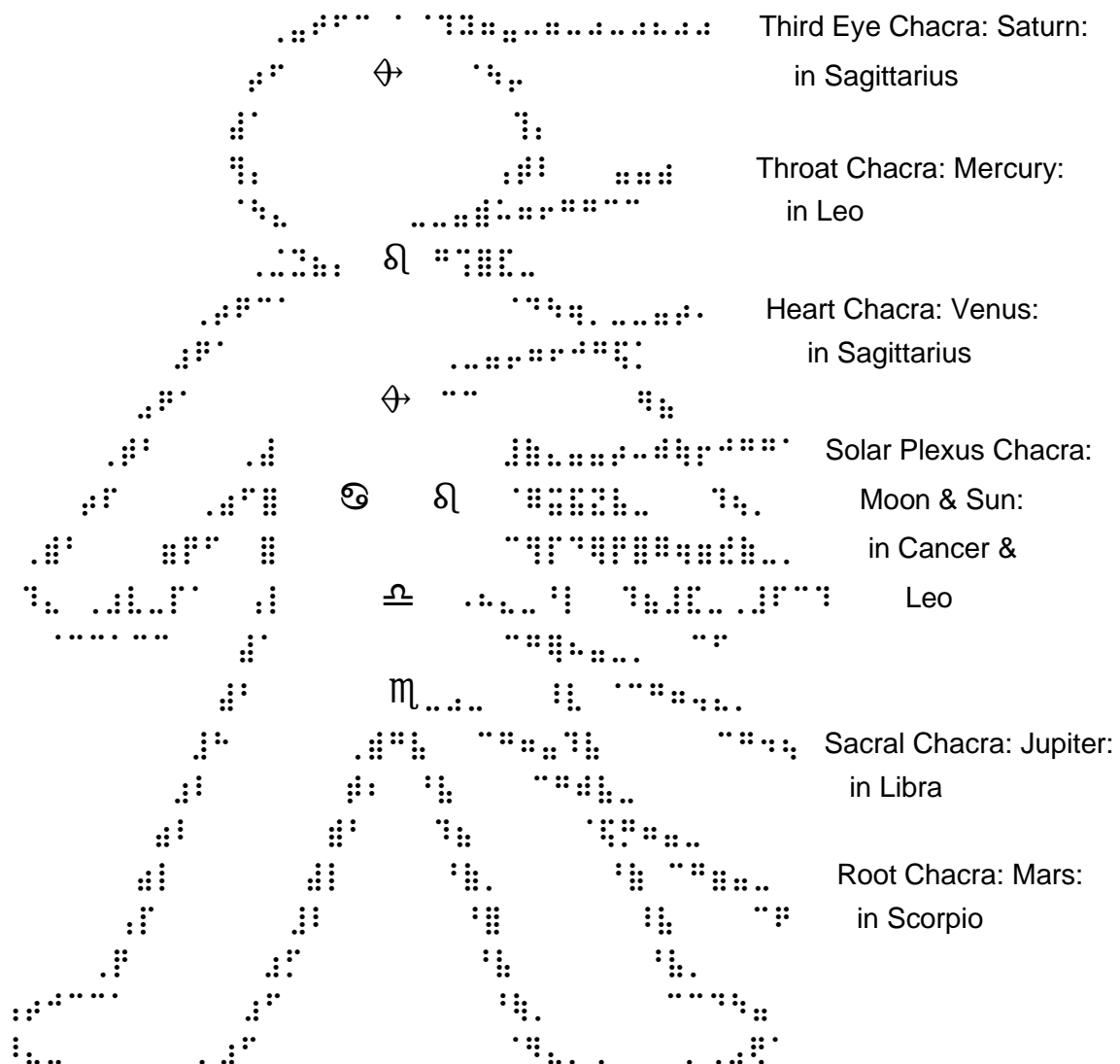


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Summaries

Leo Sun ☉ १ and ☾ Cancer Moon man

([766] i.thehoroscope.co)

A High Achieving Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Dependable, compassionate and spiritual;

Negatives: Pretentious, victimizing and fantasist;

Perfect partner: Someone who will allow these natives to take care of them;

Advice: They should try to channel more variety in their lives.

Sun ☉ in IX 9th House

([867] i.thehoroscope.co)

Always saying what they mean - Summary:

Strengths: Collaborative, sensual and knowledgeable;

Challenges: Vain, pessimistic and disrespectful;

Advice: They should seek ways in which to enlighten themselves.

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 9th Nakshatra: Ashlesha

Short Version [2]

Strength: independent, clever, versatile, sharp, philosophical, entertaining, multiple occupations, seductive, gains through spirituality, passionate and disciplined when interested in topic, ability to accomplish greatness when motivated.

Weakness: mental instability, nervous, depressed, moody, deceptive, tactless, lacking social skills, impolite, careless, selfish, secretive, detached, ungrateful, unpopular, introspective, reclusive, blunt, unappreciative, possessive, breaks the rules, scattered, unproductive.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in first pada

(16°40'-20°00' degrees Cancer): Sagittarius navamsa. You are wise, and not afraid to let

others know it. You are often authoritative. You have no problem making decisions or guiding people in the direction you believe to be right. You are hardworking and devoted to your religious faith.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♌ Leo man

([892] i.thehoroscope.co)

No one should dare to contradict him - In a nutshell:

Positives: Persuasive and bold;

Negatives: Contradictory and aggressive;

Soulmate: Someone who has some kind of special-interest;

Life lesson: Not getting too hung up on small disputes or incidents.

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 ♐ Sagittarius man

([937] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Dynamic and enthusiastic;

Negatives: Unpredictable and impatient;

Soulmate: Someone who is honest and straightforward;

Life lesson: Taking the time to be more observant.

Venus ♀ in I 1st House

([945] i.thehoroscope.co)

Self-expression is crucial - Summary:

Strengths: Magnetic, likeable and affectionate;

Challenges: Possessive and superficial;

Advice: Understanding that not all arguments can be won.

Neutral: Indulgent personalities

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 XII 12th House

([992] i.thehoroscope.co)

Making their dreams come true - Summary:

Strengths: Emotional, direct and creative;
Challenges: Secretive and insecure;
Advice: Avoid living in the past once you've learned its lessons.

Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Libra man

([999] i.thehoroscope.co)

A balance of needs is required - In a nutshell:

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

Jupiter ♃ in XI 11th House

([1015] i.thehoroscope.co)

A knack for successful endeavors - Summary:

Strengths: Loving, knowledgeable and lucky;
Challenges: Manipulative and lazy;
Advice: They need to focus on their education more.

Saturn ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([1025] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Truthful and exploring;
Top qualities: Direct, knowledgeable and justitiary;
Challenges: Tactless and prone to anger outbursts;
Advice: Remember that mind beats intuition when it comes to risk.

Saturn ♄ in I 1st House

([1029] i.thehoroscope.co)

Keeping their promises, always - Summary:

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

Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo man

([1046] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Sensual and sympathetic;
Top qualities: Observant, reliable and modest;
Challenges: Fussy and easily offended;
Advice: Physical exercise is really good for you.

Uranus ☿ in X 10th House

([1062] i.thehoroscope.co)

Looking to express themselves freely - Summary:

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

Neptune ♆ in ♋ Cancer man

([1068] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Idealistic and Sociable;
Top qualities: Stable, patriotic, gentle and understanding;
Challenges: Pessimism and the need to see everything with one's eyes;
Advice: You could support your friends in more practical ways.

Neptune ♆ in VIII 8th House

([1084] i.thehoroscope.co)

Generous souls - Summary:

Strengths: Observant, analytical and decisive;
Challenges: Impulsive and moody;
Advice: They should set some boundaries in their relationships.

Pluto ♇ in ♍ Virgo man([1094] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Healing and perceptive;
Top qualities: Committed, perfectionistic and sensual;
Challenges: Fussy and disruptive;
Advice: You can gain more efficiency when working with others.

Pluto ♇ in X 10th House

([1110] i.thehoroscope.co)

There is no middle ground - Summary:

Strengths: Creative, firm and visionary;
Challenges: Manipulative, disrespectful and complex;
Advice: They need to learn how to talk and communicate effectively with different kinds of people.

North Node ♏ in ♒ Aquarius

([1123] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Idealistic, attentive and kind-hearted;

Challenges: Dramatic, rude and selfish

Kindhearted and expressive, True visionaries

South Node ♏ in ♌ Leo

([1129] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, lucky, talented and inspirational;

Challenges: Stubborn, overly-dramatic and emotional;

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

North Node ♏ in III 3rd House (Gemini)

([1115] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Straightforward, honest and friendly;

Challenges: Unpredictable and too curious

Charming companions, A need to keep changing

South Node ♏ in IX 9th House (Sagittarius)

([1133] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, honest, adventurous and witty;

Challenges: Obstinate and insecure;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♓ Pisces

([1148] elsaelsa.com)

Street Saint

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in IV 4th House

([1152] elsaelsa.com)

Deep Roots

► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ☉ Sun - (0°28')** ♋1 | ♏9

([11] astromatrix.org:) Paparazzi Magnet

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership 2. Overcoming Self-Consciousness

Challenges: 1. Taking Charge of Your Fate 2. Exploring the Mystical

► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°13') ♄1 | ♀12

([56] astromatrix.org;) Short Fuse

Opportunities: 1. Developing Creative Life Goals 2. Finding Your Direction Forward

Challenges: 1. Respecting Other's Opinion 2. Learning to Compromise

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Moon** - (0°06') ♃2 | ♄8

([161] astromatrix.org;) The Possessive

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Mercury** - (1°33') ♄9 | ♄9

([3] astromatrix.org;) Mental Focus

Opportunities: 1. Building a Self-Directed Life 2. Living by Your Own Values

Challenges: 1. Showing Your Vulnerabilities 2. Bringing People Closer

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°45') ♄9 | ♀12

([5] astromatrix.org;) The Fighter

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership Roles 2. Taking on Big Challenges

Challenges: 1. Being More Selfless in Relationships 2. Empathy Toward Others

► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°48') ♄9 | ♀12

([29] astromatrix.org;) Quick Tongue

Opportunities: 1. Working with Self-Expression 2. Gaining a Greater Grace

Challenges: 1. Looking After Your Body 2. Listening More

► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (0°16' S) ♄1 | ♄1

([47] astromatrix.org;) The Social Charmer

Opportunities: 1. Nurturing Your Sensitivity 2. Finding Profound Love

Challenges: 1. Accepting Compromise 2. Giving Socially

► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♀ Moon** - (5°54' A) ♄8 | ♄8

([25] astromatrix.org;) Emotional Power

Opportunities: 1. Capitalizing on Your Sensitivity 2. Getting the Emotional Support You Need

Challenges: 1. Changing as You Go Through Life 2. Building an Empathetic Career

► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Mercury** - (1°29' A) ♄9 | ♄9

([3] astromatrix.org;) Mental Focus

Opportunities: 1. Building a Self-Directed Life 2. Living by Your Own Values

Challenges: 1. Showing Your Vulnerabilities 2. Bringing People Closer

► **Sun ☉ Square ♂ Mars** - (6°37' A) ♄9 | ♀12

([379] astromatrix.org;) The Discontented Seeker

Opportunities: 1. Planning Better 2. Having More Direction

Challenges: 1. Having Empathy for Others' Opinions 2. Overcoming Impulsivity

► **Saturn ♄ Square ♀ Lilith - (1°29' A)** ♄1 | ♀4

([658] astromatrix.org:) Becoming Yourself

Opportunities: 1. Self-Actualization 2. Breaking through boundaries

Challenges: 1. Sacrificing your assets 2. Taming your wild emotions

► **Moon ☾ Trine ♂ Mars - (7°44' A)** ☾8 | ♂12

([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°30' 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°14' A)** ♂12 | ♀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) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°13') ♋1 | ♎12
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°54') ♋1 | ♋1
- 3) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°26') ♋1 | ♏10
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°31') ♏7 | ♏8
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°45') ♏9 | ♎12
- 6) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°26') ♏9 | ♋1
- 7) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°02') ♏9 | ♏10
- 8) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°03') ♏9 | ♏8
- 9) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (1°04') ♏9 | ♎3
- 10) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°48') ♏9 | ♎12
- 11) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°07') ♏9 | ♋1
- 12) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°35') ♏9 | ♏10
- 13) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°30') ♏9 | ♏8
- 14) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°29') ♏9 | ♎3
- 15) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°19') ♎12 | ♋1
- 16) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°47') ♎12 | ♏10
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°42') ♎12 | ♏8
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°19') ♎12 | ♎3
- 19) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°28') ♋1 | ♏10
- 20) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°23') ♋1 | ♏8
- 21) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°38') ♋1 | ♎3
- 22) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°05') ♏10 | ♏8
- 23) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel ♎ South-Node** - (1°01') ♏8 | ♏9
- 24) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (0°16' S) ♋1 | ♋1
- 25) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (9°46' A) ♋1 | ♋1
- 26) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (5°54' A) ♏8 | ♏8
- 27) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (8°54' A) ♏8 | ♏8

- 28) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **South-Node** - (1°08' S) ♎9 | ♎9
- 29) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♄ **Neptune** - (3°00' A) ♎8 | ♎8
- 30) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♀ **South-Node** - (0°21' A) ♎9 | ♎9
- 31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°02' A) ♎1 | ♎1
- 32) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (3°09' S) ♏10 | ♏10
- 33) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (3°15' A) ♎8 | ♏10
- 34) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°20' S) ♏12 | ♏10
- 35) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°29' S) ♏12 | ♏10
- 36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°00' S) ♎1 | ♏3
- 37) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Sextile** ♄ **Neptune** - (3°24' S) ♏10 | ♎8
- 38) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°15' S) ♎8 | ♏10
- 39) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (6°37' A) ♎9 | ♏12
- 40) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (7°21' A) ♎8 | ♏11
- 41) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (4°21' S) ♏11 | ♎8
- 42) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♅ **Uranus** - (5°25' A) ♎1 | ♏10
- 43) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°16' A) ♎1 | ♏10
- 44) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°08' S) ♎9 | ♎1
- 45) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°44' A) ♎8 | ♏12
- 46) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (4°44' S) ♏12 | ♎8
- 47) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♎ **North-Node** - (7°22' A) ♏11 | ♏3

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♌ Leo 19° 3'

(Betty Lundsted)

Leo is a Fire sign, but the Leo energy expresses differently from the Aries. Aries are personally and emotionally idealistic whereas the Leo type is far more intellectual about it. Leos are not as selfish as Aries. Like Aries, Leos are born into a father-dominated atmosphere, but the effect of the father shows in a different way. For example, Leos live in a more intellectual fantasy world than do Aries.

Religion and ethics are important to Leos because they usually get overdosed with both when they are children. They get a wonderful but unrealistic code of ethics from the

father. Because they are immersed in ethics, in rigid codes of behavior, Leos impose difficult life situations on themselves. The difficulties tie into a subconscious message these children pick up from the father. Ethics can be a subtle cover for the disease called perfectionism. Perfectionism doesn't leave any margin for error, and when one must be perfect, one becomes either horribly judgemental of the behavior of others, or frightened of doing anything new. Heaven forbid a mistake should be made while trying something new! This subconscious need is a difficult position for Leos to work out of; they restrict themselves and say things like 'I wouldn't be caught dead doing that.'

Approval is another quality Leos pick up from their father.... All Leos want to be approved of. Many people think that Leos are pompous, but that doesn't seem to be the case - they are really in need of approval. They are afraid that they may not get it. So they withdraw, waiting for some sign of appreciation. It's important for Leos to learn self-approval, for that is the key to the proper use of their energy. When approval comes from within, one doesn't need to look outside oneself for recognition. This frees up the natural energy for constructive purposes.

Idealism is very much a part of Leos - they can radiate enthusiasm for new causes and new ideas for which they have a basic respect. They are not afraid to accept responsibility. Once their word is given, they try to stick to it. This puts Leo types into managerial positions, for they take responsibility seriously.

The entire life is affected by the influence of the father because the ethics learned from him are applied to every possible life situation. There are standards for work, for social life, for love. In exploring the parental experiences with Leos, they don't find their ethics really coming from the mother. Clients who have either been abandoned by the father, or who have been born into a family where the father is very old, seem to have the most difficulty getting in touch with themselves. For Leos who have no visible father influence, it's most difficult. They don't know where they get their standards from, and they can end up feeling like outcasts. Leos born into unusual situations, such as not easily fitting into the environment because of a racial or an ethnic or a religious split between the parents, may live lives of self-condemnation.

The other side of Leo manifests when the child decides that the universe just will not approve of him, or will not respect him; he therefore has no self-respect. A Leo woman will throw herself into the most demanding of situations involving her love life, and a Leo man may take on a sexual relationship that causes him tremendous inner pain. For example, I was consulted by a Leo man living in an 'open marriage' who said it was wonderful. It took several meetings before he admitted that he had agreed to this kind of experience because of his wife. She decided he was not sexually interesting enough for her. He couldn't force himself to consider losing her and his status in the community. When an idealistic person succumbs to a situation he doesn't think is ethical, the inner pain is heart-breaking. Fire signs can die of a broken heart; when they become wounded and hurt, they may begin causing pain to themselves. One may conclude that the Fire

sign person is more susceptible to masochism than some of the other signs.

The Leo female is influenced by the attitudes of her father. She therefore tends to look for a place in the world that puts her either into a profession or in a place of trust in a business situation. She needs approval on her job, and she needs to be treated with 'proper respect' at all times or she gets very hurt and outwardly quite negative. As far as her father's influence on her romantic life is concerned, she, too, like her Aries sister, is looking for a knight in shining armor to come and save her from her plight. But he must let her be the boss after he gets her! These needs cause confusion in relationships. A Leo woman will often align herself with inferior types of men, for she, too, is being the 'masculine' head of the household. Since she wants approval, she finds it difficult to let her mate get close to her. She can't let anyone see her imperfections. Her married life is often based on what she thinks she must do in order to maintain approval from the community. She will stay in bad situations because, as the old adage goes, she made her bed and now she must lie in it. Often she lies in that bed because her husband gave her approval and respect before the marriage - and she was so flattered by it that she never looked to see what kind of person he really was.

Some Leo women have been so adversely affected by the father image that they don't function well sexually. They want the absolutely perfect partner and, therefore, tend to judge each new candidate so harshly that they can reach sixty years of age and wind up never marrying. Rigid codes of behavior regarding sexual activity may be strictly enforced, so much so that the Leo female never gets a chance to experience life without guilt. Usually this happens when the Leo child is raised with a strong religious upbringing. One of my Leo clients 'saved herself' until she was forty-two years old and married a man who wanted her to be a virgin. When the knot was tied, she found that he was impotent. At forty-four, she had been married for two years and still was a virgin. Obviously not all Leos are so adversely influenced by the father, but the natal chart will give a good idea about the effect of idealistic ethical training regarding sex.

The Leo male is one who normally has a double standard. He wants to be strong like his father; he wants to be perfect as he thinks his father is; and he spends his life trying to live up to his father's standards. He can pursue a career in a responsible way and assume positions of authority. Leos often choose a profession or a career in high management. If the early environment does not encourage education, the adult Leo will look for work where he is known and respected for his integrity and ability. Leos are trustworthy and devoted employees if they are given a responsible position, and often they will assume responsibilities for which they are not being paid. They give their all for the position they hold, and expect respect and approval for what they have done. Leo men can be terribly wounded if they are shoved in a corner after having given twenty years to a company.

Again, there is a need for counseling regarding self-approval rather than looking to others for it. When we are centred within ourselves, we can withdraw from the emotions

of the situation at hand and begin to see how the situation is really going.

When Leos give their trust to someone, they seldom re-evaluate it. For example, friendships formed early in life are held in the same regard years later even though those friends may have changed considerably. Leos have a tremendous loyalty toward established friendships. If the friend has had a change of values or ethics, Leo doesn't want to see where the friend has gone. He will defend his friend to the end!

The idealism of Leos often draws them toward working in the political arena, but poor Leo doesn't do too well there. They bring idealism into the ball game, and find it difficult to handle the political situations - the deals, the graft, the political compromises that are sometimes made within the various political party structures. They may trust their fellow politicians too much, not realizing that each new election brings about a change in attitude for 'the party'. They may not recognize the wheeler-dealers until it's too late, and their reputations can suffer. The inner suffering that Leos feel is not always visible, but the pain is intense.

The Leo male brings idealism into his relationships as well. He wants to be King in his castle, which is fine. But when things are not going his way he tends to withdraw into silence and loneliness. It's difficult for him to talk about his sensitivities and hurts in a relationship (and no matter how much we love each other, we will sometimes unknowingly hurt each other). The Leo is so sensitive that one sees him withdraw when another person inadvertently uses words he doesn't understand - or if he feels his position isn't respected enough. Many Leo men don't want their wives to work because they feel their position in the community will be jeopardized.

Their standards are noble. Because of this, they may even have sexual difficulties, for 'one doesn't have sex with a woman one loves'. Leos can put the people they love on such a high pedestal that they don't want to touch the loved one. If the Leo man marries a comfortably sensual, sexual woman,, she may begin to resent the fact that she doesn't get the loving she needs - or that she has what is called the 'dull' lover who just goes through the motions with no feeling. Often, Leo men who come from a background where sex was forbidden don't have a strong sexual relationship with their wives. They may function better with a woman they don't love, for then they can relate to her sexually. The idealism of the Fire signs is not always easy to live with. Idealism has to be re-evaluated on a conscious level if there is to be a happy and fulfilling emotional life. Leos tend to live lives of quiet desperation because they don't question the basis of their ethical decisions. Their reasons are often 'one simply does'.

We've heard that Leos can be judgemental - and they can be. They usually apply the ethics learned from the father on the universe around them, without considering the fact that each person is different. Each of us has a path to walk, and each of us must find his / her answers for him- / herself. Leos try to tell us how to live without considering what our needs are. And there is more to judgement - for it often makes the judge 'better' than

the person judged. Perfection is Leo and the rest of the world is not as good. This quality sounds distasteful - but it is merely an offshoot of the need for approval. 'I want approval', says Leo, 'so I will disapprove of you'.

The creative energy will manifest in Leo types when they re-evaluate their personal ethics, examine the foundation of any ethical decisions, and consider developing a code of ethics that allows them to grow.

The Leo personality is attracted toward power, influence and being in the spotlight, where people notice them and where they can perform. If you can achieve such positions, then self-confidence rapidly expands; you will be more successful when you act from positions of responsibility and authority. Yet underlying these needs are feelings of insecurity and uncertainty regarding your abilities; and these need transcending by attaining some success. You have the opportunity to inspire others towards greater achievements, unless you become too obsessed with exerting power and influence over others.

Once your direction and aims are determined, you can apply your powerful will to great personal advantage. You have a basic optimistic faith in the future and in your ability to meet life's challenges, and can have a secret conviction of performing some act of destiny in life, under the inspiration of unknown intangible forces which you believe are personally beneficial.

You can be quite highly strung, occasionally quick to anger, although tending to forgive people who you feel have wronged you. Your temperament is outgoing, expressing goodwill and geniality towards others, although you can also greatly enjoy those hours when you can be alone, quiet and with yourself. Problems that may arise are confronted and tackled with enough energy to dispose of them; you do not allow problems to persist or attempt to evade them.

You have a strong quality of pride, dignity, integrity, loyalty and generosity; and you try to stay true to your beliefs and values. You can be dominating in your social sphere, having an independent, outspoken and frank communicative style which can upset those who react against a direct, blunt approach. Sometimes you tend to play to the 'audience' and 'go over the top' in terms of what is acceptable, and so you can lose friends or acquaintances through your comments. You can be an effective persuader, articulate and capable of communicating your ideas and enthusiasms. You are sincere in whatever you do, wanting only peace and harmony to exist around you. You tend to have extravagant tastes, but try to ensure that those spending habits remain prudent; and you hate to get into financial trouble, although you can be tempted to buy on spontaneous impulse.

You have a need to be dominant, at least at home, and this can cause some friction between personalities, especially if your partner is equally wilful and assertive. There is a

strong need for freedom and independence, which, with a sometimes authoritarian attitude, can create partnership disputes. Dramatic artistic types can often attract you, but it is likely that once the passion wanes, personality clashes will later occur. You require an intelligent partner, and have a strong impulse to share, which can involve sacrifice by you, especially when it contradicts your natural urge to satisfy purely personal desires.

You rarely feel content with any achievements, always driving onwards; and you can be an inspiring teacher, helping others to fulfil their potential. You need mental stimulation, and this helps you avoid becoming fixed in attitudes and opinions. You may choose to associate with humanitarian groups, but can be too individualistic to stay, unless you are the leader. Sometimes you feel unappreciated, and become moody. You need a distinct purpose and life direction, and can serve selflessly, but you often look for the applause too.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have the Sun in Leo are generally good-natured, enthusiastic, confident and gregarious. You are an amiable and well-liked companion, popular with men and women, young and old alike. Your favorite role, however, is that of the lover; and you can be amorous and ardent. Actually, you are in love with being in love, with being the centre of your beloved's attention and with the excitement and drama of love's first blush.

Leo is the sign of self-expression, and you seek to express yourself with flair in all you do. Highly creative, you may choose some artistic form through which to express yourself. Many artists have the Sun in Leo. At the very least, you love beauty and don't hesitate to adorn yourself and your home with fine (and often showy) clothing, furnishings and artwork.

Or, you may consider your children to be expressions of your creativity. Most probably, you enjoy children, especially their vitality and joie de vivre. At best, you are an inspiration to your sons and daughters, a loving benefactor and protector; at worst, you can be a petty despot and treat your children as your subjects and slaves.

Though you have a high opinion of yourself, you need others to reinforce your ego and to serve as your admirers and followers. In short, you need an audience. It is important for you to be the focus of everyone's attention; and you will do just about anything to keep the spotlight on yourself. This desire to be at centre stage might lead you to a career in the theatre. Whether or not you pursue acting professionally, however, you have a natural talent for drama and theatrics which you are likely to employ in all areas of your life. With your powerful persona, regal bearing and lack of modesty, you make your presence known in any crowd.

You see your 'role' in life as that of the leader. You possess natural leadership ability and project such confidence and authority that you inspire others to follow you unquestioningly.

However, you feel you should automatically be granted power, as if by Divine right, and might not be willing to work your way to the top. Though you are ambitious, you can be lazy, and only want to work at jobs that offer you prestige, glamor, power or a good time; where you can exhibit your 'star' quality and garner the attention and respect of others.

You long to be 'king'; to have absolute authority and the total devotion and adoration of all. Though you'd prefer to be a benevolent monarch, you can be ruthless and cruel to those who don't show you the respect you feel you deserve. You can't bear insubordination or anything that injures your enormous but rather fragile ego.

Your greatest gift is your ability to inspire others, whether on the battlefield, the playing field on the stage. Your greatest failings, however, result from your exaggerated sense of self-importance and prideful arrogance.

(Sydney Omarr)

Leo females

Leo women have a flair for the dramatic: they abhor the humdrum, the ordinary, the routine. These women believe in living life as if a spotlight were turned on - they are not always exhibitionists, but they certainly want you to be aware of them. A touch, a gesture, an expression - a secret signal - these are all important to the women born under this zodiacal sign.

If you want a really good hint concerning the feminine Leo, just remember to recognize her. She wants and needs recognition. Stand up when she enters the room. Smile in a special way; let her know that what you do is done especially for her. You can win her and hold her if your manner is regal. Carried to extremes, of course, this could be ridiculous. You must use your judgement. The Leo woman helps you to become familiar with the finer things of life. She is in rhythm, with the nuances of life. It is motion, animation - the opposite of drudgery, of repeated action leading to a rut.

A Leo woman is in love with love: romance is as essential as food and drink. Affection is a necessity. Her personal magnetism is strong: she attracts members of the opposite sex. It is all right to be jealous as long as you don't let her know it. Be calm and cool. Admire her. Once you lose your temper or show weakness by being obviously jealous, you begin to lose out with this lady. Let her win you! Make yourself a fascinating challenge. Indeed, you learn a great deal by being involved with a Leo woman. The involvement may tire you, but you learn and live and love.

Leo males

If you're looking for secret hints concerning Leo men, then you automatically mark yourself as an unusual woman. This is not to say that you are necessarily a wise woman - but certainly unusual! It seems that Leo men attract persons - especially women - with unique personalities, talents, problems, etc.. A Leo man is fiery and romantic; he demands attention and can become jealous, offended or aloof if he feels you regard him as anything less than kingly. He tends to be inflexible and seeks - generally to your surprise - stability. He likes to get around and to be seen and heard, but he wants to return to the lair and be cuddled, cooed at and reassured.

A Leo man is never satisfied merely to be great: he wants to be told so. He is attractive to women; he seems to draw them like flies. He doesn't mind if you're jealous - he even enjoys it. But he does not like you to make scenes. The best way to hold the interest of this man is to be quietly dramatic. He is fascinated by subtle women. If you shout, you are lost. But try wiping away a tear, then holding up your chin as if nothing happened. Make sure, however, that he sees you! he'll melt; he'll change from a lion into a purring kitten. A Leo man can be taken advantage of; he enjoys being the centre of intrigue. You can lead him to a trap and even make him fall in. But, unless you keep him interested, he will get up and get out.

He is a natural showman; he likes the theatre but he dislikes theatrics. He admires beauty but shies away from the obvious: from women who use too much make-up; from women who cry openly; from women who laugh too loudly; from women who steal the limelight. He is a man of tremendous pride; you can win him and woo him and do almost anything you want with him if only you will remember to compliment him. He wants to be proud of you but he wants you to keep your place as a woman. He believes in equal rights for men and women, but he wants you to believe that he is just a little better. He wants you to be independent, but to completely depend upon him. He is a rather impossible person, but at least you've been warned!

(Sasha Fenton)

Most Leonine people are good-hearted, generous, helpful, good to their families, absolutely reliable and dead honest, but a minority are not. I have come across one or two really cold-hearted confidence tricksters born under this sign. These are the sort of people who couldn't be trusted to cross from one side of a room to another without causing some heartache. To be honest, these types are few and far between; and if a Leo does let you down, it will normally be due to either laziness or the simple fact that his circumstances have changed.

Leos are proud people who, except for the rogue type which I mentioned before, have great integrity. To accuse a Leo of stealing or of taking advantage of another is to risk having your head removed from your body. Leos can be irritable and very bad-tempered,

but their bad temper usually evaporates quickly. Fatigue and hunger have a bad effect on the Leo temper, and Leonine women become extremely irritable and depressed when premenstrual. Leos can panic when under pressure; but after the initial dramatics, their brains engage and they cope marvellously. The natural Leonine state is a cheerful, charming youthful one. Leos are realists, but they take a view of life which leans towards optimism, so they bounce back from problems and they can always find something good to look forward to. These subjects have very high standards and will often work harder and be far more successful than their colleagues. This earns them a good deal of jealousy and spite from less successful types. Leos instinctively understand that the harder they work, the luckier they are, and that a pleasant and co-operative manner will advance their cause better than a sour or hostile one. Leonine people can be awkward, arrogant, insufferable, unco-operative and idle; but they usually reserve this kind of behaviour for people towards whom they feel contemptuous, or occasionally for their own families.

Leos usually make excellent parents, neither smothering their children nor neglecting them. They respect the innate dignity of children, and will try to keep the lines of communication open whatever the circumstances. Some Leo fathers can be too loud, bossy and disciplinarian, but they usually mean well and, unless the child is exceptionally timid, he understands this. One fault which I see in myself is that I try to protect my children from pain, and find it almost impossible to step back and watch them experience unpleasant circumstances at first hand.

Leos have a strange work pattern, interspersing periods of frenetic activity with times of utter idleness. Many people watching their Leo spouse or offspring spending three days in a row stretched out on the sofa begin to wonder if there is something seriously wrong with them; but as soon as the planets shift around a bit and the Leo's energy level is replenished, he gets up and gets going again.

This is a fixed sign which means that Leos don't like change, preferring to stick to a job or relationship until it becomes clear that it really has no future for them. One way to shift them is to treat them unfairly over money and to make them repeatedly ask for what is due to them, while another way is to continually change the rules and blame them for the ensuing muddle, or to treat them with contempt. There is no way the Leo will stay in a job if he is not properly paid and if agreements are not met. The surest way to shift a Leo wife is to force her to be dependent, then pay her irregularly and insufficiently whilst, at the same time, being vaguely angry and totally uncommunicative. These methods are, of course, last resorts!

The typical Leo may be tall or short, but is usually good-looking and on the plump side. A Leo can be a determined dieter but is never really well or happy when he loses weight. Leo men sweep their hair back from their foreheads, while Leonine ladies have lots of thick hair which sweeps and swirls around their faces. Many Leos have a strangely forward-facing and direct gaze which can make them look a bit like a chimpanzee, while

others have chubby cheeks and twinkling eyes. Leo colouring can range from fair, through red, to very dark, but the skin is usually pale or sallow and looks far better with a suntan. Some Leos have a characteristically regal stance, walking slowly and in a very erect manner as if they were balancing a crown on their heads, while others prow like restless lions. Most astrology books accuse Leos of being extravagant, always buying and wearing wonderful clothes. This is simply not so. Leos wear whatever is necessary for their work and then come home, rip the lot off and sit around in an old track suit. Neither do they have the kind of patience which allows them to fiddle with their appearance. They may spend money on a weight-loss programme once in a while, but that's about all. On the other hand, Leos hate buying or wearing rubbish, and would rather have a couple of good-quality outfits which they wear to death.

The traditional areas of health weakness for Leos are the spine and the heart. Leos like to eat and drink well, which leads to obesity and too much cholesterol in the arteries, which, coupled with their rather tense nature, can be dangerous for the heart. The way to deal with all this is as obvious as it is boring, because it means that Leos should strive to keep a moderate life-style without too much stress, while following a 'good' diet and taking regular exercise. Unfortunately, few manage to achieve this.

Leos must enjoy their work, or they simply won't stick at it; and they need to be among pleasant and cheerful companions. Leos are well-organised, and they enjoy taking responsibility, and have no fear of handling large and costly projects. They can be excellent salespeople if their heart is in their product, but some Leos have to beware of bordering on becoming 'pressure salesmen' or confidence tricksters. Many Leos are drawn to the world of entertainment, and can happily use their talents on the stage, in films or on television, while others are happier to work behind the scenes as camera, sound or lighting engineers. Leos can be found working as theatrical agents or happily demonstrating computers at specialist exhibitions. These subjects love to be where it is all happening and to be part of the creative process, but they may not be quite as dramatic and showy as most astrology books seem to imply. Many Leos work on the land, in industry and in education; but, although there is no specifically Leonine career, they all need to be clean and comfortable, and to feel as if their contribution counts. Many Leos choose to work in glamorous and up-market industries which give them status. Some Leos allow themselves to become bossy and arrogant, which does not endear them to their colleagues; while others can be lazy and indifferent. Traditional astrology suggests making or selling jewellery as a Leo career, but I haven't really surveyed this one. A quick round-up of my own Leo acquaintances reveals a secretarial administrator, an airline reservations agent, an insurance salesman, the editor of a small publication, one absolute crook, various show-business personalities, and an oil and gas engineer. Some Leos are workaholics who pressurise themselves into ever-increasing successes, due to an underlying fear of failure.

Leo hobbies can include almost anything, but they would probably be unusual, expensive, glamorous and not involving too many other people. The real 'biggy' here is

travel. Some Leos work in the travel or overseas property fields, partly in order to take advantage of the opportunities for cheap travel which these jobs provide. Other Leonine pursuits include sports and games of all kinds, some gambling within limits, and, of course, love affairs.

Many Leos enjoy working to raise money for charity or, more directly, by helping less fortunate people in some way. For example, when a Leo gets rid of his children's outgrown clothes, he usually tries to ensure that these are utilised by other, less well-off children. The Leo would, however, rather die than dress himself or his children in other people's cast-offs. This may look as if the Leo has a double standard in the way he sees his own needs and the needs of other people. As a fully paid-up member of the Leo tribe, I have to admit that it is just that: a double standard. It is not surprising, therefore, that many young Leonine mothers are excellent dressmakers.

There seems to be a need for change and adventure which can lead Leos to seek out stressful or dangerous hobbies; and most of them are instantly at home with computers.

Leos buy everything that their incomes will allow, and often as much as the finance companies will let them borrow too! Many Leos are high earners who will take an extra job or two to cover expenses if their main job is not bringing in enough money. If a Leo is careful with money, one can be sure that there are other factors on his or her birthchart which keep him or her in check. These subjects need a spacious and attractive home. They may not keep their homes in the latest style because, like Cancerians, they develop sentimental attachments to their belongings and surroundings. For much the same reason, they prefer to buy a house and then stay in it for many years, even when their families have flown the coop and left them with more space than they really need. If the Leo can acquire land, further property, a holiday apartment, a boat or two, and even an aeroplane, he / she will do so. Everything which enhances his / her life and makes for fun, as well as supreme comfort, is of interest to him / her. Leos believe that money is meant to circulate, to be spent and to be enjoyed. There is no Leo on the face of the earth who will put up with cramped conditions, cold or discomfort for one moment longer than is absolutely necessary. The typical Leo's home is well-proportioned and comfortable, but not necessarily filled with the latest goods or gadgets. Leos don't set out to impress their neighbours with their wealth or their possessions, but, if the neighbours happen to be impressed, the Leo won't mind one bit.

A nice car is a must for most Leos. Some of them prefer a sporty, high-performance vehicle, while others prefer a large, expensive and well-appointed saloon. Whatever car the Leo chooses, you can bet that it is impressive and definitely beyond his means. Leo snobbery ensures that their children attend the best possible schools and that everything they do or have is the best that is available. As far as holidays are concerned, the Leo would rather not travel than do so in discomfort. Leos are not particularly materialistic in the sense of deriving security from money and possessions, but they must have good music, good food, a good home and a good life.

Leos are relaters, so they rarely live alone, and are very attached to all members of their families and also to any pets. Leos grow up needing a lot of love, understanding and approval. They need to feel that they count, both out in the world and in their homes. On the whole, these people are not that hard to live with, although they do have some peculiarities which can irritate others. Leos are fussy, and they have high personal standards which they make seek to impose on others. They are also snobs. My Leo daughter won't shop in certain areas because she doesn't like the class of clientèle who frequent the shops! This behaviour doesn't seem a bit strange to a Leo. Their homes must be well-run and very comfortable, but they are not excessively tidy, as they prefer a home to be a home rather than a shop window. One rather odd fact that I have come across is that all Leos have a place where they leave notes telling themselves what they need to do over the next few days. When entertaining, they will do so lavishly and in style. Leos can be very ambitious, both for themselves and for their families, and therefore they expect their partners to get on in life. These subjects are fairly hard workers, especially when they have their minds set on some special ambition. They like their jobs, homes, families and children to have a status and standing in the community, and they derive great pride from this. Leonine subjects expect their partners and, indeed, other members of their families to put their backs into work too.

Leos are loyal and very warm-hearted, sociable, good to their friends, and very supportive of all members of their families. They will bend over backwards to help a partner; and their children are never short-changed when it comes to love, help and advice. Being members of a fixed sign, Leos don't chop and change regularly. They will stay in a relationship even when it isn't working; and divorce is really a last resort. If there is any chance that they might lose their children as a result of divorce, they simply won't go through with it. Leonine subjects can be very irritable at times; they take things to heart and blame themselves when things go wrong. They may also blame others, but they really do feel that they have let themselves down then mistakes occur. Leos don't sulk or brood as a rule; and, if they are angry or unhappy, they prefer to talk things over or even have a row, rather than cope with their problems silently or inwardly. Some psychic sense tells them that their sensitive cardiac systems cannot cope with a lot of inward fuming. These subjects can be very self-absorbed and self-centred, becoming totally involved with their own lives and their own problems; and this sometimes makes their partners feel like observers of the scene rather than full participants in the relationship. They take life, and themselves, very seriously; and they can be very bitter and unforgiving of those who use or hurt them. Leo loyalty makes them rush to the defence of those whom they love, but they must be able to respect their partners or they can sink into sarcastic and contemptuous behaviour towards them.

