always be a hundred percent honest. You are at your best when teamed up with a practical partner. As this sign rules the hands and arms, you could be a super craftsman, printer, manicurist, or even a palmist.

Oddly enough, religion and mysticism may interest you, but only on a surface level. You may enjoy the social side of a religious group rather more than the deeper elements of its philosophy.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

The chances are that you had one parent, probably your father, who tended to lay down the law to you. This gave you an awareness of the need to be obedient and to conform with the parent's ideas of behaviour. Your childhood home was probably filled with books and educational aids; and your parents will have been quite happy for you to have tuition in practically anything. There would have been good conversation and interesting visitors in your home. You should have been born fairly easily and may have been the youngest child in a small family or the only one of one sex among a family of the opposite one. There is some evidence of deep unhappiness in childhood, and a sense of not fitting in anywhere. This may have been within the family or at school. You may have been on the receiving end of racial or religious prejudice! You may have been compared to other brothers and sisters, a dead child or even one of your parents, and found wanting. It is possible that you fancied working in the services or in a hospital but somehow this either doesn't happen or just doesn't work for you when you try it.

An unusual mother is indicated for you. She may be a career woman, highly intellectual or just plain eccentric! Your mother would have shown you, either by direct reference or by example, that women must be able to stand on their own two feet in life. This will influence you, if you are female, to become a career woman; if male, to choose a career woman for your partner.

The problems associated with this placement could jump back one generation and apply more closely to one of your parents's experiences of childhood.

This is not a healthy placement for the Moon, especially if it is also badly aspected by

other planets. Your lungs may be weak; also there could be problems with your hands and arms. Some lunar Geminians suffer really horrendous accidents which affect their arms, hands, teeth and faces. This lunar position can lead to bones and features having to be rebuilt! You can suffer allergies and may have one or two ailments from among the range of nervous or auto-immune diseases. This could be asthma, eczema, rheumatism, migraine, psoriasis, ulcers, colitis, etc.. Your nerves may be your worst enemy. You need to find an outlet for your nervous energy; sports, fresh air pursuits or even sex could help!

(Julia and Derek Parker)

A very quick verbal response to situations is characteristic of the subject who has Moon in Gemini. He or she will, especially when young, often express him- or herself in such a flurry of words that they can sometimes tumble out in an incoherent muddle.

The versatility of Gemini is present, and will be seen particularly when the subject is confronted with several tasks. Rather than consciously deciding on a particular order of preference or importance, the tendency will be to start all of them at the same time,

Our emotional responses are powerfully influenced by the Moon, so there can be conflict, when a contrary instinct to rationalize argues with emotion and intuition. The individual must come to terms with the fact that intuition and objective rationalism must merge and flow positively.

The Geminian tendency of not entirely trusting the emotions will be apparent; and, because we are dealing with the Moon, the traits will not be far from the surface when the subject is challenged.

The natural instinct to speak up will be very strong. For example, the individual will rush to telephone the local radio station in order to join in a discussion on a topic in which she has an interest or firm views. Indeed, this is one of the planetary placings that indicates a chatterbox!

A certain impatience and restlessness will also be obvious. While the individual may well be aware of this and do much to counter it, nevertheless it is to her advantage to realize that her resources of nervous energy are very high and must not be allowed to stagnate. This is where difficulties can be encountered, especially if other areas of the chart suggest a much slower, more stolid personality.

In theory, there should be the ability to get the best of both worlds, with the Gemini Moon adding a natural quickness of response and the heavier traits contributing stability and patience. Good aspects between the Moon and other personal planets will help, and there could well be a positive or negative link as a result of Mercury's influence.

Sometimes nervous strain and pressure can lead to periods of tension, and digestive problems may be one of the results. In certain cases, because of the Gemini connection with the lungs, asthma (again as a result of tension or worry) may be a problem.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

The Moon in the sign Gemini indicates an emotional nature that is likely to be vacillating, although quick-wittedness and resourcefulness are also present.

Persons with the Moon in Gemini tend to talk incessantly, sometimes to the point of annoying others; they are the type of person who never gets off the 'phone. They are inclined to rationalize their emotions, so that sometimes they do not know what they really feel. There is a great deal of restlessness, with frequent changes of residence and many short journeys. These people are often nervous and fidgety.

With this position, there is a tendency to spread oneself too thinly; to become excited momentarily by many ideas without being able to follow through on them. If the Moon is well-aspected and other factors in the chart indicate practical ability, there can be resourcefulness in thinking up solutions to practical and domestic problems. If the chart is favorable, this Moon position can subject the emotions to rational analysis. However, if the Moon is afflicted, the emotions can distort reason. Heavy afflictions to this Moon position indicate excessive vacillation, superficiality, and confusion.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a friendly though potentially flippant soul. You need to be in communication with Other - but without resorting to rationalizing emotions. You have the instinct to acquire knowledge - but should avoid overlooking feelings. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is quick and light-hearted, and / or shallow and cynical.

You naturally respond with a carefree lightness that gives Other the impression of your being fun, interesting, and easy to be with. You respond to Other's problems and questions with a ready wit and an informed mind. You respond with bright ideas and alternatives that refresh and stimulate Other.

Your inner child reacts by skipping over or trivializing deep or difficult feelings that you or Other might be experiencing or presenting; with clever quips or fast and easy remedies that are ultimately ineffectual; and in a contrary way that disputes or twists much of what Other thinks or says.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are emotionally uncomplicated and who feel no need to plumb the depths of the soul; towards Others who (also) appear to be flighty, naughty and hard to pin down; and towards Others who are mentally stimulating and 'in the know'.

You can get caught up in relationships which lack the 'X factor' or the opportunity to reach the part that you find, through dissatisfaction, you want reached; in 'curiosity killed the cat' situations where you get in over your head and so have to become more emotionally earnest; and in 'all head and no heart' situations.

When you are alone, it is more than likely to be because you find it hard to commit to a relationship deeply enough for it to be sustained, and you have flitted on to another flower, or are in the process of doing so. Having said this though, it is quite unusual for Moon in Gemini to be on its own because you are so adept at making new contacts, friends and lovers - as well as keeping things interesting. However, if you are alone, or caught between two Others, as it were; or if you are feeling alone within a relationship, it will be because of that reluctance to commit. Consequently, Other could give up on you for sitting on the fence too long; or no Other would be forthcoming at all because you are putting out this 'non-committal vibe'. Behind your fears of commitment is a predisposition to avoid confronting what is called the 'dark twin' - that is, the side to your personality that you don't want anyone to know about because you believe it to be unacceptable. But this is possibly down to your mother not recognizing this facet of your personality. So it is not really 'bad', but just made to feel that way through not being acknowledged when you were little.

(John Townley)

Your style of lovemaking is very supple and adaptable; you happily participate in any kind of loving that pleases your partner. Indeed, you could become a true expert in sexual technique.

Do not let the physical elements of sex interfere with or overcome the emotional side of loving. Sometimes deeper communication gets lost in the complexities of a pyrotechnical sexual performance, and for that reason it may be better to keep it simple and sincere.

Many people find it hard to talk about sex, but you should have little trouble in discussing it openly, finding out just what your lover's tastes are and how you can best please each other. Your partner should have a good sense of humor, because someone who takes sex very seriously is seldom willing to talk much about it, oddly enough.

You should choose a partner who is not too possessive, for you need to know that you have freedom, even if you don't choose to exercise it. Be careful about making a personal commitment, for a lover may take it more seriously than it is meant, which could cause harm inadvertently. A few words spelling out your expectations from time to time will make the relationship go more easily.

Moon ☾ in 8th House

With Moon in the eighth house, the mother is associated with tragic loss or suffering. The native may have also seen the mother as dependent or emotionally manipulative. Emotional sensitivity is increased, and particularly with a water or perhaps earth Moon, or an association to Neptune, there may be psychic abilities. The native is likely to feel an intense need for intimate union with another, and be emotionally demanding in relationships. As a result of repeating patterns from childhood, there can be much suffering in relationships and financial matters before the native learns to control their impulses and avoid negative attitudes.

(Howard Sasportas)

This position gives and innate openness and attunement to hidden forces operating personally or collectively, which might express itself as the ability to sense evolving social currents, especially subtle economic or business trends. However, those with the Moon here could, at times, be confused or 'taken over' by powerful unconscious complexes which grip and overwhelm them. As children, they would have been extremely sensitive to undercurrents in the home environment, especially the mother's deeper feelings, moods and frustrations, which they may still be 'carrying around' inside them. Present relationships will reawaken earlier emotional patterns and there is the need to delve into the past to uncover the roots of these problems.

Early experience with sex or death may have strongly affected the character. Sex or intimacy could be sought primarily for emotional security or as a way of getting the struggles of the world. This placement is usually very responsive to the sexual or emotional needs of the partner and will probably not find it difficult to adapt to these. Very often, there is a natural capacity to help others discover a greater sense of their value and worth.. They may literally 'care for' other people's money, or nurture others through times of trauma and transition.

If the Moon is difficultly aspected, divorces, endings or separations may be messy and fraught with more than the usual degree of anxiety, although hitherto untapped resources and strengths could be discovered through such breakdowns and crises. On a more mundane level, there is the possibility of inheritance of land or property, most likely through the mother or the partner.

Mercury ♀ in ☊ Cancer 21° 43'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you are afraid of losing your emotional connections with other people, your rational mind can become dominated almost entirely by Cancerian feelings and emotions. This might result in your communicating with other people in a way that inadvertently forces them to respond with either sympathetic indulgence or overt rejection. Indulging in communications that demand the sympathy of others may expose you to unnecessary rejection.

Dynamic

When your attention focuses on perceiving the sensitivities of others as well as your own, your ability to communicate goes beyond words. You are then able to reach out emotionally, sensitively, and empathetically in ways that are a true reflection of your caring for others.

(Grant Lewi)

What you hear, smell, taste, feel and see are of intimate and close concern to you. You are sensitive to every breath of air; you take it to your heart and cherish your reaction to it. The smell of the garbage truck is a personal affront to your nostrils, while the rose was created exclusively to delight the same. Loud noises persecute you, and you tend to think they were made for that purpose; while music is art's personal gift to you alone. You adopt the beauty of the landscape as if no-one ever looked on it with true worship before. This personalizing of sense impressions can make you an awful fuss-budget, and also a bore if you insist on telling everyone how much you love, or hate, everything. On the other hand, the sensitiveness of your reactions and the intimacy with which you regard them make you capable of great power, for art is only the personalized sense impressions of the artist, absorbed into the total personality and given forth in form. Add a point of view to your tendency to gush; develop a philosophy of beauty to give weight to your natural appreciation; learn to make sense impressions your own, and then release them into a significance larger than personal; and you have all the ingredients to make you a master in one of the arts.

(Sydney Omarr)

Mercury in Cancer is described by a major keyword: adaptability. The native adapts himself to his surroundings - but he can tend to fall into a rut instead of trying to change anything. He may know what he should do, but is simply too adaptable. He is discreet and realizes that others are loyal to their beliefs, their families, their countries - without this necessarily making them right in their feelings. Mercury in Cancer shrugs off combat; his attitude is one of 'live and let live'. But when conditions demand change or action, he is perturbed, often at a loss; he begins to brood, whine and complain.

Mercury here has a tendency to personalize his surroundings; the people he meets; and the things he sees, hears, smells and tastes. The astrologer's task, obviously, is to help

the native draw his mental forces together, make them work for him, and refuse to take second best merely because it is convenient. His family is important to him, and so is a feeling that his loved ones are happy, even if they are far away. His mind is retentive; he loves the old and established. He is fond of antiques and fine old classics in literature, and has what might be termed an intellectual interest in food.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind is focused on internal or personal issues, rather than on the outer world. You are something of an introvert, whose mental stimulation comes from within, from your emotional core. Thus it is difficult, if not impossible, for you to separate your emotions from your rational thinking processes. Your heart rules your head; and your decisions, opinions and ideas are colored by your feelings and your emotional attachments. You simply cannot step outside your own needs and desires to be objective. You take most things personally and see issues within the context of how they will affect you and / or your family; and you have trouble comprehending the larger picture. Because the source of your beliefs is emotional not rational, you cannot be swayed by a logical argument, and no-one can change your mind with reason or facts.

Your thoughts are often centred around your home and family. You're the type who monopolizes the conversation with stories about your children's latest accomplishments and talks about your grandchildren to total strangers. Your interest in the home and family also could lead you to pursue a career in an area such as interior design, real estate, family counseling or pediatrics.

Though you may not be adept with language or the written word, your ability to communicate non-verbally is keen. You seem to 'know' what others are thinking and feeling; and with your loved ones and close friends you may have an unspoken rapport that makes you appear psychic. Perhaps you are able to communicate best through a non-verbal medium such as art or music. When you attempt to express yourself in words, however, you often sound confused or nonsensical. No matter how good your ideas are, you have a hard time explaining them to others in a logical, orderly way. As a result, other people sometimes think you are less intelligent than you really are, which can cause you to feel insecure about your own mental abilities.

You are inclined to think a great deal about security issues and attempt to find ways to make yourself feel secure. Sometimes this can translate into seeking wealth and financial stability. You might involve yourself in money matters professionally - as a financial consultant, stockbroker, banker or estate planner - or simply put a lot of mental energy into money issues, investments, real estate, etc.. Your concern with financial security can make you miserly and tight-fisted at times, though you are likely to be quite generous with your children and family members.

A traditionalist, you hold on tightly to conservative opinions and attitudes. The 'old ways'

make you feel more secure, and any new or different ideas can seem threatening to you. You want to surround yourself with others who think the way you do, who reinforce your beliefs and give you confidence that you are right in your convictions. People whose opinions conflict with yours are often viewed as subversives or enemies; and ideas that appear to threaten your security are deemed dangerous. Because you take everything so personally, you are likely to interpret differing opinions as attacks or criticisms of you. And because your thinking tends to be insular and narrowly focused on yourself and your immediate environment, you have a great deal of trouble understanding that others simply may march to a different drummer from yours.

Uranus aspects to your Mercury will make you more intellectually progressive, unconventional and fair-minded. Jupiter aspects will increase your sociability and expand your interest in people and cultures beyond your own family / community.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Cancer indicates a mind that is influenced by deep-seated emotional patterns. Unconscious desires will cause the person to look at some facts and ignore others, the results being bias and prejudice and interference with objective thinking. At times, if Mercury is badly afflicted, the natives may be untruthful without consciously realizing it.

Mercury in this sign can indicate a good memory, because of the emotional intensity that is associated with the thoughts. There is also a tendency to absorb much information subliminally or to learn by osmosis. In fact, much of the mental process occurs on an unconscious level, although it is manifested as conscious intent. Since people with this Mercury position are highly susceptible to the attitudes and opinions of those around them, their thinking can be influenced by emotional appeals, such as patriotism. They are very sensitive personally; they believe that whatever is done or spoken in their environment is especially directed toward them.

Much of the thinking centers around the home and family. There is considerable business ability in matters related to food, domestic and consumer products, and real estate.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

An excellent memory and imagination is likely, but there is a tendency to look to the past - sometimes too nostalgically - so that forward thinking and planning can cause apprehension and worry because of having to consider and accept the unknown. It is important that the individual realizes that his or her imagination tends to work overtime, all too often negatively, so that when things go wrong (or appear to do so) they are turned from molehills into mountains. If creativity is indicated elsewhere in the chart, the imagination can be made to work in this way, perhaps through writing or telling stories. A

love of the past may be seen in a fascination with history, so long historical / romantic novels or family sagas will be enjoyed - or even written. There is usually tenacity, especially when studying, but the subject may change his mind, perhaps mostly when emotional reactions clash with logical thinking and the assessment of situations. The Sun and Moon signs often show which response will dominate.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, considerable intuition and a powerful instinct are added to the Gemini traits. The imagination is likely to be expressed through writing or perhaps some form of handicraft. The placing adds a measure of sensitivity - especially when the individual is assessing other people's reactions - making him or her more sympathetic than critical. It can cause even the most rational Geminians to worry, but nevertheless logic should eventually rule the day. The individual should recognize that a changeable mind can cause problems to loved ones as well as herself.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the Cancerian imagination is increased and must be given positive or creative expression. Undue worry is extremely likely; and if pessimism or depression are hinted at elsewhere this placing will increase such possibilities. Intuition and love of the past will be enormously enhanced, as will moodiness. The thinking process is almost totally intuitive; and ideas, thoughts and decisions will be made quite instinctively, which is right for this combination.

If the Sun sign is Leo, intuition and sentimentality are heightened, with the imagination put to excellent use. Leo optimism will help to overcome the Cancerian tendency to worry, but Mercury adds kindness, consideration and sympathy, making the subject less dogmatic and bossy. Mental flexibility will also be an asset; and caution and shrewdness act as a good counter to Leo's fire. The high emotional level of Leo is increased by the more sensitive, emotional element of Mercury in Cancer, increasing, for instance, Leonine appreciation of splendid theatrical or musical performances, and allowing a full expression of feeling toward loved ones. You have a sympathetic, though potentially moody, mind.

You see life in terms of comfortable and uncomfortable situations and ideas; and so you discuss matters with a view to creating a feeling of safety and avoiding confrontation. Other feels reassured by this, and so consequently is receptive to your point of view. You try to be receptive to Other and thereby develop mutual understanding.

You tend not to see what you do not want to see, because certain issues remind you of feelings of insecurity that have more to do with the past (childhood) than the present. As Other tries to push his or her point home, disagreement and argument ensue, which is ironic, seeing as unpleasantness was what you were trying to avoid in the first place.

(John Townley)

Although you have a fertile imagination, you share your fantasies only with your dearest

and most trusted friends. This part of your life is very private, and those few who share it are privileged indeed.

Don't be too cautious about sharing your feelings, however, because even a casual lover should know something of what is going on inside you. Otherwise you will not reach a satisfactory level of love and communication in an affair.

Once you are truly involved with someone, however, your lover becomes everything to you. For you, the ideal affair is one in which both partners are truly lost in each other, needing no outside contact or stimulation for happiness. Unlike more sociable types, you would enjoy being stranded with your love on a remote tropical isle with only each other for company and affection.

This may be the truest and most total form of devotion, but you should avoid being overprotective of your lover. That tends to have the opposite of the desired effect, making your partner feel cramped and in need of elbow room. As long as you both know that you are each other's firm refuge, that is enough for security and happiness.

(Robert Hand)

You often let your emotions tell you how to think, and you find it difficult to look at things objectively. But your mind is retentive, so that once you have learned something, you aren't likely to forget it. In fact you prefer ideas that you have known and understood a long time because they have become familiar. Certainly you can learn new things, but it isn't easy if they seem threatening or challenging.

It may be hard to drop your bad habits of thinking. Often you aren't aware of how or why you think as you do. Many of your beliefs and opinions come from your family, who are very important to you. As you get older, you may have some difficulty changing any wrong ideas that you learn now; so be sure that the beliefs you adopt really work for you and are of practical use in coping with the world.

When you are emotionally upset, your whole view of the world changes. At such times, don't take your outlook too seriously, because it will change again when you calm down.

Because you are naturally cautious in your views, you are not likely to get carried away by some new enthusiasm that later proves to have no real value. You are bored by fads and much more concerned with proven ideas.

(Freda Edis)

Much emotional intensity is given to the thoughts when Mercury is placed in Cancer. People with the placement have highly sensitive minds and are likely to be protective and defensive of the way in which they think, rarely showing how they arrive at the

conclusions they reach. While they have the ability to register information at an emotional level, they can also use this characteristic to withdraw into hurt and moody silence if they have been wounded by words. This happens because their thought patterns are influenced at an unconscious level by the impressions and people they become attached to; they can become cranky and stubborn if these are unharmonious or unsettled in any way.

Often others see them as difficult to know and hard to understand, liable to bias and prejudice if upset. Bias towards her son was evident in Maia's protection of Hermes in the face of Apollo's anger - even though she knew that her son was concealing the truth. To help themselves balance such tendencies, people with Mercury in Cancer may benefit from cultivating some objectivity and detachment concerning their deeply emotional thinking patterns. If this does not happen, then they may, at an early stage of life, develop ways of defending their real thoughts from the people closest to them, much as Hermes did when he deceived his mother by hiding under the bedclothes, pretending to be asleep, after stealing the cattle.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Perceptions are communicated sensitively and imaginatively.

Symbol: A poetic recitation stirs the emotions of a crowd.

People with Mercury in Cancer can sway the public with their oratory, but they need to guard against being so eager to make an impression that they gloss over their own convictions. They may be tempted to say what they think their listeners want to hear or are willing to accept. Thus, they gain a reputation for being opportunistic when they are really only anxious to please. They need to turn to their powers of introspection and be completely honest with themselves. Otherwise, their persuasions can too easily be altered by circumstances as they drift like rudderless sailboats blown hither and thither by every breath of opinion.

The mind is retentive, especially in matters pertaining to family history and bygone times. An instinctive feeling for the archaic gives them an aptitude for dealing with antiquities and an interest in museums. The ability to turn back to the past makes many Mercurial Cancerians natural psychologists. The works of Carl Jung, who popularized the idea of the collective unconscious and who write extensively on the symbolism of fantasies and dreams, typify this associative mode of thought. The shadow side of Jung's over-accommodating Mercury loomed up in his early willingness to co-operate with the Nazis, even though he soon repudiated their racist philosophy.

When Mercury is in Cancer, the mind may not be especially original, but a compensating psychic permeability permits the absorption of ideas without labored explanations. If the Sun is also in Cancer, the intuitive powers are intensified, but they may be denied recognition because of the reticence of the sign. The Sun in Gemini indicates a literary

bent and gives logic and precision to a style which verges toward the fanciful. The Sun in Leo imparts a cheerful, whimsical approach to life which may be reflected in a picturesque style of verbal and literary expression. Mercury in Cancer often gives deep sympathies and a vivid imagination. If such a person hears of a flood or earthquake in some part of the world, he can visualize the havoc created by the disaster and commiserate with the unfortunate victims. In extreme cases, the tendency to dwell upon melancholy images dissipates time and energy through worry about the vicissitudes of others and fear that similar troubles might befall one's own loved ones. No matter how dauntless a Cancerian may be, he is vulnerable where his family, especially his children, are concerned. He needs to avoid brooding over calamities, past, present, or potential, and to cultivate faith in his own reason and intelligence.

Mercury-Cancer people may not be outstandingly intellectual, but they are usually kind and well-meaning. They have a tolerance of human frailty based on an ability to sense the mental state of others and to sympathize with their problems and anxieties. They respond to feelings as much as to facts, realizing that if an individual feels something intensely, then this is a legitimate part of his world of reality.

Cancer brings out the passive side of Mercury, making the mind receptive but not always capable of discrimination. There is a liability to be swayed by appeals to the emotions, even against the dictates of common sense. If, however, mental stability and depth of purpose reinforce the innate sensitivity of the Cancerian, he may become the psychologist who studies the art of healing as well as the science of suppressing disease. This integrative kind of psychology does not require degrees or diplomas, but may be practised by anyone who genuinely wants to help others.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is an extremely emotional and receptive mind that can be drowned in its own emotions if the person is not careful. Cancer rules the instinctual consciousness; and while there is sympathy and feeling strong, this sign is too receptive, and can be swayed by the senses too readily. Argument with this type of mind arouses stubborn resistance, but an appeal to its sympathy is the way to help it grow in understanding. Makes the mind passive, but not a stable position for the mind. They are extremely psychic people, and find it difficult to learn by study, but absorb knowledge by listening to others.

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 ♍ Virgo 6° 33'

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

A person with Venus in Virgo is often extremely romantic, and yearns for perfection in the one he / she loves. These people may put their beloveds on a pedestal and worship them. An image for Venus in Virgo is of a goddess dressed in flowing white robes. With Venus in Virgo, you may either aspire to this or be searching for it in someone else. Either way, it is an impossible ideal for anyone to achieve in reality. This is an image of purity as well as of perfection; and any mere mortal is going to be found lacking. As a result, those with this placement can live a chaste and celibate life for long periods as a preference to settling for anything less. An actual relationship is often a disappointment.

In a relationship, the 'chaste' component of someone with Venus in Virgo can give way to a strong sensuality, similar to Venus in Taurus. Someone with Venus in Virgo is always going to have more conflict around this side of his / her nature, and is less likely to indulge in casual sex. However, the self-contained side of Virgo, answerable to no-one, might lead the Venus in Virgo person to feel free to choose his / her pleasure.

The Venus in Virgo person will be selective in his / her approach to relationships. More negatively, Virgo is known for being fussy and sharply critical. We have already looked at what is behind these people's reputation for being choosy: their longing for perfection either in themselves or in their partner. They can be fussy within a relationship, both fussing over their partner in an endearing and caring way, as a way of expressing their affection, and more problematically being overly critical. They can home in on the minutiae of a partner's shortcomings and can notice their faults above all else. Someone with Venus in Virgo can 'pick' at his / her partner, taking him / her to pieces bit by bit. The acute observations of Venus in Virgo people may be correct; but their partners are more likely to be wounded than helped. Moreover, someone with Venus in Virgo is particularly likely to use his or her critical ability in a destructive way when feeling hurt or

disappointed.

More constructively, someone with Venus in Virgo will always be prepared to discuss his or her relationship. These people enjoy analysing what makes them and their partners tick, and need to understand the dynamics of their relationship. They have excellent minds, and will take a rational and pragmatic approach to dealing with any difficulties that may arise.

Venus in Virgo people will want to be helpful to the one they love, and they may want this reciprocated. They may be useful to their partners and an enormous support in practical ways, quietly getting on with things that need attending to and not demanding or expecting any recognition. They enjoy being of service; and in a relationship that is going well they will give selfless assistance to the one they love.

(Skye Alexander)

This is not an especially creative placement for Venus - you are too cautious and selfcritical, afraid to try new things and insecure about your abilities. If you can't be Rembrandt, why bother? However, if other factors give you artistic talent, your artwork will be masterful in its precision, neatness and detail. Patient and meticulous, you are capable of doing intricate, painstaking work, and might express yourself well in such areas as engraving, drafting, needlepoint, quilting, woodcarving or jewellery-making.

Since function is as important to you as form, you might choose to create practical, useful objects, or those which have substance and an earthy, tactile quality to them.

In relationships, too, you are cautious and practical. Not given to storybook romances, you are more interested in relationships that function efficiently and in an orderly fashion on a day-to-day basis. A solid, down-to-earth partnership that provides both parties with their basic needs and makes life easier for everyone would appeal to you more than a whirlwind love affair.

Although your idea lover may not be a knight on a white charger or a fairy princess, you can be quite picky about your partners. You have a very exacting set of specifications which candidates must meet if they want you to consider them. You might not expect your lover to be a great beauty; but if he / she isn't squeaky clean, punctual and hardworking you'll quickly scratch him / her off your dance card. You're also concerned with etiquette, and want your partner to have impeccable manners. Once in a relationship, you have a tendency to find fault with your partner and to complain long and loudly about all those annoying little habits you just can't stand. You expect your partner to be perfect, and have trouble accepting a few human failings.

You want desperately to feel needed by your partner, and work hard to make yourself indispensable in his / her life. Perhaps your paycheck is absolutely essential to your

partner's survival. Or, you may stoically take care of all the details of running the home - cooking, cleaning, childcare, etc. - so efficiently that life would be almost impossible without you. You show your affection by doing practical things for your loved ones - making sure they have clean clothes and nutritious meals, for instance - rather than showering them with words of endearment or lavish gifts.

Women with this Venus placement in their birth charts pride themselves on being neat, well-organized, efficient and dependable. Being able to take care of the many details of life makes you feel good about yourself as a woman. You probably try to be 'superwoman', however, working a full-time job outside the home, then assuming complete responsibility for the house and kids, too. This is partly because you don't know how to say 'no', and partly because you aren't satisfied with the way others do things.

To you, cleanliness is a sign of femininity, and you wouldn't be caught dead wearing dirty jeans or a paint-splattered sweatshirt. Nor would you feel comfortable in flashy or overtly sexy clothing that might draw attention to you. You prefer to fade into the background, and usually dress in modest, conservative, neatly pressed outfits.

Men with Venus in Virgo are most attracted to women who are unassuming, unpretentious, even a little shy. Neatness is more important to you than beauty in a partner, and you're turned off instantly by unkempt hair and dirty fingernails. Your ideal partner is conscientious, dependable, intelligent, modest and practical. She can tune her own car, comprehend income tax forms, make cakes from scratch, and keep the household running on budget. She's always there when you need her, but doesn't demand a lot of praise for what she does, and never tries to upstage you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Virgo is in its fall, since Virgo is opposite the sign Pisces, in which Venus is exalted. People with this position tend to over-analyze emotions and be too critical of those they love, making others feel self-conscious and inhibited, and cutting off the spontaneous flow of affection. This analytical trait can stand in the way of a direct intuitive response to beauty. These people try to understand the beauty of a rose, for example, by dissecting it petal-by-petal, not realizing that the rose is beautiful because of the totality of its parts.

People with Venus in Virgo frequently seek partners with whom they can share their work and intellectual interests. But this Venus position is likely to produce more unmarried people than any other Venus sign position, because of the natives' high critical standards for what they want in a mate. When they do marry, it is often through connections with work. Unless Venus is heavily afflicted, there are congenial relationships with co-workers in general. The place of work is often made artistically pleasing by a personal contribution to the working environment.

These people are extremely fastidious about manners, personal appearance, and hygiene; they are repelled by uncouthness in any form. They have an innate sense of the beauty of order and cleanliness, and hence make good cooks and dieticians. They can have ability in clothes design and dressmaking; fashion designers often have Venus in this position. In art, they can have good technical ability, but may lack inspiration and flow.

The extreme social propriety of these people is often a cover-up for shyness and feelings of social and sexual inferiority. Their cold exterior, especially on the part of women with this position, often stands in the way of the development of romantic relationships. A feeling of loneliness and frustration may result. In this event, there is likely to be a retreat into work and intellectual pursuits, and the lavishing of affection on some animal. Such confinement can in turn prevent the formation of social contacts that would help these people out of their shells. However, if Venus is well placed by house and wellaspected, the difficulties can be overcome or greatly modified. Because Venus is an Earth sign, Venus placed here gives attraction to material comforts and personal possessions of quality and beauty, which, the natives feel, confer status. Often they work hard to acquire such things, sometimes using possessions and status as substitutes for personal affection.

People with Venus in Virgo are capable of sympathy, and are helpful to the sick. Their ability for nurturing makes them good doctors and nurses. They can also deal with psychological problems stemming from social maladjustment, for Venus in this Mercuryruled sign is able to combine reason with the emotions and investigate these matters in a methodical, analytical way.

Curiously, if Venus in Virgo is afflicted by Mars, Uranus, Neptune or Pluto, there can be an overreaction against shyness and social propriety, producing loose living, promiscuity, and bohemianism. This stems from a deep fear that only thus can the natives find love and sexual fulfillment; they feel the need to make sexual conquests in order to prove their desirability. In these cases, the unconscious Pisces polarity takes over. These reactionary types can become crude and slovenly in their personal appearance and mannerisms.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is very unhappy in the sign of Virgo. The person who has Venus in the sign of its fall has to learn to be loving. It is the signature of one who has been unloving and superficial in past lifetimes; one who has not learned that when criticism comes in the door, Love departs. Makes an excellent housewife, but needs warmth and lovingness to make a home. Cold and critical; and needs many good aspects to warm her up. Fastidiousness and purity are strong, but does not relate to others easily. Conventions stand guard over the emotions; but 'don't let the tail wag the dog'. Inclined to put off

marriage because they see so many imperfections. Harmonious in their work if Venus is unafflicted. Benefit through employees. Strong desire to serve.

The critical acumen of Virgo will often be directed towards the partner; and awareness of any tendency to nag or carp is essential if emotional fulfillment is to be achieved. Nevertheless, there is a delightful, natural, unassuming and totally genuine modesty which is charming, whatever the age of the subject. Sexual inhibitions and tensions must be overcome so that the individual can enjoy all aspects of emotional relationships. Just how easy or difficult this is will depend on the signs of Sun, Moon and Ascendant, and to some extent on the influence of Mars. There will be willingness to give practical help to friends and partners whenever necessary. The financial situation may frequently be viewed in a pessimistic way (whether justified or not), with a resulting stinginess. Sometimes, career and emotional relationships are sacrificed for the care of an elderly relative.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the Cancerian tendency to worry will be directed toward the partner; and the subject may find it a little difficult to express feelings as freely as is desired. Cancerian moodiness and the critical tendencies of Venus in Virgo should be recognized; and the individual must learn to relax into relationships and derive real pleasure from them, especially as Cancerians have so much to give in this sphere of life. This is a kind, if somewhat critical, friend. Reluctance to part with money is a common characteristic.

If the Sun sign is Leo, Leo emotions and exuberance are toned down, and occasionally aloofness can mask sexual inhibition. Leo bossiness and Virgoan critical tendencies can cause problems, so must be consciously recognized and controlled. There are usually good powers of communication within relationships; and aiming to use these positively will be rewarding. Shared interests and work projects are particularly stimulating. The subject makes a lively and rewarding friend. Flair for investment is common, but the modest needs of Virgo will clash with Leonine extravagance.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, self-confidence, especially related to sexual appeal, is not strong. Virgoan modesty will present a charming challenge to prospective lovers, but the subject should learn to break down any barriers that may come between the self and fulfillment in all aspects of relationships. The general description for Venus in Virgo above is very applicable. Money will be spent with some degree of caution.

If the Sun sign is Libra, this is not an easy combination, for Libra needs love and harmony, while Virgo will tend to be shy of expressing feelings and responding to love. As Venus rules Libra, there will be a powerful element of Virgo present in the individual; and any resulting conflicts must be evaluated and countered. The subject is a lively, talkative, albeit indecisive, friend. Financial affairs are approached in a practical way.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this powerful but tricky combination can make the subject

obsessive about sex. Conversely, there may be a clinical attitude, or a feeling that sex is dirty and undesirable. Much will depend on how the Scorpio Sun is aspected, and on the Moon, Ascendant and Mars signs. At its best, this placing makes for an energetic and thoughtful partner. Financial flair is considerable.

(Grant Lewi)

You relate emotional experience to a well-organized code of conduct. You have strong family feeling, and generally have genuine affection for your relatives. Your belief in the proprieties is so strong that you just don't have emotions that would involve their violation. Your impulses are usually strictly proper; if you stray from the beaten track, it is because you have convinced yourself that it is all right: you satisfy your conscience before the transgression, and rarely after. You substitute self-justification for remorse. Small niceties are emotionally important to you; and if you're not careful, you will substitute the sentimentalities of love for love itself. The proprieties as you conceive them stand guard over your emotional reactions; your sense of good taste is your emotional censor, and will keep you from many unconventionalities of those less sure of the right thing. This need not detract from the warmth of your nature, provided you don't let the tail wag the dog. Remember that the proprieties were made to serve a purpose, and that before there can be an emotional code there must be emotions. To have proprieties for their own sake is like having a general and no army.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, Venus wants discretion, and needs to feel his emotions are treated as something rare and delicate. Often, he becomes involved with inferiors and finds that instead of tenderness he is treated with reckless abandon. The native is conscientious about his reputation, but becomes entangled with those who have secret troubles and are liable to scandal. He has an organized code of conduct, but others may have their own codes - leaving him 'up in the air'. Special attention is required so that he understands the reason for his confusion.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a reliable, exacting lover. Love for you is something that has an excruciatingly fine line between being true and false, acceptable and unacceptable. You have a very delicate and discerning sensibility, but you do not want it crushed, or abused by indiscriminate treatment. This very critical inner state can attract just what you want, or find no-one at all who measures up, or, by way of compensating for such fastidiousness, cause you to succumb to some mere fancy.

You attract with an air of reserve or unattainability that gives the lie to your private sensuality; with a fine sense of aesthetic detail, be it artistic, cosmetic or sartorial; and with a sense of health and helpfulness which you offer Others in a quiet, modest and

practical fashion.

You repel with a standoffishness which peculiarly can sometimes become quite amoral; with a fussiness or priggishness that can turn out to be a blind to your own self-doubt; and with a clinical approach and opportunistic motivation with regard to how and why you show an interest in Other.

You are attracted to Others with above-average intelligence and a discerning eye; to an Other who shares with you some specific interest or occupation, possibly employing special methods; and to cleanliness and health-consciousness.

You are repelled by a lack of a fine mental understanding, concerning you or some other subject; by lazy slobbs or at least an absence of common ground with regard to work and ways of doing things; and by sordidness, or, strangely, punctiliousness.

When you are alone, it is because no-one can live up to your rather exacting standards. And by the very nature of such fastidiousness, you can be alone more often than most - even to the point of being left on the shelf. Such bachelor- / spinsterhood may be very much to your liking, suiting your sense of purity and keeping yourself to yourself. However, if you do not think you are ready for such abstinence, then you are going to have to adjust those standards. This does not mean you have to become wanton - although occasionally you can be by way of relief from your own restraints. It is a case of being more exacting as to what those standards are rather than them just being exacting in themselves. This means that you must ask yourself what you feel is unhealthy or reasonable about your own sexual attitude and emotional requirements, and rectify that before you can expect a suitable Other to appear or remain.