Male Leos can be very demanding, expecting their wives to be super-woman; but, on the whole, as long as they can run their homes smoothly, with the addition of paid help if necessary, they won't grumble too much. It is possible to talk to these subjects and get them to see reason, so most problems can be worked out. Leos don't play games in

relationships; they are honest, and they usually mean what they say. These subjects can be somewhat eccentric, and they do appear to march down their own road, even if this is completely different from everyone else's. They are more concerned about their own measurement of their worth than other people's opinions. Like all fire signs, Leos need freedom. They don't appreciate being told what time they should be home, and they won't stand for being given the third degree if they arrive late. It is unlikely that they are up to anything wrong anyway, because they usually get held up by people who buttonhole them in order to talk to them. Leos are fairly careful with money, hating to be in debt, but they are never mean to others. They won't sponge off others, and they are embarrassed by those who see sponging off as a legitimate practice. Pride can be a Leo's downfall; and, although they can be teased a little, they won't be ridiculed. If they find themselves with a competitive partner, the kind who loves to have conversations in front of others about whose job is more important, they will just walk away. Leo dignity is sacrosanct, and they never forget a hurt or an insult. As a Leo myself, I can absolutely guarantee that nobody outside of my immediate family is ever likely to see me cry; and the chances are that the family won't see much of this phenomenon either. Leo women don't make a sound when giving birth, but they scream the hospital down after the event if they find themselves and their infant are not being properly treated by the staff! Some Leos are quite lazy, preferring to watch TV than to do anything useful, but most are good, steady workers if for no other reason than because they like a good lifestyle. Some Leo men and even a few women can become so immersed in their work that they neglect their partners and lose them as a result.

Like all Fire signs, Leos are strongly sexed; but they are also fussy about sex, and prefer to do without it altogether than to get tied up with the wrong person or to feel in any way uncomfortable about it. Most Leos are very clean and tidy, and cannot stand the idea of making love with a dirty person or in dirty surroundings. They are not particularly excited by the idea of making love in strange places or anywhere that they are likely to be discovered or compromised. It is the famous Leo need for dignity which is at work here, because they hate the thought of looking foolish. They are able to stay in a marriage which doesn't work on a sexual level, but this can make them vulnerable and prone to extra-marital affairs. Most of all, Leos need to play in an affectionate and loving manner. These subjects are very sensual; they love to play with their partner's hair and to touch and be touched in a non-sexual manner. Even a good tickling session is part of the game to them. However, they love the feelings which surround the sex act as much as the sex itself. Leos, almost as much as Taurus and Librans, can extend sex play for as long as it amuses them and their partners, both before and after completing the sexual act.

Leos will try to keep on good terms with the more distant members of their families, and they make strenuous efforts to get on with in-laws, cousins and neighbours. They don't like family rows, and they usually take a fairly responsible attitude to everyone around them. If, however, a family member persists in insulting them or harping on about their faults, they will drop this person completely and forever. They won't even turn up to the

offending relative's funeral. Leos are sociable and friendly, and they tend to keep their friends for many years, valuing their friendship almost as much as they value their relationships. Even ex-lovers and previous marriage partners are often kept as friends wherever possible. Many Leos are good letter-writers, keeping in touch with distant friends and relatives over the years, and visiting them whenever possible.

Most of all, Leos love and value their children. They treat them with dignity, and allow them their independence; but even when their children are completely grown up with families of their own, they try to keep a close relationship with them. While their children are small, Leos try to give them all that they need, but they may be too pushy and demanding, expecting them to live up to standards which are hard to meet. If their children show any kind of talent, the Leo parent will do everything in his power to foster this, and he is never jealous of a successful child.

As children, Leos can be disappointing to their parents. This is because they seem to fall short of their parents' educational expectations and are more inclined to play than to study hard. Leos often make up for this later in life by going back into education or working hard at climbing the promotional ladder. Leonine children are affectionate and loving, and even quite generous towards their siblings, although they can be fierce rivals in the race for their parents' love and for status both within and outside the family. If a school teacher ridicules a Leo child, the child will switch off and do as little as possible for that teacher. This can be a tragedy because the child can miss out on a particular school subject as a result. In all things, and at all ages and stages of life, Leos need to be treated with fairness and respect. Don't take a Leo child to a zoo; he can't bear to see animals in a prison!

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Leo individuals feel they have the right to express themselves gloriously; to be noticed and admired simply for being themselves.

Static

When you focus on yourself and on gaining the admiration and attention of others, you may act in ways that are needlessly dramatic, understated, or overstated. In the Leonine desire to be admired, you may subdue true emotional expression. This desire can lead you to respond to situations with empty displays of drama. You may fall into Leo traps: demanding attention whether it is earned or not; being hypersensitive, taking criticism as a personal affront; and refusing to accept the input from others that could actually lead to a more powerful expression of your creative gifts. By trying to obtain the attention and approval of others, you might compromise your own identity. This process leads to defeating the natural and healthy expression of your spontaneous, childlike ego.

Dynamic

When your attention is directed toward encouraging others, you have the ability to create warmth and sunshine. You can experience your vitality and power in the process of recognizing and uplifting those around you. Your natural enthusiasm inspires the life in others by drawing them onto the stage. This dramatic ability can motivate them to become excited about themselves. When you consider yourself a part of the team and truly seek to enrich and enhance those around you, you can experience not only their magnificence but also yours. When you acknowledge others' uniqueness, you allow them to occupy the centre of the stage. This gives you the objectivity needed for confidence to express yourself. As an example of childlike innocence and spontaneous vitality, you can inspire others to express the radiance within themselves.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Organization is essential for Leos, who need control in their lives. With the slightest encouragement, their organizational ability will spill over into the disordered lives of others. The risk lies in their taking over, because they hate to see ability wasted. Their worst fault is in assuming they always know best. Leos may also be extremely dogmatic, and so must cultivate flexible minds and respect for others' opinions. The characteristic Leonine warmth, generosity and desire to understand others can then be fully indulged.

A powerful creative urge is present in every Leo and must be expressed; otherwise, a very great deal of potential will be wasted. This does not mean all Leos are painters, actors or sculptors: creation can take place in the kitchen, at the sewing machine, in the garden or at the workbench. The innate Leo enthusiasm is expressed in other areas of life, too: the Sun, ruling this sign, gives Leos an infectious vitality. They must live life to the full, and like to see others doing so as well. They have an inner Sun which not only illuminates their own lives and activities, but also lights up the lives of others, or perhaps gives them energy. Leo days should be full, with not a moment wasted, since lack of fulfillment, professionally or personally, can totally destroy them and cloud their personalities.

Domination of partners is a possibility that cannot be underestimated. It may be well meant, as when they long to bring out the best in the other person; but nevertheless, Leos shouldn't always be allowed to wear the trousers!

They are surprisingly sensitive, and can be hurt very easily - partly because they are often emotionally idealistic. While this makes them wonderfully supportive and often real powers behind the throne, few people can be safely worshipped, and invariably Leos are disappointed in the end. Leos can also take criticism very much to heart.

(Julia and Derek Parker) (contd.)

Exuberant enjoyment and pleasure are gained from sex, but Leos don't like their love to

be rough and ready. They almost demand to be wined, dined and then seduced in luxury!

The sunny disposition and ready enthusiasm of a Leo child appears at a very early age, and is always quite delightful. Natural organizational ability soon shows itself, but parents should watch for any tendency towards bossiness in their Leo offspring, who may be seen putting the whole playschool in its place.

Managing the lives of siblings is a distinct possibility when the Leo child is older than them. This self-assertion, however, is not quite as strong as it seems, and it is surprisingly easy to deflate young Leos - perhaps when a well-meaning adult severely criticizes a piece of work. If you must criticize a Leo child, do so with affection and humor: otherwise, you will severely crush his or her self-confidence.

Listening to the opinions of others, even if the child does not accept them, should be actively encouraged. He or she is then less likely to become entrenched in fixed ideas and beliefs. The Leonine stubborn streak must also be discouraged. Try to distinguish it from determination, which should, of course, be welcomed and encouraged.

Leo enthusiasms last a lifetime: if a Leo child is interested in a particular hobby, it is unlikely that it will ever be completely rejected, so it is worthwhile and most important to nurture early interests.

Leo parents are excellent at recognizing and encouraging their children's potential, but they must beware of forcing their own interests and enthusiasms on them. They will insist on the highest standards, but must not expect more than can be given. Challenge is good, but insistent pressures is not.

Emotional involvement in a career is essential if Leos are to feel fulfilled. They are found, of course, in all walks of life, but basically are at their best when able to use their excellent creative potential and organizational abilities. Their natural sense of drama should also be expressed. The theatre is an obvious possibility, but they can be equally at home in trades associated with luxury and glamor. Many Leos are in their element in a courtroom or in the operating theatre: taking centre stage comes naturally to them.

Innately ambitious, Leos are interested in money chiefly for the luxury it can bring. They love buying and enjoying beautiful things and quality clothes, and they also love to travel - just as long as it can be done in comfort! When Leos reach the top of the tree, they usually contrive to stay there, and to make quite sure they are seen!

Leos make excellent employers, due to their good powers of leadership. However, they must retain their natural enthusiasm for life and their desire to improve the lives of others. As they deplore anything second-rate or of a low standard, their employees will be well looked-after - but also expected to give of their best. For this reason, Leo bosses

can appear difficult, and must subdue any autocratic tendencies.

Leos never rush into change in a foolhardy way, because they are not over-fond of it. However, if they can learn to view important periods of change as a succession of challenges and a means to progress, they will cope well.

Leisure is an alien concept to Leos, who prefer to fill every moment with activity. They are amateurs in the true sense, since they have no hobbies as such: all of their interests are taken to a professional standard. However, they must not be self-satisfied, as selfcriticism is important.

Retirement will open new doors for Leos: they will already have many interests to follow up and develop. They will be very likely to turn some hobbies into moneymaking concerns, for they won't want to accept a standard of living that is lower than the one they have been used to.

Keeping an even tenor in their lives is important. Otherwise, their usually excellent vitality may be burned out now and again through exhaustion.

The heart is the Leo organ, so Leos would do well to prevent possible heart disease by careful diet and regular exercise. The back is also vulnerable and should be carefully exercised as well. Dancing, ice-skating and forms of exercise with a creative element are especially rewarding. A love of rich foods should be curbed.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Leos were born under the sign of generosity and nobility of feeling. The sign Leo represents man's attempt at self-expression; the unfolding of the internal-power principle. Leo is a Fire sign ruled by the Sun. Since it is the Sun's function to bestow upon the world heat, light, and life, it is the benefactor of every living creature. In our planetary system, it is the centre around which the planets rotate. Leos, then, are generous. They must have the spotlight; and, once in it, they must shine. They enjoy being the centre of attention. Providence helps Leos when they need it most. New fields of action open at a time when there seems to be no visible solution to their problems. As the Sun infiltrates the darkest shadow, so it puts Leos in the light.

Leos' roots lie in the home and in their own personal independence. They feel the need to produce children both of their minds and of their bodies.

Leo rules the heart; therefore these people give of themselves generously through time, money, and knowledge, with no thought of the self. They are strongly attracted to the opposite sex. Their love nature should be held in check, or serious heartache can be the result.

Leos are unconsciously drawn to the idea that 'the means are justified by the ends'. Money is important only as a means of achieving their goals. They assume that others possess a sense of integrity equal to their own; and consequently they are overly confident, frank, and outspoken. These traits cause them many interpersonal difficulties, and they often lose their friends.

They dislike repetition. Once they see the point, they become quite impatient, and often obstinate, in discussion. Those who disagree with a Leo's opinions should be tactful, for he will surrender so long as his dignity is recognized. He wants people to think well of him; and as he directs a great deal of energy to this goal, it is frequently achieved. Leos are very aware of the effect they have on others, and study what to do in order to create a better effect. (This does not mean, however, that they are introspective or that they analyze themselves in order to improve their character.)

The role that they assume is a noble role, and their sense of the dramatic is so strong that they achieve nobility in playing this role, and thus create their own reality. But selfapproval is also important to them - self-approration replaces conscience. They will do anything they think is right - if necessary, sacrificing public disapproval for self-approval. If they are forced into a compromising situation, they will despise their work and neglect it.

The symbol of this sign is the lion, denoting majesty, power, and dignity. Leo is a kingly sign, and Leos express pride in every movement and a stateliness that will not escape the keen eye. Power will increase Leos' self-confidence amazingly, to the point where they seem actually to glow! As long as Leos feel that they are in a position of authority and responsibility, they will leave no stone unturned in order to justify the confidence that has been placed in them. Leos function well in positions of responsibility and management, expressing their creativity by setting policies. Leos whose desire for authority is unfulfilled may develop traits of indolence, laziness, impetuosity, and inconstancy.

Women born under this sign tend to dominate their marriages. They are like ferocious lionesses in defending their children. One may step on the toes of Leo mothers, but never on the toes of their children!

Leos are practical, philosophical and spiritual. These qualities, along with their enthusiasm and inspiration, help them to mold public opinion. When Leos are controlled and informed, there are no others so powerful, useful, and capable of giving to their fellow men.

They have a reckless courage, but they never fight unfairly, no matter how great the advantages offered. In victory, they remain magnanimous, and in defeat stand unconquered. The key phrase for Leo is 'I will'.

(Robert Hand)

You are spirited and strong-willed, and like to be the centre of attention. Sometimes you may be a show-off, which others may find annoying. Nevertheless, other people like you because you are basically warm and affectionate. You work very hard to get your way with others. You should be careful of carrying this trait too far, however, because it may turn away people who would otherwise be your friends. You are proud, and consider yourself important. The positive side of this is that you are reluctant to compromise yourself or lose other people's respect. Being respected by others is very important to you, and for this reason you are less likely than others to tell lies. You feel that everything should be out in the open.

Once you have made up your mind about a particular course of action, you are very persistent. You select a goal and follow it through to the bitter end. When you are older, you will want to be a person of some importance and, if possible, a leader. Even while you are young, you will play this role whenever possible, which should work out very well, because you also want to be worthy of being a leader. For you, self-respect is as important as the respect of others.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a noble though potentially tyrannical heart. You have the will to use generously your sense of privilege - without it descending into pomposity. Your life should be led in a spirit of radiating light and warmth, as opposed to merely holding centre-stage. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is powerful and noble, and / or downright cruel. You generate an aura of certainty that enables Other to become more confident in him- / herself and his / her own abilities; a positive and cheerful glow that gives the impression that you have life under control; and an air of dignity as you bear life's difficulties without complaint.

You can alienate Other with a patronizing attitude that causes Other to rebel against you in a way that gets to your most vulnerable area: your pride; by having those around you conform to what you see as your idea of correct living; and by hardening yourself to Other's sensitive spots as well as your own.

You overemphasize your need of admiration in order to gain a sense of importance and specialness. You also overemphasize what you see as your strengths, because you equate weakness with being unlovable. And you overstate your convictions and rules, fearing that you'll lose your grip if you are magnanimous enough to loosen it.

You can feel weak in the face of what appears to be Other's lack of attention or affection; when you are afraid that your all-too-human weakness has been spotted; and when you are unceremoniously 'cut' or 'banished' as a result of Other having to give you the truth but, because of your pride, not telling you it.

When you are alone it is unmistakably because that is the only way that you can feel in command of your own life. The trouble with being a King or Queen is that to have a consort means being without any special privileges or perks such as you have come to regard as your divine right. The bedchamber may be royal, but what goes on in it can be decidedly common. In other words, emotions make equals of us all - and this can prove too much for your sense of pride and exclusiveness to abide. And so either you have ironically bowed out for want of being able to step down from your throne and relate in a human-to-human way, or your consort has had no other choice but to leave you with only that throne for company. Either way, it is time to reflect and accept.

(Grant Lewi)

The mainspring of Leo's great energy, vitality and charm is his instinctive desire for both public acclaim and self-approval. Of all the signs, Leo is perhaps the most aware of himself; in a sense, he is always before the looking-glass, seeing what effect he is making. In shallow types, this makes for mere vanity, pompousness, pride and show. Add profundity, and all this is changed. Your best Leo type is earnest, sincere, eager to please himself and the world around him, and willing, in order to do so, to take on infinite work and go to infinite trouble. He is not genuinely introspective; he has little capacity to discover his inner faults; but he is very sensitive to the effect he makes on others, and studies therefore what to do to make a better effect. There is a difference here from selfanalysis to improve character from the inside, but the difference is in method rather than in result - for Leo, in the process of appearing something desirable, actually becomes something desirable. He knows instinctively the wisdom of the advice Hamlet gave his mother: 'Assume a virtue if you have it not': by assuming the appearance of a virtue for the sake of winning approval, he actually acquires the virtue itself, for he is the soul of truth and cannot behave as he doesn't feel. He thus removes the curse from his playacting, for his sense of the dramatic is strong, and the roles he assumes are noble. This would be unbearable if in the process Leo did not actually become noble - but he does; some of the greatest spirits who have ever walked the Earth are these very Leos who chose for themselves a high role in which to merit the world's approval, lived up to the role, and actually became what they wanted to be admired for. 'Such a price do the gods exact for a song, to become what we sing.' Whether he is found in business, on the stage (and he often is), or in a love affair (where also he often is), Leo is acutely aware of himself, always standing off and appraising the effect he is making. He will usually be found, if not conventional, at least discreet. Self-approval replaces conscience; he'll do anything if he thinks it is right, and will brave public opinion if his self-approval is sufficiently important to outweigh the loss of public approval. However he behaves, you can rest assured that he is always acutely aware of what people are thinking of him and that he is striving to make them think as well as possible.

(John Townley)

Leo is the sign of the lover, and the Sun here gives your personality grace, generosity and charm. You give and receive love freely, and you surround your partner with tenderness and affection.

You must be especially aware of the kinds of attentions your lover likes and dislikes. Your innate tendency is to lavish affection on your partner, which may startle or overwhelm someone who isn't used to it. You can give out too much of a good thing.

Do not expect your lover to return your affections in the same style. Even the deepest love can be expressed in many different ways, which you may have to search for. Few people are as open and direct as you are, so you will probably have to spend some time finding out about your partner's channels of communication.

Although you may not be the dominant partner in every relationship, your partner should give you plenty of room and not try to confine or restrict you in any way. You are a very loyal partner, as long as you are given freedom to be. You must also grant that same right to your lover and avoid possessiveness or jealousy. Loyalty comes from the heart, and you will know through feelings rather than actions if a partner is right.

Whenever you have problems in a relationship, analyze them with your feelings, not your mind. Then your inner radiance can dispel the darkest emotional clouds.

(Marcia Moore & Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of individuality manifests through creative self-expression.

Symbol: A richly robed king sitting on a throne raises his golden scepter.

Leo, like the Sun, must shine. As lord of the heavens, the Sun sheds life-giving rays on all who move within its orb of influence. People born in this solar sign are often convinced that it is their destiny to command and to make themselves the focus of all eyes. They need to remember, however, that the Sun is sovereign of the sky only by virtue of its willingness to bestow itself unstintingly upon those who can receive its revitalizing emanations. The Sun reigns supreme by grace of its demonstrable power to radiate light and warmth, and not because a law has been passed decreeing that it should rule.

The dominion of the Sun over Leo is so complete that no other planet is in its exaltation or fall in this sign. This undisputed autonomy is reflected in the single-mindedness of many Sun-Leo people who know what they want out of life and purposefully set out to obtain it. Most natives of this sign have a vigorous constitution and the ability to influence others through sheer force of personality. They need to be careful that enthusiasm does not become blind zeal, lest they expend their energies in behalf of causes that cannot stand the light of reason. The Leonian often wins the support of others through dramatic gestures and a magnanimous attitude. Frequently, the

programs he promotes are less impressive than the way in which he advertises them.

Leo wants to be appreciated. This individual can be the most self-aware of all the zodiacal types, and generally he makes certain that others are also conscious of his presence on the scene. As a child, he says, 'Look at me'. As an adult, he says, 'See what I have done'. He calls attention to himself through creative accomplishments which display his singular talents. These Sun-ruled people are fond of jewellery, colorful clothing, eye-catching decorations, flashy cars, and large-scale displays. They want to enjoy, and to help others enjoy, these light, bright pleasures.

Even a sophisticated Leonian will, at times, betray the self-centered simplicity of a child. A youngster wants to be the center of attention; and Leo, with his naturally trusting disposition, may have the same naive faith in the importance of his place within the cosmic scheme. When disappointed, a Leonian is downcast, like the Sun obscured by clouds. He seldom gives way to bitterness, however, for he has an abiding faith in the fundamental goodness of people. He is not inclined to worry about the future or to brood over the past, but lives to the fullest extent in the ever-present Now - and Leo loves luxe living.

Imperial Leo may at times be overbearing, but it would be a pity to corrode his selfconfidence by harsh repressive measures, since as long as he feels loved he will work his heart out for others. If he is discouraged, however, he cannot work at all. He is seldom mean or petty, although he tends to disregard, with more than a trace of snobbery, that which he feels to be beneath his dignity. Even undeveloped Leonians, though they may bully and bluff their way through life, honestly aspire to be bigger and better than they are.

Leo-born people should endeavor to remain in charge of their own affairs. Because they like to wield authority, they make better employers than employees. Noble, generous, and high-minded, they quickly weary of small details and petty problems. As leaders, their success depends largely upon personal magnetism. The encouragement and cheer they radiate to their satellites strengthens many a faltering soul.

The desire for recognition is the mainspring of Leo's success, but he needs to beware that his craving to be admired does not give rise to delusions of grandeur, causing him to waste his strength attempting the impossible. Even in failure, he seldom loses faith but consoles himself with the thought that he has acted from the heart. As long as he retains his integrity, he can cope with almost any reversal; but if he no longer believes in himself, he will falter and fail.

The pride of the spiritually evolved Leonian is based on more than mere egotism. His motto is 'I am the light of my world'. This affirmation is based on the profound conviction that a spark of divinity resides at the core of every human being. Thus, he feels that by expressing his true Self, he is also expressing the will of the Creator. He would rather fail

in the attempt to achieve this high purpose than aim for anything less.

(Isabel Hickey)

The Sun is in Leo from July 22nd to August 22nd, approximately. It is represented by 'Fire of the heart; the steady controlled fire of affection, the hearth fire.' The keyword of Leo is 'I will'. It rules the heart and the spine in the physical body.

Leo is the sign of self-consciousness, as Cancer is the sign of the instinctual conscious. Whether Leo people are constructive or destructive in their approach to life depends on who drives their chariot; self or Self. Leo people have great courage, but unless they have a sense of responsibility and are willing to take discipline of their own accord, they can bring great difficulties on themselves. One of Leo's keywords is 'dominion'. This does not mean dominion over others (a trap Leo needs to learn to avoid) but dominion over their own unsubjugated forces. Leo is the most vital of the signs and has tremendous energy. They have a confidence and an assurance that strengthens those who are timid and angers those who are seeking the power inherent in Leo. Leo is the royal and kingly sign of the zodiac. In an age where Kings are a thing of the past, Leos need the realization that the royalty of the Aquarian age will be the spiritual aristocrats who function through the heart and soul in real simplicity. What is simplicity but going to the inner heart of things and seeing things whole? Leo rules the inner center - the heart.

There is an ancient astrological aphorism: Leo rules by divine right and Capricorn by delegated authority. This is Leo's greatest stumbling block - authority. Leos will not delegate authority to others. They give it with one hand and take it away with the other. This is one reason so many Leo people die of heart attacks before they reach old age. They think they have to do it all themselves, and in the process wear themselves out.

Leos' faith and loyalty to those they love is very strong. Being a fixed sign, once they give their affections they do not change easily. Where their opposite sign, Aquarius, is too impersonal and indifferent in relationships, Leo people are too attached where those they love are concerned. They have to learn true detachment. Can the Sun shine for itself or just one other? Only when Leo individuals become impersonal and give their warmth and affection to all do they come into their inheritance. Of all the signs, they cannot live for themselves alone. All energy and power comes from the Sun, which rules Leo, but Light and Power can warm or scorch, create or destroy. The solar radiation has the power to bring forth life, but Leos have to use that life wisely or pay a heavy price. That is why Leos' will must become God's will, or they are in trouble.

There is dignity, self-respect, courage and integrity in the evolved Leo individuals. They are honest, direct and fully dependable when they are evolved; arrogant, egotistical and bombastic when they enthrone their ego where their Higher Self should be.

Their virtues are big ones as well as their faults. Love should become divine compassion

before their regeneration is complete. The Leo destiny is a high one. No man can be a true leader until he is willing to be servant of all. The greatest gift a Leo can bring to the world is an understanding heart.

(Myrna Lofthus)

Leo people enjoy work that gives them scope for their creativity, their organizing ability, or for self-exploitation. Some of the careers are leaders, professional sportsmen, military, actors, teachers, salesmen, and jewelers.

Five positive key words are: generous, optimistic, ambitious, loyal, and affectionate. Five negative keywords are: demanding, intolerant, domineering, lazy, and self-centered. The key phrase is 'I will'. The key word is 'faith'. Their basic nature is 'the ruler or entertainer'.

In mythology, the lion ruling the Leo sign was the Nemean lion. The Nemean lion's skin was so strong that it could not be penetrated. Thus, he seemed to be unconquerable. However, Hercules proved this false by breaking the lion's neck.

Like the Nemean lion, Leonians are courageous but not invulnerable. Surprisingly, they can be broken, too, but in a different manner. It is their feelings that get broken. In fact, Leos are extremely sensitive. This is very well hidden from their antagonists. The Leonians will merely leave the scene, either quietly or snarling, and lick their wounds in private.

Leos like to organize everyone else's life. They do this because of deep-seated feelings that it is for that person's benefit. But not everyone takes too kindly to being told how to live his / her life, with the result that fur generally flies fast and thick.

If a Leo is angered, he immediately goes into his regal role. He 'mounts his throne' and quickly puts the challenger in his / her proper place. Leos literally roar at people when they are angry. But once their tirade is over, they forgive and forget, and never hold a grudge.

At their best, Leonians are affectionate, cheerful, optimistic people who can be counted on to bring sunshine into other people's lives. They are exceptionally generous. Money appears to slip through their fingers as if it were grains of sand. Leos love to have a good time. The theater, arts, and sports are of special interest to them.

Leos like to visualize broad schemes, even if they know they can't possibly afford them or that their ideas are not practical. However, if it does come down to making these schemes and ideas a reality, they usually succeed in persuading someone else to do all the paper work for them. Their leadership potential is hindered because of their dislike for paper work.

In the work world, Leos are ambitious but never ruthless. They are hard workers, especially if they admire and respect their employer. There is a need for them to express their enthusiasm for life in their work. For this reason, they can easily become deeply involved with their career.

They have vitality and good health, with strong recuperative powers. When they are ill, they have a tendency to run high fevers. They are seldom depressed; but when they are, they are devastated. Fortunately, their resilient powers are excellent, so they are soon sunny and happy again.

There is a need for them to receive attention, praise, and recognition from their fellowman. In love, they are affectionate, wanting to give happiness to their loved one. But they have to admire their marriage partner. If they don't, the marriage may not last very long.

Their most frustrating trait is that they have closed minds. They cling to their opinions stubbornly and cannot be appealed to either emotionally or with reason. Any new idea must be mulled over privately. Then, they consider the pros and cons until they reach a conclusion. But, most of the time, they haven't changed their minds at all. You feel as if you have been hitting your head against a stone wall when trying to get a Leo to consider your ideas and opinions.

As a parent, a Leo expects a lot from his child. He is disappointed if the child does not measure up to his ideas. They are generous and enormously proud of their children. Most Leo parents thoroughly enjoy their children. If the children are energetic and eager, all is well. If, however, the child is timid and shy, the Leo parent must be very careful not to push this child beyond his capabilities.

As a child, the Leonian will be sunny and happy. Be sure to give them responsibilities early. They have a tendency to become 'bossy' with other children, and should be gently persuaded to take turns. They need plenty of rest, outdoor exercise, and protein.

Sun ☉ in 9th House

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that your self-development path lies in the realm of the higher mind, which can include a spiritual search, creativity and imagination, philosophy, law, culture and foreign travel. This involves an impulse to move beyond existing boundaries through a broadening of life interests and experiences, so that your mental worldview gains an expanded perspective and the world is enriched by your intellectual curiosity and studies, becoming a perpetually interesting and stimulating environment for your

exploration.

The motivation to pursue such a path may be present from birth, unfolding a natural curiosity, or may be awakened by an awareness of your life's lack of meaning or direction. You are likely to look for an underlying order to life, a structure that both explains and illuminates the questions about life that begin to preoccupy you. You may have an intuitive sense that a deeper meaning is present within life, and following such promptings you will begin to focus your explorations to discover this golden unifying thread. You want either actual knowledge or a suitable belief structure to create inner stability, and can be attracted to religious doctrines, moral and ethical philosophies, humanitarian principles or political ideologies, believing that these hold the key that you seek.

It is the issue of relationship between the individual and society that perplexes you; and you need to arrive at an understanding of this interaction, which can form a dynamic and positive connection serving to inspire the creation of a more utopian vision of the world. It is a resolving and reconciliatory impulse acting within you, seeking to reconnect you to a deeper centre, that joins the individual in conscious relationship to the collective group, and begins to integrate the whole individual.

Through your ongoing exploration of varying approaches to this key issue in the world, you will eventually develop your own unique perspective and worldview which could be useful to others through shared communication. Your path could be highly influenced by foreign lands, people, culture and traditions; and this may imply a resonance and attraction towards the spiritual paths of the East at some stage.

You see your search as a lifelong quest, perpetually assembling new pieces of the cosmic jigsaw puzzle, recognising that there are many paths and viewpoints on the mystery of life, and that all could be valid and true from certain perspectives. A picture is assembled, a picture is disassembled; the mental search can be neverending.

However, there may also be a tendency towards fixed attitudes, especially if your Sun is placed in a fixed sign. Under the influence of certain religious, moral and doctrinal teachings, the assumption of certitude can be made, especially as there can be an underlying pattern of desiring to be authoritative, and to assert or impose personal views as being the only correct ones. Ultimately, taking such a stance proves to be restrictive and self-limiting, closing perceptions and options down to only those which are 'allowable', and thus distorting individual understanding and perspective. Taking moralistic attitudes often corresponds with assuming critical and judgemental positions, which only fuels the separation of people within society rather than connecting them more strongly. Take care not to fall into any trap of viewing others through moralistic filters; allow them freedom to live their lives in their way. Why should they conform to your precepts? Do you intend to conform to theirs? Moving towards a higher path always takes you closer towards inadvertently assuming condescending and hypocritical

positions; and those who take that road need to remain on their guard against their own separative inner patterns reasserting their presence in more subtle ways.

By your discovering the foundational patterns of life, your vision will expand due to the insights revealed by lighting your inner flame. Mental intuition will be amplified, and you may feel inspired to offer your direction to others who are still searching in their own darkness, those who are trying to discover their path. Whatever you have found useful can be shared, and it is hoped will be of value to people too. The dissemination of knowledge, insight and information is probably one of your skills, and may be expressed through the spheres of teaching and writing as your vision becomes more widely influential in the world. The content of this is likely to include the themes of inspiration, relationships within society, the potential for individual development and integration, and the visionary pointing towards future trends. For those who become channels for insight, one of the greatest tests is for them to embody the wisdom themselves, rather than just perform the role of offering it for the benefit of others.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are dreamers who are also doers. Courageous, pioneering, adventurous, and very demanding of themselves, they compare themselves with ideal models, heroes of history or fiction, rather than with ordinary people known to them. They tend to settle far from native roots. They are often very career-minded and will sacrifice home ties and stretch bonds of affection to the breaking point to achieve what they desire. Their search for meaning may cause them to change careers or, at least, to contemplate such a change. At any rate, they are always intent on achieving great things in some area (the location of the Sun's dispositor can give a clue to which area).

They are usually attractive, with a charisma that outshines any physical imperfection they may have. They attract others to them, a popularity they do not seek as they are intensely private and protect their inner selves by becoming distant or polite at moments of potential intimacy. They are inclined to be truly intimate with very few. They may change their inner circle from time to time, but rarely seek to widen it.

Frequently exceedingly gifted in their field of interest, they seem to have a source of knowledge, inspiration, vision and insight that puts them above everyone else, causing legends to form around them. Often, they are creators of new ways of thinking, of new forms, higher standards, and newer, higher goals. Iconoclasts, they destroy the old ways of seeing and doing in order to find new ones. Willing to take risks for what they believe, they will sometimes risk everything (including their lives) in pursuit of impossible goals.

Although the ninth house is the political angle par excellence, for some reason the Sun here makes them somewhat politically vulnerable. They have strong political ideas and objectives, but tend to lack the finesse and diplomacy necessary for successful political maneuvering and the caution necessary for political survival. Therefore, although the

Sun in the ninth gives them the necessary upward thrust to achieve high office, they will need trines to outer planets in the first or fifth houses, or planets in the tenth house, in order to remain in power.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: If the Sun is linked with the 9th house, the essence of life-purpose involves opening the mind to new realms. You've come to the Earth to pursue fresh mental perspectives; to develop, explore, and find a philosophy of life. Whenever you open mentally, you plug into the cosmos. By living at the highest ethical level you can achieve, you expand the life-energy available to you. It isn't sufficient that you adopt an existing philosophy; you must synthesize all you learn into an original understanding, a personal philosophy, one that you can live by. The pitfalls lie in having your head so completely in the clouds of abstraction that you lose touch with the grounded reality of one living on the Earth. Understanding the secrets of the universe has little point if you can't remember your zip code. The challenge is to merge the delight of pure thought with the discipline of a moral life, and to convey this wisdom wherever it can uplift others' spirits.

Cultural perspective: Reading about faraway places, thinking about them, and travelling to explore them are a natural way of life for you. The sense of exploration is fundamental, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. The more you can learn about other cultures, especially by direct experience, the more you fulfill your central life-purpose. You are more yourself when you're on the go, moving through foreign territory. This includes not only far-off locales, but the infinite varieties of experience right in your own backyard. Your challenge is to assimilate the broadest views of humanity, to act as a networker of the one human world.

Higher education: You keep yourself charged by the stimulation of learning. Whether or not your early education reflected this basic enthusiasm, there is little question that you will develop into a perpetual student as your life goes on. Especially as an adult, you are an eager student of the more conceptual fields of study. While you are certainly permitted to undertake these studies on your own, there's a great deal to be said for using the formal structures of cultured education, since credentialing is a relevant concern. Learn everything you can, then teach by example.

The search for truth: Here, more than with the other 9th house planetary placements, there is little distinction between profound and pragmatic truths. What is important is the absence of untruth. And there are two kinds of untruths. The first is active lying, which is to say believing or communicating something which is objectively false. That experience is clearly negative for you. It disconnects you from your divinity. But equally important is the experience of passive lying, either by withholding the truth when it is known, or by substituting a lesser truth for the one in question. These diminish your essence - a very serious pitfall. It is of paramount importance that you search for the highest truths you

can discover, and communicate the highest truth you know relative to any circumstance. It's not necessary that you be able to express it perfectly, nor that others totally comprehend. But it is your challenge to strive for honesty, integrity, and illumination. Truth is life.

Ideal society: Your perfect society would be Olympian in scope. Humans would become like the Gods of ancient myths, with honor and wisdom sparking an unceasing flow of creativity. The consensus of opinion on any subject would reflect your own most basic beliefs. As Ruler of the World, you would be authoritative but generous, powerful yet benevolent, noble and dignified but always accessible to your loyal subjects.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because you believe in yourself, you will probably succeed in your endeavors. Not one to avoid any opportunity to demonstrate your talents, you eagerly rise to every occasion that offers a chance to prove yourself. At times you are willing to take risks because you are so confident. Once involved in a project, you grow increasingly enthusiastic and sure that it will succeed, but your patience may wear thin if there are delays beyond your control. You want to know that your efforts have influenced others; and when they appreciate what you are trying to accomplish, you are even more inspired. Your children are especially aware of your ability to inspire others, and they hope to do the same and live up to your expectations. You offer your children every opportunity to exploit their potentials, and you let them make mistakes, knowing it is the only way that they will take full responsibility for their actions.

You know you must have training to achieve your goals, so you strive to get the formal education that will enhance your natural talent for creative self-expression. You get involved only in enterprises in which you can visualize success. You know how to cultivate the right contacts through friends and associates to help achieve your plans. You prefer a professional career that will bring you into close contact with people, for you understand their problems. They look to you for insight to find solutions to their difficulties. The partner you choose will be most helpful in your affairs and will share your enthusiasm for the goals you seek.

You will go far if you don't assume that you know everything there is to know. Your sustained interest in acquiring knowledge will assure you a permanent place in the public eye and eliminate the necessity of having to work at routine tasks. Many occupations would be too boring and tedious for you, since you need considerable mobility and freedom to express yourself. You should be self-employed if possible, or at least have a career that allows you some self-determination. You can serve people by helping them understand their predicaments and thus arrive at solutions. You have much to contribute to society, and you will not live up to your greatest potentials unless this objective is part of your career.

Your accomplishments may have little relation to your parents' lifestyle, for they may not have helped you get established. The chances are you had to work hard to prepare a base on which to build your own life. It is also possible that family obligations delayed the time when you could utilize your talents for personal objectives. Any sacrifices you made to get an education were worth it, for that is the best investment you could make in the security you want for your later years.

Your major obligation is to help people whose lack of education or skills has denied them some of the privileges you enjoy. You can derive much satisfaction from knowing that you've been instrumental in improving the quality of their lives. Your own growth is intimately tied to your ability to handle this responsibility. You might have to accept some obscurity during your developmental years until you are competent enough to fulfill the public's expectations in the career you've chosen.

Moon ☾ in ♋ Cancer 17° 56'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

After first choosing to sacrifice your emotional demands, you can fill the cups of others by discerning their needs for self-confidence and by encouraging them to assert their feelings. When you give your attention to others and fill their needs for personal closeness and empathy, you find yourself experiencing the tender intimacy and security you want.

General

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

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

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

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

(Tracy Marks)

If our Moon is in Cancer, coming to terms with our lunar needs is particularly important, since Cancer is the sign of the Moon. Our basic well-being is therefore dependent upon our connection to our lunar source. If we were either deprived or over-indulged as children, we may have become excessively attached to food, home or nurturing figures who cared for and comforted us. When we are in touch with our needs and feelings, we may be inclined to: a) eat or seek oral gratification; b) expect others to cater to us; c) cry incessantly, either in self-pity or in an attempt to compel other people to be more responsive to us; d) cling to people or possessions; e) withdraw into a private world. An alternative pattern is to seek vicarious satisfaction through compulsively nurturing others. It may be easy for us to become helpless little girls or boys or even Big Mommies or Big Daddies, but difficult to experience full satisfaction or to respond to others in ways which do not infantilize them but instead respect their integrity and individuality. If we have squares or oppositions to our Moon, we may have erected powerful defences against our needs both to nurture and to be nurtured, and may as a result experience psychological or physical (often related to the stomach, uterus or breasts) problems which require us to learn to care for ourselves more fully.

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

The native reacts inwardly; he takes a kind of fierce pleasure in brooding, pondering the 'toughness' of the world in general and his associates and friends in particular. His family and security mean much - but he often appears to do everything in his power to endanger his chances of success. He is a puzzle, but an interesting one - he wants to

know himself and the world. He is creative, sensitive, strong in the belief that he is 'special'; but he seems fated to wander in many directions. He wants comfort in his home but tends to complain if things go too smoothly.

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

As most of your life is conditioned by deep feeling responses and childhood behavioral patterns, you will benefit from a greater understanding of them. Look especially toward your mother's influence on the formation of your values, attitudes, and beliefs. Review existing memories related to emotional suffering - those about which you may still brood - and look at any unresolved emotional wounds; note how you often overreact to others'

personal comments, how you tend to imagine 'what they think / feel' about you; and explore the fluctuations in how you relate to people. Observe how you evaluate others and experiences through emotions and intuitions; realize how your attitudes, beliefs, and values are connected to emotional biases; see the emotional power shaping your major decisions, and how your reactions are generated by emotions.

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

Security is of primary importance to you, but often you feel your life has no inherent stability. Thus, you may attempt to find security in external things: family, country, money, your home, traditions. Your family provides a sense of belonging, as does your country on a larger scale. Your home offers protection from the dangers of the outside world. Because you fear being dependent, you can be overly concerned with having money, and believe wealth will bring you the security you desire. Or, you may look to your partner to take care of you.

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

strong supporter of the traditional, nuclear family.

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

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

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

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

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

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

childhood home even as an adult, if possible.

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

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

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

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

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

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

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

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

The Moon in Cancer is thrifty, economical and careful with property and money. You don't like to see these misused or wasted. Artistic, creative and dramatic, you have a

natural flair for music, poetry and dancing. Your love of home and family can also express itself in true patriotism.

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

(Sasha Fenton)

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

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

You have the ability to adjust yourself to your surroundings and fit in fairly well with other people (water signs find their own level). You may complain about the situation you find yourself in, but you will make the best of it and will often find a way of changing and manipulating the circumstances to suit yourself. Remember Cancer is a cardinal sign and the Moon represents one's instincts. Your instinctive reaction is to put things right and create a better atmosphere. Some people are starters and others are runners; the ability to initiate projects and / or to see them through would depend upon a variety of factors in your birthchart, but your instinctive reaction is to set things in motion and then encourage others (or find someone else) to see them through. If you are really stuck for an answer to your problems, you can always look a bit pathetic in the hope that someone will take pity on you and help you solve them.

You are considerate towards others, especially your family, whom it would be almost

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

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

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

You might be sensual but you are not greedy. You don't have a large appetite for food; you prefer small amounts that are very well cooked and presented. Your sensitive stomach may reject spicy foods. (One Moon in Cancer friend tells me that he cannot eat raw onions.) You probably enjoy good wines, but there is no evidence of this Moon placement leading to overindulgence. You could be a good cook yourself, but this will depend upon other factors in your birthchart, and also upon your lifestyle. You hate scenes and rows, and are easily upset by harsh, discordant noises. You can put up with any amount of chaos around you at work, but you need peace and harmony in the home. You may have the Cancerian trait of collecting things, ranging from valuable antiques to junk. You don't like losing anything - or anyone.

Your senses are all strong, especially that of hearing - you really hate discordant noises. The senses of smell, touch and taste are well-developed, and you could be long-sighted.

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

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

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

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

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

Lunar Cancerians have a long memory; therefore, you can hold a grudge if you are hurt,

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

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

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

You will not stand in the way of a partner who wants a career; in most cases, you are only too willing to see him / her get on, and you will help if you can. Your sensitivity means that you could make a good salesperson or business executive, personnel manager or counsellor. Politics may appeal, as could accountancy. Most of you have a theatrical side to your nature, and might be drawn to the world of entertainment or sports. The drawback to this is the irregularity of work and the general uncertainty of this field. Being a worrier, you would probably be happier in a secure job while singing and dancing during your time off. You would be a good partner for a very go-ahead person, but you haven't really got the stomach for high-risk or slightly criminal ventures.

The Moon in this position suggests that your mother gave birth to you easily. Your parents' home will have been comfortable, and the relationships there will have been

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

When worried, the individual will tend to think that the very worst has happened. He or she may not necessarily have a depressive outlook, but apprehension over loved ones can cause these powerful responses to build up out of control. For instance, if a child is unexpectedly late home from school, the subject will soon imagine that there has been a serious accident. Nevertheless, both sexes tend to make excellent and loving parents.

From a physical point-of-view, the digestive system will be upset by worry, and it is frequently the case that those with this placing have very sensitive skins, whatever their ethnic coloring. Caucasians will quickly turn beet-red in the sun, while the other races

will find it difficult to get rid of even quite minor scar tissue. Protection from the sun, and additional care over cuts, insect bites and so on, is absolutely essential.

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

You take yourself very seriously, as a person to be reckoned with. You feel that you understand others and that you deserve to be understood yourself; yet you frequently feel misunderstood. Things are very clear to you; your intuitions are powerful, and

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

brothers; and you probably like to play games in which you pretend to be the mother or father. Later in life, you may play the role of parent to many people.

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

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

(Arlene Robertson)

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

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

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

You long to have your loved ones close by so that you can reach out and touch them, hold them in a snug embrace. For a woman, such closeness can often be exaggerated into rampant negativity. There is the familiar sight of the mother who clutches onto a grown son, discouraging his attempts to break away and function on his own. She may often substitute his presence, his companionship, for that of a husband lost either through death or divorce. Or she may enslave a daughter, keeping her in bondage to insure against the loneliness of old age. The negative part of the Cancer Moon is unable

to face being alone, bereft of family. This type of woman may resort to all kinds of subtle or overt manipulation, including financial ones, to bind the son or daughter to her until she dies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

Moon ☾ in 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 an 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 ♌ Leo 17° 34'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you are afraid of losing your dramatic impact and the loyalty of others, you might express yourself in ways that appear dictatorial, arrogant, and egotistical. This can result in one-sided communication that inadvertently implies everything you have to say is more important than what anyone else has to say. This unbalanced communication can unintentionally alienate those closest.

Dynamic

By being conscious of the effects you have on others, you may notice that the Leo dramatic ability to communicate can enhance or destroy what you are saying. This talent for communicating with a theatrical impact leaves a lasting impression, for good or ill. When the focus is on conversing with an awareness of shared humanity, you are able to energize the ideas of others with creativity and inspiration. By being aware of your love for others, you can instinctively express yourself in a way that inspires loyalty.

(Grant Lewi)

Your reaction to sense impressions from the outer world is less important than the way you react to the sound of your own voice, the figure you are cutting in the world. You see yourself in everything you see. You're hard to impress, for though you are detached enough in some ways, you haven't got your antennae tuned outward and just don't take in a lot that goes on. Your viewpoint is pretty fixed, and what comes to the senses is related to it. For this reason you aren't a very good observer. The outer world of sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch has to fight its way through a sort of steel plate before it

reaches the brain centres and causes a reaction. Your reactions are slow, not because you are stupid, but because you aren't interested. You must cultivate attention, become consciously aware of the world around you, and develop your faculties, which are sound enough but need more exercise than you give them.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Leo, Mercury gives us a native who is apt to be subjective - he takes a known fact and applies it to his own life, thoughts, feelings, personal symbols. He takes the large view, doesn't like to think in bits and pieces, wants to see the project as a whole. He sees persons in relation to their lives, their abilities, their accomplishments. This native sometimes is overwhelmed with the difference in what he thinks he desires and what he actually surrounds himself with - including the people he loves and is loved by. He constantly criticizes himself, quietly, for not having the very best: he never doubts he is capable, but blames this minor mistake, that lack of appreciation, and so on down the line, until the series of links appears endless. Grass usually appears greener to Mercury in Leo, but he feels, somehow, that his ship is coming in, and that in the not too distant future he will be playing the tune and others will be dancing to his rhythms. Takes only time and determination, he feels. He is often arrogant, making others feel he thinks he is superior. He thus pushes people from him and then, so often, wonders why others don't recognize his great charms. It never occurs to him that perhaps he hasn't really been so charming after all!

He often is bored, and doesn't really make too much of a show of trying to appear interested. He feels he has a little extra to offer - and maybe he has. But the astrologer must make him realize that just thinking, feeling, believing are not enough - he must get down to the work of living, of being happy, of creating, of displaying the talents, charms and powers he knows he possesses. This is a very significant Mercury position, and the astrologer's job here is an enormous one.

(Skye Alexander)

Self-expression is one of your major concerns. It is very important for you to express yourself in a dramatic, colorful way and to be recognized for this. You probably have some creative / artistic talent and enjoy expressing yourself through art forms such as painting, design, music, theatre or dance. You may not be especially good with words, but are able to communicate loudly and clearly through visual media.

You enjoy being in the limelight, speaking to crowds of people, sharing your thoughts and visions with the multitudes. Even though your ideas and dreams may be grandiose and unrealistic, you believe they are possible, and your self-confidence and charisma are sometimes great enough to enable you to make your ideas realities.

You can be quite charming, even something of a flatterer when it suits your purposes.

You especially love the idea of being in love, of being the lover. The drama of romance appeals to your sense of theatre; and at times your 'lines' sound as if they were taken from an Italian opera. Though your message might be corny, over-blown and heavy-handed, you deliver it with such flair that it usually hits home. For you, love is a game to be enacted on the stage of life, and you relish playing the leading role.

You can be extremely self-centred, and your thoughts are usually focused on yourself and your ideas. It is hard for you to see another's point of view, because in your mind your own opinion is all that counts. That others might not agree with you never even enters your mind. Conversations with you often revolve around your latest accomplishments, projects or activities; and many of your sentences begin with 'I'. You want very much to appear important in the eyes of others. You may try to impress friends and acquaintances with all the famous people you know, and you can be quite a name-dropper.

Even if you are very intelligent, you might not have been a good student, partially because you don't value book-learning and partly because you don't really believe that anyone else knows more than you do. Perhaps you attempted to tell your teachers how to teach their subjects and insisted on doing things your own way. You rely solely on your own natural abilities and won't take advice or instruction from others; consequently, you sometimes shortchange yourself and don't develop your skills to their maximum.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the Fire sign Leo indicates a mind that has a strong will and a fixed purpose. Natives with this position are capable of focused concentration, because here Mercury is disposed by the Sun, which bestows willpower and strength. They like to be regarded as authorities in their chosen fields, and they are aided by a dramatic and forceful manner of speech; but if carried too far, this inclination can produce excessive mental pride and arrogance.

The mental self-confidence indicated by Mercury in Leo makes for positiveness in tackling and solving problems. However, there can be a tendency to deal with things in large, general terms, thereby ignoring details. There can also be a tendency to overlook things that do not relate to the immediate focus of interest. Because Leo is a fixed sign, opinions are formed slowly and changed with reluctance.

People with Mercury in Leo do possess continuity of planning and purpose, which gives them executive ability. There is also ability in teaching and working with the mental development of children.

The theater, investments, the stock market, education, and artistic pursuits are likely to be areas of special interest. This Mercury position may well combine travel for pleasure with travel for work.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Mercury in Leo contributes excellent planning and organizational ability. Tasks of all kinds are approached in a practical and rather conventional way; and while there is often considerable ability to think creatively, there is a tendency to be stubborn and inflexible, which often emerges in the young. The subject has plenty of determination, and considerable mental and nervous energy. Usually there are good powers of concentration, especially when studying. Speech can be dramatic, sometimes with a tendency to exaggerate. There is no lack of enthusiasm; and unless a pessimistic outlook strongly emerges from other areas of the chart (negative aspects between the Moon and Saturn, for instance), the individual will be very optimistic. Powers of communication are good, but can at times be marred by a rather condescending manner, which should be mentioned to the individual since usually he or she is totally unaware of it. This placing, because it assists the organizational ability, encourages helpfulness to others, giving much flair in assessing and helping to solve their problems. However, dogmatic tendencies and bossiness can also be present.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the outlook is positive and organizational ability is increased. There will be less tendency to worry irrationally, but the subject can be surprisingly bossy. Tenacity is enhanced, with the individual able to make long-term plans and stick to them. The thinking processes will be less purely intuitive, with ideas formulated constructively and then acted upon when the time is right. The Cancerian tendency to look to the past is kept under control - there will be no nostalgia longing for 'the good old days' - but there will be sentimentality. Enthusiasm will help the subject to overcome apprehension.

If the Sun sign is Leo, Leo fiery enthusiasm and optimism will be enhanced by positive thinking and increase organizational ability. However, the individual must be aware that bossiness and a dogmatic attitude can mar many of his or her positive qualities. The powers of leadership and ability to get things done are strong points; and dramatic flair when communicating ideas, expressing opinions and describing events will be very colorful and often exaggerated. Flexibility must be developed since stubbornness can be quite a problem.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, the strong Virgoan tendency to worry will be countered here; and because Mercury rules Virgo it will work very powerfully for the individual, in many cases also helping to temper the Virgoan lack of self-confidence and giving him or her a more positive and optimistic outlook. The Virgoan preoccupation with detail is less dominant; and there is usually a better grasp of an overall situation. Critical carping - a common Virgoan fault - can be colored by bossiness, but there is the ability to think creatively, and often considerable potential for creative craftwork. Literary flair can be present.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a creative, though potentially vain, mind.

You see life in terms of having a strong, informed opinion that enables you to plan ahead and in a big way. And so Other is impressed and reassured by what you have to say. You also see life in terms of being respected for what you think, say and do, and giving due respect to Other for the same - so mutual respect is important for listening and being listened to.

You tend not to see the finer but important details that are Other's concern, which when taken for granted could be used against you. You also tend not to see the point that Other is making unless it flatters your ego. This can include the objective facts of a critical situation which you could choose to ignore at your peril.

(John Townley)

This position is ideal for an easygoing relationship. You don't bother with the kind of highly detailed self-analysis that can get in the way of a natural love affair. Too much thinking spoils the spontaneity for you.

On the other hand, in a more involved or complex relationship, you may overlook or ignore the real problems that have to be dealt with in detail to keep the affair on an even keel. It is wise for you to avoid tangled relationships in which you have to unravel many problems. If you do get into a complicated affair, rely on your partner or a close friend to help straighten it out.

Your idea of a good time with your lover is simple and direct - you prefer spontaneous pleasures to complex plans and arrangements, which tend to get in the way of a happy outing or celebration. The only caution here is that your mind may outdistance your body in capacity for enjoyment, which can lead to exhaustion.

(Robert Hand)

You are very sure that your ideas are right, and you like to make others think the way you do. You can think about new ideas and make them part of your own thinking, as long as no-one is pressurising you to do so. You are quite stubborn, and your pride is involved in everything you think or believe. If someone challenges your beliefs, you feel he / she is challenging you. But at the same time, your pride in your opinions makes you want to get at the truth. You aren't likely to believe something simply because it is pleasant or because everyone else agrees. You consider it very important to be right, which is fine as long as you make sure that you are.

You like to organize and direct others. You put a lot of energy into planning, so your plans usually work out well. You like to have people come to you for advice, which you

are happy to give. Be sure that they really want your opinion, however, and try not to get a reputation for being a 'know-it-all', because then nobody will take your ideas seriously. Above all, when you are talking to someone, try not to act arrogant. If you do, the other person will resist your argument, even if you are right.

Whenever you have to solve a problem, you put a great deal of energy into it, and the more important the problem, the more energy you invest. However, you may ignore problems that don't seem important enough, when actually they are quite important.

(Freda Edis)

Those people who have Mercury placed in the sign of Leo are likely to have a strongwilled and authoritative form of mental expression. Like Apollo, they may be frank and outspoken, assertive when solving problems, wanting others to think well of their efforts. Sometimes they overstep limits when displaying these traits, becoming obstinate and impatient, and are then seen as arrogant and overly dramatic in speech and action. Usually self-confident and intuitively aware of the generosity of their thoughts, these people can sometimes overlook the need for detailed planning, content to concentrate on broad, general issues. They can become self-involved with their own mental processes, and excessively proud of their achievements in the world of ideas. Humility and tact are qualities which would help to balance some of the negative traits of this placement.

We see something of this, yet again, in Hermes's relationship with the leonine hero of Greek mythology, Herakles. He was renowned for putting himself through adventures which required all the personal resources he could muster. Sometimes, though, his foresight failed him. When he descended into Tartaros to capture the dog, Cerberos, his nerves were shattered by the ghosts of Meleager and Medusa; he aimed an arrow at Meleager and drew his sword on Medusa. It was Hermes who had to reassure him that they were only ghosts. Heroes find it very difficult to deal with the world of shadows with anything but their usual blunt self-confidence. In the lands of the dead, Hermes's rationality usefully came to Herakles's aid; the laws there are different from the ones above ground, and neither Meleager nor Medusa could die a second time. It meant that Herakles had to accept the underworld reality of their ghosts and had to find other ways past the terrors of the dark places. He fairly quickly let Hermes take the lead for the next part of the journey, learning, it seems, some humility in the process.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Bold ideas are cogently and enthusiastically presented.

Symbol: A statesman makes a speech into a battery of microphones.

The Mercurial Leonian is articulate because he really wants to impart his ideas and to elucidate the concepts behind these ideas. He impresses his audience with the warmth

of his personality as well as with the pertinacity of the information he conveys. As an executive, he can make broad statements and summarize facts in such a way as to convince others that his is the only admissible point of view. He identifies with his beliefs so wholeheartedly that he may regard disagreement as a form of personal disloyalty. Consequently, he needs to be careful not to surround himself with 'yes men' merely to satisfy his ego.

This is an intellectually dynamic placement, since versatile Mercury distributes the Sun's light and makes it widely known. The effect is that of power from a central source flowing through many channels out into the world. The vitality of the sign combined with the verbal virtuosity of the planet of the mind to communicate concepts cogently. If restraint is lacking, there may be conceit and an inclination to propound dogmatic statements of opinion. However, since Leo is a Fire sign and Mercury is an Air planet, the two can blend compatibility, providing they do not produce a lot of hot air.

When the Sun is in Cancer and Mercury is in Leo, there will be a lively interest in programs for the common welfare, despite a basically retiring temperament. An individual with this combination will be drawn out of himself because of his desire to nurture the ideals with which he identifies, and to see them popularly accepted.

If the Sun and Mercury are both in Leo, a desire for prominence is coupled with a flair for conveying thoughts vividly and imaginatively. This combination favors artistic accomplishment as well as social success and recognition as a unique personality. Many short journeys may be undertaken out of a desire to work closely with others rather than to rely on the telephone or mail.

If the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into Virgo, an ability for fine craftsmanship is enhanced by skill in formulating useful techniques. This individual is not so eager for renown as he is to make his methods known. Believing that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, he wants to see the system with which he identifies given its rightful due. There may be a special interest in the healing arts and in the power of prayer to alleviate distressing physical conditions. In this case, the Sun and Mercury are in mutual reception, which is the equivalent of a conjunction. Mind and heart co-operate to produce objects whose beauty lies in their utility.

The Mercurial Leonian is usually so persuasive that he can sell his ideas, his handiwork, or himself, any time he really puts his heart into it. He has a distinctive style, yet there is seldom any desire on his part to be so different as to court obscurity. He wants to be understood and approved, and will go to great lengths to make his ideas presentable. The person with this combination feels that he has too much to say to hide his light under a bushel, and he likes to be reminded of that fact by the cheers of an appreciative audience.

(Isabel Hickey)

Mercury is the perpetual adolescent; and her the solar force makes a man out of him. Adds heart to brain; and brain without heart is the essence of all devilishness. A great deal of ambition; and, if afflicted, can be rigid and opinionated in viewpoint. Apt to be lazy in mental activity; and there is a need to cultivate more attention and exercise the mind. Gives a dignity and a sense of innate refinement. This nature, when purified, can be of very great worth when taken away from the personal levels, and given in service for Love's sake.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Cancer:

Fire and Water. What a combination. What a difference Mercury makes. These people have basic retiring natures, but because of their great enthusiasm for community welfare and their foresighted and enthusiastic thinking, they will overcome their shy natures much more easily than Sun Cancer / Mercury Cancer.

The Sun in Cancer influence gives these people a talent for knowing what the public wants and needs at any given moment; and as a result, with the persuasiveness of the Mercury in Leo they can sell the public anything whether material objects, ideas or causes. When the ego is down, as the Cancer Sun is given to be at times, or when hurt, it can put a damper on the Mercury enthusiasm, putting the fire out temporarily. The Mercury in Leo fire cannot stay down or out for very long, for it is the nature of Leo to flare and excite, and when that happens Sun in Cancer egos go full speed ahead in a heat of steam.

Water has a way of winning out most of the time, but not with this combination of Mercury in Leo. The fixed proud Fire sign will not give in easily. We are referring to their ideas, foresight, and sense of drama; and coupled with Leo's ability for fun and games, life is mostly enjoyable for these people. With their Cancer perception and instinctive knowledge of public desires, and the Leo's ability to easily describe trends and popular concepts, they end up becoming very popular in any field with which they get enthused. They may communicate a sense of freedom, but behind this outward expression of freedom there is a strong sense of attachment and possessiveness.

Where their emotional life is concerned, they may be inclined to be overly enthusiastic, and then at another given moment swing to the other extreme. At times they are highly unpredictable. Once they believe in someone or something, they can be extremely dedicated and loyal. Life with them is never dull or unexciting.

They can have very dramatic appeal, can be humorous with the intent of being entertaining to the nth degree. However, behind this rather entertaining demeanor is a very sensitive emotional nature. The mind is full of fire and forges forward, and in many

instances drags the ego Sun behind. The mind is fast, and sees way ahead; but there is a period of passive indifference caused by the Cancer Sun's emotional need to stay put in a given situation. Much will depend upon other planetary positions, as to how this will come out in the final accounting. Either this gives either steam, full speed ahead, or the Water Sun puts out the Mercury Fire. If the Fire is put out (ideas), then Mercury Leo has to start all over again with new ideas. However, do not discount Mercury in Leo's ability to transform an idea. These people have a lot of experiences with life, and so many starts and stops.

If the Sun sign is Leo:

This influence makes for very dramatic people. It gives quite a flair for words and expressions. They have a strong drive for achieving attention wherever they go. Whether they actually become actresses and actors on a stage or whether they just become recognized as social kings and queens, their mark will be made. You can bet on it. They love a good time and have a way of making each person they contact feel important. Despite how Leo has been interpreted in the past as egocentric, this combination of Sun Leo / Mercury Leo when on the positive wave length cares for others, can get close to people, and can make others feel wanted and needed.

They are magnificent and magnanimous when operating at their best. The talent they have for educating young people is par excellence. When they deal with people they care about, they prefer the physical presence of the person so they can experience first hand this physical, expressional exchange. Above all, they like center stage for it is instinctive with them to please and enjoy not only for self but for as many others as possible. As a result, there are many facets to their personalities, for they can easily sense an atmosphere and play the right part. If there is any difficulty with this placing, it is that they must be sure they are performing and expressing for the comfort and well-being of those they are relating to, and not for their own ego satisfaction alone. In other words, 'look; I am pleasing you', but, above all, 'look how great I am'. In many ways they can lord it over others, but not always are they doing this consciously. A man with this combination may be doing it consciously, but a woman may not be projecting ego consciously.

Unlike Aquarius, they do not want to present ideas that are too individualistic, or ideas that can be equated with the masses. They want their ideas to be thoroughly accepted by others, but feel competitive if someone else tries to present the same ideas. Do not assume, however, that they will be humble, because they will not be. If they need applause from the crowd, it is so they can be further encouraged rather than just for ego satisfaction. Ego satisfaction is just an outward stance. Underneath this ego is the need for encouragement. This combination is full of fire and can never be completely humble, unless playing the part of humility can win a point. It is their nature to try to get to the top of the heap.

You will always know they are around. They love a good time with laughter and games of all kinds. They are anything but dull. If you see someone who is the life of the party, that person no doubt has this combination.

Also, never discount their need for power. It is always a question of degree as to how much power toward which they direct their energy. All depends upon other aspects from other planets to this Sun and Mercury. This is Fire, undiluted so they are very forward in their drive, never looking back once they have left. They cannot easily be delayed, for their sights are on going forward with gusto conquering new grounds.

It is surprising to find how many famous people have Sun Leo / Mercury Leo. It is a rather fearless combination with much daring. Other configurations that have as much fearless daring are Sun Aries / Mercury Aries, Sun Sagittarius / Mercury Sagittarius. It is the undiluted Fire signs that progress and hew out new territories with mind, spirit, and physical lands.

If the Sun sign is Virgo:

This influence can produce fine craftsmen, those skilled in perfecting an object that both is artistic and also has practical utility. The Virgo Sun can be rather humble and not so inclined to be egotistical. The expression of Leo represents the ability to express and perfect a method, or a technique that can also work for others. This combination indicates a mutual reception which adds to a fine integration of detail, utilitarian purpose and enthusiasm and foresight. They are much more fearless because their thinking will not allow them to take a back seat. Granted they are still not going to be overly egotistical, but they will move forward faster in life than other combinations of Mercury to the Virgo Sun. Leo rules this position's mind and thinking, and Virgo represents the purpose of service and workmanship which will be expressed in an enthusiastic manner, making them much more capable of instilling in others an interest in their techniques. Another thing, they will enjoy what they are doing for it may be work to others but to them it is also entertaining.

They may have a sense of service to children and young people. This influence also gives a talent for teaching, but teaching in the context of expertise on a given principle or method. They would be more likely to be giving a class on how to become an expert in a given vocational sense (developing technique). They are experts in combining fun and games with practical utilitarian teaching or study. Perhaps, also, they find fun in service, or any place they can help.

This is Earth and Fire. The mind may come up with some very enthusiastic ideas at times, but the practical Earth ego will extinguish the Fire either as being impractical or as being premature. In a positive fashion, Virgo will force the thinking to become much more thorough. Much will depend upon what the third house sign is in the person's chart. The third house sign will indicate what experiences the person will have to face.

Look at what the Virgo Sun represents. Virgo represents service to their fellowman, becoming the best kind of technician in their craft. They are the trouble shooters, those who easily get things back into a system after an upheaval. Virgo represents dealing with the everyday world of work, duty, and achievement. They build brick by brick until the structure is finished. It is the sign that causes the person to seek being a technician in some area. It is their destiny to take something and make it as good as humanly possible. When we deal with Leo, Leo always wants to make his presence known; but Virgo is rather a back seat person most of the time, so how does this go together? It represents a person who has a fine balance between humility and egostatus. This Leo Mercury helps give much more enthusiasm to a Virgo Sun that is exceptionally critical and sometimes too realistic. There is much more constructive vision that ultimately leads to a great deal of success.

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 paroxes. 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 ♊ Sagittarius 8° 53'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might obsessively value the personal freedom you gain from the power of your philosophical perspectives in relationships. This may lead to withholding your special

ability for providing inspiration to other people. When you indulge in the fear of being limited by relating to others in deep, personal levels, you may become the person who's always 'out of town' - never really there for anybody, including yourself.

If you allow tension and fear of commitment to block you from any relationship, you might experience a haunting sense of rootlessness. This results in a curiously empty feeling when you are thrust into unexpected situations. If you are content with fickle infatuations and careless involvements, you may eventually sink into low self-esteem. Your sense of values can be eroded if you neglect to establish worthwhile goals in partnerships.

Dynamic

You have a special gift for being able to teach others true freedom in relationships. You can do this by allowing the dynamics of the relationship to guide it to its own goals. Imparting your trust and optimism to others allows you to share with them a larger perspective of the situation. Thus, you can experience a constant expansion and excitement in your alliances.

This process of conveying trust can enable you to focus on a few deeper yet more rewarding partnerships. When you are in touch with the psychological processes of other people, you can experience a continual sense of self-worth by inspiring and encouraging them to lofty goals that free them from the limitation of old beliefs.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus in Sagittarius is often a larger-than-life character. Outgoing and fun-loving, these people like to be where it's at - watching the latest film, eating at the trendiest restaurant, or dancing at the newest disco. If there is something new and exciting going on, Venus in Sagittarius wants to be there. These people like to be with people, entertaining them and making them laugh; and many of them are to be found on the stage, doing this for a living. Like those with Venus in Leo, these people love to dramatize and exaggerate their feelings, which means that their relationships often move from one big drama to the next.

The pleasure principle is more important to the Venus in Sagittarius person than cosy domesticity. These people want relationships to be fun and free, and may well run away if things become too heavy and serious - or they may just hide their heads in the sand and pretend it isn't happening! Finding it easy to fall in love, but hard to commit themselves, they tend to be afraid of deep involvement. Their impulsive nature will often cause them to jump in at the deep end only to get cold feet and swiftly extricate themselves.

Hopelessly optimistic, they expect an enormous amount from relationships, which can

make them very hard to please and subject to frequent bitter disappointments. Filled with romantic longings, they tend to move restlessly from one person to another in search of the ideal partner. The Sagittarian tendency to live in the future makes it hard for these people to accept the here and now. They are always waiting for the perfect love to appear.

For a relationship to work for people with Venus in Sagittarius, they need someone who shares their interests, enthusiasms and visions of the future. Their partner must also understand their need for space and freedom. In a relationship which meets these needs, the Venus in Sagittarius person is a delightfully enthusiastic and generous lover who can make every day seem like a holiday and fill his or her partner's life with warmth and fun.

(Skye Alexander)

If you have artistic ability, you probably express it in a way that shows your sense of fantasy and humor. Though you may be as serious as anyone about your art and self-expression, you seem to have more fun with it. Whether you're writing an adventure story or designing a skyscraper, you don't hesitate to depart a bit from stark reality, to exaggerate and include a touch of whimsicality. You have a vivid imagination, and a special talent for keeping your audience entertained. You enjoy art that is bigger than life and not so harsh; in your opinion, art should take us beyond the mundane and broaden our perspective by introducing us to all sorts of possibilities.

In relationships, you are equally expansive and curious. Friendly, outgoing, adventurous and optimistic, you love to socialize and often are the life of the party. Your list of friends, acquaintances and lovers is extensive, and includes people of all kinds. You see no reason to limit yourself to only one partner and miss out on other possibilities. Your motto might be 'you only go around once, so why not try everything while you've got the chance?' Consequently, you'll have problems if your lover isn't as free and easy as you are and insists on fidelity and permanence. You mean well and don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, so you tend to promise what you can't deliver. If you get caught in an awkward amorous situation, your first line of defence is to lie with a smile. You can be terribly fickle, flirtatious, superficial and self-indulgent in matters of love. To you, it's all good fun. If your Sun is in Capricorn or Scorpio, you'll tend to be more serious and willing to make commitments, though you might subscribe to the old double standard: it's okay for you to run around, but your partner had better not try it.

You tend to idealize the concept of love, so much so that it is impossible for you to find a flesh-and-blood mate to fulfill your romantic fantasies. You are looking for a fairy princess or knight in shining armor, and may prefer chasing your dream to settling into a real-life, day-to-day partnership.

Generous with your time and money, you enjoy showering your friends and lovers with

gifts. You like to go out on the town with your partner and do things in grand style. Cuddling up with your lover in front of the fireplace isn't exactly your idea of a good time; you'd rather play a few games of tennis, have a sumptuous dinner, go to the theatre, and then dance the rest of the night away. Anyone who's involved with you had better have plenty of energy.

You want your partners to expand your horizons, and to expose you to new ideas and experiences. Perhaps you choose lovers who will play the role of teacher for you; or you might enjoy teaching them what you know. Another possibility is that you could be attracted to people from other countries or cultures. For you, relationships are growthproducing opportunities, and you learn something from everyone you meet.

Women with Venus in Sagittarius pride themselves on their sense of humor, gregariousness and cheerful dispositions. It is important to you to be well-liked and to have lots of friends and admirers. The more popular you are, the better you feel about yourself as a woman. Quantity is more important than quality. You also may enjoy sports, and are especially concerned with looking physically fit. A dedicated follower of fashion and fads, you are always eager to try the latest trend.

Men with this plentary position are most attracted to active, vivacious, friendly and funloving women. No intense, possessive or highly emotional types need apply. You want a partner who's more of a buddy than a lover; someone with whom you can do things and share ideas and experiences. You admire knowledge and worldliness, and are fascinated by women who have done things and who know things that you don't. Tall, slim, athletic women with long legs probably appeal to you most.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Sagittarius indicates people whose emotions and responses are idealistic and spititually oriented. They are friendly, vivacious, sociable, and outgoing. Dane Rudhyar, one of the greatest psychological astrologers, pointed out in *The Pulse Of Life* that each sign of the Zodiac is a reaction against the extremes of the sign that precedes it. This observation is especially true of Venus in Sagittarius, which is frankly outspoken about inner feelings, in contrast to Venus in the preceding sign of Scorpio, which is secretive and calculating. The soul-racking emotional intensity, the jealousy and possessiveness of Venus in Scorpio leaves a bitter taste in the evolutionary experience of the soul that has Venus in Sagittarius. Consequently, people with this position seek to base emotional conduct in personal relationships on more objective, soviially accepted principles founded on ethics, philosophy, and religion. Traditional moral structures make them feel more secure in their emotional conduct. They seek to be honest and open in their feelings and reactions to those they love or those with whom they are romantically involved.

People with this Venus placement will often try to convert their sweethearts or spouses

to their own religious beliefs or moral principles in order to have a commonly agreed-upon basis of conduct. They generally seek to marry within their own religious or philosophic milieu, but are not afraid of getting involved in unusual romantic relationships.

With the Jupiter rulership of Sagittarius, their taste in art and décor tends to be lavish; and they like flamboyant displays of color and form. If they can afford it, their homes and aesthetic surroundings will display a royal, palatial atmosphere. They are attracted to classical forms of beauty such as Greek architecture and symphonic music. They are fond of art forms that have a religious or philosophic motif; and religious music can deeply affect them. Religious ceremony and pageantry appeal to them.

This sign position gains emotional satisfaction through outdoor games and sports; those who engage in horseback riding or skiing are typical examples, and dates which include these activities will appeal to them. This sign position gives a love of travel to distant places. Natives often seek to marry foreigners or people of foreign extraction or other races; or those with a philosophical bent, with advanced education, or with connections to institutions of higher learning.

Women with this Venus position seek men with gallant romantic appeal. The dramatic element appeals to them.

If Venus is afflicted in Sagittarius, there can be bluntness that offends the feelings of others, impractical idealism in romance, and a tendency to impose religious and moral standards dogmatically on loved ones.

(Isabel Hickey)

Demonstrative and friendly in affection. A breezy attitude toward love. Not always dependable where affections are concerned. Good intuition. Two different types are shown when there are planets in Sagittarius. The gambler type loves fun and a good time; extravagant, easy-going, and always ready to be on the move. The other type is philosophical, religious, with great inner strength, and idealistic in nature. To know which type, study the aspects to Venus, and if Venus is afflicted to Jupiter it will be the first type. Good aspects and a strong Saturn will indicate the second type. Venus in Sagittarius is well placed for it is a combination of Jupiter and Venus, and both are benefics. Here we have Venus in Jupiter's home.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although considerable enthusiasm and lively emotions will be warmly expressed towards partners, the Sagittarian need for independence may make the individual loath to be too tied to one person. The duality present in this sign will be evident, and more than one relationship may be experienced at any given time. Certainly, love will be enjoyed; and

the subject will make life rewarding and exhilarating for the partner, both in bed and out. In turn, the partner needs to respond well, not only sexually but also intellectually. Eventually, a philosophical, idealistic element will develop and have its effect on the partner, doing a great deal to instill a more meaningful expression. However, intellectual rapport and friendship, as well as the willingness to enjoy sex, are essential. This is a lively friend who will make life fun. The attitude toward finance may be 'Easy come, easy go', perhaps with the emphasis on 'go'!

If the Sun sign is Libra, the subject may not seem to care about love, but he or she needs just as much romance as others. This placing helps to rationalize the feelings, however; and the need for intellectual rapport and good friendship, as well as pure romance, is very healthy. This combination is excellent for friendship, easing any Libran tendency to take too much from other people. Professional financial help is advisable.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus influence lightens the steamy, rather heavy Scorpio attitude to love and sex, adding a need for intellectual rapport. Much will be expected of partners, but much will be contributed. Scorpio jealousy can clash with the Sagittarian independence; and a resolution of this conflict is importance. Here is a friend who needs to share interests and challenges. Investments will be enjoyed, but a gambling spirit should be controlled.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, much attention is given to the emotional chase. Fickleness must be countered. All the attributes of Venus in Sagittarius generally (above) will be present. If Neptune is also in Sagittarius, there will be idealism and romantic rêverie. Money can easily slip through the subject's fingers.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, then although the loyalty and faithfulness of Capricorn is less evident, this is a good placing for those with rather serious Capricorn qualities, helping them to enjoy life and warming their cool emotions. There will be less social climbing in the love life, but a good mind will be deemed important, and the partner will spur on the Capricorn ambitions and aspirations. Friends must share demanding interests. Moneymaking is less important than for other Capricorn groups.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, then the Aquarian spirit will be sympathetic to the independence of Venus in Sagittarius, while the fire of that sign will warm the distant but dynamic attraction of Aquarius. Nevertheless, the liking for individuality will not encourage even the most romantic Aquarian to rush into a long-term commitment. Sexual experiment is usual. There is a wide circle of friends, who often share philanthropic or intellectual interests. Money will be spent erratically, often on silly, trendy things.

(Grant Lewi)

You react to emotional stimuli eagerly. Your heart is unafraid of love; you dare to feel, and to follow your instincts to the last outpost of experience. You are not an

experimenter in love; you don't trifle with your emotions; but others may, because your eagerness may be mistaken for lightness. You see no reason why emotions aren't made to be followed, and are among the most impulsive of the children of Venus. Because of your sincerity, you can get into trouble, until you learn that all the world isn't as direct and earnest as you are. But though you may give yourself to unworthy takers and be hurt (for you are very sensitive), you will never lose your high standards nor your emotional courage, and you will go on from disappointments undefeated to trust your emotions again, matured but unafraid.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Sagittarius, Venus is indicative of one who is likely to become involved in numerous affairs of the heart but is generous and really intends to be loyal. The native tends to love things which are not easily obtainable. Thus, he is in danger of attaching himself to persons who care so little that the native is exploited, even humiliated. The astrologer must help him overcome what might be an inner desire to be punished.

The key here is perspective. The native must see things as they exist in relation to his own life. Once he recognizes the reason for his actions, he gains inner illumination. He tends to follow his emotions blindly; this leads to bumps, bruises and emotional involvements which create depression.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an adventurous, though potentially wanton, lover. Love for you is something that should be exciting and rapturous, yet at the same time having meaning and even some deeply moral and religious quality about it. Basically you want to satisfy equally both your body and your soul or mind; and you will pursue such an objective enthusiastically and uninhibitedly. Troubles arise when the lusts or needs of your body leave the idealism of your mind behind, or vice versa, either being merely fancy.

You attract with a demonstrative, honest and open manner; with a light-hearted, party mood that immediately gives Other a sense of fun being in the offing; and with a sense that you have definite and intelligent ethical standards.

You repel with an immodesty and seductiveness that eventually becomes counterproductive; with loose morals - and impersonal affection to match; and with hypocritical efforts to get Other to behave in the upright manner that you feel you yourself ought to, but fail to.

You are attracted to Others who are emotionally sophisticated and / or mentally informed; to Others who have an enterprising and expansive approach to life, or have exotic connections, or are of foreign origin; and to Others who have a playful streak but have principles as well.

You are repelled by small-minded, dull or dishonest Others who lack experience or a sense of adventure; by provincialism or parochialism; and by Others who are too reserved, inhibited or sanctimonious.