(John Townley)

You are likely to be most comfortable with a familiar lover who knows your habits and desires very well. You are aroused by very specific things, and equally turned off by others, so your partner should be completely aware of your likes and dislikes.

Indeed, you should spend some time sorting out your desires, for you may be missing out on some fairly unusual ways of gaining pleasure simply for lack of investigation. Do not let antiquated moral taboos keep you from living up to your love potential, as you may find stimulation in many things besides your lover.

Cleanliness is quite important in loving; and showering with a lover can be a delightful erotic treat in itself. Also, it eliminates a host of problems that might arise in lovemaking, leaving both of you free for pleasant experimentation.

You and your lover can find pleasure in writing down your fantasies in detail and exchanging them. In this fashion, you can get and give exactly what you both want in a

way that is unlikely to happen in more spontaneous love play; this will make your lovemaking, in its own way, a dream come true.

(Robert Hand)

You like to do favors for the people you like, because serving is one of the ways that you express love and friendship. In youth, you are less selfish than most people of your age, and you find it quite hard to relate to people whom you can't help. The only problem in relationships is that you may believe that people like you for what you do, rather than for what you are. You may underestimate your own worth and not understand why other people like you. Learn to love yourself as well as others.

You like your surroundings to be neat; and your work is both graceful and neat. Your personal habits and the way you dress show this also. This position favors all kinds of craft work, because you have high standards of perfection, but you don't let them overrule your sense of grace and form.

But you must learn not to reject everything and everyone that does not live up to your high standards of beauty or of duty in relationships. You tend to be very critical of everything that you or others make. And you may be overly critical of your friends.

You have a good sense of discipline. You are careful about what you eat, and don't overdo sweets. You won't buy something that is expensive and frivolous, unless you can justify the purchase at a practical level.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Categorised as its 'fall' position, the placement of Venus in the austere, critical and selfconscious sign of Virgo tends to impede the planet's customary warmth, sensuality and creativity. Whereas sexual passion, abundant conviviality and spontaneity may indeed be tempered by this position, Mercury-ruled Virgo, a mutable Earth sign, nevertheless anoints an individual with kindness, loyalty and a strong sense of responsibility. Because meticulous and methodical Virgo is ruled by Mercury - a communicative, nervous planet - the power of Virgos lies in their ability to be verbally expressive rather than physically demonstrative. In fact, their idealistic view of the perfect relationship involves mutual respect of ideas, opinions and professional goals rather than the ardour that characterises other placements. The influence of Mercury also causes these people to analyse their feelings, emotions, finances and creative impulses endlessly - so much so that romantic, vocational and monetary opportunities are often overlooked. Due to their quest for purity and simplicity, they may wait until they are certain of how they feel before plunging into love or expressing their true creative strength.

Devoted and practical, these individuals often form relationships based on shared work or a common sense of duty and responsibility to others. Often accused of being 'cold fish', they are cautious, inhibited, and often unable to display affection spontaneously or openly. But once they feel secure, familiar and trusting, the earthiness and sensuality of this placement will be expressed.

Because these people are verbal rather than physical, there is a great deal of humility in their displays of affection, expressions of creative power and relationship to money and possessions - and the latter are acquired strictly for the security and utilitarian function they fulfil. Rather than spend on ornately decorated homes or invest in land or expensive clothing, they are more likely to put their money into safe investments that yield slow but steady profits. Their love of animals could even make them avid contributors to or supporters of animal rights groups, Greenpeace or other environmental organisations whose goals are to improve the quality of life - all Virgo concerns.

Due to a propensity for modesty, self-consciousness and, if Venus is poorly aspected, self-deprecation, they must learn to be less critical and not expect always to achieve the standard of perfection they have set for themselves and others. Their own harshest critics, they are often inhibited in love as well as in creative expression, for fear that others will be quick to denigrate their talents, sensuality and, most important, their procreative strength. It is quite common, however, for these individuals to commit to an intimate relationship out of a sense of responsibility, obligation or friendship, suppressing the love and sexual attraction that they are afraid will not be returned. Because true intimacy is difficult for them, they may even regard the sexual act as just another skill that they must perform methodically without getting close to another or expressing their deepest feelings.

(Martin Schulman)

Here the individual experiences the purification of love through service. He seeks the idealized refined qualities of life which humanely contribute to man's need for social order. He loves the efficiency of functioning within established molds and traditions, feeling society's sense of etiquette and manners and the matrix of a finely organized reality structure within which his feelings are clearly defined. The beauty of machinery, the love of a watchmaker and a finely-attuned sense of harmony for the workings of things, systems and objects is the very essence of his affinity for functional beauty.

Yet, because Venus is in its fall in Virgo, the over-analytical nature of the sign usually leads the individual to tear apart his feelings so that he can understand them through his mind. This can cause difficulties in relationships, marriage and the ability to tolerate others. In some instances, the individual's need for beauty in its perfect state can lead to fetish-like obsessions with cleanliness or finicky nervous feelings about living in what appears to be a contaminated world.

Exaggerated preoccupations with chastity, virginity, frigidity, asexuality or homosexuality can sometimes occur as the result of the individual's discontent with human imperfection. He must learn how to accept life through its own natural order, rather than allowing his mind's need for perfection to interfere with the love that comes from his heart.

The Yod to this Venus placement comes from the signs Aquarius and Aries, which contain the answers to the person's incessant frustration with his relationship to life.

Aquarius helps to break rigid habit patterns, teaching the individual how to loosen his microcosmic involvement with his mind and his body, and freeing him from the shackles of a confining consciousness. From this sign, he learns how to tolerate others and understand the cosmic beauty of life's imperfections. Rather than trying to change everything in the lives of those close to him, the Venus in Virgo individual slowly learns that love's purification is the natural outgrowth of each person's ability to unfold at his own rate and according to the cosmic laws which govern his own soul.

From the sign Aries, the individual must learn how to contact his own sexual nature; for he finds it difficult to accept himself on this level. Yet, it is exactly his sexual impulses and instincts which, instead of robbing him of eternal grace (as he often thinks), becomes the humanizing contact of feeling which teaches him how to join the human race. He learns how to accept himself and others in the same way that God loves all of his imperfect children.

The Aquarius-Aries sextile helps the person to realize the cosmic self in each individual. He becomes aware of man's need for progress, social freedom, and the harmonious evolution towards oneness which is man's true cosmic identity.

From this, he begins to devote his life to the improvement of the human condition. He becomes a veritable source of kindness, charity, and altruism, and the saving angel to the needy and poor. He loves the 'working classes', and sees the beauty of the 'common man'. He learns to reach out and touch people (without fear of contamination), but rather from the boldness he has learned from Aries, and the sincere caring for his fellow man (the lessons he has learned through Aquarius). This brings out his own very special Gift of Love, his overwhelming feeling to serve humanity; the guiding influence which overcomes all of his fears and inadequacies and directs his life towards the channel of goodness for which he was born.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are discriminating and restrained.

Symbol: A woman weeds a flower box.

Venus, planet of love, is in its fall in chaste Virgo. One thing romance can do without is rational analysis. The piercing accuracy of Virgo's critical barbs, and Cupid's frequently misplaced darts, serve fundamentally different purposes. Intellectual development does not necessarily make the mind more receptive to beauty. Virgoan labor may produce tangible results, but it does not guarantee the emergence of any fresh insight. It accumulates and classifies separate items, forgetting that charm and spontaneity require more than fastidious attention to detail.

Since both planet and sign are associated with the element of Earth, they can combine to show a love nature which expresses itself in practical, unsentimental ways. Venus refines and Virgo reforms, so that once settled with a satisfactory partner (providing he is willing to be improved) this person will endeavor to make the best of an existing situation rather than look for greener pastures.

Venusian Virgoans can be as sensitive as flowers and still bare sharp thorns which wound those who venture too close. They spot imperfections so easily that it is hard for them to refrain from pinpointing the cause of trouble. Their blind spot lies in their failure to realize that criticism may only aggravate deficiencies, as when a mother nags her child to sit up straight and thereby depresses him so that he slumps all the more. Often these individuals will be extremely generous materially, and will work unstintingly for those with whom they identify, only to subvert their good works by being spiritually stingy. Tolerance and the ability to accept as well as to bestow favors are as important to the development of the soul as the willingness to perform the labors of love.

People with Venus in Virgo are often anxiously concerned about their reputations, since they fear that their own critical thoughts will be reciprocated. They also have a strong desire to be considered perfect. Undeveloped types who have difficulty feeling genuine affection tend to overcompensate with an exaggerated show of concern, especially in matters of health and physical well-being. They can behave in an apparently emotional fashion while their hearts remain untouched. Many are unaware of having psychological problems themselves, but wonder what can be the matter with everyone else.

The way out of this dilemma is the way of humility and purification through selfless service. A love for all that is pure, clean, and chaste can turn the mind from petty carping over details into a sphere of supreme usefulness.

Venus in Virgo produces homemakers, teachers, and medical specialists who are kind and solicitous in an impersonal way. The emotional side of their nature can be turned into intellectual channels to become an asset in their work. Almost invariably, they encounter obstacles in the expression of their affections, but the need for renunciation in one area of their lives develops the strength of character which ultimately leads to greater service. (Donna van Toen)

This is traditionally considered a cold - even frigid - Venus. It's not - but it doesn't have as great a need for flamboyant or passionate displays of affection as some of the other placements. What you do need is someone who can show his / her love in a variety of simple ways. You like simple but elegant candlelit dinners. You like a mate / lover who writes down or marks things he / she knows you'd be interested in when reading. You like a mate who feels details are important. You need to work, need to be busy. So the worst thing for you would be to be put on a pedestal and waited on hand and foot.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you obsessively value being right in social interactions, you may unknowingly use relationships in a way that is self-serving rather than serving others. Thus, you might become frustrated in having relationships fall short of your high standards. You may engage in the Virgo tendency to discriminate against and criticize others, and then try to hide your biases in order to prevent alienation. This indulgence might result in feelings of isolation that come from silent separative judgements.

If you give into fears that your service may not be accepted by others, that you are unworthy to serve others, or that you might be criticized, the result is a disintegration of the Virgo ability to make practical use of relationships. You may withhold your gift for unselfish service and instead seek to serve in a way that you think will elicit a particular response. This withholding may result in feelings of inadequacy and lack of self-worth.

Venus ♀ in 11th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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

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

Passionate, diplomatic, charming and well-spoken, those with Venus in the eleventh

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

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

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

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

The impracticality of those with Venus in this house may also result in a misuse or neglect of their finances, which can simply be overlooked in favour of indulging (Venus) their social activism (eleventh house). On the other hand, they may just be donating their

earnings to their favourite charitable causes. It may be advisable for these individuals to choose efficient, level-headed partners to handle their practical affairs and balance out their idealism.

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

In a relationship, shared hopes and wishes will also matter to them. They will want their

partner to enter into their dreams for the future, and will want to be involved in and share in their partner's vision of their future. This, more than anything, will be what binds them to another.

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

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

Many with this placement prefer to isolate themselves from established values, living instead through an idle nature by which they seek to experience the easy pleasure of life. With this attitude, the individual can easily lose himself in strange or curious pursuits

whose unconventional directions tend to warp his outlook. Thus, in searching for harmony with himself, he can be incredibly naive about his own personal relationship with life.

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

dissipated in social situations, and greater discrimination is required.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

Receiving love: You feel loved when your beauty is recognized, when you're showered with affection or gifts. You may require that you be placed on a pedestal, although you're much too sophisticated to overtly express such egotism. The question is sincerity. You love being charmed, and you're certainly charming in response. Being the beloved is a role you relish. But do your suitors really love you, or are they too meekly acting the

part? Are you in their hearts, or simply in the script? It may not make any difference at all, though this varies according to Venus's sign and aspects. The challenge is to experience the archetypes of courtier and beloved in all their glory, but then to go beyond your infatuation with the rites of loving, to feel the flesh-and-blood human beings who can make love more than a dance. Finally, love is a sacrament.

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

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

Mars in Scorpio 3° 53'

(Donna van Toen)

Your energy levels are high in all areas. Your energy is gutsy, probing and non-stop. It is often channeled into understanding things, being the power behind the throne, and finding hidden things of both a literal and a figurative nature. Your strengths include being purposeful, perceptive and dedicated. You lack forgiveness, openness and adaptability.

This Mars placement gives you tremendous potential to do good or harm, so strength of character is required if you want to channel your energy positively. You have such strong likes and dislikes that the maxim 'thoughts are things' bears especially strong meaning. With this Mars, a negative thought about someone else will have tremendous power and will be felt by the person you're thinking about, unless he or she is totally insensitive. Fortunately, the same holds true of your positive thoughts. Needless to say, your emotions are intense; and as this is a position of extremes, you can be a strong ally or a dangerous enemy; and love - if soured - can turn to hate. Your intuition is strong, your psychic potential good. In particular, you'd have good aptitudes for alchemy, magic, and creative visualization.

Sex and Scorpio are well-nigh synonymous. However, that insatiably voracious sexual appetite is often only a mask for what Mars in Scorpio really wants, which is understanding. For someone to take the time to get close enough to see - and touch - the real person on all levels, and understand - physically, mentally and emotionally - is the ultimate turn-on for Mars in Scorpio. The males, given this kind of encouragement, will be totally faithful, and value the woman who succeeds in this regard above all else. Women with this placement find intelligence a turn-on. They especially find the sort of intelligence known as 'street-smarts' a turn-on. But they, too, are ultimately looking for understanding above all else.

You want sex. You also want to be allowed to be a bit or more than a bit selfindulgent on occasion. But there's a paradox here. Even though you want sex, and actively seek it,... because Scorpio is a passive sign, you're not entirely comfortable proclaiming your

wants and pushing for them openly. In fact, you may try to deny them even to yourself. From what I've seen, Mars in Scorpio, particularly in women, is inclined to stifle or downplay its sexual energies for lengthy periods. Sometimes this is due to an overly moralistic upbringing, sometimes because your sexual energies are sublimated into psychology or the occult, and sometimes merely because of a lack of a suitable sexual partner. Anyway, because of this tendency, when your needs do make themselves felt, you may go through long periods when you're almost insatiable. You do best with someone who can adjust to both your 'on' and your 'off' periods. Choose someone who has Venus in a Water sign, in the 8th house, or conjunct Pluto, for best results.

You can do well on your own. You're also a good company person, provided you're treated well. You do especially well in service industries. You don't do so well in partnerships because you can be stubborn and dictatorial - neither of which will help you when there's a stalemate. Some good career areas for you are: medicine, surgery, engineering of virtually any type; ice-making, refrigeration, police work, banking, mining, undertaking, or brewing.

You're highly motivated to see everything there is to see and do everything there is to do; for this reason, travel, reading, and expanding your circle of business and social contacts would tend to appeal to you strongly. Romance, pregnancy, and caring for others are activities that frequently open doors. Psychology can be a good source of opportunity for you, too. I find that sometimes this position has a way of bringing lucky breaks at times when you're either too tired or too busy to appreciate them fully.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by competing for power over your environment. Consequently, you can lose energy if you suppress your desires and motives in order to maintain control. The Scorpio secretiveness in taking action may cause others to mistrust you and thus set the stage for explosive confrontations.

Dynamic

You can assert leadership constructively by committing yourself to responsible expression of motives and intentions. When you reveal your desires, others will know and trust your leadership and ability to use existing circumstances to transform a stagnant situation. You can gain energy in exposing your motives to others and thus free yourself to act.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Mars is in dignity in Scorpio; and someone with this placement is likely to have a quietly

powerful and unobtrusively charismatic presence, backed up by an inner strength and sense of purpose. These people will have a certainty in their manner that conveys that they are not people to be toyed with. This is the most assertive and potentially ruthless of the Water signs.

This sounds a promising placement for passionate sex, and Mars in Scorpio people are indeed passionate. However, when it comes to relationships they are often so intense and sex is often such a traumatic arena that they never actually do it, though they can spend a lot of time anguishing over it. Their sexual contacts are likely to be intensely emotional. They may have such huge feelings invested in sex that they seize up when they are attracted to someone, and all spontaneous responses fail; things just stop flowing. For a Mars in Scorpio person, sex is all or nothing; it is felt as life and death - which can throw them into dreadful crisis and inner turmoil. Sex is indeed intimately connected to life and death; and a Mars in Scorpio person will be closer to this truth than anyone else. This placement makes for a depth of emotional honesty and integrity that you do not find with Mars in the other Water signs, but it can also produce the most agonized expression.

Once a relationship becomes established, someone with Mars in Scorpio will not be afraid of commitment. These people will offer and demand absolute loyalty, and will stand by their partners through thick and thin. They will also be the most jealous and possessive of all the Water signs, and are particularly vulnerable to feelings of sexual jealousy. This is because their feelings become so deeply engaged in their sexual relationships. With such an emotional investment, they have a great deal to lose. There is nothing lukewarm about Mars in Scorpio. These people will want to own their sexual partner; anyone not wanting to be possessed might find their intensity too much.

(Skye Alexander)

You have tremendous will-power and drive, and are able to focus all your energy on your objective. Once you make up your mind to do something, you either achieve it or die trying. You can be ruthless in the pursuit of your goals, and to those who try to stand in your way you show no mercy. No adversary is too formidable - even governments or religious institutions. You are an extremist, however, and can become obsessive in your quests, losing sight of reason or practicality and refusing to compromise or change once you've set your course of action. Your all-or-nothing attitude can cause you to triumph or lose spectacularly.

You may have the ability to transform others or situations in some way. Sometimes you accomplish this by manipulating their unconscious desires; sometimes you inspire the masses with your fearlessness and passion. However, the transformations you effect need not take the form of confrontation with the powers that be. You might influence others to kick drugs, change careers or take up occult studies, and thus transform their lives and outlooks in some important way. Or, you may develop your potential for

psychic healing and use this power to benefit humanity.

Intensely passionate and sensual, you are likely to put a great deal of your energy into sex. You exude an almost animal magnetism that makes you extremely attractive to the opposite sex, regardless of how good-looking you are. You have an active and powerful libido, and are fascinated with sexuality in all its expressions. For you, the sex act is a way to merge with your partner, emotionally as well as physically. You may be a consummate lover with an uncanny understanding of your own and your partner's deepest desires. Or, you might be afraid of the strength of your own passion and attempt to repress it, lest it take control of you. Power struggles and issues of domination could play a part in your sexual expression, and you might use your sexuality to manipulate others. You are jealous and possessive of your sexual partners; and, if betrayed, are likely to become vengeful, perhaps even violent. In the extreme, you might be cruel or perverse, obsessed with the dark side of sexuality.

Men with Mars in Scorpio like to think of themselves as being 'forces to reckon with'. Though you might not be the type to start fights in bars, you are like a poisonous snake coiled and ready to strike, and can be ominous if provoked. You certainly won't run away from a confrontation, and seem to be fearless in the face of danger. Power is important to you, but you probably prefer to wield it from behind the scenes, and you want to be in control of everyone and everything in your environment. As a result, you tend to be domineering, unwilling to trust others or delegate authority to them. Proud of your prowess, you might emphasize your sexuality or use it to get what you want.

Women with Mars in Scorpio are often attracted to men who project an image of power. This could mean take-control types, authority figures or those who are in important business / government positions. Or, you might be fascinated by men who attempt to appear tough or mean, such as 'biker' types or petty criminals and thugs. You like your men to be overtly sexual, but you're looking for someone who is strongly emotional and passionate as well. Dark, smouldering, intense men of few words probably interest you most. Because this planetary combination sometimes signifies sexual frustration, you might find yourself continually involved with men who aren't good for you or who don't give you what you want. In the extreme, you could be attracted to men who are cruel or abusive toward you. And, because Scorpio is the sign of transformation, it's quite likely that you will be transformed in some way by the men in your life.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mars in the sign Scorpio indicates powerful emotions and desires. This tremendous emotional intensity gives the natives relentless courage and thoroughness in executing their intentions. It can lead to the greatest heights of spiritual achievement or to the lowest depths of moral degradation, depending on the amount of wisdom and type of motivation by which the energy is guided.

These people have resourcefulness, courage, and energy, especially in meeting difficult situations. Even the possibility of death does not frighten them, if they must face it in order to accomplish their goals. They are capable of an uncompromising fight to the end in defence of their principles. The two-hundred Spartan soldiers who held off the entire invading Persian army are an example of the Mars in Scorpio principle.

The powerful sex drive that goes with Mars in Scorpio, if wrongly motivated, can result in possessiveness and intense jealousy. People with this position tend toward an all-or-nothing attitude which makes compromising with them very difficult. Since it is hard for them to be neutral or indifferent, they make either friends or enemies of those with whom they have sustained dealings. They are secretive and do not reveal their plans or actions without good reason. They need to learn greater detachment and objectivity.

There is danger of coarseness and bluntness with this position, since at times these people do not take into consideration the feelings of those less forceful than themselves.

When Mars is afflicted in Scorpio, there can be intense anger and resentment; but unlike the anger of Mars in Aries, such feelings are not forgotten easily. People with this position can hold grudges, nursing their anger like steam in a pressure cooker until the effects of its outlet are disastrous. Consequently, they make the most dangerous kind of enemy. If Mars is heavily afflicted in Scorpio, there is the tendency to dominate others emotionally, forcing them into submissiveness and servitude.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing will be a focal point of the chart, since Mars was the ruler of Scorpio before Pluto was discovered. Old textbooks may declare that Mars (rather than Pluto) rules Scorpio, but this is out of line with modern astrological thought. Nevertheless, the influence is a powerful one, and should be given full attention.

The heavy emotion of Scorpio is intensified by the passion of Mars; and it is essential that someone with this placing finds rewarding and satisfying sexual expression. Do not dismiss this statement as a generalization; while we all need sexual fulfillment, if this is not forthcoming for someone with Mars in Scorpio there will be resentfulness and a brooding unhappiness which may be hard to pin down if the individual is not consciously aware of his or her problems - sometimes obsessive tendencies emerge.

There is marvellous potential in this placing, and if the emotions related to all spheres of life are allowed to flow positively, we find brilliant engineers, miners, specialists in the wine trade and many other professions who have Mars in Scorpio. On the negative side, jealousy can be a problem, and in extreme circumstances the subject may show vengeful tendencies. There will be a love of good food, and sometimes a liking for really living it up!

Here are the whole-hoggers; for instance, when they decide they need to lose weight they will go on a severe crash diet - then have a large and calorific celebration once they have achieved their goal! If the love of food and drink gets out of hand, it may be that they are compensating for a lack of emotional fulfillment. Try to talk problems through; there may well be a tendency to gloss over difficulties, for the subject can be very secretive. It is vital that these people are emotionally involved in their careers because, while moneymaking is immensely important to them, the forceful and highly-charged energies of Mars should be fully expressed through work.

The physical energy of Mars will be plentiful; and as the placing adds considerable determination (often stubbornness), heavy exercise - and sometimes martial arts - will usually be enjoyed. Water sports are also very popular. As the genitals are governed by Scorpio, any inflammation or slight problem in that area should not be ignored. Mothers of babies with this placing should take particular precautions to avoid diaper rash, which could cause above-average discomfort.

(Grant Lewi)

The most impressive position of Mars in the Vitasphere. It can be the best or the worst of all possible things to find in the chart. In its best form, the energies flow into channels that make for deep personal security, through business and love. Magnetism is powerful; the vital forces serve the ego forcefully: to draw others and hold them, and to extract from the world the maximum of material and spiritual benefits. In its worst form, the same security urges turn to fear that the ends of the ego will not be achieved, and the native seeks escape in a variety of undesirable forms. He becomes timid, vacillating, quarrelsome, self-indulgent and apparently weak. Some of the good and some of the bad are likely to show forth in your life as a result of this position. Your constant aim must be self-control - to direct your energies and your habits away from yourself into objective action; to draw other people to you, and to hold them, with love rather than fear; to avoid the negative, destructive instincts of jealousy, fear and suspicion; and to achieve faith in yourself, your world and the people who inhabit it with you. Your energies are an almost tangible force emanating from you in a sort of aura; you make yourself felt wherever you are; and you can genuinely build up or tear down another person by what you think about him. This is because your instincts are so powerful that you show in movement, action and tone what you innerly are believing, and you are nearly as effective in silence as in speech. You should cultivate mind power, reserve and self-discipline in order to lead your magnetism into channels where it will help and not hinder you.

(Sydney Omarr)

Mars in Scorpio is perceptive but drives himself harder than he would drive anyone else. The native is passionate, determined, and attracted to people he does not really respect. He has great magnetism, and draws persons who want to love, live, move, chase and be

chased. He is not given too much time for relaxation!

The astrologer must help him find peace through personal fulfillment, and teach him the lesson of true relaxation. He must help the native obtain a greater degree of selfdiscipline and self-control. There is much power and creativity here - it is to be hoped that it can be used constructively.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a passionate, though potentially cruel, suitor. Energy is created and maintained through the uncompromising and undeviating pursuit of whatever it is that you truly desire. Such should include powerful or front-line occupation, the military, getting closer to any place of power (internal or external), or creating deep change, especially with regard to how you make known and satisfy your desires - or it can remain as or devolve into a highly destructive anger.

You attract with an intense sexual effectiveness that does not necessarily have anything to do with how you look; with a forcefulness that brooks no opposition; with an intrepidity that shrinks from no challenge; and with a spiritual stamina that makes it through the night.

You repel with a poisonous and destructive resentfulness; with a negative opinion of anyone whose weaknesses remind you of your own; with a disinclination to honestly confront the enemy within, and so forgive those who (appear to) have been hostile towards you; and with ruthless vengeance.

You are attracted to powerful people and relationships that inevitably get very close to you, and transform you - despite your reservations; to charismatic types and / or dangerous situations that demand your complete and utter involvement; and to breaking (sexual) taboos, thus forcing confrontations.

You are repelled by wimpishness and superficiality; by fainthearted attempts to win you body and soul, something which alone can merit a relationship worthy of your involvement; and by your own self-disgust borne of a reluctance to bite the bullet and take the plunge - into a relationship or your own Shadow.

When you are alone, it is because you have been denying or suppressing those strong desires, especially for some kind of personal transformation, to which the above refers. Indeed, you could be 'alone' even though you are in a relationship. This is because you feel you must experience some kind of emotional pressure or pain to maintain an ongoing sense of being intensely involved - but you have rigged it, probably unconsciously, so that no crisis or confrontation occurs. But inevitably it will, whether you are alone or not. So you must own up to this dark and powerful streak, and note how it has affected Other in the past, and thereby attract a relationship and partner that does it

justice - or renew the one you are or were in as a result of taking stock of your provocativeness and overhauling your manner of expressing it.

(John Townley)

Your energies tend to be rather muffled and smoldering, in that you harbor a desire for a long time before allowing it to break out, and then it is very intense. For this reason, your lover may not be truly aware of the nature or extent of your needs, which when revealed may surprise or overwhelm him or her. It is wise to express yourself verbally beforehand so that your partner is prepared.

Because of this rather dominating high energy, you often rule a relationship, directly or indirectly, particularly in its physical aspects. To you, sex is a kind of mutual selfimmolation, which you sometimes lead your lover into without warning. You need a partner who is open to sexual adventure and self-abandonment; someone who can experience your kind of sexuality.

You may rely particularly on the physical and organic aspects of sex for relaying cues of affection to a lover, and therefore you should avoid sexually conservative types unless you relish continually shocking your partner. True communication takes a while for you to develop; but once it is established, the ties are very deep and not easily broken.

(Robert Hand)

You have a strong will, and you let everyone know what you want. But you do not seem especially pushy, just persistent. You apply pressure steadily until you get what you want. If someone makes you angry, instead of blowing right off, you go into a slow burn. People know you are upset, however, because you are likely to make sarcastic and biting remarks. But this tendency to hold back your anger can work against you, partly because the anger is not released, so you stay angry. You may hold a grudge for quite a long time. But also the intensity of your anger, even though it is held in, may be rather frightening to others whose emotions are not as strong as yours.

But you do not get angrily easily. You can be pushed quite far before you get mad; and even then it may not develop right away. But sometimes you remember a past incident when you could have gotten angry but didn't, and suddenly you are just as angry as if the incident had just occurred. If necessary, you are a fighter, although you don't look for fights. But you don't run from them, either; and when you get into it, you fight with body and soul, for your deepest emotions become involved.

You have such strong likes and dislikes that it is hard from you to be neutral about anything. You relate to the world around you very emotionally, and there is very little to which you do not react.

Mars in 1st House

(Donna van Toen)

Courageous, impatient, and sometimes pushy, you don't always take the time to understand other people's points of view. So although your leadership abilities are good, you may drive your followers, employees, et cetera, a bit too hard. Sometimes this gives red hair. Or there may be a scar on the face. Stress aspects to this Mars tend to bring high fevers when ill.

Mars here says being on the move turns you on. Being kept waiting for an answer turns you off.

This is a sign of a high level of motivation, so undoubtedly there'll be a great deal of activity in your life. You're particularly good at fighting for your rights; in that sense, you make your own luck. Your physical energy level is liable to be quite high, enabling you to take action when opportunities come your way. However, if Mars is in Cancer, Libra, or Pisces, your energy may be more mental than physical, and you may have to push yourself a bit in order to avoid the tendency to let circumstances decide for you.

Any planet in the first house symbolizes someone (or something, or some action) that's to be extremely important in your life, for better or worse. Planets here encourage you to reach out, to seek experience. The more planets here, the more you'll want to experience in life. If Mars is here, it's a favorable omen, as it says you've learned to approach life with a positive attitude. Your self-confidence is apt to be strong - or at the very least can be strengthened. The purpose of Mars here seems to be to give the energy and health necessary for you to attain your goals.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The person with Mars in the first is a fighter who approaches life as though it were a battle. These people tend to see other people as blocking them and preventing them from doing what they want, so they often attack first and think afterwards. Or sometimes their behaviour provokes others into attacking them. With the Mars energy up front like this, it is hard to ignore.

These people exude a strong sexual energy, which they may not be consciously aware of; and this can lead to conflict and difficulty in their relationships. They may get angry if they feel that others are seeing them primarily as a sex object, but they may unconsciously be using their sexuality to get what they want. As with all first house placements, there is a tendency to project the energy of the planet and see it in others. With Mars here, they will be likely to see others as being too aggressive and forceful and as sexually exploitative.

It is important for people with Mars in the first to take the initiative and go after what they want in a direct and courageous manner. It is vital to their well-being that they take charge of their own lives and act on their own decisions. If they are afraid of their own strength, they will tend to act in an over-conciliatory way which will sap their energy and cause anger and resentment to build up. This will lead to periodic explosions which result in sudden irrational attacks on those close to them, which can cause havoc in their lives.

With Mars in the first, there is often a strong feeling of insecurity. These people feel threatened, and react by constantly setting out to prove their strength and independence. They will tend to be rather touchy about anything that threatens their autonomy, and so can be quite prickly to get close to. Their relationships therefore tend to be volatile - full of quarrels, partings, and reunions.

People with Mars in the first are looking for someone equally strong to spark them off. They enjoy the challenge of pitting themselves against someone strong and decisive, so they are attracted to independent individuals with a sharply defined personality. They derive strength from fighting for what they want, and find the battle energizing and stimulating.

These people are very open and direct in their approach; and in order for them to feel desired, their partner will need to be equally honest and straightforward. They will not be convinced by vague hints, but need to be shown directly that they are wanted. Although they enjoy battling against their partner, they do need to feel that he or she is fundamentally on their side, fighting with them against a hostile world.

Basically uncomplicated in their desires, these people usually have a very clear idea of who and what they want, and will not be afraid to express this. They do not hold back, and usually jump impulsively into sexual relationships. Full of warmth and passion, they are prepared to fight for the person they want, and will not easily be discouraged. They invest a great deal of themselves in everything they do, so they are able to maintain relationships at a high level of emotional vitality.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars rising gives tremendous vitality, drive and will. It is impossible to keep anyone with this placement down. If one thing doesn't work, these people will figure out something else. If other factors testify to a career, this will give impetus, competitive spirit, and follow-through. These people will go crazy from boredom if they haven't got something to keep them busy at all times.

Women with Mars rising can have a somewhat hard or unprepossessing appearance if there is no aspect from the Moon, Venus, or Jupiter to soften it. If there is, Mars adds fire

and intensity, and gives a compelling force to their appearance that commands attention. Women with Mars rising have a tough row to hoe, but if they are honest with themselves they know that they wouldn't have it any other way.

Mars in this location adds great physicality to the nature. It adds fight to the nature, the will to never say die. Unless its fire is greatly diminished by sign or aspect, there will probably be at least one knock-down-drag-out physical fight at some time, usually in youth. It's an especially good position for soldiers, athletes, and dancers, but it also is good for any career as it gives great stamina, staying power, and courage.

These people seek thrills and challenges. They may either die young from taking risks, or live long and hearty lives. There is great gusto here, a lust for life. They are extremely competitive, and need regular physical competition so their competitive nature won't cause problems within their friendships and love relationships.

They are not inclined to be deep thinkers unless other aspects show it. Even if there are thought aspects, these people will rely mainly on instinct and inspiration. Action is a passion for them. They love to be in motion.

They have big appetites, and can be lustful, willful, and gluttonous, unless other aspects hold them back. They tend to get into positions of authority through their energetic efforts, and also because they don't like taking orders themselves. If they do acquire authority, they tend to be somewhat insensitive toward those beneath them, and to use power to satisfy personal desires. Many kings and emperors have Mars rising or conjunct the Sun; not only those who win their own glory, but also those who inherit it and go on to use it effectively.

With good aspects, they become like smooth-running machines in middle life, once past their early lustful rebellious years. By middle life, they tend to become serious, dedicated, and able to command respect.

They are inclined to be accident-prone, depending on the aspects to Mars, and must watch out that they don't go too fast and lose control. They often have a scar on the face or head, or on that part of the body ruled by the sign Mars is in. Unless aspects are really bad, they lose their tendency towards accidents in middle life. With good aspects, they are agile and deft with their hands, bodies, and minds from youth until death. If there are oppositions or inconjuncts to Mars, and no trine or sextile to relieve them, there will be great stress, an unresolved physical tension, a rigidity, an inability to move or act, that may end in illness or accident.

They are usually slender in youth from activity. If Mars is in a Water or Earth sign, they may gain weight in later years from overindulgence in food and drink, though some stay trim throughout life due to self-control.

If Mars is square Mercury, they are witty, but may overwork themselves. A rising Mars square the Sun tends to overwork to the point where there may be a breakdown.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: With Mars in the 1st, there is an urgency to the spontaneous expression of personality. You have a cutting edge, a sharp thrust to the radiance of self; and this thrust is natural rather than intentional. Desire is paramount, even when it is not fully conscious. You 'come on' strong, and your personality has a voracious feel, a natural hunger. The pitfall involves confronting life too combatively, while the challenge is to act as spontaneously and directly as you can.

Natural persona: The natural face you show the world is pointed, focused on the next crisis just around the corner. You tend to be assertive, razor-sharp, and sometimes downright pushy, although you rarely see it that way. You lead with the cutting edge of personal desire.

Your name-tag, almost more challenge than statement, says simply 'Hot'.

Self-awareness: 'Maleness' is the key to dawning self-awareness. The more spontaneously assertive you are, the more natural radiance is formed around the desire, and the greater will be the awareness of your central, core self. You must reach out of yourself, beyond yourself, in order to become aware of yourself. When you want something, you open the doorway to your inner self. When you go after it, you become who you really are.

Boundaries: Competition, confrontation, and direct urgency of expression function as the bridge between inner and outer realities. Nonaction or passivity damages the bridge between the two environments; but heated aggression or brash pushiness provoke misinterpretation and embarrassing errors of judgement as the 'arrow and the bull's-eye' forfeit their mutual perspectives. The challenge is to spontaneously fire yourself outward, but without overkill. Remember: your high energy is a bridge with which to connect, not a missile used to destroy. If you forget this, others may launch their missiles in response.

Vitality: Your vitality is naturally high, and your recuperative powers excellent in any crisis, but there may be susceptibility to fevers and an exaggerated tendency toward sudden injuries, such as cuts, abrasions, or broken bones that could require surgery. There's a marked tendency here to 'lead with the head'; and you may eventually have the facial scars to prove it. The main culprit is stress and the artificial but intense feeling of crisis it provokes. You must learn techniques of relaxation; but this does not mean inactivity. Rather, it implies relaxed action. Be sure to give yourself enough physical outlets for the high energy of your personality.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a driving ambition to make an impression on the world. When stimulated, you energetically accept any challenge that will demonstrate your courage and ability. You thoroughly enjoy competition and the thrill of meeting problems head on; and when you succeed, you literally glow. But don't neglect the formal training you need for greater polish and savoir-faire. You can accomplish far more by finesse than by brute force. If you can learn the art of friendly persuasion, you will achieve the same results without wasting energy in unnecessary conflicts. Education will teach you how to deal with people and win their co-operation. You have high hopes that your children will reach out to their destiny with the same enthusiasm you show. You have little difficulty attracting lovers, but your attention tends to wander once you've achieved your victory. You need a partner with wisdom and patience to cope with your competitiveness and to help you to be more objective and realistic in your goals.