When you are alone, it is for one of two reasons, or possibly both. The first is that you give or promise a lot but overlook the details, and so eventually you are disappointed, or Other is. This implies that you get carried away with your own enthusiastic idea of love and Other, and so fail to see - possibly because you do not want to - the small or unsensational aide to Other's character and life. This in turn suggests that you do not acknowledge the same in yourself because you somehow believe it to be unlovable. The second reason why you could find yourself alone in an unwelcome way is that youd and Other's beliefs or moral values do not agree. You have an interesting mixture of both wild and ethical behaviour which is quite hard to understand or accept - unless you yourself do. Until then, you are unlikely to attract an Other whose values harmonize with yours.

(John Townley)

You have a natural and healthy appetite for sex; but sex for its own sake is not likely to be enoguh. You are more interested in the feelings and principles behind it than in the act itself; and sex without personal involvement is surely less than satisfying.

You are not strongly motivated to learn complex or unusual sexual techniques, except perhaps to pleas a lover who has a special taste for them. For you, sexual pyrotechnics tend to get in the way of necessary love communication, distracting you from the warmth and friendship that truly fulfilling sexuality means to you.

Your kind of experimentation is in the lover you choose rather than in the way you go about lovemaking. You are uninterested in one whose personality is modest or commonplace, preferring a more adventurous and unusual type. You feel that such a lover will greatly enhance your own experience and that the relationship will be a continuing exploration of new territory.

For this reason, your lovers are in general more outgoing and volatile but less cautious than you. Therefore, you have to play the role of stabilizer from time to time. In that way, you can enjoy the adventures you get yourself into, and at the same time keep them from getting out of hand.

(Robert Hand)

You try to be very fair and just with all of your friends, because you want everything about your relationships to be on a high moral plane. You are as fair as possible with everyone you like, and very upset when someone is unfair to a friend of yours. Yet you

are tolerant of other people's weaknesses. You prefer to base your opinion of someone on his or her overall personality, ignoring little faults. However, if a friend breaks an important rule, you may end the friendship on the spot.

You are usually very friendly and quite outgoing. You don't hide your feelings for others, for you are open about your emotions. People will probably like this in you; and you should have many friends. However, you do not like possessive people or those who use friendship to tie you down. You want to be free to be friendly with anyone without your friends saying 'no'. Later in life, you may have difficulty settling down to a single relationship with someone of the opposite sex.

You are fond of nature and the outdoors, and may study a subject such as botany, geology or bird life just for pleasure. You like natural themes in art, and art and music that is large and impressive.

(Donna van Toen)

Though Sagittarius is a Fire sign, I find it doesn't have the same sort of passion as Aries and Leo, and therefore you don't have as strong a need for sex. rather, what you need is spontaneity, because your needs tend to change according to your circumstances. You also need a mate / lover who feels the chase is as important as - or even more important than - the catch; you seem to need that game-playing, courtship stage more than most. For this reason, anyone who tries to turn things toward a serious commitment too soon is liable to wind up hearing 'Good-bye' instead of 'I do'. You're as anxious for a stable relationship as the next one, but you want to be the one to stabilize it; and pressure to commit yourself only threatens your freedom and drives you away. Finally, you need a mate / lover who respects - and preferably shares - your philosophy of life.

Venus ♀ in 1st House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Because it is the sign appearing on the eastern horizon at the moment of birth, the ascendant, or rising sign, marks the beginning of the first house and symbolises one's initial contact with the external world. Setting the mood for the entire horoscope, the first house determines one's personality, physical appearance and general constitution. Representing the first breath we inhale, the ascendant and the first house reflect inherited traits rather than learned habits and patterns. Whereas the midheaven signifies the way we consciously wish to be viewed and how we strive towards achieving that image, the ascendant represents the way others take us into account based on our mannerisms, choice of clothing, hairstyle or any other external attribute which becomes

an identifying feature. It is the characteristics of the ascendant and planets situated in the first house that colour all our activities, ranging from the clothes we wear to our facial expressions to our social skills.

Because the ascendant describes inherited and often unconscious personality traits, it reveals the type of life's journey we will embark on, how we view the world and how we are, in return, viewed by others. The placement of Venus in the first house - especially if it is conjunct the ascendant - transforms an individual into a 'Venus-tinted window' whose poise, passion, conviviality and seductive charm are sources of strength and confidence. Like the agrarian fertility Goddess, those with Venus in the first house know that by pleasing others they will, in return, be offered loyalty, support, prosperity and love.

Because the first house represents one's appearance and outward behaviour, the influence of Venus in this region of the horoscope reveals the enormous value people with Venus in the first house place on being well-liked. Convinced they are being judged by first impressions (since they view others this way), individuals with Venus in the first house are often preoccupied with the way they look, dress and behave. While not always classically beautiful, those with Venus in the first house, ruling the first hour, or aspecting the ascendant possess both attractiveness and great charisma - that indefinable something that endears them to families, friends and colleagues. Like a magnet, these sensual and exciting people attract those who wish to absorb their infectious energy simply by being around them. Confidence that they can call upon their immense sex appeal, charming personality and beautiful appearance to 'open doors' gives them the incentive to embark upon endeavours that others might find intimidating. (Success will depend on whether Venus is positively or negatively aspected.)

Overly enthusiastic and extremely impetuous when positioned in the dominant first house, Venus wields enough charm, magnetism and charisma to attract supporters and attain certain goals. An overwhelming sensuality and the desire for self-aggrandisement can be so powerful at times that lust is often mistaken for love, precipitating ill-fated romances founded on physical attraction rather than deep commitment. Like Aphrodite, these people are admired for their attractiveness, independence and affability, yet disdained for their indulgences, provocation, overt sexuality and egocentricity.

The planet's position in the first house also offers a sense of self-importance that, at its most extreme, allows individuals to use their allure to manipulate others and, as a result, get what they want. If positively aspected, Venus in the first house will, like the beloved agrarian fertility Goddess, attempt to grant prosperity and pleasure with the stipulation that she receives loyalty, respect, sexual fulfilment and / or love. If afflicted, the planet will manifest the worst facets of Aphrodite and behave like a spoiled child. People with an afflicted Venus in the first house may be insecure and self-indulgent, and may have difficulty being tactful and diplomatic. They may indulge in lies, manipulation or emotional blackmail to satisfy their own whims and attain a false sense of power. Their

quest for constant approval will lead these people to employ their Venus-tinted window to project a loving, beautiful, charming and compassionate image - sincere if Venus is well aspected, but a façade if the planet is afflicted.

Although traditionally this placement has been interpreted as captivating, soft-spoken, friendly and having an affinity for the creative arts, it is just as responsible for indulgent behaviour, laziness and complete self-absorption. Because it is prominent in the horoscopes of individuals drawn to the creative arts, cosmetics, modelling, design, clothing, sales or any friend that utilises seductive charm, this placement was once considered difficult for men who were not 'one of the boys' or who did not actively participate in sports - the outlets for so-called traditional male bonding.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The first house describes our approach to life and the way we come across to others, as well as our physical body. People with Venus in the first house will usually be found physically attractive by others. Even if not conventionally attractive, they will radiate a beauty that draws others to them. This is someone who approaches all social situations and individuals in a friendly way, always seeking to find the common ground between themselves and others. They tend to be popular, with a surface ease in social situations that may belie what goes on at a deeper level. Having Venus in the first house is like having a very attractive hat to put on whenever you have to interact with others. It works well but does not portray its wearer's entire personality.

These people can be over-accommodating, bending over backwards for others and finding it difficult to say 'no'. They are at all times concerned with union; their whole approach to life, people and situations is one which seeks to find the common denominator. They dislike conflict, and try to keep the peace at all times. They put others first, and may neglect their own needs in their attempt to create harmony and make everything all right. They will then get what they want indirectly, through subtle forms of manipulation. To this end, they may use their attractiveness to seduce others, which will ultimately undermine their sense of self-worth. They can be so concerned with being pleasant and never causing offence that no-one gets to know who they really are or what goes on inside them beneath the surface.

People with Venus in the first house may come from a background where harmony had to be maintained at all costs. Any discord would thus be highly threatening to them. Their childhood home may have sustained an illusion of everyone in the family getting on well together. In later life, it would be distressing for them to discover the discordant currents beneath the apparent calm.

They can become known as easy-going people; and others may come to expect and demand this good-naturedness of them. They can easily become a prisoner of their own good nature; and their lives will then lack genuine intimacy.

People with Venus in the first house is likely to be drawn to someone who is also considered highly attractive, with polished social skills. They will be reassured by their partner's popularity and enjoy being associated with someone others like - someone also known for their good-naturedness.

If all this begins to sound like a recipe for disaster to deeper relating, it can be, depending on how psychologically damaged the person is in the first place. If this facility with 'the gloss' comes to be something the person relies on too heavily, then life can become a superficial social circus. Someone with a fairly healthy psyche, however, can gain a lot from this placement: a great deal of tact and diplomacy, charm, a gracious bearing and genuine consideration for others.

The first house rules physical appearance, and we have already mentioned that the individuals with Venus in the first will be attractive. They are also likely to be concerned and preoccupied with their own attractiveness. If Venus is well-aspected, they will be happy with themselves and their body, but if Venus is in difficulties then their attractiveness may cause them insecurity and unhappiness. Part of their reason for wanting a physically attractive partner may be to bolster their own self-image. This would indicate a lack of separation between them and their partner, as they are then identifying themselves with their partner's good looks.

These people need to develop the art of fulfilling their own needs and not compromising themselves, while maintaining their ability to connect with others in agreeable ways.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature becomes the most important part of the individual's personality. It leads him, like a carrot in front of a donkey, as he seeks the sensual pleasures and the fondness and acceptance of others.

His physical features are softened, and his manner can appear outwardly gentle. Yet, if the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are not realized, this can be a particularly difficult placement. Rather than perceiving love through his experiences, he tries to reach for the outward appearance of beauty. By doing this, he tends to attract to himself exactly those individuals whose ability to love is superficially physical. As a result, the care and attention he pays to himself in personal grooming, attractive clothing, and all that helps to create a sensual outer image, eventually leads him disappointed as he experiences the external attractions of brief flirtations and momentary interests, without the deep inner sense of love's power for safeness, security and lasting fulfillment.

Without knowing what love is, he is anxious to experience it. He will initiate encounters with others, start romances that have little eventual meaning to him, and usually experience a general sense of discontent at the way his life is turning out. Always, his error is the same. If he has not learned the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign, he

seeks vanity rather than love and he is controlled by his own narcissism rather than true beauty. His sexuality has the undertones of exhibitionism, for his life tends to be something of a show which he must keep generating enough energy to maintain.

When he begins to live the consciousness of the Venus Yod, vanity changes to virtue. Rather than reaching for the external appreciation of others, he begins to discover the true beauty in himself. He learns, often through difficult experiences, that he alone is the keeper of his conscience; for only by the achievement of refinement and sincerity does he begin to reach the standards of excellence which bring out the true beauty of his life experience.

Again and again he finds his ethical standards being put to the test, for he must discover the difference between self-indulgence and self-love. When he begins to understand this difference, he realizes that happiness is not a passing impulse, or a momentary excitement, but rather a lifestyle; a continuous identification with person and moral beauty, spiritual virtue and the peace of knowing a clear conscience. Instead of dissipating his energy in the fruitless seeking of momentary gratification, he begins to experience the rapture that only comes through self-mastery. From this, he starts to feel the treasured source of his own real worth. And, as he does, his external experiences become fulfilling, for they are feeding not the momentary impulses of his desires, but rather the consciousness of love to which his being is awakening.

This awakening to true self-love puts the individual in touch with his potential for happiness; for he learns that rather than seeking fulfillment through the approval of others, he is the source of all his feelings. It is from this that he discovers the personal esteem that lifts his spirit to the golden-fibred oneness of divine harmony.

In essence, his Gift of Love is his ability to find the virtue of human decency for himself, exemplify it for others, and plant the seeds in society of a moral conscience, clearly directed towards finding the true beauty of mankind's potential for personal dignity.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we understand the 1st house to describe the way in which we best realize our own special and unique identity, then Venus here suggests that life should be met with open arms. A natural urge to relate to others with sensitivity, refinement and goodwill is indicated. Although they find themselves by being harmonious and accommodating, there is a danger that in attempting to be all things to all people they actually lose themselves. Venus in the 1st suggests that we should love and respect our own selves as well.

In fact, a feeling of self-worth and self-esteem is crucial to loving and seeing other people more clearly. If we appreciate our own worth, then we can appreciate the worth of other people. If we accept ourselves, then we can more easily accept others. If those

with Venus in this house don't learn to love and accept themselves first, they may manipulate other people to do so in order to fill the gap. Like the proverbial coquette, they are out to get as much flattery and attention as possible to prove their value and worth. Some people with Venus in the 1st never take Aphrodite's girdle off: they display an obvious seductiveness which can be used for their own benefit. They may even be downright treacherous.

Venus in the 1st often exhibits physical beauty or a 'certain something' which draws others to them. They may literally embody the best qualities of the sign in which the 1st house Venus is placed. Even without traditional good looks, an appreciative and admiring disposition will make them attractive and appealing.

In the 1st house, we need to make our presence known. Venus's sweet dalliance can be very charming, but taken too far borders on laziness - someone who sits and waits for things to come to them. If well-aspected, this placement is an indication of a harmonious early upbringing which endows the person with a positive sense of self and optimistic outlook on life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

A rising Venus gives beauty and charisma, and the power to attract whatever and whomever is desired. The closer Venus is to the Ascendant, the greater is this power. This placement indicates at least one great love experience in the life, although the nature of that experience, whether happy or sad, short or long-lived, will be told by the sign Venus occupies, its relationship to its dispositor, and aspects from other planets.

These people have a great capacity to give love freely, unless Venus is in Capricorn, Aquarius, or Virgo, in which cases they are more reserved. Even so, their warmth comes through as interest in others, and may be intensified and refined by the restraint of these signs into a dispassionate love of humanity in general. In the first three signs, Aries, Taurus, and Gemini, Venus rising shows a great deal of self-love, though not necessarily the selfish kind that can't include love for others as well.

There is a strong potential for creativity with a rising Venus, but it requires other factors to put it to work. Usually, it shows more in the art of living than in works. These people are more apt to be great appreciators of the works of others, inspiring them with their enthusiasm and praise, by their beauty and style or, if they are well set financially, by their patronage and financial assistance.

Their good looks generally remain within them throughout life; and if Venus is in Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn or Aquarius, their looks often improve with age.

There is generally a good deal of sensuality with a rising Venus, that will be intensified or moderated by the sign Venus is in, by aspects from other planets, etc.. The love of

beauty extends to a love of sensual luxury, of satins and velvets, furs, delicious fragrances, perfumes, and jewellery. Companions may be chosen more for their physical beauty than the beauty of their souls. The closer Venus is to the second cusp, the more pronounced the sensuality. If Venus is closely aspected by Uranus, Mars, or Pluto, has hard aspects and no easy ones, or is located in the twelfth house within ten degrees of the Ascendant, sensuality may bring sorrow. There may be scandal or grief in connection with love affairs or sex.

While the lives of those with a rising Venus may seem exciting and full of pleasure and variety to others, to themselves there is never enough. They are restless and eager for ever more varied and pleasurable excitement. They have a great capacity for happiness, and seek its source with unflagging energy, at least in youth, though the nature of the sources they seek will be different for each. There is always the danger of debauchery with a powerful angular Venus; and in the search for happiness, they may have some degrading experiences. Neptune or Jupiter in square or opposition will show an inclination for too much partying. Nevertheless, Venus has the power to lead its followers out of any trouble it gets them into, and a rising Venus is a strong testimony to the ability to conquer problems like alcoholism or drug addiction. The urge towards happiness is so powerful that it can lead up as well as down.

If Venus is conjoined with other planets, the love nature will be modified accordingly. With Mars, there is a love of action or sports, with the passivity diminished. With Mercury, there is a love of motion or flight and an attraction toward younger people. With Jupiter, the love of good times, parties, elegant clothes and surroundings, beautiful people, and sensuality is intensified. Saturn here may exact too great a restraint unless there are compensating factors. With Uranus, expressions of love, beauty, and passion are alternately intensified and turned off, or sometimes intellectualized. With the Moon, a love of self, of women, and of sensuality is increased. With Neptune, theatre, music and dance are emphasized, and, although sensuality is modified by romanticism, drugs and liquor are a real danger. With Pluto, danger is possible from sexual or romantic episodes.

A rising Venus indicates a great love of children and young people, particularly of girls.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: As with the Moon, Venus in the 1st house presents a picture of 'active receptivity'. Grace, beauty, aesthetics, and a basic appreciation for social interaction shape your spontaneous radiance of self. There is 'femaleness' here, a wish to project yourself as womanly. This by no means indicates a tendency toward the effeminate, but rather it infers the promise of true receptivity. As with all astrological interpretations, however, whether or not that promise is fulfilled, as well as how it is fulfilled, depend upon a myriad of other factors. The pitfall lies in overeager surrender to outer stimulus; not taking a stand may result in your having no position at all, except that defined by

others. The challenge is to be definite about who you are while remaining co-operative about interacting with others.

Natural persona: The face shown to the world is pliant and focused on the imagery surrounding love and sharing. There is the promise of acceptance, the lure of romance.

Your name-tag says, 'I will love you if you allow, but more importantly, I will let you love me if you wish, for I am the personification of beauty and grace'.

Self-awareness: You can naturally plug into your inner self whenever you project personal love, interpersonal harmony, or aesthetic beauty. The more lovingly you behave, the more consciousness you gain. The better you manage social harmony, the more self-aware you become. And finally, the more beautifully you project yourself, the more you find awareness of your true inner nature, whatever that may be.

Boundaries: Social poise, harmony, and the projection of physical grace allow maximum interaction between your inner and outer environments. Disagreement, conflict, or chaos in expression close the lens and alienate the environments, as does excess aggression or unconscious anger. On the other hand, too much romance, seductive receptivity, or purely sensory pleasure merges the two worlds in false union, provoking a surprising and abrupt end to relatedness. The challenge is to provide clear, warm receptivity without falling 'in love with love'.

Vitality: At every level of living, harmony supports your life force. Excess love of sensual pleasures, oversensitivity to conflict, and a distaste for hard work reduce the efficiency of your long-term well-being. You need to learn the value of exercise and sustained effort, not with grave discipline, but as part of bringing everything into proper balance, for balance is the key concept in maintaining your smooth vitality. Remember: moderation in all things.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your affectionate nature and willingness to compromise endear you to everyone. You cleverly allow others to think they can win over you, but really you are biding your time until you are more sure of your position. Hating disharmony, you concede to others' demands unless they are completely unfair. You know that the best way to handle people is to understand their motivations. You eagerly seek an education to improve your chances for success. You choose your associates for their intellectual accomplishments and savoir-faire, which can be assets in your profession. You keep the lines of communication open to associates and competitors alike, so you are always abreast of what's happening. Wanting the very best for your children, you encourage them to take advantage of opportunities to develop their creative potentials. But do not neglect your own creative talents in favor of self-indulgent pleasures.

You know that the best way to satisfy your need for material security is to put your ideas to work. If you implement your plans successfully, you won't need to worry about financial security. You know how to win the support of close friends in reaching your objectives, and you make a sincere attempt to show concern for theirs. These warm ties will be rewarding to you in the future, when you may need friends more than you do now. You get your superiors to approve your ideas, especially when you show them how your ideas will benefit them.

You will benefit from being more aggressive when you are challenged. You cannot be the peacemaker all the time; and making concessions to those who are wrong will establish your weakness and limit your success. Luckily, you attract people who are open and frank. Be cautious about revealing all your plans, so that you can maintain some advantage over others. You should accept responsibility for extending yourself in your career, and learn to overcome the fear of competition as you strive to reach your objectives. You may worry that you will never live up to your parents' expectations; but your only obligation is to live up to your own potentials. You must define your goals and decide how you will reach them, according to your own capabilities. You must be self-sustaining as soon as possible, so you can make your own mistakes and benefit from your own successes. If you settle for less, you will get less.

You can relieve your guilt about not living up to your potentials by making some important contribution toward meeting the needs of other people, including your associates, your partner and those who cannot help themselves. You will earn their gratitude forever if you make some sacrifices to help them in their moments of needs. You are usually willing to do this, but you want your efforts to be appreciated. Knowing the weaknesses of your competitors gives you a distinct advantage over them.

You feel uplifted when you help people who are burdened with problems; but also you are afraid of being rejected. You try to be generous toward those who need attention and care; but be wary of people who make excessive demands. You only need to prove to yourself that you have warm, human qualities and enduring values, and that your preoccupation with financial security has not made you insensitive. Your public image is charming.

Mars in Scorpio 25° 40'

(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 self-indulgent 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 12th House

(Donna van Toen)

A deep, secretive person, you tend to be more or less clueless about how you affect others. You have a strong impulsive streak and, generally, a tendency to buck authority and go against tradition. This brings a danger of slander into your life, as it makes you quite a controversial person. If Mars is in a Grand Cross or otherwise under severe stress, you can be extremely disruptive.

With Mars here, you want a certain amount of time to yourself. This is a placing that tends to give a fear of rejection; therefore, you want to take things slowly and carefully.

Your motivational level is erratic. You tend to give up if you think people aren't handling your ideas properly or aren't appreciative of your efforts. Because you don't like surprises, you often feel irritable rather than pleased when lucky breaks present themselves. You want to succeed all by yourself; you tend to alternately resent offers of help (seeing them as interference) and complain about how much you have to do. In

terms of opportunities, they tend to be the best - and best appreciated - if you work alone. If possible choose a creative field.

The 12th house is called the house of sorrows or the house of self-undoing. It can fit that description - but it doesn't have to. This is the house of your subconscious. And if you descend to the depths of your subconscious and try to understand what you find there, you'll transcend your sorrows and discover your soul. Actually, the gloom and doom connotations of this house are, if not total misconceptions, at least highly overrated. Planets here symbolize those things that separate you from the mainstream of life. These things may be traumas, physical limitations, inferiority feelings, or any other gristly thing you care to imagine. They may be self-inflicted or acts of God. Either way, you're responsible for them in the sense that it's you - and nobody else - who allows them to make you unhappy instead of letting go of them or learning to work around them or turning them into strengths rather than weaknesses. Which brings me to another point: amidst all that psychic garbage, there are other things that separate you from the mainstream of life. These are your inner strengths, the results of lessons learned, knowledge gained, and obstacles overcome in your past lives. They may be talents such as writing, creating, or a special ability to understand others. They may be character strengths such as courage, practicality or selfawareness. They may be guardian angels, either in the sense of intuitive or psychic abilities, or in the sense of people to whom you've given help in the past, people who will now help you if you open yourself to their caring. In any case, these things exist. For everyone. The more planets you have in the 12th, the more strengths you've developed. But to tap these inner resources, you first have to wade through all sorts of soggy flotsam and jetsam and get rid of your 'poor mes' and 'life's unfairs' to find and understand the real you. If Mars is here, temptations are the theme. With the Equal House position, the temptations tend to be tangible or material. With the Koch house position, they tend more towards self-deception or self-defeating behavior. There's a tendency to repress your feelings and become quite passive unless Mars is conjunct the Ascendant. This must be watched, as it's the prime cause of self-undoing with this position. Your actions will involve developing confidence, acting on your convictions, and overcoming resentments.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars hidden away in the twelfth, sex is going to be a subtle and complicated issue. These people are not going to be very conscious of their Mars energy, and may be unaware of the sexual image they are projecting; and this can lead to a lot of sexual confusion. They may get very angry when people make sexual advances because of the unconscious messages of desire that they have put out. There may be fears of violation and rape, accompanied by tremendous hostility which is not owned or recognized. Because of all this unexpressed aggression, these people can be like sponges, attracting other people's negative emotions to them. Or they may subtly provoke those around them into acting out their own anger.

With so much going on under the surface, those with Mars in the twelfth can be subject to disturbing fantasies and nightmares - living out their Mars energy in their dreams. Because it is difficult for them to get in touch with what they really want, there may be an underlying sense of frustration and dissatisfaction, with a tendency for them to play the role of martyr. Sometimes they do this by sublimating their own sexual needs and living out other people's sexual fantasies. Or they may sacrifice their sexual needs altogether to live a more spiritual life or to put their energy into looking after others.

People with Mars in this house may long for sex to be a spiritual experience. For them, sex is something mysterious and ethereal, which can make actual physical sex seem crude and primitive. They will feel uncomfortable with any direct and obvious sexual behaviour. Their own sexuality may be hidden and diffuse, so that they come over as 'safe' and asexual; and because they tend to express their desires in subtle, indirect ways, there can be a lot of confusion and misunderstanding around sex.

With Mars in the twelfth, people can be their own worst enemy, acting against their own real needs. Sometimes sexual desire brings out their buried anger, causing them to drive away the people they want most.

If Mars is close to the Ascendant, the energy will be much more accessible, and the people with this placement will be much more aware of their own sexual needs and able to pursue their fulfillment. None the less, all people with Mars in the twelfth will be looking for something much more than a physical experience from sex, and will yearn to lose themselves in a mystical union with the other person.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars is very strong at this angle; those with this position are capable of intense effort. They will have an early experience that teaches them restraint (if it doesn't do them in), although it may take many lessons before they learn to hold back when necessary. They are capable of miraculous feats of effort and will. Types of effort will range from the spiritual - lives dedicated to high spiritual goals - to the lowest levels of self-gratification; but the power is present to do what they will.

The Mars energy is so primal and strong at this angle that it is hard for these people to be rational and objective about their inner desires and cravings. In youth, they may be troublesome to those near and dear because of the scrapes they get into. They are capable of rising high in life and achieving much, but are always susceptible to having their cart overturned, usually due to their own recklessness (physical in Earth and Fire, verbal in Air, emotional in Water).

If Mars is close to the Ascendant, there is more persistence; more power to hold on, to learn from adversity and go on to win, and to try over and over in spite of difficulties. Mars in the middle of the twelfth house inclines toward giving in to defeat, or to a loss of

control so great that the recuperative powers have no chance to act.

If aspects to Mars are not good, there may be trouble with the law, time spent in jail, or serious accidents and time spent in hospitals.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your fantasies have primitive urgency. Heat fills your dreams. They are a repository for vital images of maleness in our species's evolution. While it would be absurd to suggest that all your fantasies involve aggression or conquest, there is a tendency toward these, so even benign dreams may invoke the maleness in your psyche. Crisis, confrontation, conflict, danger, and desire are all relevant symbols in your imagination. The challenge is to identify and connect with this imagery, promoting more effective action in real life. The transition from dream states to ordinary consciousness is especially relevant here.

Unfocused intuition: You want intuition, and you want it now. But you're like an athlete with a special function on the team. Much of the time you languish on the sidelines, waiting to get into the intuitive game, pacing back and forth along the bench like a placekicker, never knowing when he'll be called on to boot the winning field goal, but understanding that he must be ready to perform when the crisis comes. Curiously, you're at your best in crisis when you surrender to intuitive guidance. Attempt to maintain ego-control, and you are lost. The challenge is to let yourself go wherever demons must be slain.

Withdrawal or isolation: You may experience difficulty dealing with anger, both your own and that of others. The directness of such urgent emotions can be upsetting, so they tend to build up inside. Often, you feel them most strongly when alone. This quality can work against you in situations requiring conscious action, but it may also work for you in a crisis, providing an extra boost of energy. Physical activity can be mysterious, almost meditative. You work well on your own, behind the scenes; but schedules and deadlines are not conducive to your best performance. However, you can be brilliant at creating success from the rubble of 'best laid plans'. The challenge is to use alone time to contact your heat source. Get in touch with it, then carry it back into your real life.

Selfless giving: You are repeatedly drawn to situations where energy is bubbling away beneath the surface. You may find yourself in confrontations that are not of your own making, for you're a lightning rod for the release of buried, blocked, or superconscious forces. Your own desires are often sublimated beyond the control of conscious will. This can result in floundering without direction, or equally it may lead to extraordinary commitment, like being a commando who volunteers for a secret mission. The lead sled dog on your team listens to a higher master, and thus may take off at any moment, in any direction, and at other times might just lie down and go to sleep in spite of your yelling, 'Mush!' The challenge is to deal with assertive energies when they come,

however they come, allowing expression while remembering that the ultimate goal is peace of mind.

'Past lives': Your experience of maleness in past lives is unassimilated. You may have been male, or had relationships with men in such a way as to leave unfinished business that is now cutting into this life. Assertion, anger, heat, action, and desire are not fully understood or accepted; and the old patterns need to be revealed before you can become whole. Precisely what rhythms are held over from past lives is not clear from the house placement alone; but the sign, the ruling house, and the interplanetary aspects of Mars will help solve that riddle. The challenge is to befriend these stored energies, then to release them in situations requiring intense but controlled explosions.

(Robert Pelletier)

Before you can take up any purposeful activity, you must have a reasonably firm foundation. Your childhood environment may have taught you the importance of having your own roots, just as your parents needed theirs so they could accomplish their objectives. When you feel secure, you should be less apprehensive about doing the right thing in striving to reach your goals. You will be more successful in your life's endeavors if you start from a reasonably stable position so that your goals are more sharply defined. If your objectives include serving others as well as satisfying your personal needs, so much the better. Occasionally you may be so preoccupied with satisfying your physical desires that you neglect giving your more significant objectives the attention they deserve.

Plans and noble intentions mean nothing unless you act on them. You will be fulfilled only if you invest the time and energy to achieve your dreams with devotion and selfdiscipline. In addition to satisfying your needs, you will get the recognition your skills and accomplishments deserve. There is no other way you can gain financial security and independence so that you can come and go as you want.

You may have many useful ideas, but you must carry them out deliberately if you want any rewards from them. By accepting this kind of personal responsibility, you can make a valuable contribution to society. Your progress will be greatly simplified if you get an education that will teach you how to develop your skills. With skills, you can meet the challenge of rising to your highest level of achievement. Without some formal training, you might have to resign yourself to mediocrity or relative obscurity in the world. You can do so much to help relieve social problems that it would be a significant loss to society and yourself if you neglected this task.

Probably you will always attract people with problems who feel that you can help them. You can be highly effective in helping people learn how to help themselves; and doing this will lessen your feeling that you aren't really useful to the world. Your partner may be the first to show you how qualified you are to render assistance to others. He or she may

work to help you think more positively about yourself. You have enormous potential; but you must be willing to make whatever sacrifice is required to develop and apply it. Your family may be the stimulus you need to motivate you to act. The results will prove that you are qualified for many endeavors.

You must avoid negative thinking, for that will make you more uncertain of your ability to take the right action at the right time. You can get rid of your feelings of inadequacy by getting the training you need and acting decisively. Take advantage of any opportunity to participate in group activities, for you can be effective in improving the quality of life for others.

Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Libra 25° 17'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Marilyn Waram)

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

This person may struggle between his casual, exuberant and excitable side and the part of him which is sophisticated, refined and peace-loving. He may value harmony and cooperation, but find he starts disputes by saying too much, being indiscreet, or talking

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

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

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

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

produce someone with a great deal of polish, if he chooses to develop it.

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

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

With Jupiter in Libra at its best, the individual has a lot of reverence for the importance of co-operation, between individuals to form a relationship, and between people to form social institutions which improve the quality of life. He has a powerful concern with justice and may turn his attention to political life as a way of expressing his concern. In such a role, with enlightened integrity and charming sophistication, he can talk others into programs which are idealistic, future-oriented and of benefit to many.

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

Friendly, good-natured and diplomatic, you are popular with both sexes, and your social calendar is always full. It is quite likely that your social contacts will benefit you in some way, and you might have connections in high places that prove advantageous to you. In

your professional life, you would probably be more successful and content working with other people - in a partnership or group - than by yourself.

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Libra indicates a strong concern with justice or moral principle in marriage, partnerships and close personal relationships. Since the native tends to marry someone interested in religious, educational and philosophic thought, this position favors a marriage based on spiritual values and co-operation in contributing to the larger social order. Such values go beyond sexual attraction, so that there is promise of an enduring marriage (unless Jupiter is heavily afflicted here) and of a worthwhile home life (because Jupiter is exalted in Cancer).

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

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

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

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

at large, despite his honorable intentions.

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

This is a position of curiosity, capable of seeing opportunity almost everywhere. There is a certain perversity about it, because you seem willing to do anything except what your nature is best fitted for. The opportunity that will appeal most to you is very likely to be the last thing in the world you should do. You are all too likely to follow what someone else says you ought to do, or what chance throws in your way. You need to cultivate firmness of purpose, and to concentrate on one line in which you want to excel. Your need for appearing successful in the eyes of others, rather than in your eyes, causes you to see too much with the eyes of others, so that you lack the drive of those who work outward from their wells of ego into the world. You are all too likely to try to fit your ego into the demands of other people, and thus to flounder because your anchor is not within your own heart.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in 11th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Social and intellectual security.

Those with this placement tend to be idealists, dreamers, and vast schemers, often with a strongly optimistic motivation. With future-oriented Juptier in the future-oriented eleventh house, this person is often overflowing with plans, goals, and a multitude of vast objectives. (Note that traditionally the eleventh is the house of hopes and wishes, and that Jupiter here is usually considered a benefic influence for attaining one's objectives.) A planet of considerable social involvement, Jupiter naturally functions freely and enthusiastically in the house that represents the larger human community; there is often an emphasis on dealing with society at large or with social or international issues. Quite often there is a need to be involved with social change or social improvement schemes, and so these people are often found in politics, organizations, foundations, and professional associations that share a common - usually a humanitarian or progressive - goal.

The keywords point to the fact that these individuals seek security in merging their energies with a large group or movement, which gives them a feeling of prosperity and well-being. With a generous planet in a generous house, they are usually liberal with the time and resources that they will devote to a greater cause. Moore and Douglas state that these folks are natural planners and organizers of group activities.

The other facet of the above keywords reveals how these people also seek intellectual security and thus are attracted to vast systems of thought. They often want to be with people who share their concepts and world view; sometimes they create entirely original mental worlds.

(Marilyn Waram)

With Jupiter in the eleventh house, the person connects values, morals, ethics, social mores, and the search for truth to friends, associates, humanitarian concepts, and individualism. This is another very restless combination, very cerebral, which requires and may well demand constant intellectual stimulation. The person's mind is usually very good. He is bright and quick to learn. However, he may be too fidgety to do well in school; his mind roams far and wide, and he can be impatient if he always has to wait for others. He can react to this with frustration and disrespect, or with taking matters into his own hands and skipping out.

This is a position which is not only doubly restless and doubly intellectual, but also doubly humanitarian, itnerested in bettering the world for the common person. Paraadoxically, it tends to be something of a harsh placement, not strong in compassion for, or decency toward, an individual. The values tend to relate to the mind, new age ideas and beliefs, technology, individualism, and friends.

The person with Jupiter in the eleventh may make an ultimate value out of individualism,

out of the rights of each person to do his or her own thing. This may be in balance; but if it is not, this person may consider that chaos is preferable to control. He may fight all kinds of structure as a way to eliminate restrictions on personal freedoms.

Naturally, he will sooner or later threaten the larger social institutions which both support and confine the people they serve. He will, at the very least, have a strong natural resistance to being pushed around. This person really has to do things his own way. That does not mean he cannot co-operate, but means that he will tend only to do so when he chooses, on his terms. He will not do it in the service of someone else's values or needs unless other factors in his chart indicate this. Even then, he will strongly oppose any attempts to make him go along with a crowd, or to give up any of his personal freedoms for some other sake. It is sacrilege to him.

This goes for marriage as well - he will not suffer being held down. He values his freedom so much that he may never get married at all; but if he does, he needs to have a mate who understands his need for freedom, for constant stimulation, and for a relationship which does not restrict him too much. For his part, he needs to remember that people have emotional needs, and if those are starved, they will eventually drive him mad with their demands or go elsewhere. If he is a person who values his marriage as well as his freedom, he will have to make sure he looks after each, in appropriate ways.

With Jupiter in the eleventh house, friends can also be made into ultimate values. This can lead to exciting friendships with fascinating, brilliant people who are always into some new interest. It may lead to friendships in which discussion of philosophy, learning, and debate of opinions is the focus. The individual may have many acquaintances from foreign countries and cultures, and learn much from them. He may place his friends up on a pedestal and idolize them, think they are the ones with all the brain and wit, and feel inadequate next to them. He may think they ought to be perfect, and drop them as soon as the human flaws become evident. Or he could expect himself to always play the great guru with his friends, to be the one with all the answers.

His friends may set him up in this role. He could have high or totally unrealistic expectations for his friends, or they for him. In real extremes, he may take his friends for granted, demand anything he wants from them, and expect their unqualified support about his rightness. Or he may find his friends all tend to fit this pattern, that they manifest the harsh side of Jupiter.

Usually this placement indicates a very strong interest in new-age ideas, the New Thought churches or something similar, and quite probably in very up-to-date technology. He can be as fascinated by the newest computers as by the teachings from Science of Mind-type churches. He is not interested in conventional anything, but particularly not in his religion. He may even have fundamentalist beliefs, although that is extremely rare with this placement, but he will not associate himself too deeply with any church; his expectation of freedom, intellectual as well as physical, is too strong.

Ideally, a person with this placement values his friends, technology, new-age thought and individuality, without expecting complete fulfillment from any. He respects the rights of individuals in balance with respect for his own rights. He is a ground breaker, but does not feel any compulsion to destroy valuable structures, conventional establishments, or old-fashioned values in order to make room for the new. He takes an eclectic approach, able to glean the best from the old and integrate it with the most promising of the new.

(Eve Jackson)

The eleventh house reflects our attitudes towards and experience of any group to which we belong, from society at large to the social microcosm of, say, a club, business organization, or even, in the first place, our family. Planets here tend to manifest in the group context, and are often experienced via other group members, and also figure in our ideas about how a group should be organized - in other words, our political notions.

In the more casual context, those with this placement like to spread themselves among different circles and keep as many social options open as possible. They are usually good at facilitating group participation. It is a popular placement on charts of politicians, and inclines towards political theories of a fairly idealistic nature, with an emphasis on freedom. Though there is often considerable political vision and enthusiasm, those with Jupiter in the eleventh make poor party members, as strict adherence to a line laid down is not their style; they prefer to make the rules rather than keep them.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You have such a spontaneous social sensibility that groups want you around. They often come to you rather than your going to them. These opportunities are not to be taken lightly, since they offer you the challenge of recognition and the chance to expand your social horizons. In fact, a real pitfall involves presuming that since you've been asked to join in the past, you will be in the future. Don't overlook these real resources.

Appropriate behavior: Appropriate behavior is very natural for you, almost like a sixth sense. You seem to instinctively know how to act in almost any social setting. You're interested in what other people think, but probably not overly concerned. At your best, criticism slides off you like water off a duck's back; but be careful of the pitfall of selfrighteousness. Everyone screws up occasionally, including you, so have patience in bearing the gracelessness or inconsideration you sometimes have to suffer. The challenge is to use your relaxed social sense to make others more comfortable, thus increasing your acceptance.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship requires little effort. You understand and accept people, which makes you a good friend to have; and you expect others to treat you with

the same understanding and acceptance. You're willing to be friendly, even in trying circumstances; and this is communicated to others, who respond in kind. It's only when they don't that you reveal your righteous side. Your social circle is a barometer. If it's large and vibrant, it means you're addressing Saturn's placement in your natal chart. If it's unfulfilling, or if you're isolated, it indicates that you're trapped. Either you're ignoring your Saturn, which means you're not investing enough to warrant a return in friendship, or you're striving to solve those Saturnian riddles too intensely, working so hard that you have no energy left to enjoy yourself. Relax and enjoy the bounty of your friendships.

Shared creativity: You repeatedly find yourself linked with organizations whose purpose is creative. Through the ability to oversee the direction of the group's thinking, you influence the creative results, while at the same time becoming recognized as an invaluable source of insight for the group. Cheerleading the whole process is not only enjoyable, but something you revel in. Your creative role is to provide enthusiasm and perspective, to give the group renewed life.

Receiving love: Being loved is based on the positive vision of yourself reflected in another's eyes. Primary among these is wisdom. When your wisdom is recognized by others, you feel loved. If you're treated as ordinary, however, you do not recognize the presence of love, even if it exists. You like your ego to be stroked. When your lover delights in your spontaneous self-expression, you feel that he or she truly loves you. If constrained or put upon to limit yourself, you back away. When a relationship increases social contacts in your life, you experience being loved. If there is too much possessiveness, the feeling of ingrown isolation destroys the love for you. When your honesty is unquestioned, you are in the flow of love. However, any mistrust or accusation surrounding the purity of your motives or actions is offensive. You don't like being tested. The challenge is to find a person who shares your vision of optimism and free expression, and, having found that acknowledgement, to honor your beloved with fidelity.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Jupiter adds luck to the life. Without serious bad aspects, these people will have influential friends who assist them greatly. Even with bad aspects, this Jupiter acts as a cushion, preventing difficulties from going to too great an extreme. No matter how lonely or unsatisfactory the personal life may be, in front of groups they appear vital, relaxed and in control. It is a good position for a teacher, politician, bandleader, manager, or anyone dealing with groups. They love to party and hang out with as large a crowd as possible.

Whatever group these people lead will feel tremendous loyalty towards them, and they in turn will feel loyalty to the group. In fact, they cannot work with or for any group they don't love or believe in, which may cause difficulties when it comes to earning a living, because they hate to compromise their principles. This can dull a career effort, because

they will work with great enthusiasm for a while, only to lose interest when they discover faults in individuals in the group, or that the group's goals are not totally altruistic.

Another difficulty is that when they do find a group they can believe in, they have a hard time leaving it for bigger and better things. Although they are so group-oriented, it is always the individuals within the group who are important to them, rather than the group itself; thus, a career soldier may hate the army but love his unit.

These people are believers, first and foremost. They need to show enthusiasm and to belong to something noble and worthy that they can be enthusiastic about. If they show cynicism, it is only a thin layer, and they will throw it aside as soon as possible. It is good for them to develop some kind of special skill or area of expertise that sets them above the common herd, at least in their own mind. Otherwise, they will suffer from a vague feeling that they deserve nothing better than their lot. If they play an instrument, they will belong with the greats of music and be one with Mozart and Beethoven - at least while they are practising.

Anything that enhances their membership in a group, that enables them to enlighten or entertain others, is good for them. They are usually good joke- and story-tellers, and like to be the life of the party.

The closer Jupiter is to the twelfth house cusp, the less they will be oriented towards profit-making, and the more towards helping those less fortunate than themselves.

(Howard Sasportas)

The God Zeus had the task of looking after the well-being of the populace. Similarly, the planet Jupiter, extending our awareness beyond the self-centred concerns of Mars, reminds us of the larger social context in which we exist and have a part to play. In this respect, Jupiter is quite at home in the 11th house.

The people prayed to Zeus for help, guidance and protection against harm; and those with this placement may be sought by friends and groups to provide the same sort of inspiration and support. Conversely, their own horizons and understanding of the meaning of life are broadened and expanded through social interaction. They may assume the role of a guru, hero or heroine in the eyes of friends or groups, or find themselves looking to a friend or group to be their protection and salvation.

Jupiter in the 11th will normally join clubs or organizations which promote humanitarian and egalitarian causes, or which promise growth and expansion for everyone involved. Usually they are in tune with new currents and progressive social trends. Difficult aspects to Jupiter may indicate high expectations and ideals, and disappointment when the group fails to solve all their problems or doesn't succeed soon enough in eliminating the woes of the world. Undismayed, however, they will move on to the next cause or organization in the hopes that a new-found formula will be the key.

Jupiter in this house suggests an ever-expanding circle of friends, often of varied cultures and nationalities. For some, life's significance only comes to fruition if their diaries are fully booked and they are having to choose between Mick Jagger's birthday party and an invitation to St. Moritz for the weekend. Sometimes, an over-involvement in social activities or too great an entanglement in the lives of their friends may dissipate their energy and detract from their applying themselves in other areas of life.

Both Jupiter and the 11th house are concerned with becoming more than we already are - therefore, these people are usually not short of goals and objectives in life, and can almost always be seen looking ahead. As soon as one objective is attained, another one appears in its place. A narrowing down of goals or more discrimination in choosing which ones are worth following may be necessary if they are not to spread themselves too thinly. If they shoot their arrows too high, these may come back down on them; if they aim in too many different directions at once, they don't know where to shoot first. It's dizzying just watching them. However, because there is usually such a strong faith that they will and should achieve what they want, life can't help but support them accordingly. Often, friends or groups share this faith in them and their goals, and will be helpful in their realization.

(Robert Pelletier)

You hope that later in life you will have the financial resources necessary for a bountiful lifestyle. If you really want to guarantee that this will happen, you must devise a program with that goal in mind. You don't doubt your ability to succeed in achieving your expectations, although you are often distracted from the necessary course of action. Still, you are optimistic that you will eventually realize your objectives. People often turn to you for guidance because you show that you are sensitive to their needs. Your benign influence will help you succeed if you decide to enter a professional service field.

Your ability to grow and expand your field of influence is nearly unlimited. You have the capacity to acquire new information, which will certainly increase your value to yourself and to the world. You are always ready to assume a more responsible position; and you don't have to resort to chicanery to achieve what is expected of you. As your level of accomplishment rises, the burden of responsibility increases, so you may wonder how you will cope with it. If you are concerned about this problem, aim for less until you feel confident that you can fulfill your responsibilities.

You question whether you will always have opportunities to fully demonstrate your creative talents. But you must keep looking for opportunities, because it is urgent that you exploit and promote your potentials so that you will attract the attention of people in important positions. Your abilities are not questioned by those who benefit from them. Be cautious about overindulging your children, for they may not make the effort to exploit their own potentials. Do your homework and learn to curb your spending habits. If you

can't seem to get organized, get help from a qualified person. You can accomplish much with your resources and get a substantial yield that will assure your future security.

You must accept full responsibility for your own losses as well as your gains in your work. Although you might not enjoy the arduous tasks required by your career, doing them will improve your competence until you are ready for a more important position. You are qualified to render services that people need, so you must find time to accommodate them. You are grateful for the benefits that your parents provided; but along with fulfilling your obligations by them, you have to establish your own roots.

You will be greatly enriched if you set aside your fears and anxieties and work to help those who cannot help themselves. Not wanting to be unknown, you may refuse to work behind the scenes, but that is precisely where you will reap the greatest spiritual rewards. It would be heartwarming, of course, to have the public remember and appreciate you for your accomplishments.

Saturn ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius 18° 55'

No interpretation.

Saturn ♄ in 1st House

(Liz Greene)

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

through which a man may present himself to the world, must be in reasonable accord with the more hidden, unconscious aspects of his psyche.

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

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

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

One of the main qualities which appears to accompany Saturn in the first house is a lack of self-assertion of a positive kind. There is often a need to enforce one's will and to control the immediate environment; but rather than being the spontaneous and selfconfident assertion of the individual, this is more of a defensive manoeuvre which sometimes attempts to attack first because it is fearful of attack. Sometimes the need for control is expressed in a subtle and indirect way so that situations are manipulated

without any real evidence of aggressiveness. This is the characteristic coupling of need and fear which is so often found with Saturn. The natural shyness and stiff awkwardness of Saturn is expressed more obviously with this placement than with any other, although the individual often learns during life to cultivate a smooth, cool and polished surface.

Saturn conjuncting the ascendant is frequently concurrent with a difficult birth, usually physically but sometimes psychologically as well; and this curious coincidence occurs too often to be a real coincidence. It is, moreover, reasonable to assume that the natural reluctance of the person with Saturn in the first house to expose himself to the outside world might even extend to birth. It is common with a first house Saturn for the individual to learn from childhood that it is costly to get too involved with life; and there is a basic weakness in the persona which causes him to identify both too much and too little with the outward shell of his personality. He is therefore vulnerable to attack and control from the outside, and generally knows it; and much of his life may be spent in devising ways of protecting himself so that the extent of his vulnerability is not discovered. The person with Saturn in the first house is often high in suspicion and low in self-confidence; and he looks out at others from behind an intangible but often very powerful barrier that effectively isolates him from the real impact of life. He may sometimes be burdened with chronic ill-health, particularly as a child when he has not yet learned other means of successful withdrawal from the arena. He often has little faith in himself; but the self with which he identifies is the mask rather than the total psyche. From the deliberate withdrawal from the roots of his own psychic life stems the curious lifelessness and dryness which is so often observable in the person with this placement of Saturn.

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

Saturn in the first house often feels that he is never able to have what he wants, that life is forever thwarting his desires. This is largely because he does not ask for what he

wants; or, if he does ask, then it is with the concurrent feeling that he does not actually deserve a reply. The will and the use of the will are often frightening to this kind of individual because he is afraid of his own will and consequently projects what he terms wilfulness or selfishness onto others. As he comes to terms with this shadowy and powerful feature of his own personality - for the person with Saturn placed here has a powerful and controlled will if he chooses to recognise and utilise it - he generally finds that along with his frustration, he has also learned control over the desire nature and has shaped his personality into a disciplined tool. The controlled and directed will, coupled with a sense of purpose, is one of the more positive qualities offered by Saturn in the first house.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the more aggressive manifestation of Saturn in the first house often appears, and this individual may be at first glance rarely distinguishable from the truly fiery type of temperament. No-one is more outgoing than he is; no-one more prepared to take charge or seize control of a situation through sheer force or more subtle calculation. His philosophy is that the best defence is offence, because it has not yet occurred to him that it is possible to control oneself without the necessity of controlling everybody else as well. On closer expression, this kind of individual is often found to be as shy and awkward as his more self-effacing brother. He may find it as difficult to participate fully in life and to experience the sense of richness and fullness which is so characteristic of the fiery personality.

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

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the first house is less intense than Saturn conjunct Mars, but it represents the same issue. Personal will must be integrated with the limits of personal will. There is an inherent potential for conflict between our first house sense of our own identity, our right and power to do what we please, and the Saturn principle which represents the 'rules of

the game'. The 'rules' include 'natural law', cultural regulations, authority figures, and the conscience. We may resist any limits on our will and fight the world, trying to make our own will into law. Or we may doubt our own power and rights and give up, convinced that if we tried to do what we wanted we would just fail or be put down by the world. To integrate the conflict, we need to compromise so that there is a place in our lives for each of these sides of life. We need to find some things which we want to do and can do which are not in conflict with the rules, so that we have our share of the power in the world.

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

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

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

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

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

Part of the Saturn principle is a critical attitude, since to work effectively we have to look

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

(Bil Tierney)

The closer Saturn is to the ASC, the more it suggests we may start off in life with an uncomfortable self-image. An unchildlike uptightness is suggested. We have learned at a very tender age to hold back from taking spontaneous action due to basic insecurities about ourselves. Our instinct is to hesitate rather than self-assuredly mobilize our energies. Cautiousness and an air of reserve are often evident in our youth, reflecting an apparent degree of maturity in at least some of us. But because we naturally consider the consequences of our actions before initiating them, we readily keep most impulses in check. We at least are able to wait until we can calculate a better sense of timing before attempting to fulfill our urges. We seldom assertively or boldly move out into our environment. Patient restraint and a wait-and-see attitude are typical ways we face life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because we often perceive the harshness of life's uncompromising realities very personally and directly, we tend to feel it's all a big struggle to even exist. We may also

make things harder for ourselves by going down more difficult paths to begin with. Yet maybe in the process we discover we have a keenly ambitious drive to handle adversity and eventually achieve more than was ever expected of us. We have had to continually meet up against many forms of authoritative backlash - from father to boss to our own rigid sense of inner authority. This can be a hardy placement for Saturn, once thinskinny hypersensitivity has been replaced with unflinching determination and confident self-clarity. Although our actions appear level-headed, we seem to want to prove our inner strength by putting ourselves in situations where we have a chance to mow down obstacles and overcome hurdles.

Our childhood years were seldom free from inhibiting factors. We are most likely to have attracted at least one parent who presented authority to us in a fear-provoking manner. Feelings of personal inadequacy were typically due to some early deprivation. Economics may or may not play a role here (Saturn has traditionally been associated with poverty and physical want); but a greater sense of lack can revolve around the matter of not receiving sufficient personal attention. We may have been ignored too much and not held or comforted enough.

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

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

Should our self-concept remain weak and unclear, we may exhibit self-doubt concerning our ability to both give and receive warmth, closeness, intimacy, and basic human connection. Our fear of disapproval may force us to assume a guarded appearance. We become skillful at covering up our wounded inner nature. On the surface, we may

appear aloof and independent. This is a guise that can often work well in the professional zone, where we appear to have it all together as a self-made person. But we also need to review ourselves and determine whether or not we physically give off the(mis)impression that we are cool, composed, and a tad too unfriendly to get to know well. Maybe some of us really are indeed this way all the time. But the rest of us can be someone quite different deep inside. It is our self-uncertainty that makes us mistrust the intentions of others. We must learn that we live in a world that is not seeking to put us down or demean us, and that there are supportive people out there who can bolster our identity in life-affirming ways.

Getting to know us will probably take time. Once people attempt to go beyond our sometimes chilly façade - which can be intimidating at first encounter - they might just discover that we have a lot of depth. We give thoughtful consideration to others, and want the same in return. However, we do seem to have a hard time allowing people to penetrate our personality. Those barricades we psychologically construct around us work against us by further increasing our sense of isolation. They will need to be broken down by the power of intimate relationships. One good thing astrologers love to say about Saturn, because it rings true, is that 'Saturn gets better with age'. All is not lost. We simply need those vital lessons only maturity can provide. We with Saturn in the First House need to keep this in mind.

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

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

We can have a lasting feeling of inner security and the satisfying sense that our life is truly significant.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

Saturn in the 1st may experience the physical body itself as awkward, gross and uncomfortable. Or they feel that their personalities are inadequate and lacking in social graces. Because of their difficulty in feeling easy and relaxed, they may present themselves in an austere or withdrawn manner. Or fearing that unless they are careful they might look silly, they develop a most dignified stance and posture in all they do. Even if they appear frothy and superficial on the outside, they are likely to be masking something insecure and problematical. Others may interpret their lack of confidence and reticence as cold and unfriendly.

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

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

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

Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo 24° 20'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ways of cleaning up the social environment on both physical and mental levels. Disruption occurs when new ways of serving society are misunderstood and taken too literally.

(Joan Negus)

As with all the Earth signs, you would expect the revolutionary and creative activities of Uranus in Virgo to deal with practical issues and involve tangible, concrete results. With the sign of Virgo specifically, there should be attention to detail; and the pace of progress would be slow in spite of the sudden and erratic qualities usually associated with the planet Uranus. Yet, when results materialize, changes may seem sweeping and abrupt. Once action is taken, all of the necessary ground work and analyzing will probably fade into the background.

For example, in the month following Kennedy's assassination a large number of laws was passed to wage war on poverty. Kennedy was in office from January, 1961 until November, 1963. Early in his administration he declared a 'war on poverty'. He had numerous ideas in regard to changing U.S. policies, but it was only after his death that many of these ideas were enacted into law. This may be attributed partially to the martyrdom of Kennedy, but also the 'wheeler-dealer' capabilities of Lyndon Johnson. With Uranus in Virgo, preparation to make changes may have taken time, but the ultimate results were sweeping and seemed sudden.

The revolutionary changes in the laws that were passed in the month following Kennedy's assassination are the type to be expected with Uranus in an Earth sign. They included protecting the voting and housing rights of Blacks, the establishment of medical care for the elderly, and programs for the financially disadvantaged. There was also emphasis on improving education. All of these issues are down-to-earth; and health matters are particularly appropriate for the sign of Virgo.

Even with the legislation passed, however, more work had to be done. The battle for Black civil rights is an excellent example of progress being slow in Earth signs (and slowest of all in Virgo). The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. Schools were supposed to be desegregated. Housing and employment opportunities were supposed to be open and equal. But the new laws were not always followed, and protests began.

In 1963, 200,000 people marched in Detroit to protest discrimination. After that, half the Black children in Chicago boycotted the schools to point up the fact that desegregation was not being implemented. Then the protests began to take on a more violent tone. In 1964 there was a riot in Harlem; in 1965 there was one in Los Angeles; and in 1967 a series of race riots erupted across the country. After Martin Luther King's assassination

in 1968, another series of riots ensued.

Even though Uranus is the planet of revolution, you would not expect a great deal of violence when that planet is in Virgo. This may be explained by the fact that Pluto was conjoining Uranus in Virgo from 1963 to 1968. Comparing Uranian events from 1961 to 1963 and in 1969 with those that occurred during the years of the Pluto- Uranus conjunction might suggest possible differences between these two groups of people born during those respective years.

First and foremost, all the riots took place while the Pluto-Uranus conjunction was in range, supporting the idea that there was more volatility during that time than the rest of the period in which Uranus was in Virgo. But even with the conjunction, violence was not the immediate response. Although the riots seemed to erupt suddenly, they occurred only after peaceful protests were tried and failed to have an impact.

Anyone with Uranus in Virgo wants to take the most practical and efficient path in order to make tangible changes. They will usually work out the step-by-step plans before they launch their first attack. And, as evidenced by the timing of the riots, even with the Pluto-Uranus conjunction, action was not taken quickly.

The desire to investigate and get to the bottom of a situation which we connect with Pluto combined easily with the slow-moving thoroughness of the sign of Virgo. The potential volatility of Pluto was temporarily delayed by the need of the Earth signs to take the practical approach - the one that will work. And Virgo also modified the erratic and impatient qualities we associate with Uranus. At first glance, you might expect individuals with Pluto conjunct Uranus always to be ready for a good revolution in which the old régime would be ousted simply for the sake of transformation. But this really is not the case. With these planets being in Virgo, there need to be sound, practical reasons for a revolution. So those with the conjunction, as well as those with Uranus in Virgo but not conjunct Pluto, would tend to bide their time and investigate the various alternatives for change available to them. Both groups would probably try the most conventional or safest paths first. However, if either group finally resorts to a revolution, those with the conjunction are likely to take the more drastic actions and make the more sweeping changes.

The Vietnam War, the major war of the Uranus in Virgo era, also exemplifies characteristics connected with the sign of Virgo. It was, without doubt, the most unpopular war in U.S. history. The United States' involvement in Vietnam began during Truman's presidency; but it was not until 1964 (during the Pluto-Uranus conjunction) after a North Vietnamese attack on two American ships that large numbers of American troops were sent there. The war escalated over the next few years, and it became less and less popular.

What was particularly offensive to the American public were stories about the killing of

civilians in routine bombings and tales of corruption and drug use among the American military. It was considered an immoral war; and morality is an important keyword for the sign of Virgo. Applied to the individual with Uranus in Virgo, this adds the need to examine the morality of one's stand before revolutionary action can be taken. This further explains why individuals with this sign placement of Uranus (even those who have Uranus conjunct Pluto) do not take action more quickly.

Let us now look at the modern technology of the Uranus in Virgo period to get information about the creativity of those born during this time. One advancement that seems to epitomise Uranus in Virgo stands out. This is the development of the microchip.

Although the microchip made its first appearance in 1958, while Uranus was in the sign of Leo, it was not until 1962, when Uranus was firmly entrenched in Virgo, that it was mass-produced. But, aside from making this valuable discovery available to more and more people, there was another quality that reflected Virgo. We know that Virgo pays a great deal of attention to minute details; and throughout the 1960s the microchip became more efficient and more compact. 'In 1964, for example, a chip a tenth of an inch square contained a total of 10 transistors and other components. By 1970, no fewer than 1000 components were crammed into the same-sized chip, at approximately the same cost as before.' In this quotation, both the painstaking patience and attention to detail are easily ascribed to Virgo.

Therefore, in terms of creativity, individuals with Uranus in Virgo should look for projects that may take patience, but can also produce useful results. Cost may be a consideration, but this factor needs to be weighed against the worth of the product. The more practical and useful its application, the less likely that expenditures will be a concern.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Virgo during this century from November 1961 to January 1962, then again from August 1962 to September 1968, and briefly in May and June of 1969. Virgo is the sign of work, service and physical health; therefore, those of you who were born with this Uranus position in your birth charts will experience and be involved in changes in these areas.

Uranus's trip through Virgo prompted large-scale concern for the needy peoples of the world. In the United States, government programs like the Peace Corps and VISTA were established to help the poor at home and abroad learn to help themselves; and young people from the wealthy and middle classes chose to work in these programs. Others pursued teaching careers, especially in 'special education' areas designed to help children with mental or physical handicaps, as a way of serving their fellow humans. Social consciousness was at an all-time high during this period; helping others and doing

socially useful work was considered more important by many people than wealth, fame or prestige.

Those of you who have Uranus positioned in Virgo might be responsible for stirring up public awareness about social and economic inequities in the world. You want to find ways to assist those who are less fortunate than yourselves to become selfsupporting and independent, and may work to bring this about.

Physical health also is associated with Virgo; and as Uranus moved through it aroused public interest in health issues. Concerns about environmental pollution and adulterated food, and how these affect health, were brought to the fore during this period. As a result, natural foods, vegetarianism, vitamin supplements and alternative health care options proliferated, and millions of people changed their diets because of increased awareness about health. Public outcries against environmental conatmination brought about the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. Uranus-in-Virgo health-consciousness also produced changes in work-related health, and led to the formation of the Occupational Safety and Health Adminstration (OSHA) in the United States in 1970. Uranus's passage through this sign triggered Virgoan concern for the health and well-being of all life-forms; and during this transit the Endangered Species Acts were created to protect animals, birds and marine life.

Those of you who have Uranus in Virgo in your birth charts are interested in health issues; and your Uranus-group might be responsible for establishing national medical insurance and progressive public health care programs. Or, you could be involved in improving the design and use of health-related products and / or therapies. Perhaps you are a proponent of alternative health care and unconventional medical practices, and might help bring new techniques, practices or ideas into public awareness. You may consider traditional medicine and the medical establishment too restrictive, conservative, authoritarian and inhuman, and may strive to instigate changes in the health care industry that provide more openness and rights for patients. Because of your interest in the connection between mind and body, you might find ways to use 'mind over matter' to treat illnesses, or discover cures for diseases that are related to attitude and lifestyle.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Virgo indicates people who have original yet practical ideas in regard to work methods, especially in such fields as health, science, and technology.

While Uranus was in Virgo - the sign ruled by Mercury, the mental, scientific planet - many electronic inventions were produced, including the computers that have revolutionized business and industry. The same time period has brought about the development of miniature solid state circuitry (Virgo is an Earth sign) in the form of transistors and similar devices.

The generation having Uranus in Virgo will display unique and ingenious approaches to industry, science, technology, labor relations, ecology, and health care. Children born between 1964 and 1968, having Uranus conjunct Pluto in Virgo, will be of especially revolutionary influence in these fields. That generation will bear the brunt of the practical hard work needed to regenerate human civilization in preparation for the new Aquarian age ruled by Uranus.

These people have an unusual talent for business and a tremendous practical resourcefulness in work. However, they are likely to suffer many changes and disruptions in employment.

Uranus afflicted here can cause erratic health problems. Natives may be interested in the healing effects of correct diet, and in mental control of the bodily functions.

(Grant Lewi)

Your originality is most likely to assert itself along lines of organization, routine, or social welfare. If you work along your most characteristic lines, it will be to make some contribution to social or business systems. You can be an efficiency expert in the service of capitalist industry and make your genius valuable along that line. Or your desire to serve may take a broader and more humanitarian form, and you may become a leader of social thought, applying your systematic genius to large problems of labor and social welfare. Your most characteristic expression will be found in connection with work, its methods and its efficiency; or in connection with social service and progress. You are more likely than not to be on the side of social change aiming at division of labor and the general good of society, and probably feel at home with changes and even turbulence.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a potential source of tension, especially if the subject is rather nervous or apprehensive, or if tension is evident in other areas of the chart. These energies can be put to good use as they will inject the mind with the ability to analyze and research, and will also encourage a certain originality of approach to any problem or project that is under consideration. Since Virgo is an Earth sign, it tends to be conventional - the familiar and well-tried is preferred, yet Uranus's influence is quite the reverse, encouraging original thought and actions, and often unconventional behavior.

People who have Uranus in Virgo will also have Pluto in that sign, and many have the strikingly powerful Uranus / Pluto conjunction. Check this possibility, as it could be very revealing and, because of these additional influences, it is difficult to divorce the effect from that of Pluto. However, while Virgo is generally anything but powerloving, the energy force of this placing, plus Pluto's intervention, have endowed this particular generation with some dynamic, forceful qualities. They have what it takes to make world-shattering changes; but refer to the aspect interpretation for a fuller explanation of the

conjunction. To put this on a personal level, the individual may be a seeker and questioner, unable to rest content, and with the ability to scrutinize every aspect of a situation. If these attributes can be positively used, and are supported elsewhere in the chart, he or she may have a considerable talent for investigative or research work that is often medical. Scientific flair is possible, but the subject must accept his originality since there may sometimes be an inclination to suppress it.

(John Townley)

Probably you will learn much from trying out a variety of detailed expressions of love. You treasure affection not so much for its principle and motivation but for the actual forms it takes.

Certainly that is the basic orientation of people in your age group, who seem to emphasize the whats and hows of love rather than the whys. This may also be the most rewarding path for you personally, in which case you may comfortably rely on those around you to provide direction in pursuing this path.

But if this direction does not come naturally, don't force yourself to take it. If your love expression differs from that of your peers, do not curb your own inclinations unnaturally. The accepted expressions of love and affection may not have the same meaning for you, so feel free to develop your own.

In order to know what to accept and what to reject, you should become familiar with the contemporary procedures of love and courting. You may find that you can transmit real affection by attending to the special details and mannerisms that particularly please your lover. Pursuing that goal can significantly heighten the intensity and creativity of a relationship.

(Robert Hand)

The conflict here is similar to the problem between Taurus and Uranus - that is, the conflict between the earthy nature of the sign and the eccentric and airy nature of the planet. However, Virgo is more flexible and less rigid than Taurus. These children have some difficulty dealing with matters of duty and responsibility, but they find new ways to get their work done. They are not very good at following a routine, however, unless they have set it up for themselves. At any rate, whatever innovations they come up with will be practical ones that can be used in everyday life.

Uranus ♅ in 10th House

(Joan Negus)

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

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

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

You could decide that having your own business is essential to your need for freedom, especially if you have had dealings with tyrannical bosses. Working for yourself can be very appealing to your urge for independence. But what you should consider before you embark upon this path is that there are responsibilities connected with self-employment that are not part of working for someone else. When you have your own business, you have to deal with finances, advertising, marketing and probably a number of other issues, depending on the type of profession involved. In other words, when you are the one in charge, success or failure is based largely on your own efforts or your ability to delegate well.

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

occurring.

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

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

Although Uranus in the tenth house indicates that change can be undertaken in the career, you do not want to make abrupt changes without forethought. Sometimes restlessness and the desire for change, or pressure from others, may cause you to act too rashly; and you can create a situation that is worse than the one you left. Some of the suggestions mentioned above could be tried, or you might create other appropriate actions. Keep in mind that a change of attitude may be as satisfying as a change of career. There is a desire to make drastic changes, but minor adjustments may be all that are needed. If you have made minor adjustments and are still dissatisfied, you might consider a career in a Uranian field such as astrology, computer technology, electrical engineering, or anything unusual or on the cutting edge.

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

sense of social relationship and obligation.

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

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

You will be really looking to discover your own role and function in society, a process of potential integration into the whole. You could fail, and become a reactionary revolutionary, feeding off rejected negative energies, and primarily being destructive rather than constructive in your response to your own failure.

Yet the most appropriate way could be the pioneering of new ways and concepts, where liberal humanitarian and radical social politics attracts you, satisfying the Uranian impulse for future-oriented social change. As usual, you will demand as much freedom as possible in your life, stalking around like a caged animal if it is denied. This need could develop into an unusual career or profession, which can absorb such a demand without any detriment, and it may be that over time your innovative perspective could lead you to become a leader or spokesperson for some idealistic cause or scientific development. This will depend on that ability to generate personal power and to apply it in a socially influential manner; and this is unlikely to happen overnight but likely to emerge as a consequence of effort and persistence in a chosen direction.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 10th House correlates to in human consciousness is the need to give structural cohesion and definition to the totality of what one is inwardly and outwardly. It is the need to establish inner and outer laws, rules, customs, norms, and taboos that regulate the functioning of life itself. These laws, rules, or customs, establish inner and outer conditions that by their very nature condition, shape, and define the essence of anything: e.g., when water is poured into a certain shape, the inherent essence or spirit of the water now reflects the shape that it is defined by (poured into). It was stated earlier that Uranus correlates to the Creation that is projected outwards from its Source, and that the root principle of the projected Creation is

Intelligence. This projected Creation is everywhere and constitutes everything. As this Creation / Intelligence is reflected in human consciousness, which simply means a consciousness that has the capacity to be aware that it is conscious (self-conscious), and from a metaphysical point of view the Universe being conscious of itself, the essence of consciousness is thus defined by, conditioned, and limited to consciousness in a human form: the structure of consciousness as expressed through time, space, and the time / space laws of cause and effect that are the essence of evolution. In reverse, this is why human beings project upon the Creator anthropomorphic images of their own form.

Uranus here means to learn the difference between the laws, conditions, rules, and norms that are made by the human being, and those laws that are intrinsic to the condition of being a human being. To give form, shape, and definition is an inherent law of the Creation, which is projected outwards from the Source, as an example. When this law is linked with time, space, and the law of cause and effect, the evolution of form, shapes, and definitions takes place. Similarly, this law is reflected in human consciousness as the need to give definition, structure, and form to itself, which changes over time through cause and effect. When a group of people live together in the same time and space, this intrinsic law manifests (projects) as the need to establish social definitions, laws, customs, norms, and taboos in order for the individuals, who reflect their own laws, to live together in a social unit that is regulated by the consensus of social contracts: laws.

Uranus in the 10th House is a natural paradox. On the one hand, any group of people who live together must have social contracts, laws, that allow them to live together, On the other hand, every individual within that social group is an individual whose individuality is subjected to the social conditions of the society that he or she is born into. It is this interface between the individual and the social group that induces the paradox to manifest. Individuality and consensus are inherently antithetical. The challenge for those who have this archetype in their consciousness is to define, first, their own intrinsic nature in total, and then to objectively acknowledge the social system, the prevailing social conditions, consensus, rules, laws, regulations, taboos, and norms that they are living within in order to understand how to integrate within the social system with their inherent individuality intact. The resulting overall lifestyle of each individual will be reflective of the individual's actual nature, a nature that is not defined or limited by the consensus-held beliefs, values, norms, and so on.

Even though the challenge is for the individual to define his or her own inherent laws, beliefs, values, and identity, the most common reaction is to define oneself, to experience oneself, to reflect the nature of the times that one is living in. When Uranus is in an individual's tenth house, he or she may adopt the overall lifestyle of the prevailing peer group (the values, beliefs, etc.) in order to feel socially, thus individually, secure. If so, this reflects an emotional and / or psychological reaction to the inner sense of being quite different from the consensus that is reflected in the prevailing peer group.

Liberation for individuals who have Uranus in the 10th House means to be free from all judgement or perception patterns that are projected upon themselves or others (patterns that are based upon, or are reflections of, the consensus status quo of the prevailing peer group of the society in which they live), to realise that such judgements or perceptions are based upon and conditioned by the mainstream consensus of social contracts that allow for a group of people to live together. Liberation occurs when these individuals learn the difference between their conditional identities and their actual identities: the deconditioned / unconditioned Self. Freedom from the known occurs when these individuals allow for new ideas or ways of responding to life conditions, instead of hanging on to old ideas or ways of response just because a security exists with respect to the way they have always reacted to, or thought about, something. Freedom from the known occurs when these individuals realise the difference between natural or inherent universal laws versus the laws made by human beings, and when they harmonise individual requirements to reflect the universal laws and / or requirements.

A natural stress can occur in the skeletal system and bone marrow of the organism. The stress can lessen the secretion of fluids vital for the integrity of the skeletal system's maintenance. Brittleness of bones, arthritis, curvature of the spine, accelerated tooth decay through weakness in the enamel, and immune system problems associated with irregularities in the B and T cells can all result. Deficiencies in calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus either will be genetically present or will be transitorially produced. Pituitary and thyroid problems (commonly a deficiency in iron) can manifest, and toxic retention on a cellular level can 'pollute' the inner environment, which can lead to cycles of fatigue or, in extreme cases, to cancer in its various forms. Skin eruptions, sores, ulcerations, and abscesses can also manifest because of these toxins as the body attempts to purify itself. Dehydration leading to constipation can also occur in the intestines; the toxins that this produces generate, in varying degrees of difficulty, problems associated specifically with the colon and generally with the intestines: the growth of polyps, cysts, abscesses, blockages or closures in the passageways, etc.. The increased pressure to eliminate can thus produce haemorrhoids, anal itching or burning, a 'frozen' sphincter muscle, etc..

Neptune ♆ in ♋ Cancer 20° 56'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation of Neptune in Cancer have the potential for realizing the higher levels of personal and family security on a planetary basis. They are infused with the vision of initiating an awareness of the 'world family'. The League of Nations was formed naturally from the efforts of those born in this age. On a personal level it indicates the dilemma of dealing with idealistic expectations of an automatic emotional fulfillment coming out of one's position in a family. It offers the choice of accepting or

denying the responsibility to develop the personal security necessary to experience the realization of one's highest family ideals.

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune was in Cancer last century between July and December 1901, from May 1902 until September 1914, and from December 1914 to July 1915. The sign Cancer is associated with the mother, children, family, nurturing, good, home and country, so while Neptune is in this sign the collective unconscious is attuned to these areas and they became fashionable. Those of you who have Neptune in Cancer in your birth charts could be described as the 'god and country, mom and apple pie' generation.

World War I, which brought about the collapse of some nations and a redefining of others, began while Neptune was in Cancer. In the United States, patriotism ran high, and former President Theodore Roosevelt (whose Moon was in Cancer) sought U.S. domination of the Western hemisphere. During this period, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Philippines became American territories, and the Panama Canal was built.

Those of you who have Neptune in Cancer in your birth charts idealize your homeland and are very patriotic. However, your 'my country right or wrong' attitude makes it hard for you to acknowledge any flaws in your nation's policies or behavior, and you prefer to ignore situations that are less than perfect rather than working to correct them. During the Nazi reign, for instance, many Neptune-in-Cancer Germans were aware of Hitler's cruelties, but chose to look the other way rather than admit that such things could happen in their country.

During Neptune's passage through Cancer, the home was glorified. During the mid-1700s, successful merchants and ship's captains in seaport towns in Europe and America built magnificent, sumptuously decorated mansions to show off their wealth, and one of the most graceful and enduring furniture styles, Queen Anne, was introduced. When Neptune again entered Cancer at the beginning of the twentieth century, the Vanderbilts and other wealthy industrialists constructed their palatial 'cottages' in places like Newport, Rhode Island and the Hamptons in New York.

Food, another of Cancer's concerns, was emphasized when Neptune passed through this sign. In the mid-eighteenth century, sleep, speedy sailing ships opened trade between the East and West and introduced an array of new culinary delights to the Western world. The pineapple even became a popular symbol of hospitality. When Neptune again entered Cancer, the focus on food in the United States resulted in the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906.

Those of you who were born while Neptune was in Cancer may be especially interested in food and cooking. However, you might have a tendency to overindulge, particularly in sweets. It is hard for you to accept the relationship between nutrition and health, and you

could suffer from diet-related illnesses as a result of poor eating habits that you are extremely reluctant to change. Your generation also is responsible for the introduction of chemical food additives, poisonous pesticides and highly-processed foods.

Neptune-in-Cancer periods focus on children, too. The first English books published for children and the translation into English of popular fairy tales Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Little Red Riding Hood occurred in the mid-1740s. When Neptune again traveled through Cancer, The Wizard Of Oz, Peter Pan, Wind in the Willows, and Peter Rabbit were published. The teddy bear was born, and the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls were founded.

Those of you who have Neptune positioned in Cancer in your birth charts idealize the family, children and motherhood. However, you entertain such unrealistic illusions and fantasies about what the perfect family should be that you cannot acknowledge troubles in your parent / child relationships. Rather than deal realistically with less-than-ideal situations, you prefer to ignore them and hope they'll go away. Your generation never discussed sex with your children, for example; and if there was alcoholism, child abuse, infidelity, mental illness, etc. in your family you probably denied it or tried to cover it up.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Cancer indicates a generation of people with strong psychic ties to the home, family, and the earth. They are highly sympathetic and emotionally sensitive. They tend to be religious but in an emotional way. If Neptune is strongly placed and aspected, psychic and mediumistic tendencies are in evidence. Many clairvoyants are born with Neptune in Cancer. The negative side of this expression is maudlin sentimentality and an exclusive, emotional attachment to one's family and country. There can also be misguided mediumistic tendencies, which can attract low-grade astral influences.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

In this placing, the overall influence was centred on the home. There was confusion and unhappiness due to so many men being killed during the First World War, and the overall grief is shown by the emphasis on Cancer - the most family-oriented sign in the zodiac. It then further occurred that when the people who were born during those years with Neptune in Cancer were adults and bringing up their own families; they had to cope with the difficulties and unhappiness of the Second World War.

Between 1905 and 1911, Uranus made an opposition to Neptune from Capricorn. This generation aspect (which appears in the charts of all people born during that period) added to the stresses and strains of the time, and was another negative factor in the lives of this generation.

If Neptune is a personal planet in the birth chart it will very powerfully heighten the

subject's sensitivity, emotion and intuition. If it receives negative aspects, he or she may well show a tendency to take the easy way out of difficult situations. The imagination can also work overtime. This placing will increase any inclination to worry, but will sensitize and refine any creative work that is carried out by the individual.

(Grant Lewi)

Your early home environment impressed you deeply and even more than most fixed your instinctive reactions to life and conditioned your intuitions. You may range far from the ideal of your subconscious, but this will forever remain fixed in a home of your own, and you will never feel yourself till you are settled in one. Since this demand of the ego is fairly easy to fulfill, you stand a chance of escaping the worst complexes that beset human beings; and once you have established your own hearth and fireside, and rested your soul in it, your instinctual urges should work naturally toward the smooth fulfillment of the total personality. You are extremely sensitive to atmospheres and moods, of places as well as of people, and should allow your instinct to guide you in the selection of a location for your home. Congenial surroundings are necessary for your best development, and peace in the places where you live and work is essential to the best growth of the ego, which instinctively remembers the peace of infancy and the protective atmosphere of the mother and seeks to rediscover these in its physical and psychic environment. If the total personality is passive, weak rather than strong, this can make you a spoiled child all your life, causing you to expect your wife or husband or friends to stand in loco parentis and humor your whims. But in an aggressive and strong nature it causes the personality to be based firmly in simple domestic security, from which it draws strength and the materials of success and progress.

(John Townley)

People in your age group have a great fondness for home and family. The ideal relationship for your generation includes a snug, secure little cottage, surrounded by children and even grandchildren.

Depending upon your own personality, this ideal may or may not appeal to you. However, it will certainly affect your subconscious evaluation of your success in love in comparison to the relationships of friends and acquaintances.

If you are interested in physical security, this generational attitude will cause you to value emotional conformity to some extent. You will fit yourself into a more or less standard family mold, which can provide great satisfaction as long as the mold remains intact.