You know you should plan ahead, but you are too busy worrying about your current interests to take the time. You have no doubt that you will succeed. With your active mind and physical daring, you can implement your ideas and get whatever you want. Living for the moment, however, only satisfies the moment. You consider the future too abstract to focus on; but if you don't plan for your future security, you can't expect to get it. Your friends might have some helpful suggestions. Although you are well paid for your professional skills, you will not be financially independent in your later years unless you start saving.

You will achieve greater harmony in your dealings when you learn to concede to authority and face reality. You must restrain yourself to avoid displeasing those in authority over you. True, you must take the initiative in order to accomplish anything worthwhile; but be very sure that the situation warrants your response. You cannot afford to antagonize people in important positions by being impertinent or insensitive to their feelings. If you do, you will meet adversaries at every turn. Try to compromise and listen to good advice, especially from those who really care for you. It will cost you very little, and may pay handsome dividends.

Because you can provide services that people need and will pay for, you will always have opportunities for employment. Refusing to help will undermine your chances for success and earn you contempt. Probably you will use the opportunity to show what you can do. Be careful not to overreact to what you think is expected of you. You are eager to win public approval in order to prove yourself. Some people may avoid you, thinking that you will try to take advantage of them. Your ability to detect human weaknesses gives you an advantage over your competitors.

When you intimidate people in order to get what you want, you are the eventual loser. If you fail to build solid human values that people can relate to, they will lose respect for you and quickly forget your accomplishments, no matter how spectacular. On the other hand, if you accept responsibility for your actions, you will be rewarded by the

everlasting appreciation of those whom you have helped. You can help people become more self-reliant by teaching them to take advantage of their own resources and to capitalize on their natural talents.

(Howard Sasportas)

According to the myth, Ares (Mars) sprang forth fully grown from the body of the outraged Hera. Similarly, those with Mars here may find that their anger, fury or actions 'leap out' before anything can be done to stop them. At worst, they can be impatient and furious with the slightest obstacle blocking their way, and exhibit a constant need to prove their power. Rather than turning their own bodies into a battlefield or taking out their aggression on whoever comes along, they will benefit from some sort of regular physical exercise or competitive sport. The disciplines of tai-chi, yoga, karate or the various body-therapies (which allow, and work creatively with, the cathartic discharge of anger and tension) are also recommended.

At best, those with Mars in the 1st are authentic, spontaneous and refreshing. Without appearing too blunt or rude, they can be honest and self-directing, possessing the courage to respect their own priorities rather than playing a role for somebody else. They are meant to meet life 'head on'. Rather than waiting for something to happen, people with this placement should take the first step.

Mars in the 1st is most noticeable in a Fire sign; but even if placed in watery Cancer or Pisces, they will still evince a strong presence whether they speak up or not. If those with Mars in this house appear shy and withdrawn, then other aspects in the chart are impinging on its expression, and these should be examined. In some cases, they may need to be reminded that it is permissible to ask for what they want in life, rather than covertly manipulating others into giving it to them.

The urge to be the masters of their own destiny is usually strong, and they will grapple against all odds to satisfy their desires.

Mars in the 1st often calls for a fair degree of stamina, strength, fight and independence even very early in life.

Jupiter ♃ in ♊ Gemini 15° 4'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone communicating insights to others, you may experience an endless

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

Dynamic

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

(Marilyn Waram)

This is an extremely restless combination, doubly intellectual. Gemini has a light touch, and this can be evident in the manifestation of this placement. This individual could be extremely bright, able to pick up complex philosophical concepts rapidly. He may learn so quickly that he is often bored, particularly while in school, where he can absorb the day's lessons in a few minutes and spend the rest of the day causing trouble with his ceaseless activity and need for stimulation. A smart teacher will keep this person occupied. In later life, he will continue to learn quickly, but his lack of attention span may catch up with him if his chart emphasizes the Fire element or mutability. He may have quite a conflict between the Gemini propensity to gather in information without any distinction or discrimination, and the Jupiter function of assigning meaning and significance. He may think everything is important; knowledge is an ultimate value. With the high and often unrealistic standards so often a part of Jupiter, he may try to know everything about everything and burn himself out. Somewhere along the line, he needs to learn how to deal with this conflict or he will frequently find himself overwhelmed with information and unable to make sense out of it all. Clarifications of goals and values would be valuable exercises for such an individual, as they provide for him a much-needed framework within which to distinguish between what is important enough to spend time and attention on, and what is not.

A person with Jupiter in Gemini may know a great deal of information and be an encyclopaedia of information, useless as well as helpful. He usually values the intellectual approach rather than the emotional. He does not, unless other chart placements show it, have much patience with or understanding of deep feelings, especially if those are connected to values and beliefs. This individual may be quite detached from his ideas and opinions. Unlike someone with Jupiter in Aries, who can feel personally insulted and threatened when his cherished ideas are challenged, the person with Jupiter in Gemini treats that information as new data. It has nothing to do

with him as an individual. Consequently, he is very open to new ideas and perspectives. He may not go into them very deeply, however, before his attention is caught by something else and he will go off to explore that.

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

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

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

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

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

When Jupiter in Gemini is handled constructively, the individual places great value on

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

You derive great pleasure from learning, and may have been the only kid in your class who didn't mind going to school. Learning comes easily to you, and you are especially adept at communication. Perhaps you can speak several foreign languages or have a gift for oratory. However, you can be verbose. Or, you might possess special writing talent. Success and recognition could come to you as a result of your writing and / or speaking skills. The birth charts of many notable authors include Jupiter in Gemini.

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

Your pleasures in life are usually of an intellectual sort. Reading is particularly enjoyable to you, and you prefer curling up with a good book to going out on the town. You're not a misanthrope, however - far from it. Talking with friends - in person or on the telephone - is one of your favorite pastimes. Once you get going, it's hard to shut you up. You also love to play games that exercise your mind or add to your storehouse of information: card games, crossword puzzles, chess, Trivial Pursuit etc.. Though you might not be

very active physically, your mind is never idle.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

Because of the natural trine of Gemini to Libra and Aquarius, these people attract many friends, acquaintance and partnerships, and so can broaden their intellectual horizons in new and unusual directions. These social contacts also provide opportunities for creative expression of the mind.

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

There is ability in teaching, writing, and lecturing with Jupiter placed in Gemini. Travelling lecturers often have Jupiter in this sign. Natives can also earn money and expand their

business interests through publishing, travel, personal services, importing, communications industries, and mail-order businesses.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

(Stephen Arroyo)

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

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

Those with Jupiter in Gemini don't generally consider that they are taking any risk in their intellectual endeavors, but certainly many of these people readily take risks in frank communication and in exploring ideas that are not generally considered conventional.

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

by design.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is a very unusual event because you are, by your very nature, a contact-maker. So when you are alone - or at least, or rather especially, when you admit to being alone but still with an Other - it has to be for quite a serious reason. Most

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

work exclusively with your mind.

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in 8th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Emotional and soul security.

The above keywords encompass the innumerable modes of expression that eighth house energies take. Generalizations are difficult to make when discussing eighth house factors, for it is a rather daunting task to attempt a summing up of such a profound field of experience that can manifest on so many levels. In addition, the nature of the eighth house is so private, not to mention intentionally secretive, that finding prominent people with this placement has not been the easiest of tasks. Although such individuals seek power and / or deeper knowledge, they do not generally seek publicity.

These people tend to have an enthusiasm for exploring the deeper laws of life, even if their search leads them to confront 'taboo' areas of experience. In fact, far from having any fear of the eighth house matters which so fascinate - but also terrify - most people (sex, death, power, psychic and occult laws, etc.), these folks deliberately and honestly face these taboo subjects, and often feel an exhilaration and inner freedom from having done so. They have an inner conviction that they are morally right to follow their individual path of discovery, even if society frowns on it. And their optimism about confronting the dark side of life is often remarkable. For example, in her later years, one older lady with Sagittarius rising, and her ruling planet Jupiter in the eighth house conjunct the Sun and Neptune, told her daughter, 'Dying sounds like a great adventure, doesn't it?'

Those with Jupiter in the eighth house need time alone to explore things that are hidden, whether involved with their own inner life or with various types of research or investigative work. They are dominated by overriding yearnings to find well-being

through a search into the deeper forces that seem to them (depending on their level of consciousness) to be at the core of life's processes: physical laws (such as chemists, doctors, engineers or surgeons have to learn); psychic or occult laws; biological / emotional energies (sex and concomitant emotional urges to merge with another); financial / economic laws; or universally true religious principles.

In fact, the religious needs of those with Jupiter in the eighth are never completely orthodox. Their religious yearnings are satisfied only by deep inquiry.

One unifying factor that explains something of the eighth house mystery is once again found in the writings of Charles Carter. He points out that the Ascendant has much to do with vitality, the sixth house with the 'tissues' (and - I would add - the general state of health, especially as an expression of attitude and the nervous system), and the eighth house with the state of health of the 'large aqueous content of the body'. This is perhaps a far more profound statement than Carter even realized when he wrote it. For example, the impact on the overall health of the emotions has only really been explored in the latter half of the 20th century. Carter goes on to observe that the eighth house, somewhat like the sixth, influences the moods and the general temperament. Carter's connection of the eighth with the aqueous (or watery) element in human nature correlates perfectly not only with the intuitive expressions of the eighth house, but also with the profound 'urge to merge' with others that one finds in those with an eighth house emphasis, whether that urge is manifesting through sexual expression, emotional experimentation, or devotion to some esoteric path.

For those with Jupiter in the eighth, sexuality must be seen within a larger context of broader meaning, not simply as a physical instinct; and there is often a certain emotional turbulence experienced as the individual seeks to understand these powerful, but often warring, urges.

We cannot leave the discussion of the eighth house without also mentioning its correlation with business and investment, another expression of seeking security through accruing behind-the-scenes power and / or wealth. Moore and Douglas use the keywords 'financial finesse' for this position, which aptly describes the abilities of many who have this placement. They describe such a person as a 'shrewd operator' who 'can salvage and turn to profit the waste which other people discard'. These people recognize value where most people don't see it; and they often have strongly-felt intuitions about where current trends will lead in the future. These 'gut-feelings' often turn out to be strikingly accurate, which is one of the keys to the investment success of people who have Jupiter here.

(Marilyn Waram)

Jupiter in the eighth house is a likely indication that the individual has a general attitude of optimism toward emotionally intimate relationships, self-transformation and joint

resources. She may have a strong drive to study and increase her understanding of the dynamics of marriage and other very close relationships. She could place a lot of faith in the fulfillment to be found in such relationships, and expect it to lift her out of herself, or she could place that trust in jointly owned finances and possessions, or those owned by other people. She will tend to extend a generous amount of goodwill to her mate, to think the best of him and to assume his goodwill in return.

If her focus is on relationships, she might experience a restless need to explore more and more possibilities in that area of life. This may make her go from relationship to relationship on her search; or she may look for ways to improve the one she is in, if committed to it. Possibly she will be motivated to teach others what she learns. She will tend to place a great deal of value on emotional intensity, candid in-depth sharing, mutual support and rapport, and may be miserably dissatisfied unless she can achieve this. Her tendency in early life will be to expect too much from herself in the relationship, too much from her partner, and / or too much ultimate satisfaction from the relationship itself. If she allows a love relationship to become an ultimate value, she may protect it at all costs, even to her own detriment. She is a likely candidate for the co-dependency type of relationship, if she needs to be in one at almost any cost!

She will also tend to need, more than most, to feel her partner shares and appreciates her values, beliefs and moral standards, especially toward self-improvement and personal growth. She may go overboard and begin to tell her spouse what he should believe and how he should conduct himself, in an attempt to make him meet her standards. If her standards are unrealistic, her approach harsh or her demands insistent, she has little chance that he will co-operate or grow as she wishes. People prefer to change according to their own timetable; but the nature Jupiter symbolizes does not respect this, unless other chart factors are strong enough to hold in check the misplaced enthusiasm or exaggerated expectation. This may all be done personally, or could be projected so that the spouse is perceived to behave this way. Then the individual is upset about a spouse's tendency to pontificate, demand his needs with no respect for her own, or to think he is God.

She may, rather than being the person with all the answers, expect her partner to be the great teacher and guru and look to him with wide-eyed, probably inappropriate, adoration. At the extreme end of the negative scale, she may expect herself to be totally perfect within the relationship, to always be there for her mate, to have all the answers, to save him from any and all misfortunes, and to be cheerful in the face of adversity. Or she could expect and demand this from him, and take it for granted when she gets it, or self-righteously push him harder if he cannot provide it.

Again, either of these extremes can be projected, in which case the mate may expect the impossible from himself, or arrogantly demand it from her. The first is a manifestation of the 'I should be more like God' attitude; and the second is an acting out of the 'I am God and you should be better than you are' belief. One woman with Jupiter in the eighth

told of an incident in which her husband, whom she has since divorced, told her an argument they had had was entirely her fault, as she had not handled his insults and abusive behavior 'the right way'! If both share the Jupiter energy, which is often the case, they can do any or all of these behaviors to each other.

On the positive side, they can enjoy long, involved and wide-ranging philosophical discussions. They may get a kick out of solving the world's problems, at least in theory. They may also enjoy intense discussions on comparative religion, education and other issues which involve large segments of the society. They may need to find a higher meaning and purpose to the relationship than companionship, or even than love. Excessive talking may be something of a problem in the relationship; and they could, if not alert to this, encourage each other in judgemental attitudes.

The sexual side of the relationship will usually be similarly important. There may be an expectation of some kind of ultimate fulfillment from sex. Some people will react to this attitude by wanting a lot of sexual activity, perhaps even a lot of partners. They tend to expect too much from sex, and may demand too much from their partner(s). Others will feel satisfied to experience great reverence for the intimacy, sensitivity and trust required to create a deep, powerful bond through love-making. Still others may project and find their mate extremely demanding, or chronically unfaithful, or both; and sexuality then becomes an arena for great disappointment.

In religious matters, she may tend to have a strong interest in life after death, reincarnation and spiritualism. These can seem natural and logical to her as they give even the greatest personal transformation, death, a positive connotation. She may find within herself a solid faith that death is not the final step! This is a constructive way to use the Jupiter belief that there is always more to discover and understand. She may, however, go overboard here too, and respect the supposed wisdom of discarnate spirits more than that of living beings who just might have more relevant advice.

There is always the danger, with Jupiter in the eighth house, of attaching such intense emotions to beliefs that she uses - and feels justified in the use of - power, and underhanded and / or manipulative tactics to propound those beliefs. Power begets the same, so power struggles over religious, philosophical, political or intellectual beliefs are a possibility. Naturally, the individual who expresses Jupiter will assume her own rightness automatically; and the willfulness associated with the eighth house makes it difficult for her to back away or to change her position with grace.

On a psychological level, she may develop a compelling interest in self-transformation and self-mastery, forever taking herself to higher levels of understanding, insight and all-encompassing wisdom. As she grows more experienced, she may develop a powerful insight into what motivates other people to act the way they do, especially their unconscious motivation. She may write about these, or teach, or both.

She could value depth psychology, confrontational therapy; deep-tissue bodywork therapy, internal herbal purges, and other penetrating but intrusive modes of healing. She may adopt the attitude that these are the only therapies which have value, because of the powerful regenerative effect they can have, but in the process may ignore or deride the right of others to work with more gentle means. She could attempt to take on too much in one or more of these therapies, use them too frequently, use them in inappropriate situations, or believe they offer far more wide-ranging effects than they actually do. She may go to extremes and preach that all people need these procedures, and imply or openly state that only the morally inferior would balk at them.

These could all be projected, as well, and seen to be the qualities in the mate; or they could be shared with the mate, constructively or destructively. Other areas which may be intensively studied, valued or overvalued, or expected to provide ultimate fulfillment include archaeology, joint resources and finances, ecology, recycling, research, detective or other research-type activities, investment, and personal and emotional power. The latter may be used to control oneself and to work intensively toward self-transformation, or to control others for the sake of apparent emotional security. If projected, any or all of these may describe the mate.

Because of the ceaseless and churning mental activity associated with this position, the individual will be most likely to experience the best of it if she finds a partner who is similarly inclined and who will share her intense thirst for self-mastery, knowledge, understanding and Truth. She will have to make sure she engages in these herself, rather than finding a mate to do them. Shared, there is far less need to impose it; but the individual with Jupiter in the eighth house will always need to remain alert to her tendency to leap in, either to rescue or to make more perfect, and to remember that either impulse is a prescription for extreme unhappiness in a relationship.

This is another position with a strong potential for turning the marriage relationship into a path of spiritual growth. That is, either or both individuals could realize that a close relationship provides them with many opportunities to grow through learning things about themselves.

Our mates mirror back to us many traits and issues with which we need to reacquaint ourselves, if we are able to become more whole. If we are truly committed to taking full responsibility for ourselves, interaction with a partner will provide us with lots of chances to do so. The seventh and eighth houses are the most likely places in the chart to indicate projected qualities: thus, marriage can be seen to be a fertile area for learning to see those projections in action. The more we take back our projections, the more wisdom and self-understanding we require. If Jupiter's finer expression of honesty is used carefully, in the seventh and eighth houses it can indicate a powerful path of growth into consciousness.

The prescription for happiness with Jupiter in the eighth consists of a strong respect for a

partner's growth timetable, the adoption of well-thought-out and reasonable standards for what is acceptable in the relationship, and a healthy respect for the potency and impact of the individual's weaknesses on other people.

Saturn ♄ in ♌ Leo 23° 11'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to impose your Leonine right for self-expression by creating situations that are larger than life. If you dramatize your ups and downs in order to gain respect and awe, your experiences might resemble those of the heroes in Shakespeare's tragedies. The dramas produced may be self-destructive and unfulfilling. You may find the outer world unsympathetic and limiting to your dramatic behavior.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility to bring your capacity for moving dramatic expression into manifestation. When you are willing to acknowledge yourself as the originator of the melodramas in your life, you can feel secure in your ability to be responsible for the intense scenes you attract. You gain confidence in your skill to handle emotional display when you are in touch with the love centre within yourself. Then the potential to align your dramatic sense with the knowledge that you can serve a larger community comes forth.

You can contribute to others by giving expression to your true inner feelings, inspiring them through your own courageous example in dramatically revealing your innermost sentiments. You can commit yourself to your ability to use drama as a means of consciously inspiring constructive goals in the world. Then you experience the excitement and security of designing extravaganzas that you know will not undermine your most profound creative abilities.

General

You need to be responsible for creating what you really want. To do this you must first have a vision of the goal or ideal you want to manifest. From this dream, your energies can begin to flow in a constructive, consistent direction that is supportive to your childlike spirit.

You feel that you have to perform within a rigid structure that keeps you on top and in control of the audience. Your job is to allow to dissolve all the feelings of having to play

an approved role so that your childlike spirit of excitement and fun can begin to emerge and lead you home, into the fulfilment of your dreams.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Leo provides a natural quincunx; and, unlike Saturn in Gemini, Leo has trouble taking things lightly. Both the sign and the planet are keys to ambition. Both show the desire to be on top. Saturn symbolizes the executive who carries out laws which are bigger than personal will. Leo is the instinct to be king, to make personal will into law. So five-ten combinations can lead to major overdrive in individuals who have faith in their own power. And overdrive can lead to falls. Fire-Earth mixtures need to express power in the world but to accept reasonable limits.

Career choices can include teaching or other work with young people, sales, promotion, the entertainment world, investment, etc.. If possible, people with this combination need to be in charge of their work, as an entrepreneur or owner or manager of a business.

For individuals who have not developed a sense of faith in their own power and selfworth, Saturn in Leo can be manifested as a fear of failure, often in areas connected to love. Since fear normally produces the feared consequences, repeated disappointments in love relationships may eventually lead to shutting down and giving up. All of the drive may be focused into the career. Fear of failure may lead to a conscious choice not to have children, or, when the fear is subconscious, to the inability to conceive or to carry a pregnancy to term. Fear of failure may lead to reduced ambition in the career, to leaving talents undeveloped and 'settling' for a job which provides survival but is unfulfilling. Saturn shows where we have to be realistic; so if a survival job is really all that is possible, individuals with Saturn or Leo need to find a hobby or avocation which lets them develop their talents and earn applause.

The father and other authority figures could be dominant and controlling, leading to power struggles as the individual tries to find his or her own strength. Or, the parent could be loving and supportive in a responsible way. The relationship with the parent is often a key to later experiences in trusting and accepting love or maintaining a guard for fear of being hurt in some way.

(Skye Alexander)

Although you want to be creative and may even have artistic ability, you probably have trouble expressing your talent. In some way, you seem to be blocked. Perhaps demands from family and / or work take up so much of your time that you have no energy left for creative pursuits. Possibly you were criticized by your parents, or were discouraged from pursuing an artistic career because it wasn't practical. Or, you may never have had a chance to develop your talent, so that now it lies unformed within you like a diamond in the rough. You might even have a physical limitation that makes it hard for you to do

what you want to do.

You probably feel inadequate in this area and see only your shortcomings. Self-expression is important to you; and because you feel deficient in this area, you tend to be quite sensitive about your creative ventures. You might be reluctant to let anyone else see your drawings or poems; and you don't take criticism well. It is quite likely that your extreme seriousness and your unreasonably high expectations of yourself make you so tense and judgemental that you block the flow of your creative juices. In short, you are standing in your own way.

Because Saturn is the planet of work and pragmatism, you might put your creativity to work in some 'safe', practical area such as carpentry, drafting, editing or repairing musical instruments. If you do devote yourself to this art, you may never make any money at it, or you might not be recognized during your own lifetime. Regardless of the route you take, success probably won't come easily for you, and you will have to work hard for whatever recognition you get. Perhaps your test in this life is to learn to apply yourself diligently to your creative pursuits without expecting easy rewards and overnight fame.

Because the sign Leo is connected with self-confidence, ego, optimism and courage, you also might experience tests involving your self-esteem. Perhaps you have suffered setbacks or criticisms that caused you to lose confidence in yourself. You might also discover that your low opinion of yourself or your timidity is inhibiting your creativity; and you may have to work on improving your self-image and confidence before you can become a good artist. In order to make it in the art world, you need a healthy ego and a strong enough belief in yourself for you not to care what the critics say.

Children, too, are an expression of your creativity. Therefore, you might experience tests, difficulties and responsibilities raising your children that will teach you important life lessons. Maybe you feel your children restrict you or are a burden in terms of time, energy and money. The responsibilities of raising children might be more than you are comfortable with; however, you are very conscious of your duty, and try hard to do what you feel is best for them. Or, perhaps you always wanted children, but never had them.

How you develop and use your creativity will be important in your life; and though you probably will experience problems related to your self-expression, your greatest growth can come from this, too.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Leo gives natives a need for importance and recognition and a compulsive drive for personal control of their environment; thus, they seek to attain positions of power and leadership. If Saturn is afflicted, there is the danger of developing dictatorial or dogmatic attitudes. The need of these people to defend their ego can result

in stubbornness and rigidity. Seeking security by means of autocratic personal authority, they require a great deal of attention and respect from others. Parents with this Saturn position are generally severe and strictly disciplinarian with their children.

Saturn rules the sense of practicality and the appreciation of universal laws and principles of justice. Since these laws are of an impersonal, cosmic nature, as indicated by the sign Aquarius, which Saturn co-rules, the interpretation of them must be free of personal considerations if an accurate view of reality and successful relationships with people are to result. However, Saturn is in its detriment in Leo, because Leo is the opposite sign to Aquarius; consequently, the laws that Saturn governs are distorted here by egotism and the desire for power. Thus this position can indicate people who must develop a proper set of values in dealing with love, romance, children, and matters of creative self-expression.

Saturn in Leo gives professional interest in education, and in management in the fields of entertainment, business, and speculative investments. Physical ailments usually take the form of stiffness in the back and heart trouble.

An afflicted Saturn in Leo can bring disappointments in love or problems through children, as well as losses through financial speculation.

(Grant Lewi)

This position directs your personality to defend itself against life as dramatically as possible. If the total personality is aggressive, you will find self-justification in the public eye. Nothing will justify you in your own eyes if you aren't attracting attention. Not for you the obscure job with the big pay: you'd rather lead the parade for nothing, and may even pay for the privilege. The need for approval and the public gaze is linked to the egoprotective centres; and the limelight becomes the Sun of Life. If the total personality is passive rather than active, the need for attention is no less present, but you may get it in a variety of ways. Invalidism is a favorite; some variety of physical ailment with a neurotic background is frequent in this sign; and if you think there's anything the matter with you, it's worth analyzing yourself, or being analyzed, to see if it isn't a means of stealing the show of your private life. If the dramatic urge leads into constructive channels, you will go far and high; but the danger is that, loving drama, acclaim and glory for their own sake, you will seek them regardless of aim and motive. Be careful of hurting others in your attack on life; be careful also that you don't hurt yourself. Too much limelight blisters the skin, and it is possible with this position to be too smart for your own good.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Leo, Saturn may present some sexual problems; the native wants love and romance, but is restricted. This restriction may be the result of religious teaching, or

circumstances, of physical disability. Saturn represents discipline - and in the natural 5th (sex, pleasure, speculation, children) House could present complications, mental problems, a feeling of being 'tied in knots' when it comes to expressing the love nature.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Strength of will, determination, excellent organizing ability and loyalty are present here. The individual will take life very seriously; and the warm, fiery qualities of Leo will not emerge unless other planets also occupy this sign. Even then, Saturn will cloud the Leonine Sun. The worst faults are autocracy and a total inability to accept limitations; pride very often does precede some pretty heavy falls for this subject. There will be selfinflicted restrictions - perhaps because of the need to succeed in a burning ambition. Once a line of action has been decided upon, there is little or no let-up of effort. Nevertheless, the ability to cope with situations and to organize (and strictly discipline) others, especially in an emergency, is second to none.

If these qualities can be positively expressed, much that is admirable can result. However, loyalty can be misplaced, and the individual's sense of values may lose its perspective. When the negative side of the placing is evident, it can be because the childhood was organized along military lines, with the strictest of routines and disciplines, so that it is difficult for the subject to forsake this early training. Formality and general tightness may also be characteristic.

The authoritative inner voice will probably be like that of a martinet nurse, schoolmaster or Sergeant Major, forcing the individual to take certain lines of action because they are what is expected, even if it would be better to respond more sympathetically both to his or her own needs and feelings and to the situation in question. If the negative traits are most apparent, try asking whether the subject was brought up very rigidly and conventionally, or perhaps spent time in care or was sent to a very strict boarding school. Since Leo rules the back and spine and Saturn the bones, encourage your subject to take special care of his spine. Sitting well when at a desk, sensible exercise to strengthen the spine, and so on, are most desirable.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a noble rock, though may potentially suffer a vanity block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to conduct yourself in a dignified fashion - but without putting on an act; the time taken to develop your creative potentials - thus assuaging feelings of insignificance; and the building of relationships based upon mutual respect - yet while avoiding rejection of criticism.

You can get stuck with relationships where you feel subjugated or somehow inferior, possibly with little say in how things are done; with Others who leave all the donkey-work to you, or expect you to put on a show all the time, no matter what; and with an

autocratic or even tyrannical Other.

You are learning to recognize your own sense of authority and that you will be ultimately more admired for this than for merely being impressive; to be content within yourself rather than being so dependent upon Other's esteem; and to realize there is a 'boss' inside you that needs honestly to come out into the open.

You commit to an Other who respects your power and authority and helps you express them, but does not let you lord it over him / her; to a relationship in which you feel you have a definite role and a decent life-style; and to an Other who has a healthy sense of personal pride, is creative in some way, and is good with children.

You are or should be wary of an Other who worships you - because he / she is expecting something of you that you've yet to make real in yourself; of Others who admire you solely for superficial things like looks or style; and of any Other who lacks integrity or is not prepared to take on the responsibilities of being a partner or parent.

When you are alone, it is because you are being forced to take stock of who you really are as distinct from the impression that you give. Pride is the great issue with Saturn in Leo, especially because you probably feel that you are not someone who is that subject to it (unless you have Sun or Moon in Leo too). No, the subtlety with Saturn in Leo pride is that it is defensive pride, which means to say that your pride is in a part of yourself that you have been unsure of for quite some time. This is not as cryptic as it sounds. There is a sensitive and creative part of your personality which probably got sat upon early in life; and you have been protecting it ever since with a fear or criticism and a confident front. The trouble then becomes that you give Other the impression that you are as strong as you feel you ought to have been, and Other then suppresses you or is in awe of you. In effect, then, one or both of you thinks that the other is dictatorially ruling the roost - followed by strife and / or separation. Know that you have a natural authority, then exercise it moderately.

(John Townley)

You look at sexual enjoyment more systematically than most. You like to plan a love affair carefully, for you feel more at ease when you are seeking pleasure within a well-defined environment. You may find that you have a special talent for planning festive occasions or special evenings of enjoyment for your lover, for which you take the full responsibility and credit.

You probably have a fairly clear idea of exactly what sexual pleasures you prefer and the techniques to achieve them. But don't let that outlook prevent you from using your lover's imaginative suggestions and new directions. You may not want these ideas sprung on you unawares; but if you have some warning, you may find enjoyment in a good many activities that had never occurred to you.

In general, you pace your pleasures and do not bite off more than you can chew. Although you don't rush to try all the latest techniques, your enjoyments seldom backfire through overindulgence. Also you can spread your pleasures out over a long period so that you never run out of potential good times. Occasionally you may be a slow starter, but you are almost certainly a strong finisher.

(Robert Hand)

This placement will have the strongest effect if your natal Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you have an unusually strong feeling of isolation from others. You tend to remain alone and separate, especially if you think that the people around you are not as good as you. But you shouldn't cultivate this attitude, if only because it will make you feel very lonely, and you will lose any chance to really understand how other people work.

Sometimes you find it very difficult to express yourself; but you should be encouraged to do so as much as possible when it is appropriate. If you are allowed to follow your tendency to be extremely reserved, you will be further cut off from others.

The standards you set for yourself are probably very high, but you will adhere to them even if those around you do not. Your ideals of what is and is not worthwhile come largely from within yourself; and you feel that this should be the case with everyone. You are more of an individualist than most people your age; and if encouraged and given plenty of emotional support, you can become very self-reliant. But don't be too hard upon yourself as you grow up.

More than most young people, you need a strongly knit family. Your father is especially important, because you will look to him in particular for your standards of behavior. If he is not present, does not pay much attention to you, or does not set sufficiently high standards, you will have difficulty setting a course for yourself.

Saturn ♄ in 10th House

(Liz Greene)

The tenth house is Saturn's own, and in Capricorn he is dignified so we may therefore expect a 'purer' manifestation of Saturn in both an ordinary and a more esoteric sense. This certainly seems to be true from the mundane point of view as the tenth house is traditionally associated with achievement, honor, ambition, and authority, and the cusp of the tenth house by the quadrant systems - the midheaven - is symbolic of the image which one projects outward to society as well as the image which is held inwardly by

the person of his 'role' in life. It may be assumed that Saturn in the tenth house refers to limitations, delays, and difficulties in the achievement of one's goals and in the successful expression of the self outward to the group as well as intense ambition - frequently unconscious - and a determination to succeed whatever the cost.

This is the interpretation generally given to Saturn in his own house and sign, and it is generally true as far as it goes. Much information may be obtained from the tenth house about the person's role in society, the way in which he appears to the group, and the purpose he identifies with when he considers the deeper reason for being. Although the precise nature of one's profession is impossible to determine from a birth chart, the lines of least resistance or of likely expression are often suggested, and the tenth house with its occupants and its ruler is one of the best pointers if not to the actual work then to the inner goal or meaning of that work from the point of view of both the individual and society.

So far so good, and this interpretation of the tenth house is familiar ground to most astrological students. The association of the tenth house to the mother or father is also important, although less frequently stressed, particularly in view of the ambiguity surrounding the fourth-tenth axis. Whichever parent is represented by this house, it would seem to be the one who has had the most to do with shaping the social attitudes and ethics of the individual, for these standards are reflected by the tenth house with its connexion with structure, tradition, and exemplary behaviour. It is generally the mother who infuses the child with her social values, partially because it is she who spends the maximum amount of time with the child and has therefore greater access to his apparently unformed mind. For more subtle reasons than this I am inclined to assign the tenth house to the mother. It is no piece of new information that ambition runs later in life in direct proportion to the suppression of identity in early life. By ambition I do not mean the inner need to achieve, which is characteristic of the cardinal signs, but rather the need to prove this achievement to others, which is characteristic of the man who has never been considered an individual in his own right. One has only to look at the uniform history of those who have achieved prominence through personal ambition to recognise the familiar pattern of family rejection and isolation. Of course suppression of the individuality does not create ambition by itself to this degree, nor does it create success. It is, however, an important component to be reckoned with and follows the psychological law that if psychic energy is denied an outlet in its chosen direction, it will return with doubled force in another, compensatory direction. This is the psychological interpretation of the kind of ambition which is often found concurrent with a tenth house Saturn. The more esoteric interpretation would not contradict this but would suggest that the important factor is the achievement because this is needed to precipitate some kind of change in society, in response to a collective need or following the purpose of the soul or inner self. It is then necessary or reasonable to choose a childhood and a vehicle which will provide the right psychological effects and the subsequent ambition needed for the personality to make the achievement.

The psychological interpretation of this situation postulates a cause-and-effect principle over which the individual has little control. The second interpretation is rather abstruse and is of the nature of an arrangement, filled with purpose, by which the man himself, functioning as a total unit, chooses to fulfil a function needed by the group of which he is a part. It is possible that both these ideas are correct.

The concept of self-determination as it is postulated here is a very ancient one which places the responsibility of the choice of earth plane circumstances in the hands of the self. It is one worth considering with an open mind, whatever the labels are to describe the situation, because it sheds some light on the deepest meaning of Saturn himself. He may be seen, finally, as the instrument of opportunity through which the person comes to understand the nature of his free will. It is certainly evident that those with a prominent tenth house, and particularly with Saturn in this house, often have the role either thrust upon them or seek it assiduously - and these are probably the same thing - of effecting some kind of change in the structure of the group, or of holding authority, or serving as an example of achievement. The inner sense of purpose, drive, and responsibility is often very strong when Saturn is in the tenth house, particularly if he is conjuncting the midheaven. There is frequently a strong sense of fate with regard to the role in life. Often sacrifice is required and a long, arduous process of building and preparation, where the personality with its desire for recognition drives the man on until he has achieved some degree of notice or responsibility. It is generally only later that, as the integration occurs which allows him to understand himself and his inner motivations better, the larger reason begins to emerge as to why he has done all that work.

One of Saturn's main characteristics is his duplicity, and one of the characteristic duplicities of the tenth house is that all the individual accomplishes through it - and this can be great - is apparently done for the satisfaction of his own personal ambition or for the fulfilment of a personal goal or idea. If the individual identifies with this area of personal ambition, he is likely to see his accomplishment as a means of gaining control over his environment so that it cannot control him - a Saturnian self-defense mechanism on a large scale. When viewed in perspective and from a safe distance, however, it may often be seen that the man has really been working for others; for he will frequently immolate himself, deny himself any spontaneous enjoyment or relaxation, and sacrifice all to the achievement of his goals - goals which have a very brief life-span, being a reflection of the life-span of the individual. The effects may in the end be historical ones, and even in a small area the person who is expressing to the fullest his tenth house Saturn may create long-lasting changes in the structure or organisation of his particular corner of society. It is only when he realises the nature and meaning of his work on a deeper level, and when he begins to co-operate consciously with his own inner blueprint, that he can truly enjoy the fruits of his labour.

Saturn in the tenth house is generally considered to symbolise ambition, a slow climb to power with many setbacks and delays, and, if he is afflicted, a subsequent fall from power. The overused examples of Hitler and Napoleon are usually quoted to

demonstrate this pattern, which certainly applies to them both - along with the emotionally impoverished childhood. There are, however, many people with Saturn in the tenth house who never attempt to conquer the world; many of these are women who have never attempted to conquer anything more vast than the kitchen sink. This does not negate the meaning generally given to Saturn in the tenth; but his penchant for overcompensation and for projection of values onto another person must be considered. We must also consider the fact that the chart can only map out a series of potential developments, but the individual must be able to meet the challenge of these developments if they are to express this in life.

It is of interest to consider the relation of the tenth house to the mother, for the development of the potential of Saturn in the tenth often sticks here. She is usually the dominant parent when this placement of Saturn occurs, although this may be because of the death or absence of the father rather than a temperamental bias. This dominance may be of an obvious kind and may be expressed in stern, authoritative behaviour which is lacking in warmth or empathy. There is often a preoccupation with rules of conduct, propriety, and what the neighbours think, and an emphasis on material rather than emotional values. The dominance of the mother may equally often be reflected in that kind of instinctual woman who carries an unconscious and powerful ego drive beneath an apparently passive exterior. Sometimes the mother is a burden because of ill-health or dies young. In all these situations the seed is sown for a powerful influence on the psychic level which must be dealt with by the individual before he is able to express his full potential. He must symbolically cut the emotional umbilical cord, which generally remains well into adulthood.