But if you are independent or a lone wolf in emotional matters, you will probably disdain your peers' security-oriented fearfulness, for your own strength is internal. However, those around you will always feel some disapprobation or even pity for you, believing that you are missing out on something, even though that is not the case.

At any rate, you probably won't escape the home and family orientation to which you have been exposed. Of necessity it will always be a factor in your emotional selfjudgement, for better or for worse, depending on how you handle it.

(Robert Hand)

Children born under this influence are inclined to idealize their homes, tradition, the past, and all other ideas associated with Cancer. Nevertheless, their personal lives are rather unstable, because it is hard to related the inherently practical realities of a home and family. This generation was later at the forefront of the isolationist and America First movements, which were based on idealizing the homeland. In Europe this development was paralleled by the formation of the ultra-nationalistic fascist movements, such as the Nazis in Germany, Mussolini's movement in Italy and similar groups all over Europe and in Japan as well.

Neptune ♆ in 8th 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 fulfill 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.

Neptune in the eighth house is more deeply unconscious than Neptune in the seventh. Again this is a water planet in a water house. With water comes the strong possibility of strange behaviours designed to help the individual cope with needs so uncomfortable they cannot be permitted to become conscious. In the eighth house, planetary urges often have the feel of being 'taboo' in some way which is deeply buried. That is, the individual feels the behaviour is forbidden, feels guilty for considering it, and usually pushes it away from conscious awareness, yet when questioned cannot say why. It is not that the answers, when uncovered, are really all that dreadful, but that they feel dreadful to the individual, and therefore avoidance and evasion seem to be the only safe ways to cope.

The individual with Neptune in the eighth house will need to carefully explore her attitudes towards sexuality, shared money and shared possessions, and emotional power. Carefully, because in the eighth house issues are nearly always buried in layers, and many of the layers are 'red herrings', false hints designed to lead the explorer away from tender areas. It may take professional help to dig into some of the issues, because an objective outsider can often ask important questions which the explorer's mind prefers to hide from. She may discover she expects too much from eighth house issues, or that she gives too much away. She may avoid them due to feeling overwhelmed, an indication that far too much value is placed there. She will need to learn how to continually bring into consciousness her inner values in order to gain freedom from their domination.

(Haydn Paul)

The issue of sexual identity and activity is one which Neptune will confront you with in this position; and this is probably related to that impulse to transcend separatist boundaries of self and body that connects to the realm of the mystic and occultist which is also highlighted here.

If Neptune has challenging planetary aspects, squares or oppositions, and perhaps the conjunction to some degree, then there may be a fear of losing control in sexual intimacy, a blockage prohibiting any abandonment of self to passion and physical sexual activity. Because of an inner inhibition, there can be disappointments in this form of adult sexual behaviour, where the social fascination and emphasis on sex creates an expectation that is rarely fulfilled. Or there may be some confusion related to your own sexual nature, a lack of confidence or experience, a lack of knowing and understanding your own sexual preferences and choices, or of integrating that powerful aspect of your nature into your self-image.

Many individuals keep their sexuality at arm's length, only allowing it to be present in restrictedly allowable circumstances, and not openly acknowledging that dimension of their being; this often occurs when heavy psychological conditioning has influenced their earlier development, such as religious or moral teachings, or feelings that 'sex is dirty and animal-like'. Neptune certainly does not make a definition of sexual feelings and attractions easier to make; it is too fluid and changeable, capable of a variety of different expressions and adaptations; and how one is with one partner can be entirely different with another. Intimacy touches in different 'inner spots', evoking quite varied reactions, often to the surprise of the participants. Part of the challenge facing anyone with this position is to begin to understand what it is they really want from sexual relationships.

This can be further complicated by the activation of Neptunian imagination in themes of sexuality, death, occult mysteries or mystic devotions that can add deep undercurrents to sexual intimacy. A search for peak experiences and total intensity (if they are allowed) can lead to a lack of contentment, as you believe that there are always greater experiences waiting if only the right partner could be found. This can create sexual promiscuity or the impulse to be sexually sacrificial and giving in an unrestrained manner, which can also merge with the need to lose the self in an ecstatic moment, and in so doing to forget the mundane limitations of everyday life.

Human sexuality is a complex theme reflecting a variety of possible psychological patterns; where Neptune is involved, it is virtually impossible to accurately predict the particular way in which it will manifest itself; also patterns can be transformed over time, shifting from one being dominant to another being so, depending on what is evoked by any sexual partner. Desires of being possessed and absorbed in self-abandonment may persist or the desire to possess and control another may be dominant. That overshadowing by a 'greater force' and overlaying of a mystical dimension may be the operative fascination, where sex is perceived in terms of a mystical quest for union, as in the Tantric traditions, or in aspects of the Western Grail and Arthurian Mysteries. Another extreme could be conscious renunciation of sexual activity, as in celibacy or monastic attitudes, where personal sexual intimacy is offered as a sacrifice to an ideal, given for the reward of purification and redemption to be received as a transformation. Certainly a degree of understanding and integration of Neptune in this house is essential for personal well-being and psychological health.

Occult interests are likely to be attractive to you; there is probably a powerful psychic nature that you can access, and you may receive information from inner guidance. You may be very psychically open, and this can cause certain problems of absorption of energies and impressions from your environment, but these can be filtered out by means of psychic protective actions. Loss of separative boundaries may occur as the individual consciousness merges with the universal one, especially if you are following a path of conscious development through meditation and occult experimentation. At least, glimpses of something other than and beyond the material world will become common, although you may have to be wary of occult glimmers and illusions leading you into a fool's paradise and inflated sense of ego. Discrimination is vital in such inner enquiry, as is a sense of humour which is deflating and a lack of pomposity and tendencies towards self-aggrandisement!

Death may exert a peculiar fascination, as can the more taboo areas of life; and there can be self-destructive tendencies too, although these are often common in the strange inner worlds of mystics and occultists as part of the impulse to transcend and live intensely through the rush to experience 'as many lifetimes' worth of experience into one life as possible'. The taboo attraction can be summed up as 'if anyone tells me not to look at something, then I'll be first in the queue, and will not leave until I have satiated my thirst for the forbidden'.

Money and legacies may also be reflected by this position of natal Neptune; and there may be distortions, contentious issues, deceptions associated with this, or simply an inability to become clear as to your own personal values regarding money and the material level of existence. Greater clarity may be required; and care must be taken to maintain good family relationships if inheritances become a disputed issue.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are often good with money, capable of gaining it through gambling, investing in the stock market, or luck or intuition, though they are usually better at making it than keeping it, being inclined to lose it through neglect, ignorance, or being taken advantage of, rather than through overspending. They are inclined to be very tight with money, and then lose it through peculiar circumstances. This position can promise inheritance, but aspects must be very good for it to come through. The money may be less than expected, or take so long to materialise that it isn't worth it in the long run.

Early loss of a loved one or a brush with death can cause them to develop a sober philosophy of life. Sometimes this Neptune position indicates an early death, or an unusual death, or both; through, again, there must be other factors that reinforce this for it to be a serious consideration. It is dangerous for these people to drink or take drugs, as it could prove fatal.

The father often has a heavy influence on the life. Either he dies young or leaves the home, or he may be an embarrassment in some way. Sometimes he is too much of a hero, making it difficult to follow in his footsteps or, for those seeking a male partner, to find someone who can live up to his standard.

There is generally a fascination with politics or religion. Politics is not usually fruitful unless other political aspects are very good. It is hard for them to muster sufficient support to create a solid political base. If it is there for a while, it may fluctuate or erode. There is a shyness, an inability to reveal the true self here that makes the self-exposure of politics difficult.

Religion interests them, but they generally have their own personal philosophy and find it hard to join a group. Although they would like to do so for the social aspect, doctrinal differences get in the way. There is a loneliness to this position. There is a craving for community and family life, things that unfortunately often elude them. There is an element of self-sacrifice here as well. They may give up money for love, or love for money. Somewhere along the line, painful sacrifice will be required.

Dreams are real to them. They get important messages through dreams. They may see ghosts, see things on the astral plane, or experience ESP in some way.

(Howard Sasportas)

If Neptune can't be at home in the 12th, his next favourite house is that of his close brother Pluto, the 8th. Neptune's main thrust is the loss of boundaries and separateness: what better place to do this than in the house of sex, sharing and intimacy. And as a means of alleviating Neptune's perennial divine homesickness, the 8th house's association with death does the job quite well.

Freud made us aware that many seemingly innocent things can be symbolic of our sexual drive and interests. For instance, if you dream of smoking a cigar, is that really a cigar you are thinking of? However, it is also the case that sex itself may be symbolic. With Neptune in the 8th, sex, rather than just simply being enjoyed for its own sake, is often the means to alleviate other very pressing psychological concerns.

For those with Neptune in this house, sex is a way of merging with other people, and hence transcending the limits of the isolated self. Either through losing their own boundaries or through engulfing those of another, they relieve much more than just a physiological tension. Reminiscent of the rites of Dionysus, in the throes of physical love, they satisfy the need to abandon and forget themselves. Sex is also a way of loosening the reins of personal control and responsibility for the self. They are captured and captivated by another; they are carried away by a force more powerful than themselves. It is a form of worship and reverence, a kind of divine seduction, which brings home to them that something exists which is even bigger and greater than they are.

With Neptune in the 8th, physical intimacy is also a respite from loneliness; and much of the promiscuity and indiscretion associated with this placement may stem from this motive. Some may also feel that giving themselves sexually is a way of serving, pleasing or even healing others. It can also be a very convenient way of escaping from problems in other areas of the life.

I have seen many cases of people with this placement who are confused about their sexual identities. Neptune is so diffuse, so adaptable, so fluid and so shaped by its container, that they have difficulty knowing exactly what it is they do want. Conversely, problematical aspects to Neptune (from Saturn, for instance) also suggest a fear of letting go - a tension between holding on to boundaries and losing them. Some may even feel the need to transcend their libidinal desires altogether for the sake of channelling these energies in other directions. For others, sex may seem like a disappointment, and not quite as wonderful as it looks in the movies or what they read in books or hear from friends about it. And still others may feel their way of purification and redemption is through sacrificing a sexual relationship with someone to whom they are strongly attracted. In some instances I have seen, they seemed to always desire and fantasise about people they were not involved with, rather than the person with whom they were engaged in a relationship. Neptune is never that content with what he already has. Besides, if we know a person too well, his or her alien magnetism eventually wears thin.

Many of the same processes apply to the exchange of values between people. Often they hope to gain many material benefits from a partner, but ultimately what is acquired is usually of a much less tangible nature. Strange complications and deceptive circumstances can affect the whole area of the partner's money and joint finances. At times they may be too influenced or even deceived by other people's values, or envious about what others own which they don't. In the end, their greatest satisfaction will come not from accruing other people's possessions but rather by helping another person to develop his or her own values and resources.

It is advisable that they are as straightforward as possible in business dealings; and care should be taken in the selection of business partners. Neptune often brings confusion; and when signing contracts, the two parties should clarify exactly what the agreement is. Economic losses and gains will have an important psychological impact, and ultimately could impel them to find their security and salvation inwardly in values other than the material. In any case, they are well-advised to seek advice before making financial investments and in all issues concerning inheritance and taxation.)

When Neptune is in any of the Water houses, the person is extremely sensitive to and influenced by undercurrents and feelings in the atmosphere. Depending on the aspects to Neptune, the experience of intangible and non-material forces can operate constructively or destructively. In positive cases, the person will receive guidance and

inspiration as if out of nowhere or may be open to valuable instruction through dreams. It is as if they tap into an invisible realm where expanded vision and understanding becomes available just at the times when such broadened awareness is most necessary. For this reason, they can also serve as sources of comfort and inspiration for others who are experiencing crises. However, the psychic openness of this position can manifest in less desirable ways. In a few instances, they may feel 'possessed' - as if they have been taken over by something powerful outside themselves. Sometimes they may receive deceptive or misleading guidance from some other dimension.

Pluto ♅ in ♍ Virgo 21° 11'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Pluto in Virgo experience the call to participate in world transformation on the levels of health and service to those less fortunate. They are also given the challenge of transforming the ecology of planet Earth.

On a personal level, those born with Pluto in Virgo experience their greatest fears by risking the criticism of others through a commitment to their sense of duty. Their challenge is to serve others on practical levels even though they may not have attained the perception of self-perfection they seek.

(Steven Forrest)

Precision. That's the essence of Virgo. Making everything perfect. How to do it? One must start with a sense of the ideal... and Virgo is an idealistic sign. But one must not become lost in an intoxicating, otherworldly meditation upon the ideal. Then nothing gets done. Virgo is also an Earth sign, which is to say it is down-to-earth: realistic, practical, concrete, logical. There is thus a rather stereoscopic consciousness at play in this sign: on one hand, a sense of the idea toward which we are shooting. On the other hand, a scrupulous, meticulous sense of what is real.

And, with Pluto in Virgo, attaining the ideal without once sacrificing an unerring, unflinching portrait of actuality is the guiding passion. At the heart of matter, there is a fervor for self-improvement and for the attainment of excellence. The prayer of the generation? 'Let us see clearly. Let us act upon what we see.'

With Pluto in Virgo, the style is questioning, full of doubts, quick to criticize. And, no: we haven't mistakenly skipped ahead to the 'Shadow' section. Virgo wants the truth, and blind faith is no road to that goal. The style of the sign may seem sceptical or reserved, even cynical. But the aim is always to sort out truth from appealing falsehoods - and no Plutonian sign is less patient with empty platitudes or hypocritical 'idealism'. Always,

that stereoscopic mind is at work, comparing and contrasting observed reality with ideals. And observed reality always falls short of those ideals, leading Pluto-in-Virgo to polish and refine the present circumstances even further.

There is caution here, and not a little fretfulness. But there is an overriding commitment to honesty. 'The devil is in the details' - that's an old proverb straight out of the heart of Virgo. It will search for tiny inconsistencies, little glossed-over leaps in the logic of anything - a relationship, a belief system, a political theory - always suspecting that there is a flaw... or an area open to improvement.

Consistent with its concern with particulars, Pluto-in-Virgo is not afraid of technical systems or the hard work needed to master them. The most obvious expression of this quality in the generation born between 1956 and 1972 is their marriage to the computer. More basically, we observe the mixed feelings with which media-dubbed 'Generation X' views the 'baby-boomers'. There is a strong 'please get real' theme in their attitudes, and at the same time an undercurrent of basic appreciation of many of the so-called 'hippie' ideals: community, ecology, personal freedom.

Sometimes it seems to me that the Pluto-in-Virgo generation is cosmetically charged with taking the Pluto-in-Leo ideals, editing them, tempering them, and finally with far less bluster and a lot more hard work making them real. That is, if they don't get caught in their blind spot....

Ideals are difficult to attain. Perfection is a merciless standard by which to judge oneself.

Here's an attitude that simultaneously guarantees impressive accomplishments and total despair: 'I'll be happy when I get this exactly right'. It may work fine with cooking dinner or getting a computer program running, but when it comes to working on the more purely human level of life, it will certainly fail. What man or woman is 'perfectly sane'? Or even 'shaped perfectly'? What relationship has no rough places, no immortal misunderstanding, no epic frustrations? Life is messy business; and one of the secrets of existence lies in knowing when to say 'This is good enough!' And relaxing, enjoying, appreciating - we might add 'forgiving'.

Difficulty accepting reality - that's the key blind spot for Pluto-in-Virgo. Let me emphasize that I speak of 'accepting' reality. This is utterly distinct from the question of whether one sees reality. Seeing reality clearly is an enterprise at which Pluto-in-Virgo can whup Pluto-in-Leo before breakfast. But to accept reality - especially one's own flawed reality - and not be brought to despair by it: that's the art that Virgo may lack.

If Pluto-in-Virgo falls into that idealistic trap, it paradoxically ceases to appear idealistic at all. Instead, it descends into cynicism, a sense of doomed impossibility, and hypercriticality.

People who feel guilty tend to punish themselves: that's one of the most elemental laws of human psychology. And the emotion of guilt arises when we feel we have fallen short of a deeply held ideal. But for Pluto-in-Virgo, all ideals are inherently unreachable! Why? Because perfection itself is the core Virgoan ideal, and that is a divine attribute, not a human one. Thus, with Pluto in Virgo, we observe a generation of people whose Shadow lies in the domain of dealing out harsh sentences upon themselves. And it's a short step from there to dealing out equally harsh sentences upon others, since we all tend ultimately to treat others with the same respect or disrespect with which we treat ourselves.

Harsh sentences. Free-associating, we might quickly jump to notions of physical torture. And in 'Generation X', we have observed the ravages of physically destructive drug use: 'crack' and all its horrors. We have seen an epidemic of violence and gunfire. We observe a widespread ignoring of the basic principles of safe sex. Going beyond the physical, we recognize an elevated attitude of hopelessness and despair about the future, the planet, one's personal job prospects, relationships and so on.

What more devious and dreadful self-punishment could one imagine than to rob a human being of hope, dreams and a sense of bright possibility? A good friend of mine who is very much a figure in his Pluto-in-Virgo generation refers to his fellows as 'the gloom hippies'; and while certainly not everyone in that age-group wears black clothes and violet hair, some of the more bitter ones who do constellate visibly for us the Shadow side of Pluto-in-Virgo.

I feel the need to emphasize here that Shadow dynamics are only one aspect of the Plutonian picture, and quite optional. They are a seductive trap, to be fallen into or avoided depending on choices we make. 'Generation X' has a high destiny, just like all other generations. Their task is to roll up their sleeves, and create the practical realities of a humanized future in an eco-sensitive, multicultural, technological age. Whether or not they accomplish that is their own choice. To succeed, they must confront and overcome their Shadow: shame-driven despair and the resultant selfdestructiveness. But that despair and self-punishment are perverted expressions of an honorable, healing force: the radical commitment to seeing oneself and one's life clearly and honestly, without the egoistic varnish that comforts and blinds us.

(Skye Alexander)

Pluto was in Virgo last century from October 1956 to January 1957, between August 1957 and September 1971, and from April until July 1972. Virgo is associated with work, service, health and nutrition, analysis, precision and humility; therefore, these things are brought into focus and transformed during Pluto's passage through the sign. To people born while Pluto is in Virgo, these things are extremely important, and your generation will experience and / or be responsible for effecting major changes in these areas.

Pluto transits of Virgo metamorphose the way people work and earn their livelihood. Pluto's previous passage through this sign in the early 1700s coincided with the development of shipping and trade between continents. During the planet's most recent trip through Virgo, the United States' economy began shifting to a service-oriented one after being based on industrial productivity for more than a century. The same sort of transformation also took place in other developed countries. As those of you who were born during this period reached adulthood and entered the work force, this trend accelerated. 'Business services (which range from word processing to cleaning offices), health care services (in hospitals, nursing homes, and social welfare agencies), and food catering services have all expanded enormously in recent years in both Western Europe and North America.'

For the Pluto-in-Virgo generation, work is vitally important; and as a group you are diligent and conscientious, concentrating much of your energy and attention on your careers. Many of the so-called 'yuppies' are members of this Pluto-group. Those of you with this planetary placement in your charts often are employed in some type of service, technical or support capacity, and you are more concerned that the work you do has practical application than that it is creative, entertaining or self-aggrandizing. The Pluto-in-Leo generation might originate the ideas, but your generation finds ways to implement them.

To you, the purpose of education is to develop specific skills in preparation for a particular job; and during your generation's college years many schools began changing their focus from liberal arts to technical and 'useful' career programs. According to David Kennedy, president of Stanford University, your generation is more adept in technological areas but less proficient in languages and writing skills than your predecessors. You are not particularly interested in the arts, philosophy or learning for its own sake; you want to be able to utilize what you know directly and see immediate and quantifiable results from your efforts.

Health and nutrition also are important to the Pluto-in-Virgo generation. As Pluto neared completion of its most recent trip through Virgo, the public became increasingly concerned with the quality of the food they ate. Millions changed their diets, turned to 'health foods', vitamins, low-salt or low-cholesterol diets, or vegetarianism, and attention was focused on the detrimental effects of chemical preservatives, fertilizers and pesticides. Those of you with this planetary placement in your charts tend to be attentive to the purity and nutritional value of your food, and as your generation reached adulthood a plethora of health-conscious food products appeared on the market.

Virgo's connection with health links it to the medical profession. The sign also is associated with analysis and specialization, as opposed to synthesis and wholism; therefore, it is interesting to see how Pluto's passage through Virgo instigated a major shift in the medical field toward specialization. Virgo's obsession with purity and germs has led to a focus on viruses in medical research and treatment. While Pluto was in

Virgo, immunization programs became widespread, as did the use of antibiotics to treat everything from syphilis to common germs. Those of you who have this placement in your birth charts may worry excessively about diseases, infections and germs; your obsession with illness might incline you to visit doctors and / or take medications more readily and frequently than members of other Pluto-groups.

Virgo is a modest, self-effacing sign. Those of you with this planetary placement in your charts are interested in job security, being productive members of society and making money, but fame is of lesser importance to you than to the preceding Pluto-in- Leo generation. You don't feel a compulsion to 'set the world on fire', nor do you think you have some special mission in life. As a group, you tend to have a rather pessimistic and resigned attitude, believing that things will only get worst in the future, and that you'd better not set your hopes too high. Whether this stems from a fundamental pragmatism or from discouragement over your inability (or anyone else's) to achieve perfection is debatable. You are more likely to see what's wrong with the world instead of what's right, and to feel victimized by situations beyond your control. According to Jeff Green, those of you who have Pluto in Virgo are 'learning essential humility, but also a necessary self-purification that purges all traces of self-glorification and delusions of grandeur' in preparation for future growth.

Pluto ♅ in 10th House

(Ginger Chalford)

With Pluto in the house of the more obviously dominant parent (usually the mother in childhood), the early patterns involve extremes in the parent-child relationship. This Pluto child sees his / her mother as overbearing, possibly impatient, smouldering with anger at him / her; an exceptionally special person who inspires extremes of love and hate. To be included in the special grace of her magnetic energy is what this child desires most, and therefore the child is willing to follow the mother's dictums and do whatever is necessary to receive that powerful blessing. Of course, as these Pluto tenth house individuals grow into middle and late childhood, the inner psychic touch and intense love-hate bond with the mother will prove to be a threat to the growth of personal independence. A crisis occurs in which these children must choose between the security of getting along with her by obedience to her social training and expectations, and the insecurity of rebellion, knowing nothing of what might come next. Most children will opt for the security, for they fear that if they are rebellious then mother will get angry, and the relationship will end. And this particular relationship is a powerful one, for these Pluto children will never at any time be able to ignore their mother. The connection is just too magnetic and intense! The only way to get out of the aura of such a strong parent is to be physically separated from her over great distances. Even though there may be no communication between the adult Pluto tenth house people and their mothers, the

impact of this parent lives with them, creating profound attitudes about personal fulfillment, status and success. It is in the tenth house that people are able to get the rewards for their own essential lovability; and it is usually the mother who originally makes the child aware of this factor. She indicates through her actions whether her children are lovable or not, giving them an idea of what being loved means, or what not being loved can do to one's life. This factor can show up later in calamitous business and personal decisions that are based on the low levels of self-love and lovability that Pluto people believe they possess and deserve. Insecurity over this factor can cause children and later adults to toe the line, giving up the need to be free agents, to think and feel for themselves. This is reflected by children who grow through adolescence without the usual rebellion or clash of wills that is so common in that stage of development - only to have it happen later, much later! A few rare individuals never break with this position of powerlessness before the parent, authority or society. Most who don't make the break in adolescence, however, will experience it in their thirties, at the latest. Some children or adolescents rebel earlier; and the clash of wills with the mother is a daily struggle. These people often believe that she is standing in their way, preventing them from loving themselves; or that because of her their life is not as fun and lively as they think they deserve. They become resistant to any form of suggestion or command, and decide that they know much more than the teachers they encounter at school. Expressions of personal anger can be scary with these individuals, for it was never allowed in childhood (although mother and father both seem to have given themselves ample room for this disruptive emotion). Because people with this Pluto placement are insecure in expressing their anger, they may become self-righteous, and refuse to listen to what anyone else says - particularly a teacher or any other authority figure - for fear that anger could erupt through open disagreement and become destructive, destroying relationships around them. The early confrontation with personal will, and the decision whether to develop or deny it, leads to career extremes in adulthood. Often these people can be found in low income or bottom of the ladder-type jobs, because they have allowed their parents and then society to assume the power over their lives. Their bosses are people to be feared, drawing out the same responses that mother did years before. They quietly do their job, smouldering with resentment, in anguish because their uniqueness or special destiny is not being fulfilled. They may be considered poor employees, because their temperament generates clashes with their fellow workers. They may suddenly quit, or get injured on the job and receive disability payments. Or they may just up and disappear without notice. They may continue in some unfulfilling work to punish themselves for their independent thoughts, sacrificing their career to prove mother wrong (or possibly out of misguided love for her). Others with undeveloped Plutonian energy decide to have the best revenge on their mother, by making themselves more important than she was to them. These people become bosses, and treat their employees with a punishing attitude originally developed in childhood as a response to the mother (or father). They can drive themselves unrelentingly, and deal harshly with any sign of weakness on the part of an employee. They have a hard time delegating responsibility, and wish to have power over other people's lives. They can be very possessive toward their employees, who seldom go

beyond the call of duty because their extra efforts are neither rewarded nor even remembered. Seldom will those with this Pluto placement ever ask for help or admit that anything is beyond their competence. Fiascos can result from too much posturing and too little knowledge; and strange circumstances may befall these people. They have a desire to move beyond their current status, whatever that is, and expand it to include more and more of society - and more power too, of course. In fact, they'd like to change society, and they're sure they know just how it should be done. If they don't get some kind of public power, they'll certainly use whatever power they have on the people who are available to them. Playing 'top dog' can take many a nasty turn - extreme egotism is ultimately self-defeating. They demand attention; whether negative or positive makes no difference. Whatever helps to fill that void within them which makes them feel so unloved and powerless. Some Plutonians do manage to take their own power and lovability back from outside themselves. This usually occurs in the late twenties, when there is time to develop a feeling of self-sufficiency. Despite their intense relationship with the mother, they still realise that they create their own reality, even if it is still very limited in scope. A desire for public power comes with this placement, but it doesn't necessarily have to take a destructive path. The sense of purpose and personal destiny that this placement portends can be fully realised, but only if the Pluto person invests less energy in confrontations with the mother or other authority figures, and applies it to a passion for work and life. This passion is then channeled into the career, making work a personally fulfilling activity, reinforcing the feelings of self-esteem and self-love that are already there. There must be a gut-level desire to do whatever it is they're doing, for these people to be at all satisfied with themselves. Whenever they get involved in something, they will move to the top of it and understand it in a way that few others could. They are entrepreneurs, successful executives, or fulfilled parents. This placement is found in the horoscopes of all kinds of leaders, because it emphasises reaching large numbers of people, expanding awareness on a large scale, and utilising the most advanced technology of the day. These people are born scientists (physicists in particular), but they are fully capable of being great teachers, healers or mystics if they want. They do not have to demand respect and authority, for they magnetically attract these things. Those who come in contact with them don't have to be convinced of that! Once these individuals learn to deal with the mother (authority figure) without and the mother (internalised parent) within, they have learned the essence of self-nurturing, and this brings them a great feeling of inner security. They know they will always survive and prosper. They know too that they will always be able to magnetise significant improvements into their life, as if by magic. (And incidentally, this magic will work in the business sphere too. It would come as no surprise to find one of these people lighting ceremonial candles at home over a big business deal planned for the next day.) The outer results of the positive or negative use of Pluto in the tenth house are obvious. Either these individuals are successful in some way, or they are not. Success in this case is measured by the amount of personal satisfaction they get out of the life work they have chosen to do. This satisfaction is the result of personal passion, a love of the self that is expressed through being as well as doing. With the development of self-love comes the willingness to forgive and let go of the past, which includes surrendering the

habit of blaming others for personal failures. Letting go of the past also means that mother in particular is forgiven, and the seemingly countless disagreeable things she did during the person's childhood are for the most part forgotten. The new, mature relationship with the mother re-establishes itself in these Pluto children's maturity, bringing out the loving quality of that powerful inner bond which has been untapped for so long. When Pluto transits this house, however, major changes in the way people think about themselves are bound to take place. A crisis of self-image or self-love can create upsets in love, home and career. Powerful career interests from the past no longer hold the same sway in the psyche. There needs to be a new expression through career or love fulfilment that reflects the change in self-image which is taking place. During this time, difficulties with mother or any other powerful authoritarian figure in the life can take on the intense love-hate polarity developed in childhood. Transformation of relationships requires much attention, and a lot of struggle too. The reason for all this overhaul is that Pluto, planet of perspective, has just reached the very zenith of the chart, and is expanding the individual's perception on a very deep and personal level. Old inner psychic programs from the past are regurgitated into the conscious mind at this time, and must be dealt with and discarded. Failure to do this willingly results in many an unpleasant crisis. Extreme resistance to dealing with the crises at this time can create death - death of the self or of someone significantly close to the individual affected. If a close death occurs, the person will have to re-evaluate life; and therein lies the hope that a new perspective may make life more meaningful and fulfilling in the future. This crisis of self-love will bring out the individual's capacity for self-healing, to let go of things and people that don't work any longer, and thereby to create self-love and passion. If there are no obvious visible effects when Pluto transits across the cusp of the tenth house, then often the birthtime used for the chart is incorrect. If the time is truly correct and the individual still experiences little or nothing, then simply wait. It sometimes happens that Pluto energy, although shifting at this time, is in the process of building up 'from the bottom', so to speak, into a major shift later on. It will deal with issues from the initial hit (the time period coinciding with the transit across the tenth house cusp). Know that deep changes are still being made, and that the outer appearance of these changes, even though it may be delayed, will still be significant. Also, any work done on personal growth at this time could result in much greater success in all areas of life, which could forestall the need for a crisis-style awakening. If you are experiencing the negative effects of Pluto in your tenth house, whether by transit or natively, you can only overcome them by forgiving your mother or other tenth house parent figure. Become aware of how you project your mother's image onto other people who aren't your mother, who don't look like her, and who are unique in their own right. Refer to the visualisation instructions at the end of the fourth house Pluto section for a parental forgiveness technique. What you must do at this time is to let go of the emotional image of your mother as a parent. Let her become a real person, with failings, weaknesses, strengths and a unique personality all her own. Don't make generalisations about her any more. Even if you would never choose her as a personal acquaintance had she not been your mother, now is the time to let her become your equal, and you hers. Give her the freedom to be herself, and in the process you will invariably begin freeing yourself also. When you

forgive her, don't expect any response from her now that your image of her is different from what it has always been. Even if she is still alive and playing the same old mind games with you, don't concern yourself with her attitudes about you. You need only be concerned with your attitudes about her! You see, when you change your own attitudes, the reality around you changes. This is seldom as apparent as when Pluto is in the tenth house. When you change, then your mother will change also, whether she is alive or not. The inner image of your mother, that person within your memory, will change. Your attitude about her changes, and so does your past with her. You are literally giving yourself the change to rewrite your past, creating in it a successful motherchild relationship! I'm not making any guarantees here, but I have often observed that people who truly forgive their mother are able to transcend many old emotional barriers and hang-ups. Despite your having a seemingly resistant and manipulative mother, the relationship actually changes! You could be giving yourself the greatest gift possible; a new and positive relationship with your mother, and therefore a renewed, inspired love for your inner self. You will have succeeded in the Plutonian challenge of transformation, and you're bound to find your own personal fulfillment as an outgrowth of this change.

(Haydn Paul)

The compulsive nature of the Pluto energy mediated through the 10th house focuses on the nature and expression of authority. You are likely to aspire to positions of power and authority, with the recognition that this implies. You will try to develop your natural will-power and harness it to your drive to be a success, enabling you to rise to prominence in some social or career area that you are aiming towards.

This search for authority is partially derived from a search to define your own sense of separate identity, to be known as 'someone', rather than to be an anonymous 'nobody'. You also tend to believe that those at the top are there because of right and suitability, that essentially they are superior to others, and that support of the status quo and an elitist establishment is necessary for social stability. You will be able to understand the ways of authority, and have the ability to work successfully with people in positions of power; this can aid a possible career in politics, government and local affairs involving hierarchies and bureaucracies.

If you find that you cannot personally rise to heights of social and public prestige, then you will attempt to maintain contact with those who have, so that power by association can be experienced. Other ways to express this compulsion are either to oppose the Establishment, by having extreme revolutionary or libertarian views, or to use any influence and power that you have in order to reform existing structures of authority. The way of direct confrontation is likely to be merely a replacement of an existing system which is disliked, by a new one which is just another personal or group preference. Either is usually an imposition on the majority by a powerful minority, and historically never works as well in real life as it does in theory; and in general the new régime becomes as dictatorial as the previous one, stamping out all dissent. Any attempt by you

to initiate change will create controversy, and polarise your supporters and opponents; and you could often feel quite misunderstood. Much will depend upon how you deal with people, because that is likely to sow your seeds of future success or failure. You will need to evaluate your personal motives and values in the light of any public fame or success, to free yourself of any glamour and illusions concerning authority and power, and from the need to tie your sense of identity in so strongly with your ambitions. Pluto, acting as a transformative and subverting energy, will use such aspects of your life to force you to discover new ways of understanding. If your personal identity is supported by being in a position of power, then be ready for Pluto to erode your influence and reputation, perhaps stripping you of it altogether. You need to have a deeper perception of the social responsibilities of authority, and how to use it correctly and in a socially beneficial manner; even if the immediate sphere of influence is limited to your immediate family, the same applies.

The abuse of authority is seen throughout history; the self-creation of leaders and those who follow is a common picture. To enter any 'New Age', each individual has to release his own inner light, and learn to follow his own path in co-operation with others who have achieved the same, in a unanimity of purpose and freedom - not as leaders and followers, and by the imposition of a self-serving authoritarian élite.

(Donna Cunningham)

These placements show very difficult conditions with authority figures and most probably a parent who was oppressive, controlling, and perhaps even abusive. The result is deep-seated resentment toward people in power (maybe toward the whole world) and a determination never to be under the control of someone else. The bind is that these people are also very success-oriented, and it is difficult to succeed if they are forever setting up battles with the powers that be. The scorpion's sting means that they are usually the ones who wind up getting hurt. They may be playing with the Big Guys, who are born strategists, while their own resentments lead them to make ill-considered moves.

Parents with this position who are not able to be powerful in the world may act out power needs on their children, repeating, in fact, what was done to them. Pluto in the tenth shows a critical, highly ambitious parent who respected nothing but BIG success and was never pleased with child-sized successes. The parental curse 'You'll never amount to anything' may have been frequently heard; and this Plutonian may go through repeated humiliating public failures in order to get even. This depth and degree of the fail for spite game is not fun! These people may be stubbornly resistant to healing, because all healing in some way represents being under someone else's power. Possibly it is best taken alone. Working through exercises on resentment could be very important. A healing career is quite possible - and they will have to heal themselves in the course of their studies! People who are freed from the negative manifestations of this placement, who are able to work with power in a clean way, can have a strong impact on the world,

bringing about healing and reform.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we take the tenth house to represent the mother, then those with Pluto here may see her as dark, threatening and possessing the ability to destroy them. She can be experienced as a witch, or someone who is primeval, ruthless and manipulative. They may sense a seething anger and pent-up frustration or sexuality emanating from her. They feel as if she is always there, somehow watching them, even if she is not physically present. In short, she is felt to be dangerous and untrustworthy. However, in reality, she may not be this sort of person at all, but the child with Pluto here, in certain cases, may experience her predominantly this way. Or sometimes the early death or loss of the mother is the root of later problems in life. As covered in the general discussion of the 10th house, our earlier experiences of the mother (our first container) will contribute to the way in which we relate to the larger container of society. If the image associated with a negative Plutonic mother is projected onto the world, then these people will fear that the world is a dangerous place intent on destroying them. Some with this placement may react to this by withdrawing from society and having as little to do with the world as possible. Others may compensate for their dread of being devoured with an obsessional need for power and control over others. Attempting to regain a lost sense of infantile omnipotence, they strive to extend their territory of influence to include as much of the world as they can. If they are in control, if they are the ones in authority, then they feel safe. Their need for power can be so consuming that any means will justify achieving those ends. Also, there is a distrust of anyone who has authority over them, a desire to dethrone or destroy those in charge before it's too late. For all these reasons, those with Pluto in the 10th need to re-evaluate and come to a deeper understanding of their underlying psychological motives for ambition, power or worldly success.

Of course, the above description is a one-sided explanation of Pluto projected in a negative light. It is possible that the mother may carry a positive Pluto association. She could be viewed as the great bestower of life, and experienced as an exceptionally capable source of comfort and support through all the contingencies of daily life. Some people I know with this placement have watched the mother struggle successfully with a personal crisis or a severe life trauma, and were most impressed with her ability to manage hard times and come out the other side renewed and regenerated. She then becomes a positive prototype for later challenging experiences with which they had to contend. In this way, as adults with Pluto in the 10th they model qualities of strength, will and endurance to other people. Pluto's placement in the chart is where we periodically tear down, destroy or alter existing circumstances in order to create new ones. It is where we may be reduced to nothing in order to rise again. In some cases, Pluto here may indicate the loss or leaving behind of an established career and the necessity to embark on a new vocation of an altogether different nature.

Those with Pluto in the 10th ultimately require a career which is deeply engaging,

meaningful, and exciting. Either the work is of a 'Plutonian' nature or they approach the whole area of work with the kind of intensity and complexity associated with this planet. Some may be responsible for reforming existing institutions of society which are outworn or outdated. Other fields related to Pluto are those of medicine, psychology, and occult or psychic work, investigative science and journalism, politics, mining, atomic research, etc.. I have done charts for two people with Pluto in the 10th who were in jobs in which they were not allowed to reveal the exact nature of their work. Some may engage in careers which reflect society's shadowy side - such as prostitution, crime or underworld involvement. Occasionally, I have come across people with Pluto in the 10th who tell me that they have no ambition. After my talking with them for a while, it becomes clear that they still see themselves as 'small' compared to the big, powerful world (mother) out there. Usually, on some level, they are frustrated by the lack of influence they wield, or the unchallenging job they are already in. In certain cases, it strikes me that some people with Pluto in the 10th may not find their true vocation until they are more capable of using their power wisely and for the good of the larger whole, rather than for purely personal ends.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are disturbed by your knowledge of what's wrong with society, and you know who must be held accountable for the problems. If you had the chance, you know you could help reverse those conditions. In fact, it is part of your destiny to pursue that goal in addition to satisfying your personal ambitions. Your career will give you sufficient leverage to help determine how society will evolve. You know how to solve problems, especially those of large groups of people. You exert the right pressure to achieve your objectives; and no-one is better at applying creative skills for that purpose. You naturally attract the attention of important people. By effectively using your financial resources, you can influence the right people to help create a better world. This talent assures that you will have the financial security you need so you can indulge yourself in this important pursuit.

You are deeply sensitive to the problems of society and to people who are victims of political, social or economic injustice. Because you understand people's individual difficulties and problems, you are better able to cope with larger social issues. You use any tool you need to help those who cannot help themselves. Privately you feel that you are destined to serve society by fulfilling this obligation and that in the future you must be dedicated to serving others.

Relations between you and your parents were probably strained; but you resolved to succeed in spite of that fact. You may have sublimated some of your resentment and decided to prove that you could succeed without their support. This is probably why you want to improve the quality of life for others while improving your own life. You are impatient with people who lack the courage of their convictions or who have no convictions. You are happy to help those who are willing to help themselves. Your mate

must share your enthusiasm for your goals and support you, even though your career may cause problems between you at times. You realise that your gains will be overcome by losses if you aren't ready to accept all the responsibilities that go with an important position of trust.