There is a rather disturbing frequency of tenth house Saturns among the charts of homosexual men. This does not of course imply that Saturn in the tenth house causes homosexuality, and we are moreover not dealing with a strictly cause-and-effect principle but rather with an arrangement of circumstances which contain a purposive direction; however, if we relate the tenth house to the mother, then it is conceivable that some difficulty in relating to women may be one of the by-products of the rather powerful mother figure suggested by a tenth house Saturn. Difficulty with women can, of course, express through many forms of behaviour only one of which is homosexuality.

Emotional rejection, or a suppression of the will or identity, by the mother, is common with this placement; and the man who has experienced this in childhood may find that he does not trust women later in life. A woman with a tenth house Saturn may have equally serious obstacles to overcome, for women must learn from their mothers the means and ways of femininity, and if a mother's nature is symbolised by Saturn, it is unlikely that the feminine principle will be the primary thing expressed. It will be more likely to be power. To this a woman may react by becoming feminine in the socially acceptable way, saying the right things and cooking the right meals, and simultaneously attempting to live a frustrated need for self-expression through her husband or lover. OR she may become consciously aggressive herself and reject the feminine principle within her own psyche.

In all of these cases the first job confronting the individual who seeks to understand the inner potential of Saturn in the tenth house is a coming to terms with the mother and a re-evaluation of the male and female roles. Although the fourth and tenth houses are rarely considered when problems of a sexual nature are considered, they do in fact have great bearing, indirectly, on the area of masculine and feminine roles.

An intense self-consciousness and great sensitivity to public opinion are common reflections of Saturn in the tenth house, as well as a fear of failure and a propensity to attract situations which are publicly embarrassing in some way. These expressions are all connected with a basic sense of inadequacy. Dealing with Saturn in the tenth house, where he displays some purely Saturnian qualities in the most difficult sense before he begins to yield his gold, requires considerable self-honesty. It is, however, difficult to achieve objectivity in questions which deal with male and female roles and equally difficult to be detached when considering one's mother. A considerable amount of sentimentality must be waded through on the subject of motherhood and many centuries of rigid sexual roles which have taken their toll on the collective human psyche.

Sensitivity to one's image is the next step on the ladder; and Saturn is inclined in this area to focus on material values as he usually does. It is often terribly important for the individual to be important; and his definition of importance may be strongly coloured by material advantage and social status. There is often a fear of public humiliation, which inclines toward shunning the limelight, yet there is also an equally strong urge for exposure. In group situations this is a very self-conscious placement although in individual relationships this tendency may not be apparent. Saturn in the first house may be intensely self-conscious in a personal situation yet will deal well enough with a distant public. It is the image which is important with Saturn in the tenth. The person is likely to be conservative in his approach to social values because he does not wish to compromise his position. When this characteristic exists in combination with other, more adventurous factors, a considerable amount of inner friction may result.

When a broader perspective is taken of this most interesting placement of Saturn, it often happens that the sensitivity, the self-consciousness, the attention to public estimation, and the constant effort to demonstrate usefulness and value through achievement all conspire to prepare an individual in a very helpful way to dealing with the great responsibility of holding authority over others. He may find when he reaches the top that he has learned diplomacy and statesmanship along the way as well as a sense of compassion for those whom he is attempting to teach or structure.

Professionally the person with Saturn in the tenth house is generally successful, largely because he tries so hard and is so persistent. He does not work well under others because although he may for a time be able to present the smooth surface of humility which is such a gift of the Saturnian personality, his own ambition and love of success will eventually push him out on his own. His problem does not lie in the achievement of success once he has begun his climb. It is getting started in the first place which is the

initial task and which involves his overcoming a fear of failure which may lead to inertia. The remainder of the task is to establish a definition of achievement which is not based on purely external values. It is difficult for a person intent on a mountain climb to comprehend the fact that his climb is meaningless, and the reward of the summit is illusory, unless his success serves as a demonstration to others that the summit can be achieved. It is usually the work of Saturn in the tenth house to give structure and form to some group idea. If an individual refuses to accept the offer of this opportunity and attempts to live his task through another person, he generally must accept the price of frustration and a sense of purposelessness. If he accepts the challenge of his own inner self, then he himself can become Saturn the teacher in his most beneficent form.

Uranus ♅ in ♑ Capricorn 20° 28'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Capricorn have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind ways to establish a new social order. Experiences include insights of innovative ways to organize society in a collective whole. Disruption occurs by hanging on to old forms of society's governmental structures.

(Joan Negus)

Although Uranus in Capricorn may not be as free or flexible as it is in Sagittarius, its impact is clearer and more tangible, not only in the examples given in the Uranus in Sagittarius section, but also in a number of other mundane events. The devastating San Francisco earthquakes of 1906 and 1989 both had Uranus in Capricorn; and at the time of each quake Uranus was also conjunct the San Francisco Midheaven (MC). But San Francisco is not the only place where earthquakes have occurred. There were an inordinate number of major earthquakes all around the world over the years of Uranus's tenancy of Capricorn from 1988 to 1996.

Another type of Uranus in Capricorn activity evident during the earlier Uranus in Capricorn period (1904-1912) was that the unions gained power through protection of the labor force. Strikes by workers - in protest of conditions - were becoming more frequent because of the strength of the unions. This fits well with the concept of authority associated with Capricorn. And with Uranus in Capricorn you would expect that it is easier to rebel if you have a group representing some form of authority supporting you and giving you a sense of security.

The idea of authority was also obvious in the American political arena. Theodore Roosevelt, in his first annual message to Congress, announced that in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine, the United States would deal with any problems which foreign

counties had with countries in the Western Hemisphere. In his words, 'Chronic wrongdoing... may force the United States... to the exercise of international police power'. In 1905, he was called upon to fulfill his promise when the US government began to supervise the Dominican Republic's payment of national and international debts.

Again in 1906, the United States assumed the role of authority in another country in the western hemisphere when the Cuban president asked the United States for assistance in quelling a rebellion. William Howard Taft was sent to head a provisional government; and the United States dominated Cuba for three years. It is interesting to note that in the late 1980s, relations with Central American countries and the degree of the United States intervention there came again in the foreground of American politics as Uranus repeated its transit through Capricorn.

There are other mundane examples of Uranus in Capricorn that could be mentioned, but the flavor of this placement should be clear from the illustrations already given. In fact, the earthquakes alone project an image that epitomizes the essence of Uranus in Capricorn. The earth literally split apart suddenly, indicating that the revolutionary qualities associated with Uranus can produce visible results in the sign of Capricorn. However, although the occurrence itself was abrupt, the conditions of the earth had to build over many, many years to a point of the eruption. Therefore, we lived with the knowledge that an earthquake could take place at any time, but the exact moment was unpredictable, and the devastating results a shock.

Applied to the individual, if you have Uranus in Capricorn, you probably live with the knowledge that if you start a revolution you can make a difference. The question will be 'Is it worth your time and effort?' Therefore, your spontaneity is tempered by the need to evaluate and plan. You will probably rehearse and memorize your actions before you 'suddenly' move. And, when you do take action, it will probably be noticed.

Not only are your 'spontaneous' acts most probably planned, but the route you take to reach your goal is probably not original. You will find it easier to rebel if there is precedence to follow. It may not be difficult to run the world with Uranus in Capricorn, but, before you start the revolution, you want to know that you have the capability of overthrowing the present régime. Secondly, you want to make sure that you have subjects who will follow you when you do take over.

In other words, with Uranus in Capricorn, drastic action will rarely be taken without investigation and having precedents to refer to, which facilitates your making decisions in terms of revolutionary action. While the motivation for rebelling with Uranus in Sagittarius is usually fairness and justice, the reasons for such movement with Uranus in Capricorn are law and order, and paternalism. Roosevelt's announcement that we will police our own indicates the stern father approach, and the unions watching over and protecting the workers reiterates this idea.

Both these examples seem to have law and order as a factor. Roosevelt's attitude was to keep the Dominican Republic and Cuba in line; the unions wanted laws passed to protect the workers. But there is another example which is even more impressive. In 1910, as Uranus was coming to the end of Capricorn, a revolution broke out in Mexico. The reason for the uprising was that Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz and his friends were becoming rich by robbing the poor. When Taft investigated, he ignored the mistreatment of the poor. Instead he praised Diaz for his ability to maintain 'law and order'. He also stated that backing up the dictator was necessary to protect the large amount of capital that the United States had invested in the country. Support of the ruthless government of Mexico continued until 1914 when Uranus was in the sign of Aquarius.

(Skye Alexander)

In the last century, Uranus was in Capricorn from December 1904 to January 1912, and from September to November 1912. In February 1988, Uranus once again entered this sign, and stayed there until January 1996.

Capricorn is the sign of structures, traditions, big business, the established order, patriarchal authority, the physical world and its boundaries, and responsibilities, controls and limitations. These things, therefore, are what your 'mini-generation' will be involved with changing, in order to bring about more openness and equality. During Uranus's previous passage through Capricorn, for example, Albert Einstein introduced his theory of relativity (1905), which changed our concept of matter and the structure of the universe.

Your Uranus-group probably will be concerned with the influence big business has on the democratic system, and could witness or be involved with breaking up its control over individual lives and world freedom. The practices and policies of large, multinational corporations came under attack during this period, and the public insisted that banks and other powerful institutions disclose their activities. This was a chaotic time, as monetary systems and the institutions that control the world's financial structures were upset. The stock market crash of 1987 and the corresponding fluctuations in world currencies were a precursor to the changes Uranus brought.

In these years, we saw a loosening of the rigid structure of the status quo so that it became easier for more people - especially women and minorities - to obtain a 'piece of the pie'. Conflicts between the 'haves' and 'have nots' were likely, and countries where the disparity between rich and poor is great experienced severe disturbances. The struggle raging in South Africa was a good example. There were even revolutions or attempts to overthrow the ruling authorities in some parts of the world, or at least movements to revise the established order. Whether the changes were accomplished easily or through violence and turmoil depended on how willing those in authority were to relinquish some of their control. As those of you who were born with Uranus in Capricorn

reach adulthood, you might bring about greater equality and openness, in both business and politics.

During the previous passage of Uranus through Capricorn, there were wars and disputes throughout Europe, Russia, Turkey and Japan, and the conflicts that eventually escalated into World War I began boiling. These wars not only toppled old ruling powers, but also resulted in the realignment of national borders.

Capricorn is also the sign of traditions and conservative beliefs; and as Uranus travelled through this sign again recently it upset and reordered many of the traditions and attitudes that had held sway in the past. Conservative religious and social ideologies came under attack. Even the foundations on which societies are established were subject to being altered significantly. Those of you with this planetary position in your birth charts may believe in destroying all traditions and structures, and might embrace anarchy. You believe that the individual is more important than society, and are an advocate of personal rights and freedoms. In the extreme, you could rebel against all types of social responsibility and duty.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Capricorn indicates a generation of people who will effect important changes in the governmental and business power structures. They wish to change the status quo in order to ensure greater security for the future, but they must be careful to do so in a practical way, building the new on the foundations of the old. They seek constructive change, yet are reluctant to release the past completely.

These people have strong ambitions and a desire to succeed. They have original ideas in science and business, which they use to advance their careers or improve their status. They are also able to develop old ideas in new or unusual ways.

If Uranus in Capricorn is afflicted, they are likely to be overambitious, and tend to overextend themselves in pursuit of professional advancement.

(Grant Lewi)

Capricorn is the so-called World sign, and it is natural that the genius Uranus therein should produce people that will upset old traditions. With this position, you are likely to feel that you are giving expression to your truest genius in rebellion against things as they are, or as they were, for you will always remember the revolt against conventions that occupy your youth, when to be part of the general iconoclasm is considered personally daring. Mass individualism is the product of Uranus in Capricorn. To progress from the conventional unconventionality to truly finding yourself and your individual expression is quite a task. When you find it, you will discover that your great contribution must be along lines of social progress, probably quite conservative in aim, even if

unusual in method. You seek not to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them with all vigor and individualism.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus will give a rational, cool outlook and the ability to put problems into a coherent and logical perspective. However, Capricorn is the sign most sympathetic to conventional behavior and to doing 'the right and proper thing', and Uranus is exactly the opposite, often encouraging shock tactics and perverse and unpredictable actions. Conflict will be the result. In most cases, it is to be hoped, there will be a weighing up of the contrasting possibilities when the occasion demands, and the subject will take the sensible line of action, neither causing embarrassment nor cramping his or her style. This is a generation influence, so these traits will not be strongly emphasized in everyone born over a seven-year period. Nevertheless, if someone of this generation consults you for astrological advice in a few years' time, and you mention something along these lines, he or she will understand and perhaps may be able to add some additional and incisive comments.

A certain hardness is present, but the humanitarian side of Uranus will emerge in a very practical, down-to-earth way, and this generation will continue to improve the environment and cope with the problems of its time. Study the power of the Uranian influence in the child's chart to see if she will be a leader of her generation. You should also refer to both Saturn and Neptune in Capricorn, and to the Saturn / Uranus conjunction. All these planets' positions, and possibly the above-mentioned conjunction, could be present in the chart on which you are working.

Uranus ♅ in 3rd House

(Joan Negus)

Uranus in the third house can indicate that you have unusual sisters and brothers, and / or that you have fluctuating relationships with your siblings. There isn't much you can do about it if they are different from the norm, except maybe to accept it and realize that this placement can also mean they are creative as well.

If you have Uranus in this house, do not expect constant, intimate connections with your brothers and sisters, especially the oldest sibling. Too much togetherness will not work. You should also look elsewhere if you need continuous help or compassion, and accept the realization that you don't want to give your sisters and brothers constant help and attention either. You will be objective about them; and if you keep some distance between you, at least periodically, you will not have problems with them. If you acknowledge all of this, you can avoid disappointments with your siblings' performance,

or their interference with your freedom. If you associate with them in order to share creativity and originality, and don't anticipate a great deal in return, your interaction can be very gratifying.

Since the third house is also the house of communication, Uranus in the third house can mean that you are quick to speak. So you may be considered outspoken, even to the point of being tactless. Your objective Uranus will be more focused on freedom of speech than the impact upon the person with whom you are talking. You may think about the fairness of what you are saying, but not consider the sensitivity and feelings of those on the receiving end.

Ideas may come quickly and evaporate just as fast. Therefore, you might choose to type them or put them into a computer, or speak them into a tape recorder. When it comes to listening, you might not always have the patience to allow someone else to talk for too long, especially if that individual speaks slowly. You frequently may anticipate what the other person is trying to say, and finish sentences if that individual is not getting to the point quickly enough.

Even though you have your own ideas and do not hesitate to express them, you respect the right of others to their opinions. You may actively debate issues but will not force your views on others. If, however, others try to make you conform to their opinions, you will not only resist, but might even become more outrageous with what you say. This does not necessarily mean that you believe every opinion you voice. Sometimes you simply enjoy playing Devil's Advocate. It is one way to determine what is right. You don't like to be told how or what to say or think. However, if your opponent offers a convincing argument for a particular point of view, you could change your mind. You may stick to your guns until the end of the conversation, but in the next discussion you have on the same subject with someone else, you may espouse your former opponent's thoughts as though you had originated them. So others may see you as inconsistent, but you know that you are really a free thinker.

Since this area also represents your immediate surroundings, you might choose to live in a Bohemian neighborhood or find that your neighborhood itself is not unusual, but your neighbors are either strange or creative. With aloof Uranus in the third house, however, if they are strange you shouldn't have difficulty keeping your distance.

Finally, the third house also represents elementary education. If you are an adult reading this book, you might remember that you were a rebel in grade school. But more importantly, if you have a child who is in elementary school and has this placement, you might be a little more understanding of the child's behavior in school. Or better yet you can help him or her to find ways to express individuality or creativity. A progressive type of school might be better than a traditional one. Or it might be a good idea to look for teachers who are stimulating. Then the child will feel challenged and creative, and may not need to start a revolution. And you won't have to worry about receiving those

scathing notes or calls from the principal.

(Haydn Paul)

This involves the levels of mind and social communication, which has a certain affinity with Uranus, yet can be expressed with a less than unifying style, due to that eccentric unconventional quality.

It is mainly the lower level of mind - the separatist analytical aspect - that this house is related to; and there will be an emphasis on scientific perception, logic, rationality, impersonality. Uranus will add the attraction towards more unusual areas of investigation, and will increase the ability to think freely, which can often be lacking in analytical minds which dissect yet fail to see 'the wood for the trees'. The Uranian individuality will also resist obvious influencing by other minds, usually insisting upon its right to hold unique opinions, which can often be much less unique than it prefers to believe.

Your nature will be exploratory in style, mentally and physically; curiosity will drive you, together with that need for new horizons and new ideas. At times, the speed of your intellect can lead to insights that border on intuition; but the degree of connective logic can be erratic, and jumps are often made. Sometimes this can lead to forming impractical ideas and schemes; and your enthusiasm may make you overlook crucial factors in their formulation or omit important steps in carrying them out. Structuring such ideas is often a weak point, as you are primarily interested in the idea rather than the work needed to manifest it on the physical plane. Your mind will tend to be restless and changeable, always ready to rush onward towards the next 'bright idea' or information that is attracting your attention.

Reflecting the Uranus concerns, you will be attracted towards progressive revolutionary concepts in any area of interest (you will rarely interest yourself in studying the past, unless you need to develop foundational data). Eventually, these may be expressed through words, either written or spoken; active physical revolution is not to your taste. This brings you into association with like-minded groups and individuals, and can help to bring some focus into your life.

The 3rd house involves the application of intelligence in adapting to the environment, a fairly pragmatic approach, yet a necessary life skill. It is a 'learning to do', an ability to function adequately within the structures of that particular society, and implies a certain degree of restrictive specialisation to live in prescribed ways. Uranus will probably subvert this in a twofold way. First, a reorientation is required in the activity of the analytical mind; this is towards a more unifying structure of synthesis, of drawing together a multiplicity of fragments into a cohesive whole, creating a revelatory centre of wholeness which then reflects a totally new perception of life. This is the way of the future; and you can share in the task of making that dream a reality. The second is

perhaps a lesser task, but still personally important. The task of improving your own adaptation and functioning in society, and in communication with others. This can require more self-discipline in focusing your mind, and directing that talent for making the best use of ideas. This is an anchoring within matter of ephemeral ideas and thoughts, making them tangible and capable of a practical application. All movement towards these dual aims would greatly help the revolution in this house.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress can occur in electrical passageways and connections within the brain that can manifest as insomnia, inability to integrate sensory stimuli, speech difficulties, 'switching' between the left and right brains that leads to disjointed, random thought processes, brain fatigue, and, in worst-case scenarios, even stroke. Uranus here can create a person who is so mentally oriented, living in the world of thought to such an extreme, that he or she is unable to live in the physical body. If so, the inability to accept touch, or participate in normal body things like sex, can result. Stress can also lead to twitches of all kinds, shaking of the hands or arms, problems linked with the larynx, difficulties associated with the lining of the lungs, and an overly 'electrified' central nervous system that promotes acute restlessness and an inability to relax.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Restless and adventurous in mind and spirit, and to some extent in body too, people with Uranus in the third tend to leave home early, and usually go away to school, or as far from home as soon as possible in order to broaden their life experience. They are usually too restless to spend any more time in school than is necessary. They tend to be romantics and idealists and, no matter how hard their experience may be, or how much evidence they find to the contrary, will continue to believe that their ideas can be found and that happiness and justice are possible somewhere, somehow, someday. They always prefer the unknown to the known, the adventurous to the secure, and as a matter or course will take chances that would frighten others - with their bodies, their investments, their careers, and their feelings.

They may have one or more siblings who cause them a great deal of unrest or worry, someone very bright and unorthodox, or very troubled, or both. If there is no such sibling, they will probably have a friend, neighbour, or near relative who fills this role, as though to teach them through experience what sorrows can come through extreme behaviour. They tend to hide their problems behind a humorous, lighthearted façade, preferring that the world think of them as someone with no worries. Only their family and very close associates will be aware of their personal difficulties.

Men with this Uranus tend to have strong, muscular physiques, though not overly so. Neither men nor women with this position are inclined to put on weight, due probably to the restless overflow of nervous energy that keeps them on the move and also due to

the romantic idealism that reflects in their image of themselves. They tend to stay physically healthy and mentally active into old age, with only the barest tolerance for the natural decline of their powers.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Uranus in the 3rd keep looking for their own ways to understand what happens around them, rather than adhering to how they have been educated to see things. In other words, they are inventive, original and intuitive thinkers. The Uranian mind grasps concepts whole, and has revelations and sudden insights into life, people, events and situations. Somehow they perceive the environment from a slightly different angle to others. Very often they exhibit a kind of detached clarity which enables them to solve problems quickly. While others are grappling with solutions and establishing research projects to comprehend an issue more fully, Uranus appears on the scene and immediately knows the answer - 'It's obvious, you ought to try it this way'. A more rational and logical mind will be baffled by the Uranian ability to 'pull answers out of the air'. Sometimes, their ideas are slightly ahead of their time. Others simply will not be able to fathom them immediately. But days, months or years later they begin to understand what Uranus had computed instantly and naturally.

People with Uranus in the 3rd may be restless and highly strung. They need to move around, explore and experience a wide variety of life's facets. Their minds may change course so quickly that others are left totally confused about what is happening. They are mental gymnasts: it appears that they are changing the subject or talking in non-sequiturs when actually they have made a quick connection between one topic and another which a slower-thinking mind may fail to perceive. Uranus's thinking is often non-linear or 'lateral'.

Uranus in the 3rd can describe a disruptive early environment, possibly one in which significant changes in residence produced upheaval for the person. Even at an early age, they may have felt separate or different from others in the immediate environment. The relationships with siblings may be unusual, as in the case of blended families - where there are step-sisters or brothers from a previous marriage of one or both the parents. I have seen this placement in the charts of people who are considerably older or younger than the other siblings. A brother, sister, aunt, uncle, etc., may exhibit obvious Uranian characteristics.

Uranus in the 3rd might have a hard time adjusting to traditional educational systems. Any course of study may be subject to some chopping and changing. Often, they make highly original contributions to any branch of learning; and I have seen this placement in the charts of individuals who stand out in the fields of education and communication.

The 3rd house rules short journeys; and with Uranus here, unexpected happenings are to be expected.

(Robert Pelletier)

Although you may not behave like a rebel, you think like one, and you contain yourself only because you lack a cause. You expect people to indulge you when you feel like expressing yourself; in fact, you demand their indulgence. Freedom means more to you than to most people; and you go to great lengths to guarantee your right to express your opinion freely. You have a distinct abhorrence of being obligated to others except when you've chosen to serve them. Even when first meeting you, people get the impression that it would be difficult indeed to exercise any control over you. They see that you won't climb on a popular bandwagon simply because it is fashionable. You learn something from almost every person you meet; and you learn more about social relationships through direct contact than any textbook could teach you. You move with agility among the variety of people who are your friends. They are fascinated by your whirlwind mind that finds life and relationships exciting and stimulating. Perhaps you are a bit too detached in your lack of concern for the future, which may bother people who don't have your 'here today, gone tomorrow' attitude.

You hope to give your children a legacy of self-determination so that they will be able to successfully exploit their talents and grow according to their individual identities. No-one can ever say that you aren't willing to share what you have gained from your experience; and on some occasions you will listen to other people's ideas.

You are even more clever than you think, but you need formal training to direct your mental faculties properly and better utilise your ingenuity. Without such training, your contemporaries might steal your ideas and capitalise on them. Get advice from sincere and trusted friends, for they are probably more aware of your potential than you are. Though you consider routine painful and unnecessarily time-consuming, your impatience for instant results could be disappointing. If you want enduring benefits, you should prepare an orderly plan for achieving your goals, and adhere to it.

With reasonable self-control, you can avoid the nervous irritability that often results from the pressure of career demands. You doubtless do more than is required by your superiors because you over-react to their expectations. It is more than likely that you are easily annoyed by traditional procedures in your work environment. Unless your superiors are unusually progressive, voicing your objections will probably alienate them. You are sensitive to people's general motivations, and feel that you should do what you can to serve their desires. You are intrigued by the fact that sex often motivates people to take actions having no direct connection with sex. And you are equally fascinated to observe how the desire for material things causes so many people to lower their usual ethical standards, if only temporarily.

It goes without saying that your destiny, as you define it, is far more important than any goals suggested by your parents, which probably served their interests rather than

yours. You are so resourceful in finding ways to capitalise on your assets that it should be unnecessary to submit to anyone, except to ask for advice occasionally.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: Uranus in the 3rd indicates that the natural experience of environment is electric, somewhat chaotic, constantly changing, and an everlasting source of fascination. Interaction with the immediate world is definite, challenging, and marked by a strong tendency toward willful but erratic movement. You can go from quiet and passive to frenetically active in the blinking of an eye, but when questioned about the abruptness of changes in activity, you shrug and say it seemed perfectly ordinary. No stimulus is too extreme, no activity too bizarre for at least passing experimentation; and the pitfall lies in the old adage 'curiosity killed the cat'. Fortunately, you do seem to possess nine lives. The challenge is to have provocative effect on the immediate world around you, and on others within that world, but to do so without alienating their goodwill.

Concrete mind: Uranus reveals rationality to be an avenue of creative expression, scientific experimentation, and personal freedom. If Mars is the 'mental warrior', then Uranus is the 'mental commando', existing beyond logic's ordinary laws, a raider who strikes like lightning, out of the blue. And yet much of the time you seem mentally quiet, observing almost passively. But the storm of thinking is quietly brewing. The pitfall is mental iconoclasm, rebellion for its own sake. The challenge is enlightenment, the sudden insight, the light bulb over the head, the 'Eureka!' of genius that transcends personal ego.

Curiosity: As with Mercury, there is constant curiosity here, but, unlike with Saturn, complete fearlessness. As with Mars, there is a sense of challenge, but it is not usually competitive, not aimed at others. Rather, the competition is with Life itself. Can it be persuaded to divulge its secrets? You're not curious about everything. In fact, your interest is usually marked by a quality of cool observation. But every now and then something will flash before your mind, and you will have to satisfy the urgent wish to know at any cost. You are thinking in both conditions, but calmly in the first, and electrically in the second.

Basic education: Here a child can experience the first real excitement with the thrill of learning, the delightful shock of discovery. Somewhat paradoxically, the child also undergoes the first revolutionary impulses, the initial experience of defiant self-will. Primary schooling may later be regarded as having encouraged self-reliance and independence; but it may equally be seen as the initial experience of ostracism and not fitting in. The adult with this placement often has strong intellectual self-confidence, ranging from willful contrariety on the negative side, to brilliant insight on the positive.

Communication: There is something unusual or idiosyncratic about your speech

patterns. It may be in the voice quality itself, such as a slight lisp; or it may be an odd pronunciation of certain letters or diphthongs. In any case, it is not necessarily unpleasant. Rather, it is seen as a charming affectation, and becomes irrevocably associated with the uniqueness of your personality. Others aren't quite certain what to expect from you verbally. Just when they think they've got you pegged, you'll surprise them with some statement from left field, or a perverse twist in your style of delivery.

Neptune ♆ in ♉ Taurus 29° 15'

No interpretation.

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 ♈ Aries 17° 24'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 6th House

(Ginger Chalford)

The sixth house is the house of the adolescent, of the values learned throughout the teens, which values are applied to life's goals then and later. However, the preparation for the adolescent period takes place much earlier in childhood. The parents of the Pluto sixth house person were hard workers, perhaps struggling to make ends meet. They were dedicated in their own way to their own special work and ideals. They had very definite attitudes about how and why they should or should not succeed, as well as how little children should behave. The atmosphere was one of 'Let's all pull together in a family effort!' This quality is certainly good when a family member needs inner strength to overcome an obstacle, but it isn't useful when each member is trying to discover his or her own individuality. So the little sixth house Pluto child was expected to help out in the family. Although that develops a certain competence in doing everyday chores and routine maintenance of the family home or business, it can cancel out some of the natural inquisitiveness of the child, whose vision of what lies beyond the family ends up being limited. Indeed, the message for survival to this child is to be unselfish, to help out and serve the common cause; to compromise and work together in order to get a common goal accomplished, etc.. The little Pluto children will therefore tend to sacrifice their personal power of action to the common cause, and give up all forms of selfishness - even the positive selfishness of having a personal sense of vision and individual aspiration. Being a mutable or changeable house, the sixth reflects the easy kind of adaptation that the child has until adolescence. Then the power is transferred from parental dictums to the messages of the peer group. Pluto people totally plunge in, seldom seeing any alternative modes of behaviour or thought. They cease to think for themselves, accepting whatever is told them as the truth about reality - the reality of living in a society with other people. This conformity is not only desired, but actively sought after, for it gives a sense of security. These individuals do not want to stand out or look different, so they struggle hard to belong, to become the perfected symbols of adolescent glory. Mercilessly they criticise their self-image - the clothing, the behaviour, the values, etc.. They are willing to go to any extreme to be accepted, to feel secure. This behaviour, naturally, carries itself into adulthood, and colours all relationships with other people, whether work or personal. When mistakes are made, the sixth house Pluto people may have a hard time forgiving themselves, and will push onward, striving to be better and better. This can become an obsession, released only through hard work or submission to some ideal. There is a need to prove that they are either better than

everyone else ("Look how hard I've tried!") or simply an awful person, worse than everyone else ("I've tried so hard to be a good person, but it just isn't in me!").

This struggle to establish where they sit on the social, spiritual or evolutionary scale can reflect itself in religion ("I'm such a sinner!"), work ("I work so hard but I just don't get paid as much as other people!"), or relationships ("I can't have a good relationship because I'm so selfish and critical!"). It is definitely a tricky task to grow beyond the alluring, simplistic, adolescent personality, which can make sense of the world only in terms of absolute black and white judgements. The person who can't use Pluto positively tends often to become a doormat to other people, and then complains about everyone who walks all over him or her. These people have a terrible fear of being aggressive, different, selfish or rebellious. It is much safer to be victimised, underpaid, used, sick and therefore excused; a workaholic and self-denied (while being contemptuous of the self who is being dominated). Some young males will become violent, hostile and rebellious with this placement, but they are rare unless the group they hang out with is violent. In that case, they will do what they need to do in order to belong. The rebellious desire is there for everyone with this placement, but it is seldom expressed as openly as in 'Society, go to hell!' Often the Plutonian adolescents and young adults will become obsessed with perfection, to the point that their bodies will be treated like a laboratory specimen. Excessive grooming or explorations into diets and strange forms of exercise are not uncommon. The fascination with the new control over the body that a diet or exercise regimen gives can lead to virtual starvation or excessive musculature, depending on the sex and / or the desired body image. Throughout life, there will be a strong, intense involvement with food and health, and auxiliary struggles with guilt and contempt for what has or has not been eaten or done properly. If the drive for perfection is carried too far, these people may rebel against their very own self-imposed criticisms, and become ill as a result. Illness is a grand excuse for not living up to the expectations of the peer group or the self. Throughout this, the attitude of 'I know what I'm doing!' gives others the impression that this person needs no help. In fact, if the Pluto in the sixth house individual is helped, it's because someone else pushes him or her to seek and accept it. This doesn't lessen the motivation to complain later that 'No-one wants to help, or is ever there for me!' Unfortunately, a lot of this suffering and struggle covers the true potential and beauty of the sixth house Pluto placement.

Health obsessions can be channelled more gracefully into the helping and healing professions. There is an inherent sensitivity to the body and what it needs, which can be of immeasurable service to others - while the Plutonian individual is getting paid for it, to boot! They understand social motives, having been so intensely involved in them, and are therefore well suited to the psychological and counselling professions. They have an instinctive understanding of the ways and means to regenerate the self, whether through therapies such as massage, body work, etc., or even through such businesses as building and wrecking or salvage enterprises. In the work arena, there can be a willingness to work extra hours for the common good of the company. Yet, they are also capable of making meaningful and creative contributions to the company, whether they

own it or are just employed there. They have a powerful understanding of time, and are skilled at finding ways of improving existing work methods so as to enhance efficiency and quality of output. They are often good with their hands, and can be creative craftspeople, willing to put that extra touch of quality into everything they create. The sixth house Pluto person can see many connections between the material / physical and the spiritual; and this higher quality will shine through in whatever career or work area this individual becomes involved in. In all areas of life, there is a strong capacity for problem-solving, whether it be in the home arena or as a systems analyst in a large contemporary office building. With Pluto in this house, the individual may find some familiar patterns showing up in his or her environment. The spouse or lover may be demanding, arrogant and selfish, causing a lot of trauma and heartache. Often, whatever is assumed to be true will be severely tested in one form or another. There can be times of rejection by the peer group, due to Pluto natives always criticising or having an axe to grind about a key issue. There can be illness when the body isn't balanced and the psyche is overloaded with concerns and frustrations. Problems are continuously coming up, since this individual is an expert at them and often attracts them to himself or herself. At work, power struggles may ensue. There may be involvement with unions, fighting unfairness while at the same time being victimised in some way by the company you're working for or even by the union itself. Arguments and problems with supervisors could encourage poor attitudes or rebelliousness at work, affecting performance in a negative way. This person needs to feel special; and often others won't support that because they think of him or her as unco-operative. Then the Pluto person rationalises the situation in his or her own inimitable way, and continues making demands on co-workers either consciously or unconsciously. When Pluto transits this house, upsets in health could occur.

Overhauls in diet and lifestyle are common, for now these individuals may feel threatened by their own body in some way. Yet, the key to health problems here is the mind. All mutable houses take in the mental qualities of the planet which rules them; and the sixth house is no exception. As the natural ruler of the sixth house, Mercury indicates a deep loyalty to certain attitudes and beliefs. Criticisms of the body, during adolescence, although they may be forgotten in adulthood, still leave their mark. The negativity of the mind directed against the self goes underground into the psyche; and health complications arise as a result. During this transit, any negative personal attitudes that aren't dealt with on a conscious level will be felt in the body. Resistance to change can manifest as internal toxicity or elimination problems (either too much or too little, such as constipation). In the work area, the individual can become too sensitive to chemicals in the air or to the mental environment on the job. This may mean the end of the job and the beginning of a new one. At this time, measures need to be taken to improve the attitudes that have been ingrained since late childhood and early adolescence. During the transit, the individual may change residence or in some other way lose his or her circle of friends, and may therefore have to spend a lot of time alone. This may be good for the personality, as the Pluto person can then start revamping the mental attitudes that created problems in the first place. Relationships can fall apart

under this transit if the individual, in his or her obsession about the self and its problems, makes the other party in the relationship feel left out. Unable to help, the other person is bound to feel frustrated. Old styles of interaction may not work any more; and the supposed selflessness of the Pluto transit individual may be discovered as an ego cover that serves to hide the vulnerability he or she would feel if he or she freely accepted him or herself. If you are affected by Pluto transiting this house, you will need to revamp your attitudes. Positive thinking will get you anywhere, even though it may not work for anyone else. (So don't plan to organise everyone you know into a positive thinker's program.) You will need to move out of a small range of activity into a larger one which can give you greater scope to explore broad perspectives beyond social theories and beliefs. If you are changing your job, ask yourself why. If the answer puts the blame on anything other than your own attitudes, you haven't found the real answer yet. It's in your head, not out in the environment! You need to begin to take power back from your environment to yourself. You will want to heal yourself, whether the problem is manifesting physically (as in a health problem) or spiritually (discontent with your life).

To avoid the pitfalls of a negative Pluto here, you can use forgiveness: you need to forgive the adolescent you, that teen within you, who feels that she / he cannot make a move or have his or her own vision, independent of anyone else. Imagine yourself in the room where you lived as a teenager. If there were several places you lived during that time, then let one of them show up; or use a composite of one or more. There is no right or wrong room to use here. Let your subconscious supply you with the image. Next, imagine your adolescent self sitting on the bed engaging in his or her usual activity within the room. Since you have a memory of adolescent times, you probably have a good idea what that is. Don't become him or her. Remain yourself, the adult that you are now, and watch for a moment as the teenage you does his or her thing. Now, begin to carry on a conversation with him or her: 'Hello, how are you; are things going okay; is there anything I can do to help you with your problems?' Relax, and watch your adolescent self respond. Let him or her talk. Allow the adolescent to tell you about the way life is, what's wrong, what the problems are, etc.. If you can imagine it, hold / hug your teen self. Send love and understanding to him or her. Once you have established inner communication with your teen self, then you can begin to fulfil his or her fantasies. If his / her ears stick out too much, correct them with an imaginary magical operation. If your teen has pimples, apply an imaginary magical solution and clear them all up. Find him / her a lover, a special car, a beautiful home, whatever it is that she / he wants. When you feel your concentration beginning to fade, and you can't solve any more of your teen self's problems, tell him or her that you are going to leave now, but that you will come back and do some more later if she / he wants. (Your adolescent will generally want this.) Then tell your adolescent self that she / he is forgiven, that there's nothing wrong with him or her any more. Let the teen know that you are going to change your attitudes and think more positively, and that she / he can think whatever she / he wants, but that she / he is not allowed to interfere with your adult life in any way. The teen may object, but that is the nature of adolescence. She / he wants no restrictions, yet she / he knows that they are very much needed. After this inner session, you can go visit your

teen from time to time, and forgive him or her while you fulfil his or her desires. This begins to clear out the adolescent influences you have in your daily life, enabling you to plan and activate powerful, adult behaviour. Enroll in a personal growth class, prayer group or meditation class. Learn how to create and activate positive mental thoughts. As you learn these, you will begin to heal yourself; and your Plutonian problems will stop creating nasty crises in your life. Yet, now you must begin to take your power. Pay attention to your thoughts during the day, and take a mental note of how many negative or critical thoughts you have. Begin consciously reducing the number of them by stopping whenever you find them coming up into your conscious mind - then make yourself think something positive instead. Sceptical, critical thoughts and sarcastic attitudes are common during adolescence, but your adult self has little use for them, beyond causing you grief and trouble. As you gain more and more control of your thoughts, you will find that you and your environment are both more peaceful. You come in touch with the creative, healing wellspring within you. More love for yourself and others will then come out, but in a natural way rather than the forced way so typical of the adolescent. Rather, you will truly love being of service to those for whom you care deeply, and you will find the world supporting and serving you in return. And that's okay!

(Liz Greene, *The Twelve Houses*, June 1, 2009)

Pluto in the 6th The 6th house is the meeting point of body and psyche, the point of connection between what we are inside and the forms with which we surround ourselves. Those with Pluto in the 6th can explore this connection in great depth.

When an underworld deity like Pluto sets up his altar in the 6th house of health, then physical illness cannot be taken at face value. In mythology, Pluto rarely came above ground, but in one instance it was to seek healing for a wound. In sickness, accumulated poisons and toxins come to the surface which need to be eliminated in order for the body to function healthily again. The root causes of these problems, not just the outward symptoms, need to be treated if Pluto is in the 6th, or else the trouble may just recur at another time.

In short, those with Pluto in the 6th should explore the possibility that illness is an indication of problems elsewhere in the lives than just the body. It is a well-known fact that psychological issues play a part in aggravating a disease. Noxious agents are always present in the system, but whether we develop an illness depends on our ability to resist these. Negative thoughts and feelings, conscious or unconscious, take their toll on the body by weakening the system's natural defences, making us more susceptible to what we can normally combat. People with Pluto in the 6th may complain that their bodies have betrayed them when they fall ill, when in actual fact the body has only revealed that there is something awry in their mental and emotional states. The good news is - as the authors of *Getting Well Again* point out - that if people can make themselves psychosomatically ill, they can also become 'psychosomatically healthy'.¹ By examining their beliefs and feelings, those with Pluto in the 6th can move in the direction

of altering not just their health but their whole lives. The knowledge available to these people is the direct comprehension that the mind, body and emotions function as an integrated system.

Functioning as a unified whole means that every little thing in life has significance in relation to everything else. For those with Pluto in the 6th then, simple, everyday routines in life can take on great importance. Just choosing what clothes to wear in the morning or keeping the house clean can be fraught with great anxiety if Pluto is poorly aspected. They may contrive compulsive rituals in executing these tasks as if by doing them in this way they are warding off evil and destruction.

On the positive side, they have the capacity to work in a dedicated and undistracted fashion with their total will behind a job. However, they can also take the need to be conscientious, responsible, practical and productive, and turn these into obsessions as if their very survival depended on these qualities. The desire to do a job right is felt with intensity, conviction and passion. Obviously, this zeal can make them difficult to work alongside with. They may be unduly irritable and critical of others who do not share their style and approach. Relationships with co-workers may be marred by uncomfortable undercurrents, sexual innuendoes, betrayals, treachery and intrigues. Power struggles could develop and they may resent and feel threatened by anyone in authority, unconsciously wishing to dethrone those in a higher position. If those with Pluto in the 6th are in the position of authority, the whole question of how they dispense power over subordinates comes sharply into focus.

Often there is the desire to improve on already existing methods of work. Compulsively searching for flaws, sweeping changes can be made in the name of increased efficiency. Their work must be deeply engaging and consuming, otherwise they will lose interest, and possibly 'set up' situations which force them to leave the job for another. Some may become ill to free themselves from work they abhor. Others may lose jobs because of conditions beyond their control - such as economic recession and redundancy. While the loss of employment can have a serious effect on their psychological well-being, examining the emotions and feelings which are brought to the surface by such contingencies could lead to greater self-knowledge and further growth.

Employment may be in a field which is 'Plutonian' by nature: undercover or detective work, mining, careers in psychology, medicine or psychiatry, or work involving nuclear energy. Taking one meaning of Pluto literally, some could work in junkyards, cemeteries or funeral parlours. Quite a few people I have seen with Pluto in the 6th are involved in various forms of neo-Reichian body-work.

In some cases, an accident or illness may produce irrevocable damage. The French artist, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, who was deformed as a result of a riding accident, was born with Pluto in Taurus in the 6th. But even if we are born with severe limiting restrictions, we are still responsible for the attitude we adopt to the handicap: we can live

a life of bitter regret or find ways to give meaning to the life despite or maybe even because of it.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°47') 005 | 11
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°32') 7 | 7
- 3) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°40') 11 | 1
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°40') 8 | 10
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°34') 8 | 7
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°30') 8 | 8
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°36') 8 | 6
- 8) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♋ North-Node** - (0°01') 8 | 5
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°25') 9 | 7
- 10) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°07') 11 | 1
- 11) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°06') 11 | 8
- 12) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°13') 1 | 8
- 13) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♋ North-Node** - (1°31') 8 | 5
- 14) ► **Pluto ♇ Parallel ♏ South-Node** - (0°35') 6 | 11
- 15) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (4°18' A) 11 | 11
- 16) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (1°30' S) 8 | 8
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (9°49' S) 8 | 8
- 18) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♏ South-Node** - (3°49' A) 11 | 11
- 19) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♏ South-Node** - (9°33' A) 10 | 11
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♅ Uranus** - (1°15' S) 9 | 3
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (2°30' A) 1 | 3
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♄ Saturn** - (1°42' S) 8 | 10
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♄ Saturn** - (3°12' S) 8 | 10
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°40' A) 11 | 1
- 25) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (2°20' A) 8 | 6
- 26) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♄ Saturn** - (5°13' A) 1 | 10
- 27) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♄ Neptune** - (3°00' S) 5 | 7
- 28) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♇ Pluto** - (4°19' S) 9 | 6
- 29) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♄ Neptune** - (7°18' A) 11 | 7
- 30) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♄ Neptune** - (6°04' A) 10 | 7
- 31) ► **Uranus ♅ Square ♇ Pluto** - (3°04' S) 3 | 6
- 32) ► **Neptune ♆ Square ♋ North-Node** - (3°29' S) 7 | 5
- 33) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°52' S) 5 | 8
- 34) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♂ Mars** - (1°38' A) 5 | 1
- 35) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♋ North-Node** - (7°51' A) 8 | 5

- 36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°30' A) ⅈ8 | ⅓1
 37) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (6°21' A) ⅈ8 | 005
 38) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°09' S) ⅓1 | 005
 39) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (5°47' S) ⅈ10 | ⅈ6
 40) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°54' S) ⅓1 | ⅈ8

- 1) ► **Midheaven** MC **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°47') 005 | ⅓11

(Robert Hand)

At its best, this placement means that you are full of love and affection for others, but at the same time you can follow your own path and attract only those who are able to go along with you. You will be liked because you can be yourself without feeling that you must live up to other people's ideas of what you should be.

This aspect may also mean that you have considerable artistic ability, although there should be other indications in the chart to confirm that. Certainly you enjoy and appreciate beauty, and you are able to bring beauty into your everyday life.

You enjoy peace and harmony, and you get along very well with others. Wherever you go, you create a peaceful atmosphere. Your relationship with your parents, as well as with other authorities, such as teachers and employers, should be excellent. The key element in your ability to get along is that you are true to yourself as well as fair to others.

This placement may indicate a career involving either beauty and art or human relations - that is, getting people to work easily together. Or your career might be in entertainment of some field in which you make people feel good and lighthearted. In any career, your ability to get along easily with people will be an important part of your success.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need for secure relationships and for beauty and harmony plays an important part in our striving for social position. Consequently, we can do outstandingly well in Venusian occupations involving art, clothing, cosmetics, beauty culture, fashion, etc.. With Venus at the top of the chart, we make a friendly, sociable impression; also, we shrink from quarreling and prefer to settle disputes diplomatically. Other things being equal, we can make fine arbitrators or ambassadors.

Nevertheless, with rather easy-going Venus at this place, we need to avoid the trap of taking things too easily where social position is concerned or of relying too much on our backers. Laziness and passivity can spoil the promise of easy success.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus conjunct the MC might be indicative of a Venusian career; a vocation in art, beauty, diplomacy or somewhere where there is a requirement for taste, comparison or harmony. Certainly, whatever the actual work, the individual will be able to bring diplomatic skills to it. Usually people with this placement know how to charm and get on easily with those in authority. Venus conjunct MC might also be expected to confer public popularity, or at least an urge towards trying to create it. Some with this configuration may become well-known because of their romantic life or the relationships they form. Still others might wish, beyond all else, to be known as a loving parent.

Venus on either end of the MC-IC axis may be descriptive of the experience of their own parent(s) as being very loving or popular. For others it may be more descriptive of a parent's vocational activities or their wishes for the career of the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect favors people in artistic professions, public relations work, and diplomacy. Females are often able to promote their careers by charming their bosses or those in authority.

Natives are often prone to social ambition. Their status can be improved through marriage, and marriage is sometimes contracted in order to achieve this, especially if Venus is in Taurus or Capricorn. They also have the ability to attract money through social prominence or by forming partnerships with those in positions of power.

2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°32') ♃7 | ♃7

(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.

3) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♂ ***Mars*** - (1°40') ♀11 | ♀1

(Robert Hand)

This position can have two quite different effects. On one hand, you may be subject to compulsive desires, wanting to do things without any special reason except willfulness. Such actions are usually rash and sudden, and may be caused by an inner emotional upheaval. Sometimes this happens because you have had such a stormy and turbulent home life as a young child that all your resentment comes out in sudden aggressive energies. To counter this, your parents should provide you with a reasonably stable and supportive home life, where you can feel that you are accepted for yourself.

On the other hand, if you feel confident that your family loves and accepts you, you will experience the energies of this aspect quite differently. You will determine the course of your life very directly, according to your own inner needs and impulses. You will be conscious of these needs, so that you can gratify them in a controlled way instead of being at the mercy of your inner drives. In general, you will succeed by creating a satisfying inner life more than by achieving in ways that the outer world can easily recognize. You may or may not be successful in your career, but that will not be as important to you as inner satisfaction. While you are young, your parents should understand this and help you discover your own needs rather than make you conform to other people's expectations.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the IC suggests that the individual operates from a foundation of anger. Usually there is a history of conflict in the home, and individuals with this placement may do anything to hide their own anger from public view and sometimes from themselves. With Mars on or contacting either end of the axis, there is often tremendous anger felt towards one or both parents, an anger that can fuel the individual into accomplishing tasks that require tremendous tests of strength or energy. This placement will often be indicative of the person who works from home or who is always 'on the go' when actually at home. The home is a place of activity for Mars conjunct IC. Whilst such activity may be of a more Mercurial nature if Mars is in the 3rd house, this placement is also ideal for more physical tasks, for these provide a way for the individual to contact and work off his or her anger. Often people with this placement feel cut off from their physical energy unless they actively take steps to stoke themselves up. If Mars is making hard aspects to heavier planets, this placement can be indicative of accidents or fires. Such manifestations usually only occur if the individual is not actively 'using' his or her energy. Mars conjunct IC can also indicate an urge to dig out one's roots. For those with this placement, courage may be about unflinchingly exploring the emotional and sexual roots of the family and their own psyche.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With this aspect, vehement actions and desires manifest themselves in the domestic life of the native. Since the conjunction of Mars to the IC partakes somewhat of Mars in its fall in Cancer, it tends to create a situation of disharmony in the home unless it is very well aspected. The forceful, combative nature of Mars does not harmonize well with everyday life, in which sensitivity and mutual love are needed. The home, which should be a place of beauty and harmony, can become a battlefield generating emotional tension and upset. Mars conjunct Nadir is something like a bull in a china closet.

This conjunction is favorable for people connected with industrial occupations having to do with the earth itself, such as mining or building construction. The Mars energy can also be used to make do-it-yourself improvements in the home.

Mars square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Mars in conflict with the MC, problems will regularly arise owing to an often too bold, sometimes too aggressive and vehement approach to others. We have a high opinion of ourselves and are not always tactful enough to hide it. We strike others as domineering, ambitious and belligerent. Socially in particular, that can spell trouble, because our attitude will come under attack more than once, and this is bad for our ego-image.

Once we learn to govern ourselves, enormous energy should take us far. To a greater or lesser extent, we shall always have to struggle to reach our goals; but this is something we are well equipped to do. Socially, we do best in positions where we can be very active and enterprising and also very independent. Freedom of action is something we prize extremely highly.

With these aspects, we usually have little regard for others, and often take the wind out of their sails by our speed and competitiveness. Whatever we feel like doing, we do as a matter of course.

Both career and domestic affairs are subject to strife. There is a tendency to transfer to the job the conflicts that result from quarrels at home and vice versa. Thus, problems in the profession or in the home life are likely to aggravate other spheres of activity. The natives must learn to use their heads more and their feelings less.

There is also an inclination to get into trouble with the state and with its legally constituted authorities. Sometimes the natives are unwillingly involved in military affairs; for example, they may be drafted.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°40') ♀8 | ♀10

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition reflects an inner conflict externalised into the outer environment of relationships. The issue of self-esteem and worth is highlighted, and you may experience a degree of hidden insecurity and fears of full involvement in life.

You may feel that your success is being frustrated by the world, which appears to confront you by obstacles on your way. Much depends on your reactions to such experiences, and your inner attitudes will determine how you deal with them. At times,

you can seem almost over-assertive or aggressive, and this can diminish opportunities for co-operative endeavours to develop, especially when you fail to notice your effect on others, or inadvertently ignore their feelings and sensitivities. Often this is just an overreaction to your fears in relating to people, and instead of relaxing more, you tend to project through your tightness an overdominant energy that others can find uncomfortable. Alternatively, you could retreat back into a surrendered posture of passivity to life's challenges, defeated before you start. Certainly learning how to live with any restrictions imposed by Saturn may be a necessary form of adjustment, although this should not imply a resignation to them, but merely a conscious modification to circumstances and a consequent step to transcend them later. The choice is yours to reshape your lifestyle patterns into a way that is more suitable and open to development.

Self-expression and creativity may feel restricted, although this is often dependent on your confidence in your abilities and self-image, rather than on any lack of talents and qualities. Being able to perceive yourself in a positive light may become a key to your success, because that would also alter your relationships with others. There may be an emotional reserve and lack of warmth in your social contacts, so that you feel uncomfortable in bridging social divides and entering deeper relationships. Cooperation may need further development, and that air of formality and strictness may have to be relaxed so that friendships or partnerships can be more easily formed.

The need for relaxation is present in both your outer and inner relationships. You may be unable to see your nature and direction clearly and this creates an insecurity which destabilises your self-esteem. You try to protect this by establishing defensive barriers from the world, and probably by denying inner insecurities, with needs and potential being 'locked away'. You may choose to hide behind responsibilities, your work or career, family or parents, and these become an excuse for restricting options and failing to exert your power towards success. Personal tightness and control may need to be relinquished, and greater self-relaxation would be highly beneficial, especially in changing certain attitudes and increasing your physical vitality which periodically can become low as the energy is diverted towards restraints. Becoming looser, more tolerant, accepting and understanding would act as a great liberator, or you may begin to bow under the strain of those self-imposed restrictions, especially as your enjoyment of life progressively diminishes.

A new inner balance and self-image is necessary. As this is achieved, any outer frustrations will correspondingly start to dissolve in equal measures to the increase in your self-confidence and clarified inner perspective. While initially it may appear as if the outer world and people are opposing you, it is this same source which can offer great opportunities as your changes proceed. Through the interplay of your nature and the environment, many inner crises and tensions can be healed and resolved, releasing latent qualities, talents and potentials in their renewal of blocked energies. Look especially towards the houses and signs of the Sun-Saturn opposition for areas which could be especially revitalised, or where your talents could be effectively applied.

Similarly, intimate relationships with partners or parents could be equally transformed, as old patterns derived from childhood frictions with authority figures or strict parents are replaced by more adult ones suited to your developed personality. Discovering a sincere loving partner could be very important, as a lover will revivify your self-image reflecting your qualities back, and this can convince you that you are worthy of being loved. Your inner question mark over this urgently needs resolving. A partner can also be a source of advice and confidence, and working cooperatively will open many new areas of potential, providing you relax sufficiently to be open about your feelings and fears, and to acknowledge the emotional vulnerability of others too. Through greater sensitivity you can enter a different type of social relationship, as those barriers will have been dismantled, and your controlling nature reduced. Taking such a step may initially feel uncomfortable and unsettling, but doing so will transform the nature of your universe and liberate many repressed energies, recreating your future and enabling the following of your solar purpose.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of your Sun to Saturn indicates that you are undergoing a crisis in consciousness, trying to discover who and what you are. You see challenges where they may not exist, and you need to be constantly reassured of your self-worth. You are trying to resolve your personal insecurity so that you can get on with the business of making a place for yourself. Most of your lessons will be learned through personal dealings, in which many crises will be resolved. Others feel as threatened by you as you feel threatened by them. Eventually you will achieve a proper perspective, and your self-confidence will be restored to normal.

Once you have confidence in yourself, you can go on to success in such endeavors as teaching, contracting, conservation, law, mathematics, architecture, political organization, or any function in which you must express your talents and resources efficiently and with authority.

Your partner in life will probably be your greatest source of advice and sound guidance. Discuss with your mate any pending decisions. Try not to become so hardened by experience that you are unmoved by emotional considerations. You should be concerned with the feelings of others as you assert yourself in the world. Temper your judgement with tenderness.

Your lack of self-love is your greatest deterrent to success. If others won't give you room to expand, take it anyway. Don't wait for accolades from your competitors - you may wait a long time. But be careful that you don't restrict others when they try to express themselves. You must observe the same rules of behavior you expect others to abide by.

As for your health, keep your salt intake at a minimum, and avoid remaining sedentary for long periods. This can have an important effect on your circulation.

5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°34') ♀8 | ♃7

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In all its conjunctions, Neptune offers the opportunity to travel beyond the confines of individuality and this to refine individuality. It can lend depth and perspective to the Sun (the ego) but, at the same time, it leaves the boundary of the ego rather hazy and can desert us in a visionary no-man's-land, a dream world from which it is difficult to escape because appearance and reality seem to mingle there. With this conjunction, we can, as it were, look through people and sense what they are feeling and thinking even when their terms of reference are very different from ours.

Thus Neptune conjunct the Sun gives the ego little to hold on to; we are quite impressionable, often without intending to be so. We are liable to feel very insecure, and a flight to our trusted dream world seems like a pleasant alternative to everyday life. But a dream world lying beyond the already indistinct borders of the ego poses the danger that we shall identify with the non-individual, collective contents of the unconscious. This can pose a threat to the inherently shaky ego.

Our insecurity can make us withdrawn, or can stop us from standing up for ourselves. What is more, the conjunction of the Sun and Neptune (and the same may be said of other Neptunian aspects) brings us into unconscious contact with the emotions of others. We sense hidden problems and undercurrents of opposition and aggression in our environment, but cannot locate them. This imperfect half-knowledge of what is going on in the minds of our fellow humans can make us feel suddenly isolated and alien and can increase our reserve and uncertainty.

Nevertheless, Neptune has a great deal to offer. Its refining action and subtle creativity come into their own when we engage in musical, artistic, and other forms of emotional expression, or in spiritual and religious exercises. Thus it can be very inspirational and can build a bridge between our dream world and the world of the everyday.

The Sun / Neptune conjunction can make us over-sensitive, not only to things that might affect the development of our identity, but also to things affecting our body. Our health is probably good but the least trifle upsets us.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a powerful conjunction. These individuals are influenced by a strongly spiritual father image. They have chosen to develop a spiritual consciousness this lifetime, and this consciousness may be hard to discover.

They are born with insight that may not be appreciated by the family. Much of the insight is derived from something picked up from the father image. However, these individuals usually get some kind of distorted father image later on in childhood and don't later remember what the father stood for. Because they can't consciously relate to what they intuitively feel for the father, they get caught in self-doubt. With Neptune affecting the 'self' energy, the personality is influenced by fantasy. This aspect indicates an intuitive, creative potential that can make these children unwelcome in the household, for they see and know things that make parents uncomfortable. Much as applies to a Piscean, the intuitive facility is well developed. These children may live in two worlds: the world of parental authority and school systems, and the world of fantasy and illusion.

If properly guided when young, they can develop into tremendously creative and intuitive types, being drawn to the more creative aspects of life - the classical ballet, classical music, the arts. If the early environment doesn't provide this insight, they may begin to wonder if they are living a lie and wonder what is real. Depending on how the rest of the chart is aspected, they may become adults who muddle through life until they find some form of creative expression; they may develop into adults who have trouble dealing with what the rest of us call reality. These individuals may be so sensitive that they retreat into a world of drugs or fantasy or both, in order to avoid facing the more harsh aspects of the living experience.

One interesting aside in connection with the Sun-Neptune conjunction (and also with Neptune conjuncting the Ascendant) is that the individual may look 'dumb'. Many times doctors think a patient with this conjunction is a drug addict or 'on something'. In office situations, other employees think this individual is not quite 'with it'. For a woman, this aspect can be a lot of fun, if she knows she has it. Women who look 'dumb' can muddle through life doing very well; if Mercury is not tied into the conjunction, she can plan her moves and not 'threaten' anyone. People who are more obvious, who look 'smarter', usually are more harassed on the way up the corporate ladder than those who are working with the Neptune aspects.

These people need stability, and the conjunction does not give them that. Because the world of fantasy is just behind the blink of an eye, it's easy to wander off in the mental realms of delusion, illusion or creative imagination. As the mind wanders far from home, the personality may periodically become suicidal, especially when the Sun is under heavy affliction by transit. Most people are unaware that many philosophers have considered the prospect of suicide before becoming more impersonally involved in the structure of the universe. When we consider suicide, we are at first feeling very sorry for ourselves because we haven't gotten our way about something. 'If you don't marry me, I'll kill myself!' has been said more than once. After we get tired of feeling sorry for ourselves, we begin to question why we are alive. When we get more comfortable with the question, we then move on to the question of why anybody or anything is alive. Shortly beyond that comes the 'I am' principle and we begin to sound like Plato or

Descartes. As we begin to observe life patterns, which happens after we wonder why a tree is alive season after season, we begin to tune into the pattern in the universe. We can then begin to see Mother Nature at work, especially in the spring. As we begin to accept Mother Nature, we begin to think about Father Nature, and life becomes an exciting prospect. Many people are afraid of the word 'suicide', but it is merely a conscious contemplation of life after death. As soon as we are born we are approaching death.

People born with this conjunction (as well as the square or opposition) will walk many different paths on the way to spiritual enlightenment. This can be an exciting trip. The blocks on the path are often caused by misunderstanding the father. He was looking for something and he may not have found it. He, too, was trying to find himself, in his own way. If he sold out, if he gave up his quest, if he left home or happened to die when these people are young, they may have great difficulty sorting through the family history so that they can get at the truth about the father. But when one is armed with the knowledge that Dad was searching for something, the mystery becomes clearer, and the questions can be asked better. If relatives other than the mother are available, they may be more helpful, for in some cases the husband or wife may know less about the spiritual crisis of a loved one than would the friends or brothers and sisters.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position inclines strongly to matters of which the essential characteristic seems to be delicacy or remoteness from what is ordinary, tangible, and concrete. Music is very commonly the main interest and pursuit, and other forms of art are often followed, in particular the drama. Mysticism, occultism, and spiritism, in their many forms, often attract the native, and it is certain that this aspect is commonly found in the horoscopes of astrologers, especially of those who are particularly interested in the predictive art. I should say that Sun conjunct Neptune is the commonest aspect in astrologers' birth charts.

Contrary to what is sometimes taught, the position is not unpractical or lacking in worldly ability, except in so far as devotion to such pursuits as are mentioned above is likely to be antagonistic to material success. There is usually a sensitive but gifted mentality.

It seems to indicate very great enthusiasm for whatever subject is studied, and a lifelong devotion to it. In these it may go with considerable success, fame and recognition, but it inclines to scandal and the native is likely to be the victim of rumours and tales of a subtle character, emanating from sources hard to detect and expose. These attacks are generally directed against the moral character and are sometimes of a particularly odious kind, especially if the 5th or 11th house be involved.

The father is sometimes involved in dubious affairs or may be engaged in Neptunian matters; or, again, there may be some mystery or strange circumstance connected with

him.

In women's charts, there is often either widowhood or spinsterhood.

6) ► **Moon** ☽ **Parallel** ♌ **Jupiter** - (1°30') ♀8 | ♀8

(Haydn Paul)

You require considerable interaction with people and the environment to stimulate your feelings. This encourages a social awareness and attracts most of your attention. You feel the need to 'expand yourself' into the outer world; and your major concern will be the well-being of society and those around you.

You have an innate faith in the goodness of the universe and your fellow humans, and will try to share a positive and creative perspective on life with others. As a consequence of your attitude, you hope to contribute to society.

Inwardly, you feel connected to the environment, and realize the powerful influence that environmental quality has on your well-being, positively or negatively. Equally, you realize that you can make a difference in the world, and will look for ways to express your caring nature. Your feelings reach out to people; and you are touched by those in genuine need of support, help, and care. Seeing those who are deprived or disadvantaged opens your heart and stimulates you to conceive ways to offer additional assistance. Looking through sympathetic and compassionate eyes, you feel that much can be done to increase the effectiveness of social welfare; and you may believe that you have certain answers or solutions to social challenges.

Sometimes you may respond to social suffering with excessive emotionalism; but this is preferable to no response at all. These emotional reactions may need to be tempered by a pragmatic and impersonal approach, or you may become too personally involved and affected by social experiences, a state which could reduce your effectiveness. The impulse that motivates you is world service, where feelings are more fulfilled by giving than by receiving, and are inspired by a sense of inner strength and unity with life.

You may become involved with socially concerned groups that have a progressive vision of human potential or are devoted to meeting the present needs of the disadvantaged. Supporting the work of international charities may appeal, or you may decide to work within existing social groups, such as the churches, or educational or political organizations. Medicine or law may also attract. The strength of your convictions may almost feel like a 'mission or destiny'; and you may display compulsive activity in a futile attempt to change the world yourself. This tendency may need careful rebalancing and a modified perspective, restraining overenthusiasm and zeal, if only to protect your health and inner stability. To ensure a long-term social contribution, times of rest and personal relaxation to renew your batteries are also essential, and a necessary part of your self-

healing. Steady perseverance will reap greater results than a sudden burning out in a flash of excessive activity. Changing the world is a long-term project! Spending time with your family and contributing to their development is equally important; and you will feel deep emotional attachments to your home life, hoping to increase social awareness in your children and friends too.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Moon to Jupiter denotes that you are deeply sensitive to your environment, which you truly want to understand as fully as possible. Your reactions to outer stimuli are largely emotional; nevertheless, you feel you can make an important contribution to society because you have an intellectual understanding of the solutions to many social problems. Your concern for others is sincere, and you always insist on being given the opportunity to show that you care. Always present when there is an important job to be done, you are ever willing to offer your services, demonstrating your broadly sympathetic nature. You are ingenious in finding ways to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. In your ambition to help people in need, you courageously seek the support of political and religious organizations. You are generous in giving asylum to anyone who really needs it. Although you don't seek the limelight, you gain recognition for your efforts just the same.

Your early training taught you that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and this true generosity makes you appreciated and admired by everyone who knows you. As a parent, you will encourage your children to devote themselves unselfishly to others. Yours is the kind of faith that can move mountains, and you realize this as soon as you turn the first spadeful of earth. You are always hopeful that, no matter how dismal a situation may be, there can be a change for the better. You are strongly convinced that you can always do something to elevate a person's spiritual consciousness. In fact, you regard it as a moral obligation if you are aware of the need.

Your restless nature can find comfort in welfare programs, public relations, acting as public defender, working with the underprivileged, or in managing homes for foster children, halfway houses for parolees, or rehabilitation centres for former drug users. You might travel on behalf of organizations such as UNICEF or the Peace Corps. Medicine, law, and the ministry may also prove rewarding avenues for expressing your abundant sympathy for others. In any of these endeavors, your spiritual insight strengthens you to be daring when the odds against your succeeding seem overwhelming.

Your family and associates hold you in high esteem, while your friends and the faceless numbers you serve regard you with admiration and sincere appreciation. You will accumulate a rich heritage to leave to those who will carry on your tasks.

Your single most important physical problem is getting sufficient rest and relaxation. No-

one needs rest more than you do. Physical exhaustion is almost a certainty unless you exercise moderation in your schedule and get some assistance with your burdensome responsibilities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the optimism and jovial expansiveness of Jupiter enters into the way one looks for a sense of security (Moon). Generally, it makes one very optimistic, keeping to the sunny side of life, enjoying pleasure and panache, and liking to see things from a humorous angle. This is a frame of mind that helps overcome disease, and enables one to put fresh heart into companions whenever they are dispirited.

Now Jupiter always prompts one to seek a synthesis and to turn the gaze to far horizons. Therefore with this conjunction one wants to know the significance of events. The combination with the Moon gives a keen interest in foreign nations, other cultures, religious and educational questions, medical matters and so forth. The individual may be really down in the dumps but, with this aspect in the chart, can easily regain balance and a sense of perspective. Often one has a presentiment of what is about to happen, and, by taking advantage of this, gains a reputation for being lucky. Anyhow, one is always ready for a small gamble. To gain satisfaction, one is inclined to express the Jovian aspect fairly positively in the environment; hence one is always prepared to wade in with advice and practical assistance, even when help has not been requested. This person can be very generous in support of others. However, if the conjunction is overemphasized in the chart, one may become snobbish and opinionated - yet even then one manages to do things in style.

The risk of going too far is inherent in each one of Jupiter's aspects, so it need occasion no surprise to find it in the conjunction, the most powerful of them all.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction often indicates someone who relates effusively in the manner described by the sign involved in the conjunction. The mother of a child with this aspect is indulgent; she indulges in emotional reactions; she indulges her body in some way. The child will too. This indicates a person who may have a close relationship with the mother, who may stay close to her long after the other siblings have left home. This may be a person who indulges in the physical appetites and therefore overdoses in some way - too much food, alcohol, etc.. This individual is open emotionally, open to feeling each new experience, open to relating how he feels to those he knows, open to sharing what he has.

This conjunction often denotes a generous emotional nature, and how the generosity will operate will be determined by the sign as well as the other aspects to the conjunction. This person may want to do so much for the mother that he never leaves home to

develop a personal life.

(Charles Carter)

This aspect, like the harmonious aspects, confers great sympathy and protectiveness, as well as success in similar ways. Except that it is more powerful, it does not seem to differ from the trine and sextile, but perhaps it is more restless and given to change and travel. The energies are considerable; and as a general rule the practical abilities are of a high order.

Sometimes there is a spice of vanity and a tendency to consider oneself more important than one actually is.

7) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Pluto** - (0°36') ♃8 | ♎6

(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.

8) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°01') ♀8 | 005

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction brings fortune through the natives' ability to sense and to flow in harmony with the prevailing current of events. In other words, they are instinctively capable of taking advantage of current trends. Carried too far, this attribute leads them to jump on whatever bandwagon happens to be passing, without due concern for the

consequences. Natives' enthusiasm brings them popularity. Good fortune in dealing with women or the public is also indicated. Thus, the aspect is beneficial to those in public relations, selling, entertainment, and politics. If the chart as a whole bears out this tendency, natives will be generous and interested in religion. This is a favorable karmic influence, created by generosity and helpfulness to others in the native's past.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A spiritual link or union with others. An emotional attitude towards associations. Associations or alliance between women, blood-union, any community or association of people in groups small or large as the case may be.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives a pleasing physical beauty, especially if in an angular house. This person has a good personality, well-received by the public. The feelings, emotions, and personality blend well with the North Node development and seem well-suited for projection into the new area. In my opinion, Moon conjunct North Node makes it a more familiar territory than other aspects. This means the person has progressed further in his evolvement than a South Node conjunct Moon person. It favors a repeat life like South Node conjunct the Ascendant, or Moon conjunct Ascendant. For a man it can indicate help from women with his North Node area. For a woman it can mean great influence from her mother, or work with women on a personal basis or in an organizational way.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides great internal emotional satisfaction for these people. If not, at least they will provide such satisfaction for others. Basically, this aspect represents better emotional distribution within or without the individual. Support from mother or 'mother-figure' is of utmost significance for them in this life. The idea of taking something from 'mother' and being a 'mother-figure' to someone is highly under focus. These people go through ultra high and low emotional stages in this category. As a result, it is best not to provoke them emotionally at the wrong time. Vivid imagination and stronger sensitivity towards some of the past-life experiences and their illumination is noticed in this aspect. They may go through typical or unusual emotional experiences which could be a part of their recent life externalization, with a great similarity to reality.

(Donna van Toen)

An emotional outlook that attracts relationships that encourage growth. A need to meet people, participate in social activities, etc. stimulates awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

When there is a conjunction with the Moon, the sensitivity is greater, contacts are taken very seriously, and the native is occupied by emotional matters. Therefore the development of the capacity for friendship and love comes very much to the fore. Love and affection, pampering and dependence are experienced intensely. Because the Moon is a fluctuating emotional element, reversals are often suffered; and there is hurt and disappointment when a cooling off of love and affection occurs followed by disregard.

9) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°25') ☿9 | ♅7

(Haydn Paul)

With the Mercury-Neptune contacts, it is the mind level that is primarily sensitised and activated, so that the imaginative quality is emphasised and the main focus of life appreciation is through mental receptivity. The conjunction indicates a channel between the conscious mind and the unconscious mind, and both the energy and information flowing through this conduit need to be carefully integrated if a variety of imbalances and distortions is not to be created.

The faculty of imagination will be highly stimulated and developed, and this will certainly require appropriate channels to be focused on so that other problems of perception are not created. The issue of mental realities is one which can make you unsettled, especially as you can tend to make mistakes in judgement based on misinterpreting facts and suggestive information. You have a mental process that can attempt to re-create experiences into more acceptable forms for personal absorption, a style of selective manipulation which excludes aspects of reality that you refuse to acknowledge. If this process becomes a regular pattern of mental behaviour, then you are liable to create a distinctly personal reality that is a fusion of the real and unreal which can pose additional challenges when it comes to disentangling them. This is often amplified by a tendency to be mentally escapist, avoiding the possibility of any painful experiences and situations by refusing to become involved in things.

Relationships are likely to be characterised by over-idealism of lovers, either through having the mental illusion of a perfect lover that is unlikely to exist, and comparing everyone to this perfect lover and so ensuring that they fail to match up, or by wrapping lovers in over-glamorised ideals, elevating them to a mental pedestal and so ensuring that at some time they will inevitably topple off. Your mental images will be shattered, yet this does not deny the real experiences of disappointment and disillusionment that you will suffer... and continue to suffer unless you become more realistic in your evaluations within intimate relationships. Part of this process can arise from the sense of personal inadequacy that you feel and which you try to alleviate by imitation of others you respect or sometimes through attempts to bask in the glow of reflected glamour by associating with publicly famous people, which allows inner fantasies to develop.

You are likely to have some creative and artistic talent, and your cultural appreciation will be developed. Your ideal type of employment will offer channels for such forms of personal expression, and it may be that you do develop towards writing, arts, photography or film as you have a gift for visual imagination which also has some inner content. Your approach will be intellectual and mentally resonant, rather than more emotionally evocative as with the Moon contacts. Training may be necessary to help draw out these talents, and your main talent may be related to giving an intellectual substance and context to artistic creations, as a critic does, although there you may need to be careful regarding a degree of intolerance in your attitudes.

Another area of life that could be very attractive to you is that of a mental fascination with mystery, romantic illusions, the worlds of psychics, mystics and psychology: the realms of the mind. Because of that close channel between the unconscious mind and conscious mind, you may experience serving as a conscious channel between the two, with information, such as personal examples of telepathic communication or prophetic dreams and visions, being transmitted to the rational mind. If you have properly come to terms with reforging reality into acceptable patterns and have broken free of that impulse, and have a real understanding of how your own psyche functions by integrating the transpersonal planets into a functioning unified consciousness, then moving towards less tangible realms of the mind may be safe for you. However, if those initial steps have not been made, then following your own fascinations into the inner worlds may not be so wise owing to that uncontrolled active imagination, and you could retreat inward to inhabit a nebulous dream world of your own making. So ensure that you carefully evaluate any ideas, impulses and motivations that enter your mind to clarify whether or not they are self-delusory or actual inner guidance. Such discrimination can be difficult to achieve, but it is essential to avoid becoming lost on the inner pathless path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Neptune, your imagination often works overtime. When you state an opinion, your interpretation is likely to be as faulty as the 'facts' on which you base your judgement. Because you are uncomfortable with reality, you often bend the truth into a shape that you can accept. You are extremely sensitive to your environment and intolerant of painful experiences, which you try to escape or withdraw from. It is essential that you find a constructive means for expressing your highly developed and sensitive mentality.