With knowledge comes power as well as the responsibility for upholding the highest standards of using that power. You have an opportunity to satisfy the most pressing needs of society, because of your talent for getting people interested in the programs you start for their benefit. You have the power to do whatever is necessary to have them accepted. Because you are devoted to the task, you will win the support you need to achieve your goals and help others achieve theirs. You are demanding of your children, and you expect them to take full advantage of the benefits you have provided to succeed in their own lives. The demands of your career may intrude on your romantic interests, but that is how you established your priorities. You have the power to accomplish your objectives and to decide how abundant or austere life will be for those who are under your care.

You have the great privilege and awesome responsibility of helping to determine how social conditions will evolve. Don't forget those who helped you when you needed it. One good turn deserves another; and you will have many opportunities to repay the favours you received when you needed them.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Extremely single-minded in doing what they want to do, those with Pluto in the tenth will let nothing stand in their way once they have decided what they want to do and be. Sometimes this shows as a firm determination not to do what others want them to do, particularly in youth, before they know what it is they want. It is hard for them to know what they want in youth because it is often something very unique that rises out of the socio-economic-psychological nature of the times. No failures, however crushing; no sidetracks, however tortuous and time-consuming; no handicaps, however, crippling, can deter them from their ultimate goal once they have determined what it is. Their will grips onto the image of themselves in a certain role; and nothing, not even their own good sense, can change it. Their imagination builds castles in the air that they must drive themselves to make real.

They are far-seeing, both back into the past and ahead into the future; and this can set them apart from their fellows and make them appear peculiar to others with more ordinary or immediate goals. There is apt to be quite a bit of loneliness along the way until they find others who understand; and even when they do, the demands of their fate often require that they part company.

This often testifies to a difficult start in life; the early loss of one or both parents, or similar external circumstances that shatter the peace and calm of the family and set

them on their own, psychologically if not physically, at an early age. They are rarely seekers of power for its own sake, tending to be shy and constrained in front of groups; but they may seek it as a means to their own personal ends. They are capable of disregarding any and all ordinary demands placed on them by society, but are also capable of working nonstop around the clock for years toward their own personal goals, putting up with situations that would deter most others, if they feel that it will ultimately lead to their destiny.

It is a partial testimony to a long, healthy life, particularly when their goal is one that cannot be reached in one lifetime, as though they can't take time out for sickness or death. If fate or fortune allows them to achieve their goal fairly early, they may die young. If there are oppositions to Pluto from the fourth, from the Sun, Mars, or Pluto's dispositor, they may die before their goal has been reached, or before they have found out what it is; but this is usually more due to the psychological stress of being so unique and lonely than to frustration over barriers in their path. They have magnificent imagination, almost a sixth sense about the nature of reality, that enables them to grasp the possibilities inherent in whatever it is that interests them. They have passionate love natures. Their lives may be filled with unique love affairs which may be long and drawn out. They may have to overcome barriers to possess their beloved; and this may go into old age, or happen more than once.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Collective responsibility is like the water around the fish, everpresent but never seen. Much of your life may be spent searching for ways to make it visible, to find a successful form for your longing to grow up. On occasion, you'll find yourself in a situation where all your power is called forth. When this happens, let it come. Allow ego concerns to be washed away in a flood of communion with larger issues. You are the troops held in reserve, to be used only when the battle reaches its peak and the outcome is in doubt. Then you're called forth to save the day, hurled into the fray, a cavalry charge, a secret weapon, an ace up the sleeve. Your challenge is to be prepared.

Professional ambition: Ambition is powerful but complex. You may wander about for long periods, aware of intense ambition but unable to find suitable expression. Or you may be thrust into a position of authority in a profession for which you did not consciously prepare. Also, you may abruptly change professions at critical points in your life. It can appear that you've burned your bridges behind you. You'll know, however, that you are still being faithful to an inner calling, that you simply had to destroy old forms in search of better avenues of expression. Negatively, you can be ruthless, secretive, and underhanded in ambition, and you must guard against the tendency to become despotic. These tactics may bring you great power, but they sow the seeds for destruction of your reputation, something you could overlook. Your challenge is to use power rather than abuse it.

Missions and messages: Your life shows that there are deeper energies coursing through our personalities, deeper than we know or can control. We learn from your life about being driven by an emotion, obsessed by an image, compelled by an idea. We see the power latent in every human being, and we remember the importance of releasing that power in ways that transform us for the better. We see the presence of profound goodness and horrible evil, and we learn about the necessity of making conscious choices to consecrate our lives to the good in ourselves, even as we must acknowledge and occasionally succumb to the dark. Finally, we see in you evidence that life can change totally. We remember that we can rid ourselves of what is no longer vital to begin again, fresh and new.

'Outer-link' parent: Your father may have been a powerful force in the community. He may have ruled with an iron hand, brooking no challenges to his authority. Or he might have been distant, driven by work and professional responsibilities. In any event, you didn't know him well, and possibly not at all. He could have changed in a fundamental way, becoming a different person as you moved through your childhood. Your imprints with him are a mystery to you. There are huge chunks of your background still buried. You need to unearth your father once you reach adulthood, to excavate your memories, and even late in life you may still have major realisations about the man and his effect on you.

Authority: You're very sensitive to the issue of control over others, and their control over you. Your personal authority has great emotional depth; and others are polarised: either drawn hypnotically to obey completely or likely to resist with their full power. Either way, your effect is potent. Understand that this power is real, even if it's invisible to you. Unconscious power can indeed corrupt the best of us, so work diligently to purify your motives, open your emotions, and monitor your behaviour.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... ..the tenth house is often named 'The House of Honour'. An astrologer of five hundred years ago might receive an enquiry, "Am I in good odour with the Duke of Burgundy?" That mediaeval astrologer would then rightly consult the condition of the client's tenth house and provide an answer: "Nay, he aims to behead ye, and your firstborn besides". The specifics of the foregoing dialogue are marked indelibly with the spirit of a bygone culture, but let's translate it into modern terms. At a cocktail party, two people meet and begin the eternal process of sizing each other up. Here's one question almost guaranteed to appear: "By the way, what do you do for a living?" Read: 'what is your status?'. Translate back into the mediaeval lexicon: 'are you in good odour with the Duke?'. Translate again: 'where are you in the tribal hierarchy?'. We humans are intensely social creatures. And society is always structured and hierarchical to some degree. From the 'ruling élite' down to the 'cool kids at school', we observe the tendency of our species to establish pecking orders. There is much that is emotionally and philosophically difficult about this reality; and my purpose here is not to condemn or defend it, merely to say that concern with status is part of the human picture and that

astrology describes it through tenth house symbolism.

But astrology goes further. While status and reputation are inextricably bound to the tenth house, and 'career' is one of the central ways in which we establish those valuations for ourselves, much more is at stake here. Doing something for the human community, publicly representing some principle or ideal, are also tenth house concerns. Navigated consciously, this house provides a sense of mission or destiny in one's life. Personally, I encode the tenth house as one's 'Cosmic Job Description' - your 'job' as the Great Spirit would define it. If the IRS agrees, so much the better. Then you've accomplished one of the great coups of conscious tenth house work: you've figured how to get paid for doing your spiritual work. What if you were born with Pluto here? Your High Destiny: Truth hurts: the reality of that notion is hard to escape. Certainly, we human beings are fond of rationalisation and denial. But there's another observation to sit next to the first one: avoiding the truth hurts even worse. That pair of ideas summarises much of what we need to understand about Pluto in general.

Truth-avoidance is a popular sport not only on the level of individual psychology. Communities and nations practise it blithely as well. In cynical moments I sometimes think our electoral process boils down to a talent contest in that regard. We might say the same for what often happens in churches.

Lies catch up with us sooner or later, whether we're individuals or countries. And then we go down in flames reading inspirational literature, or we deal bravely with what is actually real. For a community or a nation to follow the higher road, it requires leadership. It requires a courageous man or woman to speak out clearly about popular lies and their costs - and to define a better way. Such a person may or may not be 'charismatic'; he or she may or may not radiate self-confidence and authority. The message matters more than the messenger at such times. And the community that person addresses may be a town or a nation, or more commonly a segment of the population. basically, the tenth house terrain begins where your personal relationships end, and extends from there out toward the horizons of the global village: it may or may not, in other words, involve what we commonly call 'fame'. But it always involves touching the lives of people whom we do not really know on a personal level. And for you, your high destiny involves touching that larger community in a Plutonian way: representing some fierce truth, and fighting the trench wars for its communal realisation.

Your Distorting Wound: Since you were small, you have felt (correctly!) that you were born 'to do something big and important'. Pluto, at its best, is concerned only with those activities which are capable of imparting a palpable sense of meaning and purpose to life, and which fill us with fiery intensity. Anything less is boring and empty. It is this pattern of motive and ideal that shapes your healthiest perspective on career. How well-supported was ambition at that scale when you were small? Your wound lies in this region. As always, life's dark side can touch us a multitude of ways, and not everyone with the same configuration will have the same story - or at least the symmetry will not

always be immediately apparent. Let's consider some wounding scenarios: Maybe one or both of your parents suffered deadening kinds of work, and could not imagine any alternatives. Their attitudes conveyed to you, unconsciously or overtly, an image of the 'Big World' as a jungle in which mere survival was the best for which one could hope.

A variation: maybe parents or other significant role models in your youth were truly limited in their ability to find rewarding, spirit-charging careers due to social prejudice, political dislocations, or economic troubles. Still, the same attitude of limitation and impossibility would be transmitted to you. Perhaps you were born female in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a woman's place'. Built into that reality is an unconscious, systematic disempowering of a girl-child's self-confidence regarding career. After a generation of feminist activism, these are familiar thoughts, but they still sometimes wield considerable potency in shaping women's images of their place in the big world. Perhaps you were born male in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a man's place'. This is discussed less than the feminists' perspective, but it's every bit as powerful - and limiting - a force. The pressure on men blindly to achieve conventional status is enormous. We are taught to experience pride or shame in proportion to our accrual of power and / or money. To what extent could such concerns have robbed you of space for the fuller expression of individuality and creativity in terms of your work? Underlying all these wounding scenarios is a dark Plutonian image of the Community as an inhospitable place, resistant to the expression of anything truly exciting or individual, and affording at best a struggle to remain alive.

Let's carry our analysis of the Wound a step further. Kids in general don't know much about the realities of the world. When we ask children what they want to be when they grow up, we take their answers with a grain of salt. What child would say, 'An insurance salesman'? (But the real world has more than a few contented insurance salespeople, I suspect.) While there are sometimes fascinating exceptions, a pretty good rule of thumb is that a child's answer will at best provide a kind of veiled metaphor - the little boy, for example, who will become an aeronautical engineer may say 'Astronaut!'. His nose is pointing in the right direction, and his soul guides him by offering grandiose exaggerations of the life he will actually create. It's a delicate mechanism, even a sacred one. With your Plutonian tenth house, you truly do have a high destiny... and in youth the unconscious mind would tend to produce exaggerated metaphors of even that. Thus: 'When I grow up I will be a famous movie star'. Or even: 'When I grow up I will save the world'. Loving adults may have felt that they needed to 'help' you adjust to the real world by 'grounding' you. Unwittingly they sabotaged the grand mechanism by which your deep Self was preparing foundations in your imagination for the realisation of what you were actually born to do. What is at stake here is simple to say: for the realisation of certain adult destinies, a degree of ungrounded grandiosity in youth is a psychological prerequisite.

Your Navigational Error: Would you stroll across a sunlit meadow for a million dollars? Not to put thoughts in your head, but I feel a high degree of confidence in my ability to

predict your answer. What if the meadow contained nine deadly buried land mines? Now your answer enters more distinctly into the realm of individuality. My guess is that some of you would abruptly change your minds about the stroll, while others would start balancing the joyful prospect of the cash against the probabilities of more cataclysmic eventualities. Let's add a third condition: there is a hungry Tyrannosaurus Rex pursuing you. Across the meadow lies your only escape. Suddenly taking your chances with those land mines has more appeal. Before we add a fourth condition, let's sit with the image for a moment. There you are, nervously light-footing it across the sunny grass, torn between the scrutiny of each footfall and jittery over-the-shoulder considerations of our Jurassic friend. Are you appreciating the sheer beauty of the meadow? Are you mentally designing the dream-home you might build there with the million bucks? (Do you even remember the million bucks?) Probably not. Under that kind of pressure, more aesthetic, creative interests recede into the background. Our fourth condition: the dinosaur is a fake, one of Spielberg's clever illusions. There are no buried land mines; it was a lie. Your behaviour in the meadow makes sense, but only on the basis of the information you believe. If we stopped you and said, 'You know, when you get that money, I'm seeing a Frank Lloyd Wright design up there on that rise-', you'd look at us as though we were utterly mad. You would be perfectly convinced that you were behaving in the only possible way, given the threatening realities. The illusory realities.

Your Navigational Error lies in imagining too many land mines and hungry dinosaurs. You could fear the world too much, and thereby rob yourself - and the community - of the fruits of your destiny. For the community, those fruits mean some kind of healing, leadership, or inspiration. And for you, they mean Plutonian heat, intensity, and vision in your life. The human world is inherently dangerous and negative in many ways; what you might leave out of the equations is the full realisation of your own power to cope with those obstacles. And that distorts your sense of the scope of your possibilities here. If you succumb, you may find yourself in a career or social position you find shamefully out-of-kilter with your own values. The bleaker Plutonian possibility here lies in still finding yourself wielding the social power we associate with this planet, but swept along in a current of events that leave you working for the 'bad guys', perhaps in a glitzy role. If you are brave enough to admit that to yourself, you feel cynicism, shame, and helplessness. If you're not brave enough to admit it, you'll become a tyrant in that role as you unconsciously attempt to justify your own poor choice with the sheer volume of your voice.

(Jeff Green, *Pluto: The Evolutionary Journey of the Soul*, 1985)

As in all natural cardinal houses, Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn represents a condition wherein an entire chapter or cycle of evolutionary development has come to a close and another has just begun within the recent past. This evolutionary development can apply to countries as well as individuals.

For example, the U.S. chart has Pluto in Capricorn, South Node in Aquarius, and the

North Node in Leo. The rebellion against British rule (South Node in Aquarius) was necessary in order for this country to take charge of its own destiny (North Node in Leo). In so doing, a new evolutionary cycle began (Pluto in Capricorn). The pyramid reality structure of the North Node in Leo seems to be reflected in the fact that so much of what happens in the world depends on what happens in the United States. The U.S. was destined to play the international role (South Node in Aquarius) as the "leader of the free world" (North Node in Leo with respect to Pluto in Capricorn).

Individuals who have Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have been learning the evolutionary lesson of how to establish their individuality and authority within a culture or society. Any society must establish laws, regulations, customs and taboos to which each individual within the society must conform so that the society can function as an integrated and stable whole.

These laws and customs may evolve naturally over time, may be established through a consensus of the society's members or they may be imposed upon the society by those in power. In any case, a society or culture represents collective authority that dictates how individuals are expected to conduct themselves. Each nation or culture has a philosophical tradition, derived from the Ninth House or Sagittarius, that is the foundation upon which the laws, regulations, and customs are formulated. In the Tenth House or Capricorn, these philosophies become institutionalized and politicized. Examples include the philosophy of democracy and religious freedom (Ninth House) evolving into capitalism (Tenth House), or the philosophy of Marxism (Ninth House) leading to communism and atheism (Tenth House). In this manner a nation or society creates traditions and forms a national identity.

In the same way, individuals who have Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have needed to learn how to link or integrate their own philosophy and identity within the framework of a society, culture or nation. This evolutionary necessity and development represents the progressive socialization of the individual which began in Libra or the Seventh House. Just as a country has borders that define its relationship or position with respect to other countries, so too does the individual have a position, place or function within his or her country. Each individual has boundaries, parameters or limitations relative to his or her social position or function within a society. As a result, Tenth House Pluto individuals have had to learn, and will continue to learn, how to define their individuality through their social position or function. In order for this to occur, they must learn how the society works; if I have a desire to do this or that, to become this or that, how does society allow me to accomplish my goals?

By learning to operate within society, these individuals have also been learning related lessons in discipline, self-determination and submission to a higher authority. Because they have been learning how to establish that which characterizes their individuality, i.e. values, beliefs, desires and needs, and to link their individual purpose to a social purpose, they have also been learning lessons in social and emotional maturity.

Because each nation has its own vibration that is created through its laws, customs and taboos, each of us is born into a nation that reflects our karmic and evolutionary needs. Just as the Fourth House and Cancer described our experiences with our parents and early environment, the Tenth House and Capricorn describes our “extended family” environment; the country or culture in which we grow up. Just as our self-image is conditioned by our parents so much of our sense of social identity is conditioned by the nation in which we grow up.

Tenth House Pluto individuals, then, have had, and will have, an intensified evolutionary need that demands they learn to become socially responsible people through the social functions that they are karmically destined to perform. The natural evolutionary condition and karmic lines of development will correlate to those functions. These individuals will be born into countries that best reflect the ways in which they can learn these lessons.

A majority of people with Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have desired positions of social power or status. Many have occupied positions of power in past incarnations. Power, in this context, is relative and based on evolutionary capacity and karmic dynamics. In order to accomplish their ends, these individuals thoroughly learned how the system works using Pluto’s innate ability to penetrate to the basic structure or essence of any subject. In the Tenth House, this means society or social systems.

Many people with Pluto in the Tenth House or in Capricorn have learned to manipulate the system to their own advantage. They have done so in order to realize their ambitions: to get to the top. These individuals often believe that their ends justify the means. In extreme cases, this dynamic can lead to blind ambition. An example of this extreme is found in former President Richard Nixon who has Pluto in the Tenth House.

The desire for social power or status also reflects the fact that these individuals need to be in control of their position within society, rather than allowing society to control them. Pluto in the Tenth House has made the individual aware of his or her power and powerlessness and what symbolizes power and powerlessness in a societal context. The nature of a society determines the ways and means through which social position is achieved. Thus, if the system is corrupt, unjust or manipulative, the individual who seeks power and position within that system is likely to do so in a corrupt, unjust or manipulative way. In so doing, they claim that “This is just the way it works” and relieve themselves of any personal responsibility.

The potential karmic and evolutionary problems that this can lead to are twofold: 1. becoming overly-identified with one’s career, position or status, and 2. manipulating and using others for one’s own ends. Both can lead to abuse of power, especially if the person’s entire sense of emotional and physical security is linked to his or her social power, career or status.

When this occurs such individuals, or even entire nations, may use all means at their disposal to defend themselves against any usurping of their power, position or status. The effort to maintain power or position at any cost can assume very ugly forms. Nixon's response to the Watergate investigation is an example of this. A recent example of a nation acting under the banner of "national interests" was the U.S. invasion of Grenada. A grosser example would be the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union. The rationales used to justify such actions are always self-serving and pious.

The history of humankind is a sad testimony to these facts. War, invasions and defense against invasion seem to be the rule rather than the exception in human history. The struggle among nations to dominate or be dominated predates the beginnings of history itself.

Yet another evolutionary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto is to learn how to be responsible for one's own actions. Individuals who have manipulated others to achieve their own ends will come into this life with subconscious guilt patterns as a result of prior errors. The same principle applies to nations. Even today the German people feel guilt in their national Soul because of the holocaust created by Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Hitler had an Eighth House Pluto in Gemini con- junct Neptune. His South Node was in Capricorn in the Third House conjunct Jupiter and the Moon. The ruler of the South Node, Saturn, was in the Tenth House in Leo. The North Node was in Cancer in the Ninth House, ruled by the Capricorn Moon conjunct Jupiter and the South Node. Later, I will use Hitler's chart to illustrate the points covered in the first two chapters.

The guilt occurs because the standards of conduct inherent in Pluto are intensified in the Tenth House or Capricorn. No matter how it is rationalized, the abuse of power is not ultimately right. All of us have a deep inner sense of what is ultimately right and wrong. We may not know exactly why something is right or wrong; our judgment derives from this inner sense or intuition.

Commonly, then, many Tenth House Pluto individuals will come into this life with a deep sense of inherent guilt that cannot be rationally explained by current life experiences. This situation will only occur when there have been negative or misguided behavioral responses to the evolutionary impulse of the Tenth House Pluto. This guilt can have a very profound inhibiting effect in the current incarnation, so much so, that these individuals often feel that they do not deserve anything beyond what they already have. They feel resigned to their lot in life. In this way, they are punishing themselves for prior "mistakes" and attempting to atone for prior sins. The greatest frustration occurs because many do not know why they find themselves in this condition. Karmically, many will be blocked by society from fulfilling their goals, The doors seem to be closed. Others block themselves, and close their own doors. This condition enforces reflection, through which the individual can become aware of the inner motivations or dynamics that created this situation. Reflection can lead to deep depression and feelings of futility, of an utter lack of power, an utter lack of being in control of life. Often these individuals will draw to

themselves a family situation in which one or both of the parents will be stern disciplinarians, imposing rigid standards of conduct on these individuals as children. Or they may have a parent who leaves the scene, or rejects the responsibility of parenting. This situation leads the individual early on to reflect upon the actions of one or both parents, and reflects their own evolutionary and karmic need to judge themselves relative to their own standards of conduct. Often these individuals have been heavily judgemental in the past, judging others against whatever standards of conduct and behavior they identified with at the time.

A primary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto has also been self-determination and self-discipline. Self-determination means identifying one's goals, abilities, capacities and desires and actualizing them through one's own efforts. The need is to identify one's function Taurus in the Ninth House, and its planetary ruler, Venus, in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mercury. The world role that he was destined to play took him to many lands in order to bridge cultural gaps through the teachings that he expressed. With an opposition from Pluto to Venus, it is interesting to note that he had a deep personal desire to seclude himself in the Himalayas that went unresolved in his lifetime. He made the statement that after leaving this life he would reincarnate hundreds of years later to fulfill that unresolved desire. Another example of a Tenth House Pluto individual whose life and work transcended national borders, albeit on a different level, is Agatha Christie. Christie also had Pluto conjunct Neptune in the Tenth House with the South Node in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mars. The planetary ruler of the North Node, Jupiter, was in Aquarius retrograde in the Fifth House. The ruler of the North Node in Gemini in the Tenth House, Mercury, was in Libra in the Second House. Many of her mystery novels had international settings and her books have been published in dozens of languages all over the world. Intrinsic to a mystery is the theme of right and wrong and the assumption that what is just and right will prevail in the end. Christie's writings expressed such standards of right and wrong.

Those individuals who have made an effort to learn the required evolutionary and karmic lessons in the past will express natural leadership qualities at whatever evolutionary level to which they have evolved. They will be the embodiment of self-determination and can act as models for others who wish to motivate themselves in the same way. These individuals will understand that they are responsible for their own actions, and will not use devious means of achieving their ambitions. Commonly, they will feel an intense contempt and dislike for those who resort to devious ways of realizing their goals, and are not afraid to confront those who do use these tactics. The Tenth House Pluto person thus exposes others to their motivations that make them operate as they do. In so doing, they have the potential to influence others toward a higher standard of conduct.

These individuals have commonly had a parent or parents who support, encourage and understand what they must do with their lives. Sometimes one parent is supportive and the other is not. Sometimes the one that isn't eventually comes around to see that the path that the individual must travel is right for them, even if it does not conform to the

parent's wishes.

In addition, the Tenth House and Capricorn are the archetypes through which we all come face to face with our own mortality, and with time and space itself. These archetypes produce the awareness that we have a certain time span in which to fulfill our destinies. Consequently, Tenth House Pluto individuals feel this awareness more acutely than those who do not have Pluto in this house or sign.

This awareness enforces lessons of social and emotional maturity; to grow up and get on with it. It must occur to enforce the awareness of timing in our lives, and that the structural organization of reality at whatever level or application changes or evolves over and through time. The rise and fall of nations, seasonal change, and the evolving nature and structure of an individual's reality all reflect this fact. This awareness, with the necessary reflection, allows for structural change. This change will occur with respect to that which is outmoded or crystalized so that growth at any level of reality can occur. If negatively expressed in an individual, this awareness produces a sense of futility and pessimism: "What's the point?'. Positively, it produces the motivations required to accomplish what the individual is here to do.

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An example of an individual who refused to accept this gender switch is Christine Jorgensen. Jorgensen was born a man, yet had a sex change operation to become the woman she once was. Jorgensen has Pluto in Cancer in the Tenth House conjunct the North Node in the Eleventh House. The South Node is in Capricorn in the Fifth House, conjunct a Capricorn Moon in the Fourth House. Neptune in Leo inconjuncts the South Node and Moon, and Mars in Pisces is sextile the South Node and trine the North Node. In addition, Venus in Aries in the Eighth House squares the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon. Her determination to have this gender switched reversed served as an inspiration and example for others who feel the same need. These astrological symbols suggest confusion within her Soul as to what gender through which to express itself. The square from Venus to the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon correlates to "skipped steps."

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(Jeff Green) (contd.)

Some individuals who have had such prior-life experiences will go through cycles of pessimism, depression, bitterness, spitefulness and jealousy of those who are in positions of authority in this life. They may be unable to define or accept the limits of their social capacity and be unable to follow the prescribed ways and means of actualising what capacity they do have. Guilt can occur through the inner awareness of their failure to utilise their potential; or guilt can be projected outward if they blame the stifled conditions of their lives on society or on others in general.

In truth, the responsibility for such conditions is their own. Often, the parents reinforce their guilt because they judge their children's shortcomings against their own standards of conduct. On a more positive level, those who have mastered the lessons of self-determination, self-discipline and the ways and means that a society prescribes to realise ambition, capacity and social function have held meaningful social positions in other lives. Because they have learned these lessons before, these individuals can actualise the social function for which they are evolutionarily and karmically destined with little effort. The roles that they have played and can play, large or small, commonly have a positive and transformative impact either within their specific area of work or within society as a whole. Those who have learned to conduct themselves in relation to transcultural and timeless standards of conduct, or have at least determined to attempt to conduct themselves in this way, can play roles that inspire others to improve their own lives. This impact can be small or large depending on the evolutionary and karmic signature of the individual. In certain cases, this impact has transcended the borders of the individual's native country and touched others in other lands.

Those individuals who have made an effort to learn the required evolutionary and karmic lessons in the past will express natural leadership qualities at whatever evolutionary level they have evolved to. They will be the embodiment of self-determination, and can act as role-models for others who wish to motivate themselves in the same way. These individuals will understand that they are responsible for their own actions, and will not use devious means of achieving their ambitions. Commonly, they will feel an intense contempt and dislike for those who resort to devious ways of realising their goals, and are not afraid to confront those who do use these tactics. The Tenth House Pluto person thus exposes others to their motivations that make them operate as they do. In so doing, he or she has the potential to influence others toward a higher standard of conduct.

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As these lessons are put in motion, these individuals can achieve a balance wherein their 'down' or private time meshes with their external duties and responsibilities. They will learn that the values and beliefs that condition their ideas about what life is and how it should be lived are purely subjective; their judgements apply only to themselves in relation to their own standards of conduct. Consequently, they will learn not to judge negatively the values and beliefs of others. They will learn to accept responsibility of their own lives, and the duties and obligations that accompany them. In so doing, they can motivate and inspire others in the same way. Through self-determination they will be able to realise their goals and ambitions in honest and non-manipulative ways and encourage others to do the same. If they have children, they will learn to become responsible parents who are intensely productive and giving, even if the child is a 'problem' child. Common characteristics of Pluto in the Tenth House include: cycles of emotional withdrawal, need for social recognition and power, good organisers unless interfered with by other factors, natural leaders, deep and penetrating understanding of how 'systems' work, being ambitious, being serious, being pragmatic, being anxiety-prone, being given to cycles of depression, being autocratic, and being hypocritical.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Pluto's position on the highest point of the birth chart signifies that its transformative power is directed mostly to work, career and social position. Because of Pluto's demanding nature, career expectations may be very high, even megalomaniac. The individual expects that he will reach some exceptional goals, and often does realise them. Parental expectations about the career of the child may be in a central position. Perhaps they demand too much of the child, possibly to realise something they themselves didn't do. Parental ambitions may be a heavy burden on the child, who feels pressured to do something grandiose in the eyes of the parents. Parental ambitions are felt in the unconscious of the child as: "I must be somebody", "I must have power or a high social position", "Life depends on social position". Sometimes the attitude is much more negative: "I oppose all authorities", or "I fear people in power". Regarding social position there is often a love-hate relationship with emotional involvement. Questions of authority and control are strong, and influence the destiny of the individual. Hatred toward controlling individuals inherited from childhood may lead to a powerful desire for control so that nobody will be able to control him any more. The power complex is related to this aspect. The individual may not realise its mechanism and how it influences his choices and directions in life. He may admit that he has a peculiar attitude toward people who are in positions of authority. This power complex and all the causes underneath should be examined to avoid career complications. A subconscious power complex may lead to avoidance of all contact with authorities, so that professional self-realisation becomes difficult. Because Pluto leads easily to extremes, the individual often feels that social position is hard to get. He blames everybody else and society for that. It may seem that fate denies social position and status. Drastic changes happen sometimes. To improve the situation, it is important to find the roots of the problem and to find a personal motivation for work. Usually Pluto's position on the Midheaven signifies strong ambition and the ability to build a successful career. In fact, the attitude toward career may be rather obsessive. The individual has a tendency to identify himself with his career or social image. (Pluto is sometimes very symbiotic.) The collective nature of Pluto indicates that some individuals will have a large sphere of influence - a large audience with or without a transformative impact. Surprisingly, their role may be rather superficial. In show business there are many influential people with this aspect. One of the most famous television show hosts in France has it, and he has kept his position for years. An influential position in show business today means a lot of power. That's why it is so appealing to many Pluto in the tenth house people. At best, professional life is related to secrets, revealing or digging up the unconscious. Working with nuclear energy is Plutonian but questionable. According to a French astrologer, Jean-Pierre Nicholas, the person may be 'hierophant of the unexplained'. This is a suitable planetary position for healers, therapists and those who function as channels for change. The individual's fate may include scandals and revelations, sometimes caused by evil practices, immoral actions and manipulation; but sometimes the person is not at fault.

Object Aspects

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- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°31') ♃7 | ♄8
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- 11) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°07') ♎9 | ♃1
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- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°42') ♎12 | ♄8
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- 19) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°28') ♃1 | ♎10
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- 21) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°38') ♃1 | ♎3
- 22) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°05') ♎10 | ♄8
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- 26) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (5°54' A) ♄8 | ♄8
- 27) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (8°54' A) ♄8 | ♄8
- 28) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♎ South-Node** - (1°08' S) ♎9 | ♎9
- 29) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (3°00' A) ♄8 | ♄8
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- 32) ► **Uranus ♅ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (3°09' S) ♎10 | ♎10
- 33) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (3°15' A) ♄8 | ♎10
- 34) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (1°20' S) ♎12 | ♎10

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- 36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°00' S) ♀1 | ♀3
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- 39) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (6°37' A) ♀9 | ♀12
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- 47) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°22' A) ♀11 | ♀3

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(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct the Ascendant gives you an inexhaustible supply of energy. You are constantly in motion, but sometimes it is motion without meaning. Lacking selfdiscipline, you take daring and unnecessary risks when challenged. Your supporters regard you as courageous, but your enemies consider you 'pushy' and arrogant. However, you are not moved by either opinion, because you want most of all for people to recognize your superiority and give you the breathing room you need. You constantly have to see that people are in awe of your aggressive superiority, because inside you are not really that sure of yourself. The image you present hides a persistent inferiority complex. You probably win your arguments by making the most noise and wearing out your opponents with unceasing harassment. But you don't need to waste your energy this way, because you have enormous creative ability that merely needs to be harnessed to an onjective. When you do this, no-one can succeed as easily as you can, and with energy to spare.

A very physical person, you tend to brush aside any talk of compromise or concession as tactics fit only for the weak and spineless. It is almost impossible to have a simple, friendly talk with you; when you think you are losing control and your position is weakening, you become angry and may resort to violence. You can be sure that people who converse with you in simple 'yes's and 'no's are aware of your short fuse. On the positive side, you are independent and self-confident. You know how to mobilize people and their resources to achieve your objectives. Although you can work as hard as the best of them, you prefer to play the role of the instigator, sitting back and pulling the strings to make them do your bidding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The attitude to the world is strongly colored by the self-assertiveness of Mars. We are not inclined to pay much attention to others. We seldom look before we leap; and we act before anyone has a chance to offer advice. The impression we make is one of activity, courage and daring. Independence and will-power are not always welcome, however. Every now and then, people will probably treat us as sharply and aggressively as we treat them. The impression we make is more abrasive than we may wish, and if we are thwarted we can become annoyed and take swift action. The rashness of Mars has an outlet here which can result in divorce or broken friendships; so we do need to exercise restraint.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a powerful aspect, for it indicates a high energy potential. These individuals will make quick, perhaps rash, decisions. The early childhood environment will be very active; it may even be somewhat violent. These individuals will be familiar with anger, and the kind of anger they were exposed to as children will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs.

The emotional reaction to life will have to be handled constructively, or this person might spend too much time overreacting to ordinary life situations. Career decisions will need to be thought out carefully to overcome the natural inclination to jump into new situations thoughtlessly.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Mars conjunct the Ascendant tend to view the world as a highly competitive place and approach it from this vantage point. Often, too, there is a vague feeling that conflict might break out at any minute. Sometimes, the Mars rising person was born into or raised in an early atmosphere of conflict. Occasionally, the birth itself was a violent one or involved surgery, as, for example, in cases of caesarean section.

In any event, the persona the Mars rising person may wear is of someone always ready for action and sometimes ready for conflict too. Some people with Mars rising just seem to go out into the world spoiling for a fight. Nevertheless, the appearance of strength, courage and bravado may be all show; merely a mask the individual has learnt to cultivate in order to protect him- / herself.

Mars conjunct Ascendant people are keen to get on with things. This is the client who, being impatient to start, arrives early and refuses a cup of tea.

In appearance the Mars rising person often exudes strength. Sometimes the individual is rather muscular-looking as if armour-plated against any possible attack.

This is a very honest, go-getting kind of combination, good for any kind of initiation, although unrestrained by other chart factors; and, depending on the sign involved, the individual may just be too impulsive or pushy for his / her own good. More positively, there is usually strong leadership potential with this placement, and it is ideal for any life-situations where the individual can legitimately compete and stretch him- / herself to the limit. Sport is the immediate physical vehicle that springs to mind.

2) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°54') ♄1 | ♄1

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally

bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

3) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (0°26') ☿1 | ♀10

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus conjunct the Ascendant shows that you are individuality personified. You have a personal chemistry that never fails to stimulate people to be friendly to you. You are admired by most but feared by some, especially those who feel overpowered by your total self-awareness. You tend to make people feel insignificant in your presence, although you certainly don't try to give that impression. No-one should feel any discomfort with you because you project yourself freely and honestly.

You relate easily to all types of people and are friendly to everyone, regardless of their social status. You don't measure anyone by the cut of their clothes, their school, or the social register, for you are intimately aware of the unfair limitations imposed by social custom and tradition. You view everyone you meet as a unique and individual person who cannot possibly be categorized except as a member of the human species. You are intuitively aware that the progress of man and of the society he conceives and constructs depends explicitly upon the individuality of its members. Therefore you aggressively defend every person's right to be an individual. In your view, the past and its traditions are important only for the lessons learned, and the future is possible only when our grip on the past is finally released.

Concerned primarily with the future, you are eager to participate in the development of a higher consciousness, which will be the nucleus for the greater awareness of man. You

reject as inadequate a reality that is measured merely by its physical dimensions. Your greatest value to others is that you can give them access to explore the new freedom, a freedom that is denied them if they turn away from it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Uranus and the Ascendant we make no bones about showing how important individuality is to us. We take life into our own hands at a very early age; and this can easily make us seem unruly and impertinent. Uranus is capricious and restless, and we radiate these traits to others. It is impossible to sit still. We are highly strung and full of ourselves and, to make matters worse, we keep jumping from one thing to another. We are always ready with sudden insights and inventions, but hardly ever seem to finish what we start.

The Uranian tension quickly winds us up and fills us with impatience. Therefore we may appear brusque, tactless and crabby. Uranus conjunct the Ascendant is a difficult aspect to handle. What is more, we expect others to keep up with our changes and innovations. If they are unable to do so, we lose interest, and eagerly hunt around for something else to stimulate us.

People with Uranus conjunct the Ascendant prize freedom; they consult their own advantage in every situation, and expect others to do the same. So they are very tolerant of anything new but, because bright ideas lose their shine so quickly for them, they are not quite as open-minded as they suppose.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Ascendant indicates the persona, how we present ourselves to others, the person we are trying to be. When Uranus conjuncts the Ascendant, the self-expression becomes unique. The qualities of the rising sign will be enhanced, the approach to life will be unorthodox or unconventional, and this personality will have a chance to manifest a more highly conscious reflection of the rising sign qualities than those without this conjunction.

Because the Ascendant reflects the approach to new life experience, this conjunction indicates a tendency toward an unusual approach, an unpredictable approach to new situations. This conjunction can be exciting, sparking off an unusual life experience, or it can cause much inner conflict depending on how Uranus is aspected to other planets. The unorthodox approach will only bring contentment when used to further develop the facets of personality that must have expression. In order to diagnose the personality needs, look to the personal planets.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Uranus aspecting the Ascendant / Descendant axis often look different. There is often something physical about them that sets them apart from others or makes them particularly noticeable. Frequently they are simply quite tall. Uranus always seems to increase height, and this is sometimes the case even with major Uranian contacts which don't involve the Ascendant.

Whereas a person with Uranus in the 12th house may be highly individualistic but keep the more unconventional aspects of his / her personality, world-view or lifestyle to him- / herself, those with Uranus rising usually make no secret about their differences from others.

As always, the sign involved is of crucial importance, as is the ruler of the Ascendant and other planets making aspect. As a rule though, the Uranus rising person seems to go out into the world saying: 'In what way am I different?'

Often, from birth or early childhood the individual felt marked out as being in some way unique. With Uranus rising, this is often felt to be just a statement of fact, and the individual may even come to wear his / her 'differentness' as some kind of badge. Whatever marks him / her out from the rest of the family may also have been reinforced and therefore exaggerated very early on in life. Thus the life's journey is often concerned with discovering in what way he / she is genuinely unique from the rest of the world as opposed to merely appearing to be different from others.

Those with Uranus rising usually have no wish to conform. The type will be highly individualistic and uncompromising in his / her insistence upon having space and freedom; and especially space and freedom to pursue whatever (to others at any rate) radical or unconventional life-style is appropriate to him / her.

People with Uranus rising and sometimes on the Descendant are sometimes born very suddenly or unexpectedly, so that their first experience of themselves in the world is of their producing some kind of shock.

Others with Uranus conjunct Ascendant themselves receive an early shock to their system, and thus somehow come to expect that something sudden and devastating might occur at any minute. Or at least this is my theory to explain the often very taut nervous tension that these individuals sometimes exhibit.

In my experience, Uranus contacts to the Ascendant / Descendant axis are amongst the most common contacts to be found in the charts of astrologers, although if astrology ever becomes a commonplace, accepted subject amongst the general populace, I doubt whether this would remain the case.

4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♅ Neptune** - (0°31') ♅7 | ♅8

(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.