Your profession must give you the opportunity to use your artistic talents. Your appreciation for art in all its forms may enable you to succeed in a field such as writing, acting, or dancing. In these professions, your imagination and rhythmic sense can be applied to advantage. Any occupation you choose will gain your complete devotion.

You must have training in order to fully capitalize on your creative potentials. An education is absolutely necessary for you to clearly understand the best use of your

talents. Mystery, romance, and illusion fascinate you, but be careful that you are not overwhelmed by the desire to use them to escape from reality and responsibility.

Be especially cautious in your romantic relationships in order to avoid unnecessary disappointments. You idealize beyond attainable levels, overdramatizing other people's qualities and underestimating your own. You tend to be influenced by the illusion and glamour of famous or even notorious people. You often imitate the people you admire and may romantically 'cast' yourself in a personal role with them to vicariously enjoy a relationship you've created. You are quite responsive to suggestion and should therefore avoid artificial stimulants.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These people's manner of communicating and analyzing, of assimilating and arranging facts, is lined with a factor which blurs distinctions and boundaries. Neptune does not give a sharp eye for detail, but does form an entry into the realm of the invisible. In practical terms, this generally means rather chaotic and unsystematic thinking and data-handling; and, quite often, when this type tries to assimilate information, they suffer from interference from unconsciously produced change and confusion. Without realizing it, they can misinterpret information and then garble it. Folk may think they are telling lies but, generally speaking, lapses are not deliberate. The trouble is compounded by the Neptunian love of fantasy, which tempts them to embellish or distort the truth.

The unconfined nature of Neptune enables these people to look behind appearances and to read between the lines. They can tell by the tone of voice if others are trying to hide anything from them. Indeed, with a Mercury / Neptune conjunction, people often know the answer to unspoken questions. Clairvoyance or, at the very least, powers of intuition are possible if the rest of the chart concurs.

With this conjunction, these people live in a separate reality and do not always distinguish between fact and fancy - something that in everyday life is often disadvantageous, but for such things as composing music or writing poetry or prose is very advantageous.

Neptune is not a stable planet; it continually undermines. In company with others, this type can feel very insecure, and runs the risk of identifying with others too readily. Constant changes of mind are a regular feature of the conjunction.

This type needs to beware of taking appearance for reality, and of flattering themselves with false hopes.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mercury indicates the state of mind, the natural interests on the mental plane; Neptune

affects the mind with its fantasies, dreams, delusions, etc.. This can be a most creative aspect and it makes for an unusual type person. Neptune can represent the search for the truly spiritual, and Mercury tied to it indicates that the mind may be on some wonderful spiritual search that others don't understand.

Children with this aspect are born into families where a search for some sort of spiritual identity is going on. The search may not seem obvious to the outsider, or even to the child; but after a thorough investigation, it is discovered that one or both parents have some 'strange' ideas about religion - religious attitudes can be orthodox or unorthodox. Often, the spiritual philosophy is hidden.

The aspect indicates that the mind may be 'clouded'. This child may daydream into maturity. Communication between the parents is nebulous and vague; the child learns to communicate with others the same way. He may not know how to share himself or his ideas with others, for he may live in his mind. In the mundane aspects of day-to-day living, he will communicate strangely; he may start sentences and leave them unfinished, or he may start a sentence in the middle and leave you to figure out the beginning.

However, it is a tremendously creative aspect, for the mind is capable of reaching into the depths and heights of artistic endeavor. The aspect becomes dangerous when the child is born into an environment that doesn't encourage creative thought, for then the energy can use him - and may manifest in various forms of psychic phenomena that are not readily understood. Because of the spirituality of Neptune, this aspect can evince the religious fanatic, one who talks with God, one who hears voices, or one who has frightening prophetic dreams.

Once the energy is used creatively, once the intuitive energy common to the aspect is comprehended, it's a wonderful one to have. Misunderstood, it frightens the person who has it because he doesn't know how to use the energy effectively. The study of the occult, a pursuit of metaphysics, theosophy, religion in some form, will also help the owner to expend his energy constructively. It can be fun.

This appears to be an uncertain influence capable of acting in apparently diverse ways. I have known people with it who were kind, gentle, credulous and idealistic; on the other hand, there are several known cases wherein the native has committed terrible murders. It occurs in several clairvoyant investigators, as to the value of whose work each must form his own opinion.

Probably the root-effect is to sensitise the feelings abnormally, so that the native is subject to delusions and uncontrollable impulses, unless the chart is a strong one, in which case the mind may be of a very high order indeed.

There is often marked musical ability and also a love of, and aptitude for, aquatic

pursuits.

10) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°07') ♏11 | ♍1

(Donna van Toen)

Either your relationship with one or both parents was difficult, or their relationship with each other was difficult. Impulsive and sometimes fickle, you tend to have a rather turbulent love life. Hypersensitivity is common when this aspect is present.

You have an intense emotional nature. Often your feelings about the opposite sex are ambivalent. In love, there's often a tinge of 'can't live with him / her; can't live without him / her'. You love passionately and hate passionately - sometimes the same person!

There's a great deal of impatience in relationships - especially romantic relationships. This sometimes stems from a lack of trust in the opposite sex.

Often this aspect signifies a person whose childhood was unhappy. This may have been a result of difficulties with the opposite-sex parent, a strife-filled or broken home, or being ridiculed or ignored by the opposite sex in the teenage years. Occasionally it results from a too-early sexual experience that came before the person was mature enough to understand and handle it. Anyway, there's often a carry-over of these childhood experiences and the emotions stemming from them into the adult years. Often therapy can banish these 'ghost emotions' and lead to a more satisfactory love life.

Sometimes sexual / romantic energies are sublimated into artistic activities. For those who are inclined to be excessively intense, involvement in art or music can bring strong emotions down to a manageable level.

If you have Venus opposing Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing may apply to you. However, less energy would be expended in passionate hating; you'd be more inclined to just break up and go on.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Venus and Mars shows that you are a glutton for punishment. You have a strong desire nature, and you are lively, aggressive, and even sparkling at times. But you are not a very compromising person, which makes for some problems in relationships with others. You tend to be argumentative when people object to the demands you make of them, for you cannot understand why they should object. You exude much animal magnetism, which may be offensive to some people, especially those of the same sex.

Relying heavily on this quality, you have no feeling of emotional responsibility for people

who are attracted to you and to whom you are drawn. You are extremely sensitive, and when people behave harshly toward you, you become fighting mad. Still, you seem to be very insensitive to the feelings of others and can be abusive without realizing it. You alienate yourself from your closest friends this way, and when it is all over you wonder exactly what went wrong.

Until you learn to compromise, you will experience many ups and downs in your professional affairs. You must accept responsibility for any alienation between yourself and others because you are so totally preoccupied with yourself and indifferent to the feelings of others. Don't let a personal habit be a major deterrent to success. In dealing with people, avoid jumping to conclusions and defer judgement until you can examine all the facts. To get these facts, you can talk intelligently with those who know more about the problem than you do. If you will give people the opportunity to present their opinions, you will win their respect and admiration forever. First make them comfortable by implying that they are superior to you (even if that is debatable); then you can reveal your opinion and the reason for it. They will not fail to be impressed by your maturity and congeniality.

You are forward in expressing your feelings for people but are hurt when the feeling is not returned. You need to give others the right to make up their own minds. If they care for you, they will let you know. If they don't, would you want them to lie and say they do? Of course not.

Try to develop an interest in abstract subjects such as art, literature, theatre, dancing, etc.. These interests can convey that there is more to you than one would surmise from your animal magnetism. Only those you encounter casually can be content with a purely physical relationship. If you want to attract someone in an enduring contact, you must make a greater contribution.

Venus square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tension between the need for harmony, balance and friendship, on the one hand, and the urge to make a mark, on the other hand, certainly emphasizes a need for contacts - especially emotional ones; but, because we are not sure when to hold back and when to be outgoing, relationships may become strained in both friendships and love life from time to time. What is more, we do not know quite what we want; sometimes the partner is everything and we feel intensely drawn to this person; at other times we fear that our liberty is being threatened and we start reasserting ourselves (Mars). For this reason, a love-hate relationship with the partner is thought to be typical of the aspects.

Whenever we are ready to compromise, the conflict of Mars with Venus spoils everything - we change our mind, for instance, or find that we cannot bring ourselves to give way after all. And when we push to the front (Mars), we are ill-at-ease because the Venusian part of our nature cannot reconcile itself to this form of behavior. The consequence is inner disquiet and outer vacillation. The desire to unite (Venus) and the desire to break (Mars) keep interfering with one another.

With these hard aspects, we are often extremely creative provided we can settle down - although we shall always be rather impatient. A bonus point is that the Venus indolence is counteracted both by the active planet Mars and by the tension in the aspects themselves; so we are able to get through a large amount of work. And, although we can run into problems in relationships, these can be sorted out fairly quickly. Through Mars we are quick to take offence, but equally quick to forget why; and Venus hastens to mend the breach.

11) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Jupiter** - (1°06') ♀11 | ♀8

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Venus to Jupiter indicates that you don't trust your competence in dealing with people and circumstances; you are never really sure you can adequately cope with relationships. You are indulgent to others in the hope that they will conform that you are indeed capable. The challenge of constant competition reassures you of your skill in handling even the most demanding problems in your situation. You seek social approval for everything you do, and are upset when it is not forthcoming. Presumptuous in your expectations of others and somewhat conceited, you alienate even your closest friends by boring them with endless trivia about yourself and your affairs. It is a sign of immaturity if your self-regard depends on the approval you extract from your associates.

You are conniving in your dealings with people, and you tend to use them to satisfy your objectives. When you find that you have been used also, you become bitter. You associate with those who approve of you and detach yourself from those who don't. You will go along with any prevailing opinion if it suits your purposes. The only time you compromise is when it costs you little or nothing. Your inconsistency in applying justice is remarkable. And yet, with all these negative tendencies, you can be generous to your benefactors and sympathetic with the problems of your associates.

Business is probably the area of your greatest creative self-expression. You are essentially a wheeler-dealer who enjoys direct contact with adversaries, for competing successfully confirms your competence. Argument, or what you call discussion, is the skill you use most effectively. You know how to charm people and get them to lower their defences while you prepare their defeat. Not altogether honest in your dealings, you

'bend' the truth when it suits your purposes. You can be hypocritical when it serves your ends.

Your romantic relationships are touch and go - you make sincere-seeming gestures until your lover suggests a more contractual arrangement, when you suddenly lose interest. 'Always a bridesmaid or best man, never a bride or groom' seems particularly appropriate for you. Whether you will be married depends on your willingness to accept the responsibility of such a contract; it isn't that you lack the opportunity.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates that the mother of the native does not relate well to her femininity; she may be going through a period in which she considers herself a second-class citizen during this person's formative years. Jupiter indicates how open we are, how we receive love and beauty, the capacity to relate to others. Because Venus represents how the mother thinks of her femininity and how she is able to perceive love and affection, the opposition between Venus and Jupiter indicates a person who is extravagant and excessive when beginning a love relationship, but the energy is seldom long-lasting. It is a response to the loving-relating function that was learned early in life. It may cause a feeling that love is a compromise, that one's ideals and 'druthers' cannot be fulfilled while relating to another.

A female with this opposition will learn not to accept love easily, nor will she expect that any woman can be appreciated for herself. A male will have little feeling for the feminine principle; often this aspect indicates a male who doesn't appreciate what his wife does in the home to make it attractive; nor does he really appreciate the fact that she loves him, if she does. He may fall in and out of love as does his female counterpart, for he turns on and off. These people bring an expectancy of loss into their love relationships. If they can understand that this attitude can be changed, that they can develop their own expectancies, that the universe is metaphysical, that it gives what one expects; if they understand that the pattern was learned from the mother at a time when she was relating poorly, then they can teach themselves to change. Sometimes this aspect develops a selfishness that needs to be overcome, for it indicates a tendency to want immediate satisfaction to all wants.

This aspect can be analyzed as follows: the Jupiter (relating principle) opposes Venus ('I want' facet of the personality). This can be interpreted as 'I don't relate to what I want', and can be the basis for forming individual relating patterns that are brought about because the person thinks he is able to appreciate his surroundings when in fact he is relating discontent. The aspect can indicate a confusion of goals, and some signs may indicate an inability to reach the goals desired.

The trick to working with the energy is learned when the different phases of life are understood so that both sides of the opposition can be expressed in the appropriate time

and place.

Venus square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects between Venus and Jupiter we do have a great deal of warmth and cordiality to display, but we tend to be too pushy. There is no mistaking how much we value good fellowship and the pleasant side of life. It is not often you will find us gated with the wallflowers; no, we are more likely to come waltzing in with the gate-crashers.

The craving for friendship and love (Venus) can well become too expansive under the influence of Jupiter and can incite us to make conquests on a large scale; especially as Jupiter, literally and metaphorically, is the planet of voyages of discovery. And although what we have here is a combination of two very compatible factors, we suffer from restless activity accompanied by restless feelings. All the same, this tension brought about both by the nature of the aspects and by the stirring expansiveness of Jupiter is an optimistic type of tension. Any Jupiter square will make us eager and challenging. When the square is with Venus, this can be rather attractive as long as it is not overdone.

We appreciate beauty and nice things, not to mention luxuries, but the appreciation is not simply passive even though two 'easy' planets are involved. With the restlessness both of the tense aspect and of Jupiter, we can work wonders in creative and artistic fields (Venus). Philosophical pursuits are not so well-starred, because, for these, Venus has to stimulate Jupiter, and Venus is not a great encourager of activity.

As in all Venus / Jupiter aspects, self-discipline is not a strong point, yet this is just what we need in order to keep our liveliness within bounds.

12) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♌ **Jupiter** - (1°13') ♎1 | ♏8

(Robert Pelletier)

With the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, you have an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to take on tasks that would frighten all but the most courageous. In order to get what you want, you assert yourself fearlessly, even in the face of danger. You have a rather reckless faith in your ability to tempt fate and take chances, never doubting that you will succeed. What you lack in finesse you make up for in arrogance. You rise to a challenge at the slightest provocation, and your competitors have cause for alarm when you oppose them. You enjoy direct confrontation with your adversaries, and you revel in the accompanying glory and publicity. Fascinated by the entries found in the Guinness

Book of Records, you would be pleased to find your name listed under some accomplishment there.

With your flair for the dramatic, you don't do anything in moderation. Not content to simply win over a competitor, you punctuate the victory with some kind of ritualistic, publicity-seeking display. You know how to achieve recognition by drawing the public's attention to your talents.

There are many ways you can use this very forceful, dynamic aspects. You have an exciting combination of physical stamina and intellectual resources. Because you don't believe in failure, your chances for success are improved. If you express your creative abilities physically, you will apply your intellectual skill and common sense to obtain the best results from your efforts. Should you follow a more intellectually demanding life pursuit, it will be characterized by an incredible degree of physical endurance and competitiveness. Such fields as sports, exploration, law, government, acting, composing, or writing would provide you with vast opportunities to display your talents and demonstrate what you can do.

Your most persistent liability is your lack of moderation, which can cause physical exhaustion. Your driving ambition to rise above the challenges you set yourself can cause deterioration of your physical resources. It is essential that you take periodic rest or vacations from the constant abrasion of close competition.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The energy and executiveness of Mars side by side with the expansiveness and jollity of Jupiter give abundant energy and a great need for activities of all kinds. Usually, with this aspect, we find an enormous appetite for life, strong vitality and the resilience to rise above difficulties. The optimism of Jupiter is coupled here with the courage, love of action and enterprise of Mars, which can give quick and energetic action on the spur of the moment - action which often strikes lucky. But the drawback is that the planets concerned carry the word 'too' embroidered on their pennons; they get us working too hard trying to overachieve. That is why we sometimes find dissatisfaction in this combination; a dissatisfaction that can express itself in rebellious behavior - unnecessary really, because the get-up-and-go of Mars plus Jupiter holds plenty of promise of success. Sometimes, with this conjunction, we take risks - physical, material, mental and other.

We have considerable need for independence and freedom of action; both Mars and Jupiter encourage us to go our own way. Mars can enhance the Jovian characteristics, and this can lead to great opinionatedness and the spirit of Liberty Hall, but also to proselytizing zeal and to a startlingly outspoken, disarming and sometimes very naive honesty. If we set our minds on anything, we do so heart and soul. Then we display courage and readiness to put up a fight, are energetic and businesslike, and have

enthusiasm and great confidence in ultimate success.

However, with this aspect, we must always guard against all forms of exaggeration. For self-control is not our strongest point.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents 'I act' and Jupiter symbolizes 'I relate, I reach out'. When these two energies are together, the 'I act' principle combines with the ability to expand, to reach out; the energy will be described by the signs in which the conjunction takes place. It can bring exuberance in the Fire signs, oversensitivity in the Water signs, etc..

The Mars-Jupiter conjunction can indicate an exuberant person, one who jumps to conclusions, one who has boundless energy, one who may over-relate or overreact. The aspect by itself is not harmful, for it generally indicates an open person who acts in a straightforward manner, expressing the energies of the sign involved in the conjunction. It can indicate a tendency to overcommitment or a person who works too hard. It's important to note the other aspects to the conjunction in order to determine how they will affect this one, and to also check how the Mars placement will affect the expression of the Sun archetype. In matters of love, both the Mars and the Venus position should be considered, since these two principles work together.

(Charles Carter)

Here we find that the native is commonly wealthy or at least comfortable, but there may be a demand for more and an ambitious or avaricious tendency. The feelings are active and powerful, with decided likes and dislikes, as is shown in Clemenceau; and there is frankness and outspokenness. There is much whole-heartedness in the pursuit of aims and objects.

In a congenial sign there may be a great love of fun and amusement, often with a satirical tendency. In more repressive signs (such as those ruled by Saturn or in Scorpio), it may give dissatisfaction and rebelliousness.

The native usually has an active and even a belligerent or disputative life, being either controversial or the object of controversy; or perhaps he is engaged in financial operations that bear resemblance to military manoeuvres and conflicts. In any case, he will prove a redoubtable opponent, with considerable resource and energy.

The combination inclines to daring undertakings and feats of prowess and courage.

13) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ☊ **North-Node** - (1°31') ⅈ8 | 005

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect gives the natives unusual ability to harmonize with prevailing social, cultural, and religious attitudes. Popularity and good fortune are likely to follow. At the same time, there is a tendency unquestioningly to accept traditional values without subjecting them to critical analysis. There is also the danger of fast and too easy expansion that creates the possibility of a future fall or collapse. That which is attained too easily is not always valued or properly used. These natives tend to take too much for granted.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Good relationships and connections, an agreeable or pleasant contact. Good fellowship, sociableness. Communities of people, common-interest groups.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, higher philosophies and excellent wisdom flow through these people. Whether they use philosophy for their own good or not is of no great significance. Often this acts as a medium or channel for the higher consciousness to descend upon the earthly matters. This aspect does provide good material possessions or often financial self-sufficiency. In general, the fate makes it very easy for these people to do whatever they are doing in this life... without too much side-tracking and anxiety for other things. Very quiet and optimistic nature is bestowed upon them, which is one of their strong points. Substantial good deeds in the recent past life have brought about this stage in this reincarnation. On a mundane level, they have a difficult time controlling their weight as this is quite an expansive conjunction.

(Donna van Toen)

good companionship is conducive to growth. Often growth is linked to teaching, community work or some kind of adventuring.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the sensory awareness of Jupiter lends an increased perceptiveness to the personal ascent. The natives have a 'good nose' for favorable opportunities, find themselves in the right place at the right time, and make good use of it. They keep meeting people who are helpful to their development. Jupiter also imparts an optimistic outlook on life, and an inclination to see the good in people and to believe that the formative forces of evolution are at work in all. Making upward progress is relatively easy. It was not without reason that the Ascending Node was called the 'Point of Jupiter' in the classical literature of the subject.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

14) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Parallel** ☾ **South-Node** - (0°35') ♋6 | ♏11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) creates a condition in which the native's will is out of harmony with prevailing social trends. The tendency to initiate things at the wrong time and place generates resentment and misunderstanding. The natives are forced to regenerate their lives without the help of others. Very often, large social events which are beyond their personal control endanger or destroy their work and personal security. On the positive side, this conjunction fosters self-reliance, resourcefulness, and the ability to survive under hardships. According to some astrological philosophers, this conjunction indicates a past life condition in which the natives initiated large-scale changes without regard to their effect on others' lives. Now they must learn how it feels to be the victim of circumstances beyond their control.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect brings about a generation which is anti-establishment. Keeping the peace and harmony will be their motto. They will not hesitate to use destruction for the sake of construction, but only as a last resort. Basically, their ideality is to put a curb on destruction or regeneration in order to elevate the individual soul. Some of their significant work consists of redistribution of Karma by taking the esoteric law in their hands.

(Donna van Toen)

This person is often affected by violence, which hinders growth. Mass destiny, upheavals, destructive or self-destructive behavior can be stumbling blocks. Separation of some sort, violence, and, less frequently, escapism may impede growth. Circumstances beyond control or perhaps karma could make it necessary to constantly fight against stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

With Pluto at the point of Saturn, the native can insist on old rights, and can lay arrogant and aggressive claims to authority. Vandalism and acts of violence perpetrated with a show of legality are other manifestations.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

15) ► ***Imum-Coeli* IC *Conjunct* ♀ *Venus* - (4°18' A) ♎11 | ♎11**

(Robert Hand)

Your childhood home should be a place of warmth, love and friendliness; and while you are young your life should be reasonably calm. As a result, you will have an excellent relationship with your parents as you grow up, and you will feel secure within yourself. You will be able to give and receive love very easily and make others feel your personal warmth. Your family, as well as your own spouse and children when you are older, will always be important to you. Whenever you need help, you know you can turn to your parents.

You enjoy warm and comfortable home surroundings. Wherever you go, you will create a warm, friendly place where you can get away from the cares of the world. You enjoy having friends come to your home, because you like to share your personal world with others and make them feel as good there as you do.

While you are still quite young, but later in life especially, you will enjoy having objects of art in your home. You like to be surrounded by elegance and grace. In youth, your taste may border on the flashy, but you should tire of this quite quickly, and eventually your ideas about art and decoration will be quite advanced. Also you will prefer rather fancy clothes.

(Sue Tompkins)

I have frequently seen Venus conjunct the IC as being descriptive of a parent who pursued secret extramarital affairs.

Venus on the IC often suggests that the individual comes from a background which had money; there is a feeling of a 'good' home with this placement and the idea of 'good

home' can be interpreted on a number of levels. Ideally it should perhaps mean a warm and loving environment; and the absence of hard aspects to Venus conjunct the IC may well indicate this. Certainly there are usually at least some aspects of the individual's ancestry or background that they value very highly.

People with this placement want to create a beautiful home themselves, a place with harmonious colours and pleasing music perhaps, and certainly one as free as possible from emotional discord.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates a love of domestic harmony. Therefore, the natives' home will be artistic and beautiful, even if on a simple scale. Since the relationship of home to marriage is important to this person, much of his money is spent on improvements in the home. Thus, there is likely to be a deep love for family and parents, along with a tendency to marry for the sake of having a beautiful family and domestic life. Fondness of good cooking is also indicated.

Venus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although we need a harmonious relationship with the environment, especially in social matters, we do not always know how to go about obtaining it. Whereas, generally speaking, any Venusian aspect to the MC would make us seem friendly, the tense aspects are not so straightforward: we do not have our relationships under proper control, therefore we are sometimes inclined to overcompensate Venusian characteristics and do our utmost to keep the peace and to preserve an air of affability. But sometimes we couldn't care less; we cannot be bothered to be nice, but just concentrate on enjoying ourselves. This is something that has to be reckoned with in all Venusian aspects, but in the hard aspects it can be very marked where there is no other safety valve. For with the hard aspects, we usually take Venus interests or callings very seriously, and are not so likely to be easy-going.

16) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (1°30' S) ♀8 | ♀8

(Robert Pelletier)

This shows that your temperament is unilateral, or almost unaffected by conflicts with the will of others. Your personality is basically integrated, but this does not mean you will have a trouble-free life. It merely indicates that you are reasonably satisfied with yourself and with the goals you hope to realise. You do not adapt to circumstances unless doing

so will serve your best interests. Because you are highly motivated to achieve your objectives, success is more than likely. You waste very little effort in activities unless they will benefit you in some way. You know how to coordinate your available resources with your life pursuits, and always have the skills required to carry out any special task you choose.

No-one is allowed to interfere in your affairs; nor do you concern yourself with the affairs of others. You establish a barrier between yourself and others and do not permit anyone to intrude. You allow yourself the privilege of going beyond that barrier, but you rarely do so. Generally, a person who wants to meet with you will have to make the first gesture. You would rather not have to extend yourself if it can be avoided. Because you prefer to be independent of close involvement with people, you have to rely on your own ingenuity when the going gets rough. In this way, you are self-sustaining and self-defeating at the same time.

You can become enormously successful in your own estimation, even if others can't judge your success. You don't measure your level of accomplishments by the same devices most people use when making comparisons. You can best succeed when you work alone or at least can determine for yourself how or when you do your work. You are qualified for positions of authority, although you may be resented by those under you because you are so sure of yourself. You have the power to help others become integrated, although you may decide it isn't worth the effort.

In spite of your seeming self-assurance, you are not too successful in relating to people except at the social level. You are so afraid to have your emotions trampled that you keep personal contacts at arm's length. Your sensitive nature is your Achilles tendon, which you try to protect.

You depend heavily on small quiet moments to give you the spiritual nourishment that your outer life feeds on. Irritated by the constant distractions and the hustle and bustle of competitive society, you must periodically rejuvenate your forces privately, perhaps in meditation.

(Haydn Paul)

The conjunction indicates the potential integrated personality, moving towards selfcontainment and self-sufficiency focused on a firm identity and a purposeful life direction. As there can be a fundamental inner harmony between your feelings and will, energy will not be diverted into dealing with inner conflicts and stresses, and this will enable you to concentrate on unfolding a life-path or career.

You will feel comfortable with your temperament and pursuing your aims absorbs most of your time and energy. Success is likely due to the consistent level of motivation and perseverance that you can apply, and the ability of making maximum use of personal

and material resources to further your ambitions is a great asset. Wasting time or effort is not your style, as you feel that you are following a golden thread of destiny which offers meaning and continually urges you to follow its direction. If the spiritual dimension is your chosen route, then you may feel a 'mission' waiting for you to perform, some type of world service. This can be the presence of your solar centre making an impact on your consciousness, trying to guide your path of purpose.

Taking responsibility for directing your life is important, and you can display a self-assured independence of spirit, refusing to accept any unnecessary interference and being determined to follow your own light. You may find that working alone, or taking full responsibility for a self-employed business, is preferable to being an employee, so that you gain the full benefits of your efforts. While you may be able to act in a responsible position of authority, there may be a question mark against your style of relating. Through tendencies of self-absorption you may lack awareness of others, and this can result in authoritarian attitudes, creating barriers of communication and retaining a detached role denuded of any concern for how others are reacting to you. Relationships can be a weak point, except on basically superficial social levels, and people may receive the impression that you are not unduly interested in human contact and friendship. They may also note a certain inflexibility about you, which rarely dissolves unless it is for a matter which will actually benefit you; compromise for mutual harmony may be a casualty with this attitude, which could be described as an almost innocent self-centredness. Privacy and independence of thought and action remain high priorities for you.

Much of this stance is derived from a need for protectiveness, emanating from the moon's influence. It is not that you feel threatened by others, but that you feel you should protect your vulnerable emotions. This side of you is often kept hidden, although you recognise how intense your feeling nature really is, and in many circumstances you are highly dominated and influenced by the Moon's promptings in choices and decisions. There is a fear that your emotions may be battered by experiences, so at times there can be an avoidance of certain relationships or contentious issues, because your sense of well-being is intimately connected to the feeling tone of your emotional nature. You can be emotionally impulsive, especially if the balance between the sun and moon is swinging to favour the moon, as there can be an alternating pattern where one planet is more dominant than the other, before the balance rectifies itself again.

It is perhaps fortunate that you are able to trust the unity of feelings and will, applying it instinctively and spontaneously in chosen directions and expecting that it will lead you towards right results. This enables you to concentrate your energy into narrow channels of attention, and through the act of focusing make it more powerful and penetrating.

Being self-contained, you may lack the ability of self-reflection and have no objective perspective and appraisal of your actions and temperament; you may rarely try self-analysis. Your ambitions are often extremely personal in nature, and may not be

easily understood by others. What you may need to guard against is an overemphasis of either Sun or Moon tendencies, perhaps through an excessive preoccupation with career developments which can amplify the Sun principle in your nature, or even through and absorption in the traditional lunar preoccupations of domestic life. An equal expression and balance is required, or there is the possibility that health problems may occur if one planet becomes consistently dominant. Your emotional and physical well-being can be affected by unbalanced activity, especially if the career / mission consciousness rises to the forefront. To remedy this, you may need to withdraw into periodic inner communication, possibly through quiet retreats and meditation to recharge your batteries. You should also insure that your emotional nature is regularly vitalised by intimate human contact and not left to atrophy through a temporary ignoring of its needs. Maintaining a flowing balance helps to achieve your goals as well as keeping that temperament healthy.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The sun and moon go together to form a unit, which certainly has its good side, for the behavior we adopt in order to feel comfortable (the Moon) coincides with the way we naturally develop and realize our potential (the Sun). This gives a certain poise and sang-froid. Much can be achieved, both socially and in the inner life, thanks to the sense of unity imparted by a sun / moon conjunction.

Astronomically speaking, a conjunction of the Sun and Moon is a new moon; the symbol of a fresh start, a propitious moment to sow. If the sun is well placed, the conjunction can give plenty of drive and enthusiasm. But if the Moon is the stronger of the two, involvement in new undertakings is often much more impulsive, and their consequences are not properly thought out - which is not to say that these initiatives are any less important.

At its best, this conjunction unites the male and female principles - anyway, the native seeks to unite them. Sometimes this leads to strained relationships, because the native does not know which ought to have the upper hand. the active male side or the passive female side. Both side are inseparably bound together. Because the sun sign receives added emphasis from this conjunction, there may be an identity problem or a poor understanding of the nature of activity and passivity. More explicitly, the relationship with the partner can become confused.

On the one hand, the emotions (Moon) can be stimulated by the conjunction with the Sun; on the other, the emotions can sometimes have a detrimental effect on the resilience of the sun.

The conjunction of the planet of personal awareness (Sun) with that of unconscious reactions (Moon) often gives great immediacy and application. Whatever is done is done wholeheartedly.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction indicates that one parent is both mother and father to the child, one parent is very strong and out-influences the other. This may mean that one parent is missing so that the other is forced to take both roles. Sometimes it means that one parent is ill and the other must pick up all the parental responsibilities for the child. Most of the time, the stronger parent can be discovered by observing the polarity of the Sun and Moon, for it indicates that either the mother or the father was super strong.

In the search of someone with sun conjunct moon trying to discover the early childhood environment, the parents may not be truthful about what was going on at that time.

(Charles Carter)

This is sometimes regarded with disfavour, it being stated that it tends to weakness of body and no very bright condition of mind.

It is of course a critical position, since the two most important bodies of the horoscope are placed together, usually in the same sign and with the same aspects. It can scarcely, of itself, tend to breadth of outlook or adaptability, for the interests will naturally incline to centre on the matters of the house that is occupied and the character will be heavily marked with the sign in which the Lights are. It often happens that Mercury and Venus are also one or both in the same sign and house, and the tendency to unbalance is then considerable. Some extremes must therefore be expected: in fire, the emotional nature will be active; in water, the feelings and susceptibilities will be strong; in air, there may be mental coolness or fickleness and caprice; in earth, heaviness and stagnation. Yet these dangers are by no means inevitable.

It may be surmised that this conjunction does tend to make the native in some way (to use a colloquialism) a whole-hogger, or one whose eggs are all in one basket, whether they are material, emotional, or mental eggs. It is likely that they will be in part emotional in any case, and some degree of self-will and stubbornness is probably, for the pliancy of the Moon is stiffened by the Sun. It inclines a little to vanity and self-opinion.

Sometimes there is considerable repression, and a tendency to live to oneself, in mental or actual isolation.

17) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (9°49' S) ♋8 | ♋8

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter indicates that you almost never act in moderation. In everything you do you show boundless enthusiasm, and you never really

believe you will fail. Because of this faith in your ability to do anything you set your mind on, you may overestimate your capabilities and suffer disappointment on occasion. But even then, you can pick up the pieces and start in on another venture. If you learn to plan your actions more carefully, your successes would be more consistent. Lacking the ability to efficiently manage your talents, you tend to wander aimlessly from endeavor to endeavor, trusting that everything will eventually work out satisfactorily. While you don't necessarily rely on it, luck seems to attend you when you need it most.

Although you want recognition for your efforts, you are not driven by ambition. For you it is more important to live a full life, rich in experiences and with abundant possibilities for using all your potentials. You are generous to a fault, and no one who brings you a tale of woe will go away empty-handed. This is one of the many reasons why you have some difficulty saving money. Even when thrift is essential, you are self-indulgent.

Your occupational interests are varied, but you are generally inclined toward a profession, such as medicine, law, education, philosophy, philanthropic endeavors, travel, or any other field that offers opportunities for growth. You quickly tire of routine jobs that have few chances for progress and development or jobs that don't use your imagination. You work best when you are permitted to use your creativity and work to the full measure of your enthusiasm. You are well informed on many subjects and always eager to learn more.

You tend to be liberal in your religious views and somewhat indifferent to religious organizations, a matter that you feel rather apologetic about. An avid reader, you feel you must develop your own philosophy to guide you in life. You have high hopes for the future and never allow yourself to get into a rut that limits your progress. Subtle spiritual urgings tell you that everything that occurs in the outer world has a purpose in the inner world of consciousness. You have enormous faith, although it does not follow any structured ideology, and it sustains you by enabling you to fulfill your destined role.

Your emotional contacts are primarily with individuals who share your enthusiasm about life, who are eager to share their experiences with you and are not exclusively preoccupied with material concerns. You appreciate the sanctity of all life - vegetable, animal, and human - and you are warmly disposed toward anyone with a similar feeling. You are an emotional glutton, and may have some difficulty finding a partner who will satisfy your physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a totally satisfying relationship.

Your physical problems come about through lack of moderation. Doing too much for prolonged periods of time without sufficient rest can easily produce physical weariness; also, your blood pressure could become troublesome. Cultivate healthful living habits.

(Haydn Paul)

You will be naturally optimistic, enthusiastic and eager to explore the potential of life,

looking to exploit your solar power and Jupiterian expansive tendency to enable you to taste life as deeply as possible. An image that fits this aspect is that of the seeker, believing that you are following a secret path towards a future destiny, reacting against and resisting any restrictive limitations that may occur as obstacles to your progress.

This can, however, be an ambivalent tendency. You may be correct in your intuition, discerning the signposts of your path; yet equally, this could become a path of evasion if you believe that it offers a justification for self-centred choices, or if you assert personal freedom to the point where you wander through life with no sense of a clear direction.

One of your main assets is an innate self-confidence which generates a powerful faith in your ability to attain aims successfully. Through positive thinking you can attract 'good fortune' into your life, naturally expecting that all will work to your benefit. Usually, your positive attitudes will prove effective, yet there will be occasions when over-optimistic tendencies may stretch your actual capabilities too far, and you experience temporary setbacks to your plans. But even then, due to openness to new opportunities and directions, you'll succeed in discovering new roads to travel.

You may need to make more efficient use of your personal talents and resources, perhaps through greater self-discipline and focusing on your intentions. Forethought and planning may be skills which require additional development, and which can help to maximise future success. You will want to use your full potential, and searching for ways to do this may make you restless and unable to settle for very long. It is the expansionary quality of Jupiter that causes this agitation, and by recognising this activity you should ensure that routine work or lifestyles do not restrict or trap you, or else its intended positive contribution to your life could initially result in more disruptive effects.

Areas that may attract your interest include education, medicine, law, travel, philosophy, religion, social and humanitarian influence. You look for progress and scope for expansion wherever you become involved, especially when your contribution can be beneficial for others' welfare. There is the potential of merging your talents and interests with areas of social concern, so that your energy flows into the resolution of social issues, or you may become a spokesperson or representative of group ideals and social aims. Work involving the initial impulse for transformative social projects may particularly suit you, and offer ample scope for ongoing development. Linking your path with social needs could be an appropriate action and wise choice.

You enjoy expressing personal creativity and imagination, feeling that energy flowing into new forms and channels, sparking off new thoughts, directions and perceptions. Discovering a path which evokes self-motivation is very important, enabling that enthusiastic energy to be released. You like to be well-informed, and will be aware of most current social trends and world news. Ongoing learning is especially enjoyed, as it provides a source for the renewal of interest in life and opens up new areas of fascination and experience. It is a fullness of life that you seek, a real enjoyment of

yourself and the world, and this can lead you to be attracted towards more hedonistic explorations. Yet underlying this is a need to create your own unique perception, philosophy and worldview, which is a reflection of a spiritual need to discover your own meaning and purpose of life.

Your spiritual interests do not really fit within orthodox teachings and religious organisations, and mainly derive from the sense of inner guidance and trust in the beneficence of life. You will adopt a position of tolerance and freedom, especially valuing the unity of all life and the concept of universal human fellowship, so civilrights issues may interest you, or ecological concerns.

In relationships, you prefer partners who are fundamentally in tune with your perception of life, fellow enthusiasts and positive thinkers who appreciate the subtler qualities of people and experiences, rather than being preoccupied with materialistic matters and the accumulation of money and social power. You will expect much from a partner, and can inadvertently place pressures on others to satisfy your needs, rather than being equally aware of their own feelings and desires. More awareness may be needed in intimate relationships. For example you may need to curb your tendency to over-indulge in pleasurable activities. Otherwise you may create imbalances in yourself that need adjustment through greater health care. Containing that restless spirit may also be necessary at times, and you may need to realise that if you always focus on the horizon then you can lose sight of what is around you, and so diminish your appreciation of what is currently present in your life.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The expansiveness and progressiveness of Jupiter go hand in hand with the way the psyche seeks to develop: a combination that frequently results in self-reliance, optimism and success. An air of confidence usually has a stimulating effect on others. However, people with this aspect need to be careful not to think too highly of themselves: big-headedness and megalomania are the bad side of Jupiter. In principle, Sun conjunct Jupiter can heal both literally (the physician) and immaterially. Properties such as joviality, fair play and optimism come well to the fore with this aspect, enabling these people to put fresh heart into others. Also they are quite likely to be open-handed, magnanimous and protective, but run the risk of acting in a spirit of self-importance and so of extinguishing the spark of true humanity.

Thinking too highly of themselves can also be expressed in the optimistic laying of grandiose plans with an inattention to detail that is bound to produce mistakes and disappointments. But then, doing things with a flourish is typical of this aspect.

Natives with Jupiter in combination with the Sun tend to see things in broad perspective. Quite often they have philosophical, pedagogic or religious interests, and are keen on anything that gives food for thought or widens the horizons. Tolerance results from a

deep conviction that humanity is essentially freedom-loving; people with a Sun / Jupiter conjunction like to make up their own minds and to arrange their own lives.

Moderation is not Jupiter's strongest point and, when the planet is conjunct the Sun, psychological and physical problems can arise through an unwillingness to exercise restraint. These problems are seen in such varied activities as speaking, eating, and drinking. Nevertheless, much of the damage can be repaired thanks to the native's irrepressibility.

(Betty Lundsted)

These planets in aspect indicate an emphasis regarding how the individual is programmed to relate to the self (the inner values, the personal needs). Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to the concept of self, family and the universe around us.

The conjunction represents the well-born in some way. These children are born at a time when the father feels good about himself and the family is doing better than other families in the neighborhood. If they are born in a poor neighborhood, their family is the most successful around. If they are born to a professional or wealthy family, the environment is comfortable. But the comfort usually expresses itself in financial terms rather than in emotional terms; so, the child may be well fed, well educated and well cared for, but the sense of happiness, or emotional comfort, may not be there. It brings an energy to the child that attracts money, prestige and trust as the child matures. Because people trust them, any venture that these individuals undertake will probably go well, unless there are other aspects to the Sun-Jupiter that cause a problem.

When the father feels good about himself, the child absorbs an inner sense of wellbeing and brings to maturity the ability to co-operate with authority figures. The child born in a masculine sign will always do better than the child born into a feminine sign for the Earth / Water sign child gives more emphasis to the aspects coming from the mother's side of the family. In order to develop the influence from the father (the Sun sign) the mother-blocks must be released. Then the energy is free to flow.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction may be regarded as a potent benefic influence, probably in a general way second to none in this respect. It is more ambitious and active than the trine or sextile, but commonly it resembles them in the simplicity of its life. It has literary, religious, scientific, and philosophical tendencies, and may also be inclined to military and naval matters.

It has the benevolence of the good aspects, but perhaps it is more vigorous, decisive, and direct in expression, and there may be a taste for invective or satire if Mars is also strong.

18) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ☿ **South-Node** - (3°49' A) ♀11 | ♀11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect tend to loneliness and personal isolation where their feelings are concerned. They are inept in timing social and romantic advances, approaching others when they are preoccupied or indisposed. Consequently they suffer frequent brush-offs and develop inferiority complexes. On the positive side, love takes on a serious and profound meaning. There is a desire to help and relate to those who really need love and friendship. In the long run, this brings spiritual rewards.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect gives the individual a difficult time understanding and diagnosing love emotions and feelings. These people face several hidden problems regarding love / romance and with people of the opposite sex. Here the basic need for that soul is to convert the physical sexual energy into high consciousness. This is not an easy process by any means. Not many of these individuals can manage the processing or conversion. This makes the aspect a tough one to live through in that lifetime. During the recent lives, the person has overindulged in too many good things. As a result, here in this life, a coffee-break for that soul is provided. If they do not learn to accept this, the changes are circumstantially forced upon them eventually.

(Donna van Toen)

This person may have trouble adapting to new people and circumstances. Often there's difficulty in close relationships. This person may be agreeable enough but about the wrong things. Sometimes an over-developed sense of duty contributes to emotional stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, slowing down is even more marked. There are a dislike of exertion, reliance on others, and the view that making a token effort is good enough. According to the theme of the axis, the native waits to be motivated by others, and is dependent on stronger, usually male, persons. The love of ease and a tendency to compromise mean that many opportunities for personal growth are allowed to slip by, and that refuge is taken in pseudo-harmony.

Venus square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, little endeavour to oblige other people, a disagreeable nature. A disharmonious love-union.

(Bernice Grebner)

This does not exactly favor happiness. This person is usually very sensitive and cannot express his affection comfortably. He cannot adapt easily to intimate relationships. For a man it may remove the woman he loves in some way, or may make the relationship difficult, especially if square. It may not deny love in his life, but it can put obstacles in the way that he must overcome. This diminishes the Venus charm and makes the feelings easily influenced. Venus square the Nodes tends to break up his numerous love affairs. Venus opposition the South Node designates an imbalance or excessive feelings. There can be great sacrifice to an ideal love. The square is not food for lasting love, and may tend to make the person tyrannical and jealous. The Node square Venus is especially significant for it takes much of the person's attention. The interest goes to the sign and house in which Venus is located; and great force has to be exercised in balancing the whole T-cross.

19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♋ **South-Node** - (9°33' A) ♎ 10 | ♏ 11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect tends to be extremely limiting; the natives' rigid personal habits and ambitions put them out of harmony with prevailing cultural attitudes. In order to overcome the isolation thus created, they must learn to co-operate with the ideas and the methods of their society. On the positive side, the natives may achieve things which put them in a class by themselves by their individualistic and painstaking approach to work, in which all external influences are disregarded. This is especially the case with experts in obscure fields of endeavor.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the individual confines itself with its own psychologically complex network. They just have to go through worldly and unworldly experiences and learn the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible. Association with old folks or old ideas becomes a part of life. The native often runs away from his own creation; and this running around in circles is one of the karmic fulfillments of his soul. Depending upon the balance of Karma from the previous life, some of these individuals will experience the highest benefits in life, but only after significant hard work during the most of their life. The Saturnian principle with the South Node with it really makes the combination doubly Saturnian. Thus, hard work, patience and coping with restrictions is a major focus in this combination. On a mundane level, it causes weak

bone structure, rheumatism, skin difficulties, etc.. One of the benefits this aspect provides is the ability to cope with disease and confinement.

(Donna van Toen)

Growth may trigger feelings of not fitting in or being out of touch; conformity may lead to stagnation. There's a strong feeling of something missing within the person, leading to dissatisfaction with relationships and circumstances. As with Saturn conjunct the North Node, there may be an illness connected with the nodal polarity. The tendency is to try to repress awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Saturn stands at its own point: for, in the classical literature of astrology, the Descending Node is also 'the point of Saturn'. Here it hinders the native's progress considerably, and the latter clings to old habits and fails to see the need for change. The native is liable to regress, and refuses to strike out in a new direction. Many are pessimistic and do not believe that there is a better life for them. They load themselves with needless responsibilities and are hardly free to act. Many take refuge in duty, and imagine they have to do everything and that, without them, 'nothing would ever get done'. With Saturn on the nodal axis, it is hard to break old habits: there is a constant temptation to lapse into familiar reactions and routines.

Saturn square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in cooperating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in

accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

20) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♁ **Uranus** - (1°15' S) ☿ 9 | ♁ 3

(Haydn Paul)

With this opposition, you are likely to experience conflicts in your social relationships. The problem area will be in how you express yourself in communicating with others, and those inner attitudes which condition that style of communication.

Whilst you will have considerable mental vitality, the difficulty will be in directing this into productive channels. The tendency will be towards an erratic inner activity; the nature of your beliefs, ideals and thought-patterns will be changeable; and the attractions of new stimulation will often tempt you away from completing existing projects. The challenge of the new redirects your energy and interests; and so your commitments and responsibilities may feel like restrictive liabilities.

Despite this erratic pattern of mind, you tend to insist that whatever you say and think is valid, even though only a short time ago you were vehemently declaring an entirely opposite attitude, idea or belief. Obviously, this can lead to interpersonal conflict, as most people prefer dealing with relatively stable and consistent individuals, as it helps to develop trust and continuity. Yet if others challenge you by repeating past statements that you have made and are now contradicting, you tend to take offence, often attempting to deny that you ever did say that. Essentially, your reaction is often to deny all prior expressions of your self, refusing to take any responsibility for them. Having experienced this aspect of your nature, many people will begin to draw away from maintaining a relationship with you, because you seem unreliable and difficult to believe. This in a peculiar way reinforces a tendency in you to see yourself as 'unique and misunderstood, which you often use to justify a rejection of social compromise; and you never admit in any circumstances that you are wrong. You appear to project the belief that you 'know it all', and probably succeed more in deluding yourself that you do than in persuading others of your expert knowledge.

Underlying these more negative styles of expression is a personality which experiences inner confusion and insecurity, yet attempts to hide this by a superficial image of intellectual superiority. Emotionally, there is likely to be immaturity and lack of ease with that level of your nature, and you are unlikely to touch others easily with the warmth of

your personality. This lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to the more intangible 'feeling' aspect of human contact often leads to a tactless and blunt expression, where your ignorance of diplomacy can have negative consequences.

How can you resolve or moderate these challenges within your relationships? The first important step is to acknowledge their presence, to admit that you often are this way. The fact that you may deny them to yourself does not mean that others do not see them clearly. Often, others do see such problem areas, whilst the individual is apparently blind to their existence. They are personal delusions. Being willing to work with people, learning to compromise, and participating as an intellectual equal, will help to moderate these oppositional tendencies. It is a new sense of personal identity that you should attempt to develop, one founded upon the real you, and not the socially projected assertive one that others may react against. It will involve an acceptance of your inner vulnerability, dissolving that peculiar egotistical construction, and ceasing your attempts to impress people. By stopping that process, you may begin to find your centre, resolve certain conflicts, and redirect the flow of the aspect energy towards personal renewal. Certainly, that inner erratic agitation could be more harmonised and adjusted, thus reducing that build-up of nervous tension from which you suffer.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have enormous intellectual vitality as well as a genius for incurring the wrath of others. You assume that your opinions are the only valid ones, and you resent it when others challenge them. You have been so accustomed to having your own way that you refuse to compromise, even though peace may be assured if you do. You freely accuse others of error even when the evidence supports them. Unless you can modify this 'know-it-all' attitude, you will alienate yourself from many of your closest associates.

The startling thing is that you should know better than to challenge others, because you see the truth so clearly. No-one can ever really deceive you, so what are you worried about? In fact, you aren't really sure of your competence and need to reassure yourself through conflict with others. But if you don't concede when you are wrong, you may never know where you are failing.

Compromise is your key to success. Science, education, social service, philosophy and psychology are fields in which you can discover who you really are. The contributions you make in these fields will convince you that meeting others halfway guarantees success and establishes your credentials as a true friend to everyone.

You must control your extremely emotional nature and your rejection of facts before you can successfully enter a romantic partnership. You insist that your lover tell you the truth, but then you complain bitterly about it. Strangely, you can be extremely tactless when you 'tell it like it is'.

Your nervous system is probably frayed from the endless abuse of anxiety and irritability. Learn to control your temper and stop while you are ahead. When your nerves are short-circuited, you are the loser.

Mercury square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as this type tries to put thoughts into words or tries to make contacts, the urge to be independent and separate almost infallibly interferes. Sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away. The person with this aspect is the cause of why others react in this way. What is more, the person is so restless and impatient that usually others have no time to listen. This is true of all the Mercury / Uranus aspects but especially of the discordant ones. Other people express themselves far too slowly for this type so, losing patience with what others are trying to say, this type bursts in with some comment of his or her own. This is a major impediment to good social relations.

Because this type tends to alienate people and yet remains very active and creative mentally, he or she may start weaving unrealistic notions about self and others. To be sure, this person is unable to test the truth of these notions, yet he or she clings to them fanatically. Uranus always encourages people to do their own thing; therefore, with Uranian conflicts, natives experience as much loneliness as with Saturnine conflicts but are less inclined to brood - given their restless inner world, they have no time to sit still all day. Of course, the risk of suffering from overwrought nerves is that much greater, but usually the strain this type is under goes unnoticed unless he or she actually has a breakdown.

There is likely to be a keen interest in borderline subjects such as unorthodox scientific theories, astrology, innovative techniques or social renewal, and this type can invest a good deal of energy in them.

21) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ☿ **Uranus** - (2°30' A) ♀1 | ♃3

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus sextile the Ascendant shows that you think like a rebel, whether you act the role or not. You are impatient with traditional concepts unless they bring results when you adhere to them. Fascinated by novelty, your mind races with high expectation when you encounter an ingenious idea. Although you are restless and like to be on the move all the time, you realize that you cannot hope to win any support for your creative ideas unless you convince important people that you are stable and dependable. Your greatest

selling point is your original and progressive creativity. You are skillful in communicating what you know, and you freely share your ideas with anyone who will listen. Time means little to you, and you reject the limitations it imposes. You depend on intuitive hunches which are, more often than not, extremely reliable. Many times, your statements are prophetic.

Because freedom means so much to you, your career must permit you some degree of independence and self-determination. Daily, routine jobs are too boring and restrictive for your creative talents. You bring ingenuity to any work you do, but research and development have a special appeal. If there is any way that new sources of revenue can be devised for the company you work for, you are the one who can find it.

You enjoy a wide variety of friends from different backgrounds. You are particularly fond of people who think for themselves and those whose interests are as novel as your own.

Among your associates, you sparkle. You enjoy competing with them, but you are not usually pompous when you win. Rather, you consider it a mutual victory, for you realize that your opponent helped stimulate you to win. You may be envied and even disliked by some co-workers, whose limited perspective prevents them from really understanding you.

It is unlikely that you will ever truly retire. Each day reveals new possibilities that continue to arouse your interest.

Uranus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Individualism and independence play a big role in the harmonious Uranus / Ascendant aspects. But, with a surer instinct than someone with a conjunction or tense aspect, we know how to integrate these traits into daily life. However, this does not alter the fact that nothing will stop us from setting out on our own path; it simply means that we go about things rather cleverly and avoid conflicts with existing patterns.

We like variety, newness and renewal, and often react very quickly and adroitly to what we encounter. The impulsiveness of Uranus can play us false here, and its restlessness can make us alert, taut, and occasionally nervous. There is something provocative about our behavior. This does not necessarily cause trouble for us, but we make it clear that we are fond of change, that we are our own person, and that we are going to need plenty of elbow room. No Uranian aspect excels in adaptability, and, even in the harmonious aspects, the emphasis is laid on pursuing personal objectives. Yet although adaptability is not great, we can cope well with new situations - and what is this but

adaptability of another kind? Apart from that, restlessness makes us very lively.

People with harmonious Uranus / Ascendant aspects are a stimulus to those around them; their activities are like a fresh breeze. There is no denying that some of them make good pioneers.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a trine or sextile between the Ascendant and Uranus occurs, these individuals are exposed to new ideas and new attitudes because the parents were encouraging of new concepts.

22) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°42' S) ♀8 | ♀10

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Sun to Saturn indicates that you have great depth of understanding and the capacity to help others understand what you have learned. You are modest in assessing your self-worth and are aware of your limitations, but you also know how to make the most of your potentials. You have a respect for authority and competence. bBecause you rarely voice your opinion unless asked, your views are considered authoritative and sincere. Usually you prefer to remain in the background and let others with greater needs gain the attention. You don't need anyone's approval for your actions because you generally observe the rules of good behavior.

Although you have a driving ambition to succeed, you methodically plan each step toward your goals, quietly and without fanfare. You have a distinct rapport with your professional superiors because you carefully avoid threatening them with your ambition. You always extract important lessons from your experiences.

You are suited for such occupations as teaching, research and development, industrial management, politics, or law. In any of these professions you would very probably rise to a management position. You take your work seriously and always strive to maintain your position by staying abreast of new developments in your field. It would be difficult for anyone to remove you from your position, because you have gained it by demonstrating competence, efficiency, integrity, and sincerity. In other words, you've earned everything you've gained.

You relate well to anyone who upholds the virtues mentioned above. Your mate probably shares your high regard for tradition and orderliness. Together you plan for a future made secure by your efforts.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that you will have a conservative attitude to life, preferring order and discipline linked to traditional values and social life paths. You will naturally follow a mainstream course through life, which also offers established routes towards achieving 'success'.

The sextile is especially effective within your mental nature, helping you to deepen your understanding and extend your communicative skills. Your thought processes are likely to have a natural logic, organisation, clarity and perception that can be exploited through several careers. Mental precision is valued in management roles, scientific research, law, politics, teaching, business, and this backed by leadership ability and practical, methodical abilities should enable you to attain your ambitions.

Work can become extremely important, offering a purpose and life direction, as well as being the sphere where many of your major personal assets are applied. While success highly motivates you, there may be a distaste for assuming a 'high profile' that draws personal attention, as you prefer to remain quietly working in the background. You can feel uncomfortable at personality extroversion, and in some situations this can work to your detriment, and you are overlooked or misvalued. Opportunities could be lost and progress halted. If this does occur, then you are faced with two alternatives. You either adopt a higher personality profile, or consider different routes to your ambitions, perhaps a change of job or career. Doors never close for ever, unless you refuse to open them; there are always alternatives and different options available to those who refuse to limit themselves.

You may find your life path in the sphere of communication and teaching, mainly through your ability to explain and express your knowledge in an accessible and meaningful way. You realise the essentials of a subject and ensure that these are grasped, so that a good foundation of knowledge is transmitted. Social concerns may become more predominant in your life as you grow older, and political issues may attract your attention. You may become involved with community or social activities, or look for power and responsibility linked to political ambitions. While you favour traditional attitudes and values, you also acknowledge the need for development and progress, so you try to act as a 'bridge' between the past-present-future, carefully retaining the value of the past with an awareness of what is required tomorrow.

In social and intimate relationships, you prefer the company of like-minded individuals, those who have a similar or compatible perception, and whose attitudes do not openly challenge or disturb your implicit assumptions about life and yourself. Domestically, you will follow established social lifestyles, rarely considering any radical deviations or choosing to step outside conventional patterns. While you are aware of your own limits - but less so of those self-imposed ones - you may not always take advantage of your whole potential, and can create subtle demarcation lines of personal restrictions formed by your unconscious attitudes. Perhaps a greater tolerance of those who feel less need to conform may open you more to the potential and possibilities of life; not everyone has

to follow the same road, and there are more ways open for you than have been consciously realised.

23) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°12' S) ♀8 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, this planetary relationship is easier to manage than with the conjunction. While an emotionally restricted expression remains likely, it is less limiting, since your rational mind serves to dissipate inner darkness. You should be aware, however, that resolving emotional conflicts is necessary; and for you to do this, your emotional complexity needs understanding.

While you recognize that you do not have all the answers, you realize striving to understand helps to build bridges - whether within yourself or to others - and so you value the act of listening and are ready to talk about problems with friends or partners for mutual support and benefit. To you, 'a problem shared is a problem halved'; and you know that taking a realistic approach to emotional problems increases the chances that eventually a constructive solution will emerge. Part of this process is self-therapy, because you remain serious, reserved, and cautious, still uneasy with displaying feelings for others, unless they are old, trusted friends and family. Yet others turn toward you for support, not necessarily because they believe you have the answers, but because they recognise that you will honour and acknowledge their pain and confusion. In that mutual recognition a form of supportive healing and acceptance can be transmitted.

You apply an intelligent approach to life, founded on common sense and personal integrity. You will demonstrate efficiency, practicality, pragmatism, and order in whatever tasks you undertake, and will be relied on to perform in an organized manner in accordance with standard procedures. You work well within traditional workplaces where established operational structures exist and conformity to them is expected; this satisfies the Saturn expectations. Attractions to law, medicine, politics, management, local government, and education are likely. There may be financial skills which can be exploited, especially through business endeavours.

You have an aura of respectability and realism. You are not an ineffective dreamer, but a reliable member of society with high behaviour standards. Personal integrity is a quality that you will not compromise, even if this means losing opportunities. If everything seems above board, however, you are usually alert to take advantage of an opportunity. Two of your assets are persistence and determination; and you use these in whatever tasks you are set. You are ambitious, although not obsessively so, and will probably make steady progress.

Self-development, study, and learning attracts, as you enjoy increasing knowledge and understanding.

Although you may limit this to specific interest areas, you can acquire specialist knowledge if you so choose. This could be shared with others through some form of teaching, with your knowledge effectively communicated.

You prefer similar personality types in friends and partners - those who are intelligent, serious-minded, and culturally thoughtful.

Close friendships and trust are important; and you favour a small, select group of confidantes linked also by emotional connections, mutual care, and concern. For a permanent partner, you want someone capable of relating deeply on every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Your ideal relationship encourages mutual development, as both partners help each other; this becomes a creative interdependence.

You must not deny feelings, instincts, and emotions, especially when mental preoccupation is more emphasized and active. Feelings are important; and, while remaining vulnerable to their reactions, you would be unwise to ignore their messages. Liberating feelings and listening to signals from instincts should also be encouraged; discover how you can express these feelings and instincts within secure, intimate relationships, and learn to trust their guidance.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon sextile Saturn shows that you are serious, reserve, and cautious in your feelings toward others. As a result of early conditioning, you always try to understand the people who mean something to you. Perhaps you were expected to listen and help your brothers and sisters when they brought their problems to you. Now you are always ready to discuss any problem that develops between you and another person. You realize that emotions must be understood before any conflict can be resolved. This realistic approach to emotional difficulties can generally produce a constructive effect.

Your native intelligence, integrity, and common sense should enable you to achieve success in your occupation. Fields such as law, medicine, industrial management, politics, education, or public relations are especially fitting for your talents. You are patient and practical in coping with everyday problems because you are well aware that you achieve the best results that way. You are orderly in your thinking and don't allow yourself to indulge in fanciful, emotional daydreams. You are modestly ambitious and willing to learn as you progress in whatever you choose. However, you would not sacrifice integrity for the sake of ambition.

What you lack in enthusiasm, you make up for in determination. You communicate well, and teaching could be a useful means of expression for you. You are selfdisciplined and impatient with 'dawdlers' who waste your time and theirs. Students would certainly learn

from you, because you project your knowledge with clarity and authority.

You enjoy the company of selected friends in whom you can confide and whom you trust. Very probably you will find comfort and emotional satisfaction among persons who are similarly dedicated to truth. Your mate will have to be serious and thoughtful. Even if your partner has not achieved success, you will accept someone who has established plans for achieving goals and whose intentions are sincere. You will want to help your mate become successful and would not feel left out if professional demands required his or her absence from you. By itself, a sexual relationship is totally inadequate for you. You respond to persons with substantial resources of mind and spirit and stable emotions.

In your free time, you often read or study, recognizing that growth is possible only if one continues to expand in knowledge. You always want to be prepared to take advantage of an opportunity that could prove beneficial in the long run.

(Betty Lundsted)

Any contact from Saturn to the Moon brings slowness, apprehension and seriousness to the emotional self. The father of this native was not a debilitating influence on the mother and did not restrict her ability to nurture the native, but he did take life quite seriously.

People with this aspect can use it to establish steady feelings; once an emotional commitment has been made, it will be taken seriously. They are responsible people. The aspect's energy can be used in careers that need a steady hand and a level head.

Moon trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even harmonious aspects between the Moon and Saturn give a feeling of vulnerability, and are associated with soberness, industry and the acceptance of responsibility. Again, expressing emotions does not come easy and these people like to put on a front of self-discipline, etiquette and respectability. They are admired for an ability to remain calm and collected in all circumstances, yet inside are full of doubts and fears.

Harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects usually indicate a serious outlook and a practical approach to things. This, combined with the determination to finish everything they start (due to a highly developed sense of responsibility), can take them far in society. But emotionally they have problems; children with these (and other) Moon / Saturn aspects are never really young and playful. They frequently form friendships with older boys and girls.

Women with Moon / Saturn aspects have difficulty in expressing femininity, even when the aspect is harmonious. This can increase emotional insecurity and / or make them behave in a forceful, mannish way, or else in a motherly, organizing way. They find emotional fulfillment by being in charge; although, even with a harmonious aspect, loved ones are kept at arm's length to some extent.

Men with one of these aspects tend to be attracted by women of the Saturnine type; that is to say, they prefer partners who are rather older and more mature - certainly not women who are sprightly and playful.

People with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects can often be very constructive within an existing framework. The Moon and Saturn are always the two main form-givers: the Moon of formed content and Saturn of the structure and backbone of external form. When something has to be enlarged, structurally improved and preserved, those with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects are in their element. They are not required to display initiative, which we would have to look for in other chart factors anyway.

(Charles Carter)

These aspects are frequently of a basic character, influencing the fundamentals of the native's temperament. Provided that the chart as a whole is of a good type, the nature is deepened and rendered capable of serious and responsible work, with excellent powers of organising and controlling and a marked degree of personal dignity - that may sometimes destroy the sense of humour when the native's selfrespect appears to be in jeopardy. There is often a large amount of matter-of-factness and a practical and limited outlook on life. Duty plays a large part in the motives, and obligations are performed carefully and exactly. The contact is scarcely democratic in its influence, and there is an inclination to like people in their proper places. Similarly, the mental and emotional aspects of the life are organised and arranged. The emotions are usually steady, with some tendency to depression.

There is usually affection and well-merited respect for the mother, but unless both bodies are well-placed she is liable to die early or suffer misfortunes. It seems to lessen the number of children and sometimes cause them to be a heavy responsibility.

It is favourable for business life and for practical work that calls for care and prudence rather than energy or originality - which is often defective. It is good for work in connection with houses or land, and any sort of caretaking or management where conscientious work is called for, but it is not so good where affection is required, as in care for the young.

It is distinctly good for worldly success, or, perhaps one should rather say, for the retention and proper use of success, if the rest of the chart permits of its attainment.

Sometimes rank and position result from family connections or are inherited - there is often a sort of relation between family and position, or the native assumes a place as a successor to someone else, but does not create it. For example, a professor who occupies a seat that has been vacated by his predecessor, a minister of state, the president of a society, or the editor of an established paper. Thus the position is usually one of a successive line, and the native inherits some kind of tradition. If the chart is strong, the native develops and improves his office and maintains the tradition with success and dignity, but even when the two bodies are technically in good aspect, other flaws in the horoscope may lead to downfall and the characteristics of the inharmonious contacts.

Generally this combination preserves the health by influencing the native to be prudent and regular in habits, and it is particularly good in old age. But it does not confer robust health.

24) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (2°40' A) ♏11 | ♍1

(Donna van Toen)

You have an even, well-balanced flow of sexual and romantic energies, meaning you're neither overly aggressive nor overly passive in your approach to these areas. Love-hate relationships aren't your style; nor are purely platonic ones. You tend to be happiest with an easy-going mate who has a considerable amount of imagination and is creative without being a moody, broody, artistic archetype. Your attitude towards sex is good overall. You're attracted to marriage and are generally comfortable in your role as a spouse, provided, of course, that you choose a compatible mate.

You probably get along well with the opposite sex. They like you; you like them - with one exception. That exception is that you tend to find passive people quite frustrating. Your approach to love is one in which you throw yourself into each new romantic experience. You don't like to do things half-way; and, once involved, you put everything you've got into making a relationship work.

Occasionally, sexual / romantic energies are sublimated into some sort of artistic activity. This is most common when air is the predominant element in the chart.

Normally, however, you're a loving person who wants and needs a sexual outlet. For this reason, a less-than-satisfying sexual relationship could lead to infidelity.

If you have Venus sextile Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing may apply, although your need for a sexual outlet would be less strong.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus sextile Mars gives you a warm, affectionate nature. Your physical needs are considerable, but you know how to contain them until you meet a person with whom you can enjoy a comfortable relationship. You don't display your feelings until you know the person fairly well and can determine whether the attraction is social and intellectual as well as physical. You realize it is necessary to compromise with people to win their continued friendship. Others are inclined to make concessions to you because your attitude encourages them to. You don't threaten other people's opinion of themselves by calling attention to their failings. Although you allow for human frailties, you expect to see the better qualities manifested.

You prefer to enjoy the more beautiful elements of life rather than preoccupy yourself with the seamy side of it. Your artistic nature inclines you to enjoy good music, fine works of art, good literature, interesting social contacts, and congenial friendships. Professional interests are not specified by this combination of planets, but you would be suited to any occupation requiring human contact in a reasonably intimate way. With people you don't know, you like to strike up a conversation over some trifling matter just so you can introduce yourself and eliminate the strain of unfamiliarity. You have an optimistic outlook and generally wear a smile that shows the world that you are a congenial person. Public relations work would be enormously satisfying to you, and people would enjoy doing business with you, since you immediately put them at ease.

You probably still have the friends you made years ago, even though you may no longer be directly in touch with them. You retain good memories of the times you enjoyed with them and tend to forget any painful incidents that may have occurred.

You may marry someone who will co-operate with you in achieving the good things in life. But whether you marry for security or for purely emotional reasons, the relationship will prove enriching.

You are inclined to be a little careless about financial matters and may spend more than you earn. In your preoccupation with the refinements of life and the fine things money can buy, you are unconcerned with economy. When you indulge in a whim, one would think you had an endless supply of cash available. Conservation is a quality you need to develop.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates that the mother of the individual has a healthy attitude toward sexuality and femininity. This person can go into emotional relationships and easily combine the emotional and sexual needs. Relationships can be enjoyed.

The sextile indicates that an appreciation of beauty is inherent; often this person becomes involved in the arts, or employment may be obtained in the art field. Career action taken will include an appreciation of other people's needs.

Venus trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With harmonious Mars / Venus aspects, we are in a position to combine activity and passivity, industry and harmony, and therefore usually make a good impression. Affection means a lot to us, and, as a rule, we experience little difficulty in displaying affection to others. These aspects can make contacts pleasant; for although we often play an active role (Mars), we do know how to rein ourselves in when this will help things to run more smoothly (Venus).

As in all the Mars / Venus aspects, sexuality is important; so indeed is every form of sensuous enjoyment. Dancing, theatre-going and the like can be some favorite diversions.

We may well be very creative. Venus always gives a feeling for form, proportion and color; and this, combined with Martian drive, is what we need for producing original work. Nevertheless, the Martian energy may not be strong enough in these harmonious aspects for creativity to manifest itself.

In love we can be very passionate. The partner means everything and we are prepared to devote ourselves to the loved one. On the other hand, we expect the partner to be devoted to us. The easy aspects are traditionally said to be favorable for love: the need to unite with someone (Venus) is in harmony with a desire to go and prove ourselves (Mars). Also a measure of independence is expected within the relationship so that the partners do not take each other over completely.

(Charles Carter)

These tend to make the feelings warm and cordial; they indicate what we should generally call an affectionate, warm-hearted person, even though other configurations may deny expression. On the other hand, in an emotional chart there may be expression of an unrestrained kind, or gush; or, again, there may be a highly strung condition due to a lack of adequate expression.

The contacts are invigorating to the sexual nature, but better in this respect for males than for women, since they often appear in the charts of spinsters. This fact is probably due to the feelings of independence which they give and the love of freedom of thought or action; sometimes these traits even verge on the masterful.

These good aspects also tend to affectionate relations with the children and benefit from

them.

They are very favourable for the family-life, provided that the planets are well-placed - all depends on this. The affections are rich and generous, and like will beget like in the shape of many kindnesses received. Mars, representing the rough side of life, is, as it were, blunted and mitigated by the Venus influence. It is decidedly good for men in their relations with women; they are likely to be helped in every respect, and often acquire both beauty and affection in marriage, and, by no means rarely, money as well.

25) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°20' A) ♃8 | ♇6

(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.

26) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (5°13' A) ♀1 | ♂10

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn square the Ascendant shows that you are basically apprehensive about asserting yourself because you are afraid that you will encounter a lot of opposition. You underestimate your capabilities. In competition with others, you prefer to move slowly at first, in order to gain self-confidence. When pressured excessively, you tend to withdraw rather than fight. You avoid challenges whenever possible and are defensive when you do accept them. If forced to defend yourself, however, you will use every trick you know to protect yourself.

You are a late starter in defining the goals you hope to achieve. Because you are too

cautious and self-disciplined for your own good, you deprive yourself of many opportunities. Some people may think of you as cold and indifferent, but in fact you are serious and responsible. From your experiences, you have learned that you have to earn everything you get, and you don't expect to get any rewards without making a substantial contribution. A perfectionist, you aren't content unless you can do your very best at all times.

Your early home life was probably an austere experience. It would seem that there was little warmth between you and your parents, and you were expected to perform your duties without question. Though you respected your parents or guardians, it is not likely that you felt any great tenderness for them. The result is that now you are extremely cautious and reserved when dealing with people in authoritative positions.

You are very preoccupied with achieving a position that will reasonably assure your financial security. You are far more talented than you know, and you will eventually realize this as you gain the success and recognition you deserve. In your determination to realize your goals, you persist in spite of setbacks. The security you gain in your material affairs compensates for your emotional insecurity about meeting someone who will share your life completely.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

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

The tense aspects make us very insecure on this point and, when we brood over it too much, we are liable to suffer from listlessness and fatigue. With the unconscious working flat out in an attempt to solve problems that have arisen or might arise, energy that would normally be available to the conscious is used up. However, if we learn to confine worries to practical issues (as it is perfectly possible to do with the tense aspects), we

can become the same responsible, down-to-earth individuals we would be with one of the easy aspects - although never the life and soul of the party.

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

27) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♄ Neptune** - (3°00' S) 005 | ♄7

(Robert Hand)

This aspect can indicate extreme insecurity and self-doubt, unless your parents and other influential adults make a special effort to reinforce your self-confidence. When you meet a difficult person or an obstacle, your first tendency is to run away, because you feel that you cannot overcome it. This is probably not true, and you must learn what you really can do, instead of limiting yourself to the few tasks that you are not afraid to do.

Sometimes you seem to be surrounded by energies that are very weakening, usually from people you are with who give off very negative energies such as resentment, hostility or anger. You don't attract such people to any unusual extent, but you suffer more than others from being around them. As much as possible, you should associate with positive and optimistic persons.

This empathy has a positive side, however, in that you understand other people very well, knowing what is going on in their minds as well as what they say. But it will take you a while to learn how to interpret the signals you get from others. While you are young, you may frequently misinterpret people.

You will feel a need to work for an ideal that is higher than yourself or for a person whom you can idealize and respect. This is fine, but you will probably be taken advantage of by people who are unworthy of your devotion, unless you work very hard to get past your idealizations and see who they really are. Then you can choose intelligently.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square, unless contradicted by other influences in the chart, indicates unreliability in professional obligations and confusion in domestic affairs. The home will be messy and disorganized, and sometimes the scene of alcohol or drug use.

There can be deception and irresponsibility on the job, in the form of laziness, inefficiency, or both. In rare cases, the natives are deliberately dishonest or deceptive.

This square can also manifest itself in escape from domestic and professional duties through daydreaming.

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.

(Haydn Paul)

The square can give you a harshness of temperament and expression, where your direct, blunt style can often create conflict and confrontation between yourself and others. Even though you prefer to reflect yourself as one capable of handling the 'real situation', you tend to lack a sensitivity towards possible reactions to your potentially penetrating insights. You rarely 'wrap' them up in socially acceptable packages for consumption, but offer them raw.

Your approach to life has a tendency to be extreme, a little suspicious of others' motives and intentions, secretive about your own, and basically pessimistic in tone. Your behaviour can often be unpredictable and erratic, making it difficult for others to take you for granted, and encouraging them to keep a certain distance away from you. You are a little uneasy with close contact in relationships, taking considerable time to develop a feeling of trust and relative relaxation with partner. There is a tendency to try to manipulate and mould any partner so that he or she conforms to your point of view; and often your views become intolerant and fixed, allowing little space for flexibility or change to occur naturally.

Sometimes, in an effort to achieve your own will, you rely upon your strong willpower to dominate others. Sometimes this can succeed, but you are equally liable to apply it incorrectly through a lack of proportion and through insensitivity, creating more damage to your aims and others than you intended. Similarly, whilst your choice of expressive style is straight and direct, you often devote much time towards scheming and plotting, which, again, often works to your disadvantage.

In many ways, you project your own shadow qualities onto others, finding it hard to trust them, yet laying plots yourself; it is unlikely that you have any special ability to motivate others or to become a spokesperson for any group, as you are more of a loner. Towards authority you are ambivalent, making use of any power and authority that you may possess at home or work, yet being quite anti-authoritarian if you hold a low opinion of those responsible positions, particularly disliking a role under any domination by others.

Mentally, you require more self-discipline and understanding to make more positive use of your abilities of penetrative insight; in particular, the way in which you present yourself to others may need to be moderated. More control regarding your thoughts and words can help to avoid any controversy and unnecessary conflict with others, and help a redirection of your powers of insight inward, so that you can observe how you are projecting those negative shadow qualities out onto others in the world when these qualities should be being internally transformed and the energies released for positive applications. Potentially, you have the sort of mind to absorb a variety of positive views and arrive at a new synthesis of the essential values hidden within each of them, and

then to express a unifying point or common ground from which dialogue can arise to resolve the apparent divisions. Such a talent could be extremely effective and important if the necessary inner changes are undergone and a redirection of your life results; a temporary phase which you may experience is the adoption of whichever view / belief system is currently in the forefront of your attention, but that at least can reveal flexibility and potential attitude change in you. Dissolving fixed barriers is possible; and the potential for change in your lifestyle and relationships sit he main challenge with which Pluto is facing you.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Pluto indicates that you must learn to concentrate and apply self-discipline in mental pursuits. You find prolonged study painful and demanding, so you may resent anyone who forces you to persist. This was probably more apparent in your early years when schoolwork seemed so laborious. In spite of this, you have the self-determination to accept responsibility, although not under the watchful eye of someone else.

Your manner of speech is penetrating, and you express yourself so harshly that you seem almost insensitive. This arouses bitterness in others. You are undeaiably bright and keenly perceptive, but you rarely feel obligated to other people. You are inclined to pessimism. Your behavior is extreme; at one moment you will criticize others with brutal frankness, and the next moment you will show amazing skill in maintaining your poise under pressure. It is truly difficult for people to know how you will reat, so some may avoid getting close to you.

Though you are fearless by nature, you demonstrate an incredible lack of common sense in dangerous situations. You take unnecessary risks just to prove to others how courageous you really are. Because of this, you may seek occupations that involve hazards. You are prone to accidents frmo equipment that uses or contains pressure, such as heating systems and boilers. Observe all safety precautions in handling them.

Before you decide on any profession, you must develop self-control and responsibility. You are more inclined to make errors in judgement than the average person, especially in handling large sums of money. Avoid getting into debt unless it is absolutely necessary.

You might be interested in such fields as crime detection, research and development, chemistry, pathology or medicine, but you must be prepared to yield to the authority of your teachers. It is essential that you pay attention to detail and work hard to gain the expertise required. Although you prefer to avoid reality, you must live with it. When you realize this, you will begin to grow and develop.

In your immediate environment, you can make enormous contributions to the socially

disadvantaged. You are not afraid to speak up and challenge authorities when you learn they have abused their positions of trust. Just be certain you have all the necessary supporting evidence in order to avoid being ridiculed. This would bring out the worst in you and could result in violence.

Although you certainly know better, you sometimes have an obsession to shape other people's lives. You use cunning schemes to gain their submission. Because of your intolerant attitude, you should study human nature and learn how to effectively motivate others.

29) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (7°18' A) ♎11 | ♍7

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Venus to Neptune means that your imagination may cause you some difficulties. Your defences usually go up whenever anything or anyone seems to challenge you. They may not in fact be threatening you, but you still respond as if they were. It is not easy for you to see things clearly, and you are often ill-advised in your judgement. Instead of rose-colored glasses, you have blinders that block out the truths you can't accept. Your outlook on life needs great adjustment if you wish to avoid the many problems that are sure to develop.

You are best suited to self-employment. You are so sensitive to people that occupations involving others can produce much anxiety and stress. Because you can't handle frustration, it is doubtful that you could succeed in any competitive function. You will tend to get into disputes with co-workers or make accusations you cannot sustain or justify. You must reconstruct your attitudes so that tolerance is a feature, not an accident, of your behavior.

Find an individual outlet for your enormous creative ability so that when problems occur it must be your responsibility alone to resolve them. In this way, you will avoid the complexities of guilt or condemnation that can result when others are involved. In time, you will learn from your experiences and know how to cope with reality when escape is not possible. Meditate seriously so that you can be spiritually prepared to endure external abrasions with dignity and self-assurance.

Discipline yourself in your personal relationships and romantic ties. It is one of your failings that you tend to encourage others to take advantage of you. Be cautious about making any emotional commitments unless the other person has shown solid proof of honesty and sincerity.

Your lack of concern about material matters can prove costly. Don't overmortgage yourself so that you are caught in a financial trap; and resist buying on credit. You are easily entranced by appearances and often ignore the harsh reality of paying for what

you have purchased.

30) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♅ **Neptune** - (6°04' A) ♄ 10 | ♅ 7

(Haydn Paul)

The square indicates inner tensions and frustrations, and it is likely that Neptune will be inhibited from true realisation and will be bound within the unconscious mind by the barrier-forming restrictions of Saturn. This will cause Neptune to be agitated, stimulating unconscious fears, anxieties, phobias, morbidity and guilt feelings arising from an overactive imagination which lacks suitable channels for a more healthy release.

The consequences of this inner pressure and disquiet tend to create feelings of inadequacy, incompetence and inferiority. These may be quite illusory and unrealistic, yet they have a powerful influence on your actions and choices. As time passes and you perpetuate these tendencies, you continue to create negative results, which convinces you that such inferiority beliefs are actually true. You become a self-defeatist, and lack confidence in your own abilities. This negativity can spread until you begin to run away from accepting responsibility or challenges; you can become afraid to even try. Obviously this begins to severely inhibit your life experiences, as you are increasingly trapped within the parameters of your own inner phobias and lack of self-love and self-confidence. If this is allowed to persist, then this form of imprisonment will only intensify as you cut yourself off from the richness of life, and forms of depression can occur.

Such a situation can be allowed to happen where inner blockages of energy generate stresses of compulsive behaviour which are internally felt as real yet are the symptoms of denying aspects of self (as symbolised by the planets which are inhibited); with this square, the probability is that Saturn's activity will become distorted too, overemphasised by the erecting of excessive boundaries and limitations. Tendencies of anxiety and guilt are also self-perpetuating, and these expand to form a web of energy which absorbs the individual's freedom of choice, and creates circular loop patterns of repetitive thought processes. There is emotional agitation, overly stimulated by inherent negative attitudes, yet there is no apparent ability to deal with them. Dissatisfaction and confusion is to be expected, yet any impulse to change the situation can also be inhibited.

The degree to which this inner psychological environment develops will be dependent on the rest of the chart; there may be mitigating factors which diminish its potential severity. Yet certain issues will be present in those who have this aspect, and several corrective and releasing acts can still be valuably taken to prohibit any likelihood of such tendencies developing.

Accepting your own nature is vital. Denial of any aspect leads to its suppression into the unconscious mind, where it is likely to fester, slowly releasing poisons into the personality within the appropriate level of natural affinity, distorting body, emotions or

mind. Such a forced cutting away of part of your nature is never wise, and is as foolish as cutting away an arm because there may be an unsightly mole on it. Often these tendencies to 'cut away' are indicated by square aspects, and symbolise probable inner tensions and blockages of energy which need release; yet in doing so, they can often become 'great friends', giving energy and power to enable you to achieve your aims. They are keys to real personal development, spurs to stimulate necessary integration.

In accepting your own nature, self-forgiveness is required, and a refusal to compare yourself to any illusory ideal of perfection. Why feel guilty because you are not like an ideal? You never can be, and your real task is just to become yourself, warts and all; and coming to terms with that is a great freedom and liberation in itself. Face those fears of failure; everyone fails in some way, so why should you be any exception? But some fail (repeatedly) and yet still carry on, gathering more successes as time passes and achieving their ambitions. There is success waiting for you. Just shake yourself down and carry on; and when you arrive, it will taste very sweet, and you'll know a valuable secret. Talents are there within you; they are just hiding out of sight. Find that pot of gold around the corner, and perhaps with a bit of support from others you'll learn how to really use it. All of those inner illusions, guilt trips, inferiority complexes and phobias can dissipate like chimeras in the sky. The self-imposed barriers of Saturn will collapse, and Neptune will flow through, healing you and inspiring you to find a new way. Why stay in a self-created prison when there is no locked door? Stop being self-indulgent. Walk through and emerge into a new world. And isn't that worth struggling for? Remember, your life is always basically what you make it. Don't throw it away; enjoy it.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you are sometimes given to unrealistic fears about poverty or personal incompetence. You are often overly anxious in matters over which you have no control and for which you should not bear any guilt. You become emotionally disturbed about them, and yet you do nothing to relieve your anxiety. You feel inadequate to deal with negative environmental conditions that you experience or observe, and this can cause you to become depressed. Actually you are afraid of responsibility and have doubts about your competence to deal with it effectively.

Your negative attitude may cause difficulties as you seek a professional career. The real problem is your lack of self-love, which often results in underachievement. Avoiding challenges may lead you to believe that you really cannot accomplish anything. It is imperative that you be willing to fail occasionally in order to find out where and how you can succeed. Being indifferent to duty and obligation doesn't solve anything. Withdrawal only further deepens your feeling of incompetence. You must be prepared to face competition so you can sharpen your talents for future use. Remember that those you meet in competition are also being tested by you, because they do not know your abilities.

You must come to see your fear of encounter and failure as an avenue of opportunity for development and progress. Small but increasingly significant successes can restore your self-confidence. You won't become so overconfident as to be arrogant, but you will know what you can and cannot accomplish.

You should seek the services of a trusted friend to show you how to manage your potentials efficiently and gain the most from them. Be discriminating in selecting your friends, and refrain from discussing your personal problems with others. They probably have a sufficient number of their own.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the effect of the father on the developing psyche of the individual. Neptune can indicate the 'grand delusion', so this person may be born into a family that has illusions or delusions regarding the father, heredity or family influence.

The father will affect the individual's concept of creativity, perhaps impeding the development of some form of creative expression. Because of the square aspect, the influence of the father will work against the individual's dreams and goals, or even the development of spiritual goals. The aspect may indicate the person who has to pull away from the family experience in order to find himself. He may not see authority figures for what they are; he may be supportive of people who disappoint him.

It's interesting to note the house placements of the square, for the misunderstandings will involve the departments of life ruled by the houses. Inner conflict may be present, for the influence of the father is subconscious, keeping the individual from using the creative energy of the Neptune placement until he learns to recognize the Saturn influence.

Saturn square or opposition Neptune (

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Saturn and Neptune have very varied modes of expression. Much depends on which of the planets has more dignities. The building up and preservation of form are in conflict here with formlessness and the undermining of form. The result is that we tend to go wrong when setting goals and laying plans: our plans are incomplete or unrealistic; our goals so Utopian they are unattainable. Dreams are all too easily mistaken for realities. Even things that have begun to look settled seem to come unstuck through various elusive factors within ourselves; so concrete achievements do not come at all easily.

If we become interested in what lies beyond the range of normal vision and defies

rational explanation, conflicts with Saturn in this area have an inhibiting effect so that we hesitate to commit ourselves and our approach is too rigid, or fear enters in to make us superstitious. Or imagination runs riot with ideas we seem unable to shake off; as seen in its extreme form in paranoia. Naturally, before there can be any question of a persecution complex, personal planets have to be involved and the rest of the horoscope must be in agreement. The core of the matter, however, is that with the conflicts between Saturn and Neptune the world of imagination and of hard reality will put a strain on one another and cause problems.

Powers of perseverance (Saturn) can be undermined by Neptune, but the tension in these aspects can mean that once we have been inspired by a certain ideal we can devote ourselves to it for a long time.

However, the inspiration is not always there: it is stifled by Neptune in such a way that frequently we have difficulty in knowing just what we want. Therefore we are rather susceptible to the (subversive) influence of others.

Our need for the transcendant (Neptune) does seek to express itself; and when these Saturn / Neptune conflicts become too much for us, we just want to get away from it all. Then we seek the peace and quiet in which we feel more comfortable than in the turmoil of daily life. Calm seclusion can inspire us tremendously and help us to regain our strength.

(Charles Carter)

This influence varies from the other-worldly, who lack ambition and do not wish to be troubled with responsibility, to the crafty and designing who wish to win through at all costs and by any means. The two planets are of so different a nature that the character of the native is also divided, presenting very contradictory aspects at different times or in connection with different matters. There is nearly always the power to work hard, and even the opposition may not hinder great success (Henry Ford). On the other hand, the desire for retirement and seclusion may predominate.

There is usually a certain degree of self-will, and sometimes the native nourishes fantastic and impracticable schemes and ambitions.

There is scandal and sometimes even downfall, but nevertheless these aspects do not always appear to be serious, and, being of long duration by reason of the slowness of the two bodies involved, they need not be taken as very important unless they are either very close, or on angles, or involved with other bodies.

Since Saturn rules the 11th house essentially, the friends may be treacherous, unstable, parasitic, or implicated in scandals.

The ambitions are frequently thwarted, and one's good name is liable to be assailed by hidden channels and in ways difficult of detection.

I have known great suspiciousness under this contact. It may even lead to a definite persecution mania.

31) ► **Uranus** ⌘ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (3°04' S) 133 | 76

(Haydn Paul)

The influence of the square aspect was to stimulate 'destructive' social change across international borders, to intensify all those latent nationalistic characteristics that had been coming to the surface of the national group minds, until the only way to express and release the underlying tensions was through world conflict.

The close square applied from 1931 to 1934; and the phase was of rapid metamorphosis in crucial countries like Germany and Italy. These were two clear examples of the impact of the Uranian-Plutonian energy, where nationalistic tendencies and élitist attitudes were elevated into a sense of social direction, manipulated by dictatorial groupings in an attempt both to seize power and to benefit the State by introducing new political concepts. The power complex and need to dominate of the unregenerated Pluto energy is displayed in the need to expand their control and influence into other less powerful nations, through ruthlessly expressed violence and force.

The general world economic instability helped to create the space for radical and revolutionary political agitators to gain power, feeding off the exploited energy of will (Pluto) to build an apparently attractive edifice of the new society. In many cases, this basic urge to create new social structures was genuinely held by those whose motives and ideals were socially beneficial; however, they were to lose their positions of responsibility to those whose intentions were more mixed, and who were being swept along by their receptiveness to the powerful energies pouring into the world, which served to over-stimulate aspects of their unintegrated personalities.

The collective group responding to the Fascist and Nazi ideals was generating and reflecting the possessing energy, especially through the group mind and seen in those emotionally manipulated and invocative mass public rallies, which were similar in effect to certain types of magical ritual. There were two main ways in which people reacted to the social change occurring. One was to collaborate with it, being excited and thrilled by active participation in a national resurrection, irrespective of some of its hidden darker aspects. The other way was to be apathetic and passive, allowing it to go on all around them, feeling insecure and unable to have any influence even if they disagreed with the dominating group.

What became paramount in this square was the stimulation of the unconscious national

mind and emotions by Pluto, which overrode the more intellectually idealistic mind quality of Uranus. All those repressed tendencies rose into physical view, those attitudes of superiority, of national frustration, of harsh, sadistic dismissal of other 'inferior' races, and of the power of violent aggression, became ingegrated into the expression of the new society; and freedom was ignored by the might of the oppressor. The dark face of incorrectly applied Pluto energy was ready to be unleashed onto the world.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Uranus to Pluto shows that although you know there is much you can do to preserve the freedom you enjoy, you prefer to let someone else do it. You assume there will always be people with the courage to accept this responsibility, so you don't need to add your contribution. But if developments in your immediate enviroment threatened to curtail your liberties in any way, you would be the first to react. This planetary combination shows that you would be directly affected by such changes; if you are apathetic about preventing them., you are at fault. An example of such apathy is the fact that many people do not exercise their right to vote and then complain loudly when an ineffectual candidate wins the election. On the other hand, you could be so concerned for your fellow man that you would become a servant of the people, such as a firefighter, police officer, or public official. In that way, you could do something positive to improve the general welfare of society.

Uranus and Pluto were in this relation from 1931 to 1934, when dramatic events stirred the world. While people were deeply preoccupied with the Depression, trying to find work and food, Hitler made his move. He effectively restored order amid the chaos in his own country, and stabilized its economy, but the price paid by the people was extremely high. He enslaved them and gained domination over those willing to serve his madness.

You must be constantly alert to the price you will pay if you fail to respond to the danger signals of any popular movement or political development. There will always be individuals who will try to rise to power when the public is apathetic.

If your instinct for self-preserveation is strong enough, you will protect yourself against such tyrants by taking an active role to establish legal safeguards. You will also urge others to join with you in resisting domination and seeing that such individuals are removed from office.

(Betty Lundsted)

The concept of personal individuation is at odds with the needs of the masses. There may be an unconscious attempt to control behavior and relationships. If Mercury is involved with the square, it can indicate an attempt at controlling the mind as well as the behavior.

Behavioral attitudes may be unconsciously motivated, and the individual may find himself living out the archetypes or having them lived them out on him. People with this aspect will be interested in moving away from the family environment into some new approach to life. If the aspect concerns personal planets as well, it becomes more powerful.

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.

32) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°29' S) ♃7 | 005

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture. Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus, one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

33) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☽ **Moon** - (5°52' S) 005 | 18

(Robert Hand)

You become so attached emotionally to objects as well as people that you tend to think of them almost as part of yourself. This will make you a very caring and loving person in relationships, especially as you get older, but you may try to be overprotective and possessive also. Don't try to limit the freedom of those you love, because you could drive them away. While you are young, you probably enjoy taking care of pets and even wild animals that need help.

You like to be surrounded by familiar objects that remind you of the past, which is very

important to you. Also you may enjoy owning old things, which could mean that later in life you will collect antiques. Certainly you would prefer a home that has some sense of the past, that seems tied to a tradition. Objects and buildings that are shiny and new do not attract you as much.

When you are older, owning and taking care of land may be very important, because it makes you feel that you have roots, which you need very much. You may be interested in gardening or farming.

This aspect could mean that you tend to collect objects simply for the sake of having things around you. This habit could clutter up your life in more ways than one. Taking care of a lot of extra things could control your life and limit your freedom of movement. It could also distract you from doing things that will help you grow. You need to learn as soon as possible that real security does not come from having material possessions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration favors professional success through the ability to deal with the public and to adapt to the emotional reactions of people in positions of authority, as well as with all who affect the natives' careers.

The security engendered by this aspect creates the opportunity of establishing a secure, harmonious domestic situation. This is further facilitated through emotional sensitivity toward the home and family members.

Moon trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious Moon / MC aspects, the person is very sensitive to the part played by others in his or her life, and especially to attitudes and feelings directed toward him or her. Usually, however, he or she gets on well with people and gives the impression of being calm and collected. Because the search for peace and safety (Moon) does not create conflicts in the outside world, he or she naturally tends to feel at ease. So this person is quick to lend a hand in situations that are emotionally difficult, and to do whatever can be done for people. In essence, he or she wants to fit in socially.

Changeability is not so marked as in the conjunction. Any Moon / MC aspect will indicate some desire for change and variety, but with the harmonious ones this is less of an obsession and the person is more prepared to wait for the right moment. As already mentioned, this individual is often very supportive. In addition, because the Moon stands for the female principle, the person can also benefit from feminine support on more than

one occasion.

34) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°38' A) 005 | 11

(Robert Hand)

You have a strong sense of self - that is, you know who you are and what your rights are with regard to other people. You have considerable self-confidence and will fight for what you believe to be yours. On the other hand, you are less likely to dominate people than those with other Mars-Midheaven combinations. You do have a great deal of physical energy, however, especially in activities that you want to be involved in. As you get older, you will pour out energy in your work and career, and you will be known as a very hard worker. But you may not feel that you are working hard, because the energy comes so spontaneously that you do not regard it as work. For this reason, you should look for a task or purpose that your life can revolve around, that you can identify closely with. While you are young, this may simply be a hobby, but later on it will be your career or life work. Fortunately, with this aspect you won't have much trouble finding a purpose in life.

You are not especially competitive, but you are independent. You do not like to be dependent on other people; nor do you like anyone to interfere with the schedule you have set for yourself. Consequently, you may find it easier to work and play alone than with others.

When you have to make a choice, you are usually able to do so quickly and easily, because you know pretty much what you want, and you go after it. If you don't know which of two choices to take, you may make an arbitrary decision, feeling that making some choice is better than going nowhere.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration strengthens the natives' ambitions and determination to rise to prominence in their careers. They are energetic and hard-working in their chosen fields. Thus by gaining the confidence of those in authority they win the means to provide a good domestic environment for themselves and their families.

35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°51' A) 18 | 005

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This trine to the Sun includes a sextile of the South Node to the Sun. Interpretation of the aspect must take that factor into consideration.

This aspect has almost the same meaning as Sun sextile North Node, except that a different house is emphasized. However, these natives are more intellectually directed.

There will be dramatic creativity, expressed within the bounds of the traditional social customs and patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides good popularity, personal elevation and execution of proper ego for that individual. Circumstantial assistance in getting recognized in the world is noticed. Strong foundation and establishment of identity is done by the help of the 'father-figure' in life. Success in the public life or even in politics is seen. During your recent life, you have been well recognized for your assistance to others. As a result, in this life repayment is done to you to get somewhere, no matter where you start in life. Optimistic attitudes and open goals are quite common for them.

(Donna Van Toen)

A motivation to grow. A search for growth that involves seeking out people who'll encourage physical, creative or emotional development. A need to progress socially, monetarily or creatively stimulates the desire to grow.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptation, preference for associations and for team-work, the search for intellectual contacts. Physical associations, intellectual cooperation, union with the husband. Shared experiences. Relationship with the public. Sun square or opposition North Node: A disharmonious attitude towards living or working together with others. The termination of associations.

36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°30' A) ♀8 | ♀1

(Haydn Paul)

The trine indicates that your personality can potentially integrate both Moon and Mars energies. While feelings and emotions are intense and powerful, you have confidence in your ability to handle them; they act more as a vitalizing source of energy which can be directed rather than as a flood threatening to drown you. You may discover how to channel these energies into creative and imaginative pursuits to benefit career or personal interests. You can achieve aims by focused willpower. Attention is rarely wasted on frivolous matters, and you concentrate instead on issues and projects that are meaningful and important.

Your emotional ease is communicated to others; and social and intimate relationships benefit from your open and welcoming spirit. You accept the need for compromise, and know adjustments are necessary for harmonious relationships and better social contact.

With your non-threatening temperament and outstretched hand, you can develop a wide range of acquaintances and friends. You recognize that all share a common human nature and display tolerance, sympathy and understanding of people's frailties, with a worldly attitude that prevents suffering from any overidealistic expectations or illusions. Usually your perceptions are accurate and realistic, and you know that people inevitably pass through times of stress and confusion, so that you rarely condemn or criticize others through insensitive comment and attitude.

You are not gullible, however, and will steer away from those who take advantage of others or selfishly abuse their feelings. You share with those able to benefit from your company and support, appreciating others' qualities and allowing for the inevitable weaknesses which will also be displayed. While you are well balanced in both public and personal relationships, you prefer to maintain independence, especially in protecting privacy; you may become touchy if anyone crosses the demarcation lines that you have established. This indicates the lunar need to establish habit patterns and protective barriers; and, if you suspect that your rights are being ignored, you will fight any oppression or be angry at whoever is infringing upon your 'territory'. Your actions may surprise any who have not previously seen your instinctive reactions to such situations.

You meet challenges and difficulties positively, applying effort to transcend or resolve them. However, your self-image is strong enough not to collapse when failures are encountered. Obviously there will be disappointments; you take a philosophical approach to life, shrug your shoulders, and carry on. This attitude is particularly useful if you enter the business world, where your enterprising nature can prove successful, especially when you are following instincts; and acting on those feelings should usually reap profitable results.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Mars indicates intensity of feeling and emotion, which you relieve by applying yourself to creative activities. You do more than just what is physically required whenever you can. If necessary, you are willing to compromise your desires by making adjustments. You meet people halfway and enjoy good relationships with a large number of friends, associates, and relatives. You may not be satisfied in all areas of your life, but then who is? On the whole you should be able to deal with people more easily than most. You have mastered the art of relating to people, and can even chastise someone without being abusive or violent. Even when you display temper or fight for your rights, you don't give an impression of hatred. You don't generally interfere with others, and prefer that they respect your right to privacy as well.

Your psychological alignment allows you to function easily with the public and in personal relationships. You are sufficiently sure of yourself that you don't feel threatened by associates or competitors. You have faith in yourself and in those with whom you enjoy a close emotional contact. When challenged, you quietly accept it and cope as

best you can, but you don't get uptight if you don't succeed. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude helps conserve your abundant energy for important matters. You have a good imagination and the energy to express it well in your job and in avocational interests. Children respond well to your influence because you don't expect them to act older than they are.

You are not afraid to express your feelings toward those you care for because you don't have any hangups about your affections not being returned. People can't help but be impressed with your attitude and behavior. You put others at ease and make them feel welcome in your company. But you don't warm up to persons who are dishonest with you, for they are not worth the effort. You are reasonably independent, because you don't feel emotionally obligated to anyone. Nor do you hold others to account, unless they feel it naturally. Permissive to a fault, you enjoy warm, personal relationships with many types of people. You give everyone the benefit of the doubt in fulfilling what you expect of them, but you don't ignore them when they fail. You find qualities to admire in everyone, and you don't categorize them in neat little pigeonholes.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother influence on this individual is a healthy one. If the child is motherdominated, or has a chart so aspected that he can accept what the mother has to offer, he grows to be an adult who can receive emotional relationships in a positive manner. He is receptive emotionally, he enjoys relationships, and he looks for healthy emotional involvements. He is that lucky person who picks a lover who is good for him.

He is able to participate emotionally in the work he does, enjoys the interaction between fellow employees, and participates in life from a full viewpoint. Action taken will support his emotional needs. Creative action will be full of joy. Because his emotional and sexual needs are easily expressed, he can be supportive and helpful to those he loves.

Moon trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even the harmonious aspects between the Moon and Mars indicate great application, executive ability and energy. They also confer the fierceness and quick temper of the conjunction. The love of liberty is great in the sense that we will not think twice about defending our right to do whatever we most enjoy doing. We soon get our dander up over anything that irks us, no matter what others might think. On the other hand, we show elation when we feel fine, again regardless of whether it is the right time to do so. With Moon / Mars aspects we are liable to put our own interests first, though not necessarily with any evil intent. We are not easily thwarted and are sometimes startlingly

blunt and tactless.

Although these are harmonious aspects, the rashness of Mars is still very much in evidence. We are both bold and reckless. Pioneering and launching fresh projects are in our blood. With Moon / Mars aspects, we do best when working on our own. The harmonious aspects make us good self-starters. Here again, sporting and similar activities are splendid for shedding surplus energy.

A woman with such an aspect is often a bit mannish and would adapt well to military life. A man with such an aspect will feel himself drawn to rather belligerent women.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and bad contacts of these bodies operate in two distinct channels, corresponding to the positive and negative sides of Mars.

The positive side augments courage, daring, enterprise, and bodily vigour; the negative relates rather to the mental and intellectual parts, and frequently indicates a deep thinker. These two subtypes are very different; the one being essentially vigorous; the other profound. But in both cases there tends to be a practical outlook - it does not incline to a purely intellectual point of view though a large amount of air in the horoscope may introduce this.

For women it is commonly a very invigorating contact, endowing them with what is called 'rude health' and often producing a robust rather than a refined physique, and a tendency to be direct, outspoken, good-hearted and hard-hitting. This aspect, by itself, will often introduce a distinct Arianic element into the demeanour, so that it is easy to think that this sign is heavily tenanted. Such people take life as they find it and usually enjoy it to the full without much thought for the morrow. Occasionally the worse side may appear even with the good aspects.

Moon-Mars aspects generally do not seem to be particularly common in the horoscopes of soldiers, despite the vigour and combativeness they engender. Perhaps they dislike the disciplinary character of army life, and are readier to enlist when war is at hand than to undergo prolonged training in anticipation of fighting at a distant date, or perhaps not at all.

37) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♊ **North-Node** - (6°21' A) ♀8 | 005

(Betty Lundsted)

This configuration indicates a harmonious blending of the natives' own emotions and instinctive reactions with the prevailing social trends and attitudes. The natives instinctively know how to navigate the currents of changing popular beliefs to their own

advantage.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides a high emotional satisfaction level with considerable depth of imagination. Assistance from 'women' or the 'mother-figure' is noticed in their life. Emotional strength is really great in these people, and they can count upon it for a lot of achievement. During their past life, their duty as a 'mother' has been well-recognized so that they get to use past credit in this life. Cultivation of imagination and domestic talents are very significant in their life; and they occur very easily without too much effort.

(Donna van Toen)

Feelings are allowed full expression allowing easy growth on personal and interpersonal levels. Sometimes the childhood environment offers material or less tangible advantages that make growth easier to attain.

Moon trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The supremacy of feeling in a relationship of living together; an inner or emotional attitude towards other persons. Associations and contacts with the female sex.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart it attracts a woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

38) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°09' S) ♀ 1 | 005

Mars trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The desire to co-operate with others, comradeship, and team-spirit, a social conscience, the desire for progeny. The attainment of joint or shared successes, the stage of entering into union with others.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect invigorates the sexual nature and gives much vitality. In a woman's chart, it gives her the magnetism to draw a vital man into her life. For a man's chart, it shows

good sexual strength and strong vitality. It can give a feeling of independence because of the vital nature these people have. This person is well able to function physically in most things he attracts. He is able to undergo danger with great courage, and has great endurance in conflict. It gives practical application of energy to the affairs of Mars and the South Node.

39) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°47' S) ♂10 | ♀6

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, this indicates that you will have a good organising ability, using your concentrated will-power to make the maximum use of your talents and resources, provided that you have clearly defined your purposes in the light of your real potential.

The concept of a manipulator of energies - or magician - is evident; and you will naturally use subtle energies to help achieve your will; this may be applied either consciously with deliberation, or as an unconscious psychological projection or emanation from you. This ability can be developed through forms of self-training; and you are likely to be attracted to occultism, astrology, magic, yoga and science, appropriate areas in which to investigate subtle energies through personal experience. You may have a sense of underlying purpose in your life, perceived as a fated path which is unfolding naturally from within you, yet is a path that you feel you have to follow towards an unknown destination.

It can be that this meaningful path of purpose threading through your life has the effect of stimulating essential change and transformation in the lives of yourself and others, and is a 'calling' from the transpersonal dimension as reflected by Pluto.

You are capable of handling wisely any leadership or managerial responsibilities that you achieve; and you should be able to obtain the co-operation of others by your sensitivity to their feelings and openness to their ideas. Basically, you value people and have respect for others; and you use your powers of persuasion not to abuse the trust of others or take personal advantage, but to develop constructive harmony.

You accept the inevitability of change in life, especially in social spheres; and you may apply your talents to social transformation. You are less accepting of change in your intimate relationships, however, as you prefer things to remain in the same pattern once it has been satisfactorily established. You may feel inclined to use your 'subtle forces' to protect and restrict such a relationship; and whilst it may be quite protective in effect, you do have to remember the necessity for personal growth and development, and that an atmosphere of mutual freedom is preferable. If you choose your partner wisely, there is the potential for a relatively stable partnership to develop, where both can unfold their unique potentialities over many years.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Saturn to Pluto gives you the power of concentration. Instinctively you know how to manage your affairs for the most benefit. Your thinking is organized, your purposes are realistic, and your attention to duty guarantees success. You recognize that social changes are inevitable. You accept your responsibilities, knowing you can make an effective contribution and can participate in making productive changes in society.

You have the determination and persistence to succeed in any field in which management skills are essential. Because you consider carefully other people's values and feelings, you are better able to make decisions based on all the available facts. You can effectively manipulate individuals to achieve broad social changes, but you are impatient with those who without trying say they 'can't do this' or 'can't do that'. You are especially capable of handling the resources of a large industrial or social enterprise. In promoting and establishing programs for the benefit of everyone, you try to use public resources. You can stimulate government agencies to assist people in financial difficulties or those who are unable to help themselves.

You may seek a government position to better serve those who rely on your talents and persuasive abilities. Your efficiency may even stir your colleagues to assist you in reducing governmental waste. Because you are aware of what is useful and what is not, you might also serve the public by reducing expenditures and thus lowering taxes.

You have the power to transform the apathy of youth to excited participation in the affairs of their environment. You can dramatize to adults how their lethargy and indolence has resulted in depletion of public resources. You have much to offer, and you should make it available, for you know what's right and what's wrong with society.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father influenced this person's psyche in a constructive manner, teaching him how to co-operate with peers. The fears and cautions in life can be faced and handled; they will be similar to the father's and described by the sign and house placement. The father's role can be reviewed with little problem.

The aspect indicates a natural concern for the needs of the times, the needs of the masses, and the need for communications as it affects groups. It indicates individuals who fit in comfortably with the status quo.

Saturn trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, harmonious aspects between Saturn and Pluto indicate tremendous perseverance, a hefty power drive, and forceful behavior. We can become completely immersed in the things that fascinate us, and may toil long to achieve personal goals. With this combination, we cannot be provoked with impunity; but, like a skilled strategist, wait patiently for the chance to repay with interest whomever has offended us. We can work in a very disciplined manner, and have an unmistakable hunger for power, but handle it well: generally speaking, the harmonious aspects arouse little opposition.

Also, with the harmonious Saturn / Pluto aspects, we could be capable of very hard work, both physical and mental. Energy and tenacity are so great that we are able to push ourselves to the limit. Neither Saturn nor Pluto is propitious, even when the aspect they make with one another is propitious: they often cause difficulties - but leave us more than equal to them. We are always trying to prove ourselves both to ourselves and to others, and function well in trying circumstances or under (great) pressure; in fact it seems that it is only then that the full potential of these aspects is realized.

Because perseverance is so great and because we experience little resistance from outside (at least directly), we are liable - with the harmonious aspects - to dig our feet in on every issue, making no concessions to others. Using tight self-control, we express ideas in a disciplined, impassive, yet very decided way; and this can make us seem hard and unapproachable. Incidentally, there is a clue here as to why a Saturn / Pluto combination, much as it favors in-depth research of all kinds, does not encourage us to probe ourselves too deeply - even when the aspect is an easy one. Saturn, as we have seen, has a somewhat inhibiting effect on spiritual growth and transformation.

40) ► **Ascendant ASC Quincunx** ♄ **Jupiter** - (2°54' S) ♀1 | ♂8

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter inconjunct the Ascendant shows that you are generous in offering yourself in service to others. Although you really want to be helpful to anyone who needs your assistance, you lack the self-discipline to regulate your affairs so that you can help. You think nothing of making promises without the slightest idea whether or not you can fulfill them. You want to do so much that it is nearly impossible for you to remember what you promise to do and for whom. You insist on being allowed to indulge in your whims when you feel the urge. Remember, however, that when you offer your services, you are reminding people that they are unable to serve themselves. Don't wear out your welcome, trying to do for others what they are quite capable of doing for themselves.

An enormously talented person, you can do more than three other people together. You

have good intentions in seeking your goals, but the recognition you get may come from making many starts and few finishes. Feeling guilty for being blessed with so many creative potentials, you want to feel that you are using them as fully as possible. You will probably waste a lot of effort in unrewarding enterprises until you learn to direct your skills and efforts toward a specific objective, and acquire the determination to stay in one spot long enough to realize your ambitions.

Tender-hearted and genuinely concerned about less fortunate people, you are never too busy to listen to someone with a sob story. But you must take care that you aren't made the scapegoat when others are looking for someone to blame for things going wrong. You have a host of 'fair weather' friends who may suddenly disappear when you need them. This kind of experience should teach you to conserve your resources. You tend to shy away from examining your weaknesses realistically.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we manifest ourselves in the outside world via the Ascendant, the need to spread our wings obtrudes itself unpredictably; at one moment we are being more grandiose, enthusiastic, boastful and moralizing than intended, and at the next are being extremely helpful and friendly and are hoping to be admired for our niceness. Yet this behavior, too, is temporary, so that (as with any inconjunct) we appear to be very fickle.

What is more, we have problems expressing our outlook and opinions. The inconjunct to the Ascendant is inclined to make us misread situations, to say the wrong thing at the wrong time, and to suffer from misunderstandings. This in itself can create uncertainty. Nevertheless, we can learn how to combine the astro-influences after some crisis has helped us to understand their effects; and then the inconjunct can be extremely stimulating.

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