5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°45') ♎9 | ♍12

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Mars gives you a sense of power in asserting your will. You don't feel that you have to compromise in your dealings with anyone. Since you project your will forcefully and with undeniable intensity, your presence may unintentionally threaten less hardy individuals. You are ambitious to be recognized, not so much for your achievements, but simply for yourself. But this may antagonize others, who will resent your assumption of superiority without having any achievements to justify it. It is difficult to determine whether you are driven by egocentricity or merely by having energy to spare. In any case, you respond quickly to competition and use every skill at your command to win. Because you find status quo conditions intolerable and apathy unforgivable, you stimulate people to take action when they might have indolently failed to do anything. Your considerable physical strength sustains you in expressing your boundless enthusiasm.

You have enormous creative ability and can excel in any leadership capacity. The kind of work you do isn't as important as the manner in which you accomplish your objectives. Intolerant of insubordination, you react violently to criticism. You tend to be uncompromising with people whose opinions differ from yours, and you are blunt in reprimanding them for it. You feel that anyone who expresses a different opinion is making a direct, personal attack on your credibility.

Your temperament is suitable for competitive occupations in which hazard and danger are commonplace. Sports, racing, exploration, military service, working with machinery, or hunting would provide good means for creative expression, as would more intellectual pursuits, such as medicine, surgery, law, or police work.

Your insistence on asserting your own desires with no consideration for others is a distinct liability. In evaluating the facts before taking action, you often disregard common sense, which makes it necessary to repeat the work later. You are inefficient in managing your energies and waste a lot of effort in unrewarding enterprises. A trusted adviser could help you plan your tactical moves, serve as your spokesperson in disputes, and restrain you from destructive impulsive action.

Your powerful libido urges you to violence when your desires are not satisfied. Not only that, but you are insensitive to the feelings of others; you must learn to make adjustments for those whose feelings are not as intense as your own. Because you react impulsively when you are angered, the chance of physically hurting yourself is increased. You waste large amounts of energy in fruitless effort that could be utilized

constructively. Being hyperactive, you need sufficient rest to preserve your health.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates the presence of an energy that is 'masculine' in essence, being highly vitalised, vigorous, forceful and assertive. The application and exploitation of your powerful will becomes a major impulse that demands expression, often resulting in a more self-centred level of preoccupation, focused on satisfying your desires and ambitions.

You may have an aggressive, combative temperament, which can respond quickly to any hint of a threat or potentially competitive situations, seeing these as an opportunity to display your force and innate abilities and talents. You will feel a need to prove yourself to the world through achieving, or at least rise to a higher social profile than the majority. You may tend to assume attitudes of superiority, which is often derived from a sense of self-confidence, and inwardly you hold a self-image as a leader in some capacity. An urge to battle lies near the surface of your personality, and you can approach life as if it is a challenge, almost provoking encounters by 'throwing down the gauntlet' as a testing of your strength and power.

To some, you may seem overly assertive, and your presence may threaten them by its forceful vibration. You may acquire several adversaries in the course of your journey through life, especially as you are liable to be insensitive to others' feelings. This may occur particularly within your employment or business life, where you are likely to contact other powerful individuals. You intensely enjoy applying your will-power, and may need to pay extra attention to your relationship manner and style of expression, as this could become a source of contention and downfall if it is misapplied. A liability to anger quickly may need some control too, or words spoken in haste may ruin relationships or friendships.

You react against limitations and restrictions, and find adherence to the status quo or repetitive routines anathema to your volatile spirit. You love action, and the adrenaline rush of physical or dangerous sports and activities is highly appealing. Your enthusiasms can be spontaneous and impulsive, and you prefer to leave space in your lifestyle for sudden decisions and changes of direction which can renew vitality and add a touch of freshness when life becomes jaded and familiar. You may be attracted to share this love of life and excess energy with others, stimulating them to break free of their self-imposed ruts and shake off their apathy. Some may not appreciate your endeavours though, and you may need to recognise when your efforts will fall on stony ground.

There is an opinionated streak in your character that can take offence if anyone challenges your attitudes, values, thoughts or beliefs, and you take this as a personal attack, rather than a sharing of differing points of view. You can adopt an attitude of 'I'm right, and you're wrong' in such encounters, and refuse to consider alternative

perceptions; this can be a restriction of your openness to life's many wonders and infinite variety of perceptions.

In relationships, you do not easily compromise, as you tend to be self-centred and concerned about reaching for your desires; this could become a problem unless it is carefully modified, or you have an extremely passive and supportive partner. A strong sexual drive and inflamed passions are likely factors in your relationships, and you may be especially attracted to sudden love affairs, particularly if that theme of 'conquest' is paramount in your nature.

While you are likely to possess considerable creative abilities, you may have difficulties in focusing these constructively and consistently, and despite your high level of activity you may waste energy that could be more positively applied. Part of this is due to an impulsiveness that prefers action to forethought and planning, and this tendency may need tempering by better managements of your resources and less haste in charging towards your objectives. Listen to the advice of others, or take professional suggestions; you may not always know best.

Your focus is power through action, and the main areas that this can be released through are the conjunction house, and the houses ruled by both Sun and Mars in your chart. Look at these, as they may offer additional opportunities for a successful use of your talents and energies, especially when you begin to handle them with greater self-understanding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two active planets join forces here, signifying a ready identification of the self (Sun) with ambition, executive ability and leadership (Mars). Often the individual is rather pugnacious, competitive and fond of sport. Such a fiery combination as the Sun and Mars can make for great liveliness and enthusiasm. There is a capacity for hard work and the native's sights are set on solid achievement - also on the honors that go with it.

Mars is inflammable and, when conjunct the Sun, can give a very volatile personality. The native is excitable and subject to bursts of enthusiasm; sometimes being shorttempered and aggressive into the bargain. Because Mars is uncompromising, the individual is one of those go-getting, turbulent people who display scant consideration for others and are intent on making the most of their own opportunities. The person with a Sun / Mars conjunction pulls no punches and is not easily thwarted. But, though quick to flare up, he or she is not usually one to bear a grudge.

The Sun conjunct Mars frequently opens up opportunities in sport, but the native also treats everyday life as something of a sporting event. Excellent outlets are sports such as boxing, fencing, wrestling, or sports that require explosions of energy. Frequently there is a fondness for high-risk sports and for sports demanding courage and speed.

The Sun conjunct Mars can warn of violence, but only when there are insufficient outlets for the enormous amounts of energy generated by this aspect.

People with this conjunction know where they stand and are not afraid to make their position clear. Others may be apprehensive of them because they seldom mince words. The native is more forceful than he or she realizes, and unintentional and unwanted ruptures with others can occur. So restraint is advisable, especially as there is a tendency to act before thinking.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect should be read in the context of other aspects that involve the Sun-Mars conjunction. Mars heats up everything that it touches, so it tends to give energy and spontaneity. When Mars conjuncts the Sun, the personality is acted out; it can be volatile; it can be quick to act and react. When reading this aspect it's important to remember in what sign the conjunction takes place in order to evaluate how the energy will express. Mars adds intensity to the Sun so there is a stronger vitality than without the presence of Mars. Well aspected conjunctions of Sun and Mars give added energy, but, when other planets are involved, how those aspects affect the Sun must be considered.

(Charles Carter)

I do not think that this can be differentiated from the trine and sextile (q.v.), except that it usually denotes some danger of physical injury or disease - usually the former. It makes the native tremendously hard-working, and he / she may toil on the verge of break-down year after year. On the whole it is beneficial, unless the conjunction itself receives other important bad aspects, in which case it will bring some of the deleterious effects of the bad aspects into the life.

6) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°26') ♄9 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of your Sun and Saturn shows that you are serious and perhaps profoundly moved by everything that gains your attention. Every experience teaches you a lesson. You are more capable of handling responsibility than most people, but you may resent it if others always expect you to be the one to take the burden. You may feel that your struggle to gain mastery over material circumstances seems more harsh than what others must face.

You matured rather early and probably were disciplined more strictly than other children. You may have encountered restriction from either or both parents in your formative years. No-one ever gave you anything, and now you don't expect anyone to, in your driving ambition to realize your goals. Austerity is a familiar way of life to you, which

probably helped you learn to stand on your own feet as you developed. You have depended for success on your ability to effectively mobilize your personal resources.

You don't generally express your opinion unless there is a reason for doing so. Although you are not quick to assert your will, when you do you expect others to listen. You don't indulge in idle conversation, and you don't put up with it from others, unless they have something worthwhile to discuss.

You must be careful not to feel sorry for yourself if achieving your goals seems to be a laborious and painful process. Self-denial is easier for you, since it is consistent with your early training. Once you realize your objectives, they will be permanently secure because you have made such a tremendous investment in them. You will tenaciously hold on to the benefits brought by reaching your goals. It is not easy for you to be generous; you've worked too hard to get what you want, and you can't forget the lean years.

Your success results from your ability to efficiently consolidate your resources in order to exploit them to full advantage. Many fields need talent such as yours, including industrial management, teaching, politics, science and research, mathematics, and law. Each is a very demanding occupation; the only ones who survive are those who can discipline themselves and who are not afraid of responsibility.

You will choose a partner who has self-respect, for you consider this an important quality. Your mate must be willing to share your determination to rise above past or present circumstances. He or she must have humility and sincerity and be able to accept temporary limitations in anticipation of future growth and success.

Your greatest problem is that you react negatively to setbacks and become bitter. Some physical problems can develop, such as digestive ailments and ulcers, unless you maintain an attitude of hope and high expectation for the future. Try to establish goals that can be realized in the near future. It is also very important that you occasionally get away from familiar routines and indulge yourself a little. Wasting time once in a while will allow you to return to your responsibilities with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Don't get into a rut - this limits you, so that challenges no longer seem exciting.

(Haydn Paul)

Your potential success is dependent on personal qualities of perseverance, self-discipline, organization and your ability to maximise the effectiveness of all your available resources. Ambition is likely to be a powerful motivating force within your personality, and, once your aims have been clarified, careful planning and application can help you to achieve them. Persistence and hard work may be the keys to later success, and it is unlikely that progress will be swift or aims realised at an early age. As Saturn implies limitations and barriers, it is probable that even when following your solar

path there will be obstacles and frustrations confronting you, and there may be periods when you begin to feel the inhibitions of your nature and path acutely.

You can lack sufficient confidence, adopting a self-deprecating attitude as justifying any lack of progress. Temperamentally, you are serious and reserved, often taciturn in expression, controlled and disciplined and viewing life with an uneasy attitude. To you, life demands effort and application, and nothing comes easy or free. So you believe that to become materially comfortable you may have to deny certain feelings or needs in order to concentrate and focus on your aims. Unfortunately, through selfdenial and austere attitudes, you may repress self-expression, creating inner imbalances which have later negative side-effects. These could become more predominant if you enter a phase of frustrations, where disappointments generate tensions, stresses, angry thoughts and emotional attitudes. Disorders of the digestive system may be associated with this, and you may need to increase relaxation in your life, perhaps by consciously dismantling any fixity of lifestyle and daily habit patterns that may be unconsciously erected around yourself as a form of protective barrier.

The house position of the conjunction is a sphere of opportunity and of limitation for you, depending on the inner changes that you can consciously make. Success can result from applying your strengths, which are likely to be in areas of organisation, self-reliance, discipline, persistence and determined application. The theme of consolidation and building is associated with this aspect, where existing resources are used in ways which take greater advantage of their potential, expanding from a secure foundation but not overly risky or speculative. Careers in management, politics, law, scientific research, teaching, local government may be attractive, especially if you are able to use an ability to assume responsibility within your employment.

Your earlier childhood development will have been influenced by the relationship to your dather. Look at the attitudes towards life that your parents expressed, and see if these have become your dominating attitudes and values too. You may have received a highly ordered and strict parental discipline, encouraging conformity to parental desires and codes of conduct; moralistic or religious attitudes may have conditioned your worldview. There may have been a lack of parental approval or response to your unique childhood nature, perhaps a lack of emotioonal affinity (perceived or actual) which made you feel more isolated and independent; certainly you would have experienced an early inner maturation process. Have you become what your parents wanted you to be? And is this in accordance with your desires and dreams? You may need to break free from these earlier psychological programs that are still operating in you, so that you can move in new directions or transcend those restrictions in life that are acting as barriers to fulfilment and success.

You have much of value to share with the world, but this may need greater releasing. For instance, you may feel that everyone makes their own destiny (and certainly, to some degree this is correct), but this should not stop you being generous if you have

financial abundance in your life; you could help others to help themselves. There may be a belief that there is a lesson or message within every life experience, but this should never stop feelings of love and friendliness flowing out naturally from you to others. Acknowledging others in a different way may be necessary, so that you are more aware of their needs and qualities, and this can divert you from your selfpreoccupations. Certainly you will require a compatible intimate partner who recognises your need for achievement, and who is willing to support your endeavours; but equally, you should not forget that your partner also has their own life path to follow, and you should not forget their needs either. Mutual aid is the ideal approach. Loosen the chains of your self-imposed limitations, and you may be surprised by how your life can favourably change.

7) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ⚙ **Uranus** - (0°02') ♏9 | ♏10

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun conjunct Uranus, you are highly aware of yourself. You move freely in your environment, expressing yourself in your own unique fashion, unmindful that some people regard you as an eccentric. A very willful person, you are shocked if anyone dares to restrain you in any way. You jealously guard your rights to be yourself and speak your mind without compromise. When your freedom is curtailed or denied, you have the courage to fight to regain it. You are intolerant of tradition and the social limitations resulting from it. Your permissive attitude could hinder success, because even people who are impressed by you may misinterpret you as being essentially unstable.

Your arrogant nature developed early in life, in keeping with your accelerated individuality. In childhood you were as difficult to control as you are now. You took much less time than most to reach maturity, for you were too impatient to endure the restraints imposed by your elders. Because you grew up so quickly and had such a short childhood, you were maligned by some and admired by others.

You love being free, and your profession must provide you with freedom to perform your assigned tasks in your own way. The possibilities for a career are almost unlimited. Politics, science, education, or some technical aspect of industry would allow you to exploit your creative potentials. Your philosophy is progressive, and these fields would benefit from your intuition and forethought. Progress is your most important product; you accept the lessons of the past only as a basis for continued development.

You enjoy the company of others who share your excitement and expectations for the future. Your free-wheeling temperament, however, needs to be balanced by having a more down-to-earth mate. Otherwise it is too easy for you to lose contact with reality and meaningful social contact, which can enrich your life.

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to experience ongoing clashes and discord with others and society. This is due to your essential tendency to be highly individualistic and no-conformist, and this will inevitably bring you into conflict with the social traditions and lifestyle patterns of your country, by your determination to follow your unique path through life. You will not have a passive nature, or acquiesce easily in what is required of you by parents, school, religion or the state-approved ways of social living; but you will be a passionate rebellious spirit rejecting, questioning or opposing those pressures with which you disagree or which you believe are intending to hinder your freedom.

This 'passion', however, is not really emotionally rooted, but is your way of releasing a build-up of energy within your nature which has to find some means of release, similar to the boiling of water which transforms into steam to escape from a container. The slightest threat or fear of 'imprisonment' will cause you to begin looking for the escape route.

This need for freedom - in whichever and however many ways you define 'freedom' - will be a dominant factor influencing your life. The urgent need to express this tendency will create an unsettling impact upon your adult choices and life direction, and will probably interfere with focusing on your solar path. As a result of experiencing this inner pressure for change, you are likely to observe the elements of unpredictability flowing into your established life patterns. In some ways this could be beneficial, but an energy acting in uncontrolled unconscious ways can severely disrupt a relatively harmonious lifestyle or family, because someone under its influence begins to act in a potentially destructive manner. Just 'throwing the energy away', attempting to reduce the inner pressure, is not constructive or sensible. This inner process indicates that change is needed, that this will usually be associated with a particular sphere of life (indicated by this natal house conjunction or by planetary transits activating this aspect), and that a conscious attentive focus is required to tune into the messages being internally triggered so that the energy can be directed into suitable channels of expression.

You will have to acknowledge and confront the implications of any innate hatred of restrictions, as life will invariably impose them through family, employment, and type of social environment. You may struggle against restrictions all your life, wanting to be 'free', but free to do what? And free to live in what way, and where? Probably you'll lack real answers, but a search to find a satisfying direction is crucial for you, and will reflect your quest for your higher social path; otherwise in gaining your freedom you'll discover that through cutting the binding ties you have become lost or have destroyed those foundations that are now recognised as being important and meaningful for you.

In your intimate relationships, you will have to be aware of a tendency to invest your needs with supreme value and importance, where you insist upon individual rights and freedom to express your own nature without compromising, yet often fail to offer the same to your partner. You can have a problem of impatience tinged with intolerance, which can create friction, as can your attraction towards areas of experience that some

may consider to be unorthodox or deviant from any socially acceptable norm. Not that such reactions unduly concern you; in fact you may feel tempted to flaunt any such preferences in the face of others.

Probably you will be attracted towards entering sudden, intense, exciting physical and emotional relationships, especially spontaneous ones that can occur without too much consideration of any future implications. You prefer 'newness', through exploring the unknown, and may often shy away from commitment and responsibility, partly based on fear and on your inability to often consider your partner's needs as highly as you do your own. The problem is how to balance your need for novelty and new experiences, your hatred of restrictions, and your desire for individual freedom, with the demands of living with people in society.

You need to become more mature in relationships, to become more aware of the value of mutual sharing, to care as much for your partner as you do for yourself, and, by helping him / her to express his / her own totality and not subduing his / her personal development by the dominating insistence of your needs, to learn to walk side by side with your partner into freedom and fulfilment.

Recognising these tendencies is the first step to beginning taking conscious control to use innate energies, so that your life begins to work better, and becomes more meaningful and satisfying by gaining a greater social cohesion through integrating these planetary energies.

One direction that may help in this self-renewal and personal re-orientation lies in expressing your urge for exploration, to investigate new horizons and interests; try not to live this out in a purely self-centred way, but instead attempt to redirect any benefits towards the well-being of others too, especially through improving the quality of relationships.

Your mind may have an attunement to the Uranian 'higher mind' or 'Universal Mind'. This implies that there can be mental power, perhaps by your mind taking sudden logic leaps and making connections which can offer new insights or ways of looking at life. While sometimes this can be too erratic and undisciplined to be fully utilised, the natural direction that it moves towards is futuristic. This is both a reaction against the restrictions of predictable staid and static social traditions and also potentially a tool to be used in the visualisation and formation of possible future societies. Combining your natural tendencies to permissiveness and creative expression, you may develop in terms of progressive futurist philosophies and attitudes, associating with like-minded groups and individuals to help build the Aquarian New Humanity. Embodying new lifestyle patterns and more open attitudes can offer a new world for you to explore and one which can benefit others too. Here lies a freedom with less restriction, allowing you to express a rebellious nature against social limitations while helping to build a more understanding and free world for everyone to share. Taking such a direction can enable you to dissolve

previous self-preoccupations into participation in group endeavours. This fusion of your Uranian tendencies with a projected heroic path can build a lighted way in your life, where the positive contributions of both Sun and Uranus can be released for individual and collective benefits.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The great need here is to develop as an individual, and, where feasible, to break through set patterns in order to create profitable new openings - even though Uranus does not necessarily encourage practicality.

The pattern-breaking can sometimes be destructive from sheer perverseness and an unwillingness to be trammled by convention, because the passion for freedom is sometimes unbridled. To those around, the native's liability to shock and to make sudden breaks can be seen as irrational, deliberately provocative and very unsettling, and to some extent they are right.

Nevertheless, the same lack of restraint and need to break through existing structures that make the Sun / Uranus conjunction so unpredictable are responsible for a glittering cascade of original ideas. Some of these ideas will have little value, but many will be useful innovations. Not for nothing do we think of Uranus as the planet of the inventor.

All the same, the native is often too impatient to spend time developing ideas. Restlessness finds expression in many different areas: changes of occupation, of opinion, of life-style, etc.. But one thing is always central: personal freedom, independence and individuality. Certainly, someone with a Sun / Uranus conjunction can have ties, but then he must (in his own eyes anyway) enjoy freedom of movement within those ties and must be able to be himself. As soon as the ties start to tie him down, we may expect a shattering explosion.

The person with a Sun / Uranus conjunction goes whirling through life; perhaps like a fresh breeze bearing the seeds of renewal, perhaps like a devastating tornado - it all depends on the rest of the horoscope.

(Betty Lundsted)

These people are honorary Aquarians. The qualities of Aquarius are added to the Sun sign characteristics. These are the people who have chosen to be a part of the new age, for they are involved with the uplifting of the consciousness of the sign type. The responsibility of these people is awesome. The energy forces a particular soul to grow, to transform itself, to become conscious.

The life will be unusual, perhaps erratic, perhaps eccentric, as they look for the right path to walk. The influence of the father is important, for he is an unorthodox and unusual

man in some way; he sparks his child's growth because of his effect on the personality. The father is forced out of his particular 'rut' when this child is small, and his child will be forced out of the rut of his sign type

The person with Sun conjunct Uranus has to learn to channel the energy of the aspect or he will be controlled by it. One of the problems here is an unorthodox approach to life that may not be understood or appreciated by folks who don't have it. Parents have problems raising this child, for the child picks up the father's unorthodox behavior and ends up harassing the parents by being difficult to manage, hard to train, and stubborn and eccentric even early in life. This is a highly independent child. In certain atmospheres, the child will or can be overwhelmed by the stronger parent, sometimes by sheer force, for the child doesn't fit acceptable childhood patterns that the parents require.

As the individual learns to use the energy, the interpreter of the chart can evaluate the circumstances with an eye to the growth of the personality, and help this energy to manifest itself in a constructive way. The possible effect is the chance to be a far-reaching example of the sun sign - grow and be different from those who have come before.

(Charles Carter)

The conjunction of these bodies is a powerful configuration with an influence not dissimilar from the harmonious aspects, but liable, if the rest of the horoscope inclines in that direction, to some of the features of the malefic aspects, such as rebelliousness, perverseness, and obstinate persistence in unwise courses. It seems to favour a scientific or literary career; it is averse to conventional occupations and must be permitted to make its own way through life.

Since the planet is said to rule, or to have a marked affinity with, Aquarius, which is the detriment of the Sun, it may be supposed that the two have little sympathy. Yet there are unquestionable points of resemblance, and I have not myself observed disastrous consequences from the conjunction. On the other hand, it is very frequently indicative of great talent.

8) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°03') 89 | 88

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition between Neptune and the Sun can stimulate a distorted and self-deluding perspective of reality, which tends to create additional problems and obstacles in your life and decision-making. You may find it difficult to analyse and evaluate options and choices correctly, often focusing on self-created and imaginary issues rather than actual problems. Sometimes these can take the forms of voluntary suffering arising from inner guilt patterns associated with deep-lying desires; an expiation or atonement of 'sins',

actual or imaginary. This can result in the sacrificial martyr attitude, and is often quite unnecessary, yet in a strange way provides a foundation to your life. A sacrifice may well be required, that of your imagined illusions, prior to your attaining the deeper solar centre of balance, but such a sacrifice is often misunderstood and misapplied in daily life.

You tend to react strongly against any domination imposed by others, yet can easily submit if under the influence of a misplaced sacrificial trip. Your relationships can be characterised by degrees of confusion and misunderstandings, and through powerful emotions you are liable to overly intimate relationships with fantasies and wishful thinking, forming a deceiving miasma which affects all involved. There can be a pattern operating through you that subverts clear, honest and direct communication, even though you may not fully accept or realise this. As you tend to be insecure and defensive in relationship attitudes, tensions can be generated by your style of expression, which rarely accepts being wrong or any responsibility, yet operates in a manner which attempts to lay any blame on the shoulders of others. This creates confusion rather than clarity, and over time it may produce considerable friction. This nebulousness dominates your personality, turning you into a 'psychological chameleon', changing appearances and attitudes as distorted perceptions and personal biases intrude into reality.

You often avoid commitment and entering fully into emotional involvements through fears of being trapped or dominated, which, allied to a suspicious nature, does not augur well for stable relationships. As you are liable to fall under the negative Neptunian glammers regarding love and romance, this tendency may have developed from previous shattering disappointments. If this becomes a repetitive pattern in your life, then the cause is probably within yourself, and it is by exploration and inward journey to contact the solar light that you can discover and illumine your potential solution.

Coming to terms with such influential patterns concerning your identity and relationships requires considerable honesty and commitment. Beneficial change can be stimulated, but only if you really want it and are willing to put in the effort. The main problem with inner glammers and illusions is that they are so difficult to identify correctly, and obviously such distorting mirrors make it hard to perceive with clarity. The real effect of spiritual transformation shatters these mirrors. Being able to recognise and acknowledge that such problems exist is the first and most important step, followed by consistent action to discover the appropriate remedy.

Through insecurity, you are liable to doubt your capabilities and potential, fearing challenges as exposing failings and weaknesses. Retreat or defensive mechanisms may have been established as forms of protection. Essentially, you need to strip down your habitual perceptions of others and yourself, so that the reality can shine through more objectively. Facing the reality of avoidance patterns and observing the influence of your emotional biases and defensive mechanisms can be very revealing, as can noting how you distort relationship communication; consider all this without self-condemnation or judgement. In looking lie the seeds of transformation. Refinding your own solar self and

centre beyond these ephemeral influences is the purpose of your journey; and establishing strength in your own identity and resources will demonstrate a developing maturity, rather than any unhealthy reliance on others.

Discerning your aims in life, perhaps developing a programme towards achieving some of them, can give a directional focus, and allow you to express freely that blocked and frustrated potential which may have been previously inhibited. Taking such steps can renew yourself and relationships, protecting you from being negatively influenced by surrounding environmental influences entering your psyche. Once the changes are made, you can have much to offer people, where your sacrificial tendencies can be beneficial and reflect your higher solar path instead of an illusory Neptunian one. Working with types of meditation which deglamorise and strip away illusory veils of personality, or with relationship therapies, can be suitable approaches to cleanse yourself of the negative Neptunian tendencies, in order for the light of your co-ordinating Sun centre to shine through more powerfully.

9) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (1°04') ♎9 | ♊3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates birth near the time of a solar or lunar eclipse. It also shows that this is a major event in the natural world, which causes major events and sets of circumstances in the natives' world and provides them greater scope for their self-expression as well as opportunities for expansion of their poqwe and leadership potential. The conjunction suggests an inherited karmic tendency toward good luck as a result of previous use of the life energies for the benefit of the individual's larger environment. When carried too far, however, this influence can dissipate the individual's energies, causing exhaustion and a depletion of the life force.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives a strong advantage to the North Node area. The ego and the new activity flow along the same path. Wherever the Sun is located is where there is strength, vitality, action and warmth.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides strong personal elevation in this life. It usually comes from lack of recognition and self-respect from the recent past life. They just have to get out of the Karmic rut and establish some of their own standards in this life. The destiny often helps them in most of the ways it can during life. Stronger independence is taught; but there are always supporting walls around them. This ensures any fail-safe mechanism for them. Thus, even if they make a mistake, they do not have to pay for it on a grand scale... not at least in this life. Parental guidance and excellent discipline from them are

often provided as a basic growth in life. Responsibilities are often given to them just as they are ready for them. Individual ego has a proper projection function which uses optimum energy to get recognition in this life for these people. 'Father-figure' ideal is quite strong for them in whatever form it may be.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction with the Sun places the self-consciousness of the native in the foreground. What matters here is to function autonomously and independently, to develop the character traits and strengths that already exist, and to concentrate on the achievement of personal goals. With the Sun's aspects, personal commitment to all affairs of the house or axis is required. The emphasis is always laid on individual effort for further development; imperfections or weaknesses are not tolerated. Given freedom and independence, the native will attain his or her objective and will make solid progress.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Intellectual or physical associations, the public. Seeking contact with others, the desire to associate.

10) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°48') ♎9 | ♍12

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury conjunct Mars indicates that your mind is restless and eager to gain new information, but you always feel that the answers you get are somehow not final. Your creative ideas are imaginative, and you exploit them energetically. However, you lack the patience to stay focused on any one interest for very long. No matter what position you take you are positive in your opinions and very insistent about voicing them. You are argumentative, and enjoy locking into debate with anyone who challenges you. But unless other factors in the chart provide it, you don't bother to get all the facts before you express yourself. Always sure that you are right, you are generally premature in your judgement. It isn't easy for you to say you're sorry when you are wrong, but you may do so when it is expedient. You tend to interrupt others who are already in conversation, and to arouse their antagonism by volunteering information before being asked. Almost nothing escapes your attention, and you may have overheard someone say 'Here comes the know-it-all' as you approached.

With your sharp mind, creative ideas, and aggressive disposition, there are many professions in which you will be comfortable and free to express yourself. These include teaching, public relations, law, vocal coaching, acting, and writing. These occupations would give you unlimited opportunities to display your talents. Because you have plenty of energy to apply yourself to your goals, you can establish your own degree of

progress. It would probably be best for you to work by yourself. Few people have enough nervous energy to maintain your pace, and you would be brutally frank in reprimanding them if you thought they were 'dragging their feet'. You might be wrong, but no-one could convince you of that.

You do not like to be rejected by someone you are emotionally interested in, but you do not dwell on it for very long. You feel that you can always find someone else, for you are progressive and rarely look back. But this actually causes you to make the same mistakes again and again; you don't take the time to reflect on past experiences and learn from them. Your defence is that you are too busy to concern yourself with unimportant matters. It would be wise to spend a little time examining this so-called trivia, because it might reveal why you are not developing as well as you could.

Try to slow down. Your mind races at breakneck speed, and your nervous system suffers. Your mentality may be healthy and energetic, but your physical frame won't stand the abuse you expect it to take.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Contacting people and talking to them (Mercury) is speeded up by Mars. These people are liable to speak quickly and to the point, and are always ready to have their say. It looks as if they act first and think later. They are not afraid to stand up for themselves and are only marginally interested in whether or not others agree. They can vigorously defend an idea - sometimes too vigorously - and they do not mince words.

With this conjunction, thoughts never stand still, although they are not always steadily applied. Mars is naturally rather uncontrolled; and Mercury, too, encourages these people to jump from one subject to another. Therefore this is not a good position for prolonged concentration, but is more suitable for quickly absorbing, arranging and providing masses of data.

These people need to take care not to speak too fiercely. Mars can make people tactless and can cause them to blurt out things that others may find offensive. Indeed, any aspect between Mars and Mercury can sharpen the tongue. With the conjunction, these people can be very sarcastic and satirical, becoming formidable opponents in debate but also making enemies.

Mercury conjunct Mars is impatient when others take time to put their thoughts into words; and people with the conjunction are inclined to interrupt them in order to finish what they were going to say - which is why this aspect is said to indicate a bad listener. They are better at making contacts, holding conversations, gathering information, etc., than at listening to others. But, bluntly spoken though they may be, they are often very honest and straight-forward.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mercury is the symbol of our ability to communicate, the ability to hear others as well as to talk with them. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle. Mars energy includes anger, violence, harshness and thoughtlessness in certain signs. People born with Mars-Mercury aspects emphasize verbal intersection. They may act on words - they hear, they speak, they act. They may speak impulsively, may react impulsively to what they hear; they may not listen to others. The mind works quickly, jumping to conclusions, skipping the necessary steps when learning good work habits in school or on the job.

Children with this aspect usually have trouble learning multiplication tables or division - they don't want to waste time on the rudiments. They don't listen easily because they are ahead of most people they talk with - but this doesn't make them smarter; it just makes them impetuous. The conjunction may imply a quick mind, but sometimes the tortoise wins the race. The environment is verbally volatile when these people are young, making them quick to explode, and quick to use or misuse words when they are older. The manner of verbal expression will come from the sign in which the conjunction is placed.

(Charles Carter)

This seems upon the whole a desirable position, for it gives very great mental energies, especially of a controversial and disputative kind. It is virile, aggressive and satirical.

In a bad sign, or when badly aspected by other bodies, it may cause breakdown from over-work, quarrelsomeness, discontent, and the making of many enemies. But it never lacks energy and courage, and it is entitled as a rule to respect for its sincerity and downrightness. It is interesting to note that so vehement an orator as Cicero is said to have had this contact.

It is an excellent position for a writer, especially for one who has to do with Martian topics or people (for example, Rudyard Kipling and his tales of soldiers and animals). It is good for all kinds of polemic writing.

11) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°07') ♂ 9 | ♀ 1

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury to Saturn shows that you are responsible, contemplative, and serious, partly because of your early training. You solve problems logically and waste little time with superficial matters. A veritable storehouse of information, you extract something meaningful from every experience. You are a good listener and cautious about voicing your own opinions in conversation. Rather than indulge in fanciful dreams, you prefer to apply yourself to goals that are well within your reach. You are sometimes pessimistic and may become severely depressed when you face reversals.

Your professional interests could be in mathematics, drafting, engineering, architecture, teaching, or politics. In fact, there is a wide range of occupations in which you could be successful. However, you will lose interest in your job if it doesn't make demands on your talents. But if you know your own efforts are appreciated, you will make enormous contributions. As you tend to be a loner, you will work better if you can set your own pace. Generally you would rather work alone because you are irritated by distraction from associates. Your employer will always get his money's worth because you are honest and sincere and insist on fulfilling your part of the contract. You don't expect to get something for nothing.

Though you are intellectually capable and reasonably ambitious, recognition of your abilities may be delayed or overshadowed by your gregarious competitors. Be especially careful not to let your co-workers pick your brains; you are so eager to demonstrate how things should be done that you unwittingly divulge information that you should keep in reserve. However, don't be afraid to speak up when you have a good idea. If you are shy, get someone you trust to present it for you. Because of your air of indifference, people may think that you are not interested in social contacts. Actually, you are usually engrossed in deep thought triggered by something said earlier. You may be absent-minded at times. Even in a large gathering, you may become so dissociated that others do not realize you are there; nor do you.

You need to be able to confide in someone close to you whom you can trust. Your romantic interests are stimulated by a person who is mature, honest, sincere, and responsible. Tradition and custom represent security to you, and you respect them. Your religious beliefs are probably the same as your parents' and reflect your childhood training. You resist change unless it can be proven to be an improvement over the past.

Unless you take time to unwind often, you will invite tension. Take frequent 'little vacations' and just waste time doing nothing productive. Try to look at the bright side and learn to laugh at your own mistakes. It is essential to avoid becoming morbidly obsessed with the big, important issues.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The ponderous Saturn always makes itself felt in our contacts, speech and analyzing. Therefore we hesitate to take the initiative, but play for safety and wait quietly to see how things will turn out. In conversation, we usually seem very calm and matter-of-fact, and it is not easy to make us change our minds. The aspect does not encourage optimism and, indeed, we probably strike others as pessimistic. Quite often we suffer from fits of depression but, every now and then, feel an overcompensating need for entertainment, if only to break out of our inner isolation.

Feelings of loneliness are not foreign to people with a Mercury-Saturn conjunction: they

are painfully aware of themselves. Yet, this conjunction has wonderful qualities: it connotes immense powers of concentration and an ability to marshal facts. All research is meticulous - a plus point, even though the motive is to overcome a sense of insecurity.

Because they possess clarity and the ability to think things out straightforwardly and step-by-step, the natives can make good teachers. They inculcate facts carefully, in easily assimilated instalments, and keep strictly to the subject.

With this aspect, we talk like people with a lifetime's experience behind them: but then, after all, Saturn is known as the planet of old age. Also, we are inclined to treat things too seriously and to disapprove of jests. Our thinking is unadventurous and rather conventional. We like to stick to well-known patterns (because this gives security). Therefore, opinions are rather rigid, especially if Saturn is the leading planet. However, if Mercury has more dignitaries than Saturn, there is greater flexibility.

The Saturn conjunction seldom permits mental repose. Even in the most relaxed moments, we lie thinking about next day's work or shopping.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect causes the person to feel restricted by the father in some way during childhood. On a subconscious basis, the individual will carry the father's effect into his adult life, for it seems that Dad inhibited the child's expression. It may be that Dad resents the child, or that the child's crying makes him angry. If the mother tries to shush the kid because Dad doesn't like the noise, the child with this aspect will develop an inhibition regarding communicating with his father. This will only happen if the father is angry in the child's presence. Other aspects will confirm the fatherchild relationship.

Because of the early influence of the father, the child will not respond early to the learning process that takes place in grammar school. He may avoid recitation or answering a teacher's questions. He may not be able to hear well; there may be some dysfunction, or he may be so tense that he 'can't hear' because of his apprehension. Under pressure, he may not be able to receive instruction or follow directions.

As an adult, words come with difficulty, and he may sound harsh while trying to get his point across. The harshness may be caused by a subconscious fear that any authority figure will reject what he says, so his conversations may be tactless and too much to the point. A great deal of resentment may take place before he feels strong enough to talk about his feelings.

Once the energy is understood, this aspect can be turned into a strongly constructive one, for it gives the ability to follow through on details, to work to the finish, and to seriously express the needs of the self.

(Charles Carter)

This important position runs the gamut from stupidity and inertia, in cases where Saturn overcomes and stifles, so to speak, the action of Mercury, to the careful, methodical type of mind, with, possibly, great powers of taking pains, sustained highly focused concentration, and profound perceptions.

Provided that the remainder of the nativity supplies initiative and energy, this position is good for any post that calls for trouble, prudence, and caution; but of itself it may incline to waste of time and lack of energy, particularly if it be in water, when mental self-confidence may be lacking.

Depression is not uncommon, and there is a propensity to solitary habits. Yet, rather strangely, this position sometimes produces great volubility and a fondness for 'holding forth'. It often makes a good teacher.

Afflictions between these planets are common in cases of suicide, wherein Mercury is also often in a sign of Saturn.

There are often checks in the career, and in some cases there is a failure to fulfil youthful promise. Development is frequently slow and should not be forced, unless, as is sometimes the case, there is a tendency to procrastination.

There is often a good deal of self-will and obstinacy, and something of the type that argues to justify itself at all costs and will never admit its mistakes - this is common if Aries is also heavily tenanted. On the other hand, this same tenacity, when directed reasonably, makes a very excellent fighter in adverse circumstances.

12) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♁ **Uranus** - (1°35') ♏9 | ♏10

(Haydn Paul)

With the harmonious aspects, Uranus tends to work well with Mercury, as both are associated with the mind and intellect, and it is upon that level that their influence and qualities are displayed.

You are likely to have an alert, clever mind which finds great enrichment in pursuing any aspect of human life and knowledge that you are curious about. You are probably articulate and literate too. You have a natural questioning and searching attitude, always looking to increase your personal storehouse of knowledge, and attempting to derive a sense of connectedness synthesising that information into more holistic patterns.

Your immediate response to the world is one of mental exploration, rather than emotional flowing reaction. The world is perceived as an inexhaustible source of

fascination, overflowing with a myriad of stimulating facts, theories and beliefs. New horizons beckon, and there seems to be scope to investigate the unusual and the different ways of living on this multi-hued planet. With so much to delve into, so many different paths that you can walk, the problem is that of choice. Where do you start? There is the fear that by choosing Route 1, you could then miss that fascinating experience down Route 66. This could be one of your weaknesses - that you lack the discipline of perseverance, and that your mind may like to flit from one intriguing subject to another that suddenly attracts your attention. Inner continuity may need to be developed, both to improve your ability to concentrate, and to make the best use of your talent for acquiring knowledge in daily life. Or is it just stored on that mental level, unconnected to real living?

You have little patience with ignorance, your own or that of anyone else. You have a compulsion to find out, and will feel restless until you have made some progress. Your mind will store those themes as 'little fascinations', subjects that have picqued your curiosity; and eventually you will have to take steps to satisfy it. You can be a little intolerant with others who have less exploratory minds, and with those who are deceitful in their interpersonal relationships. Certainly you will be best suited to a partner who can complement your searches, and who can stimulate your mind, because for you, that is the essential level of contact. Friendships will develop with others who have affinity interests; and over time you are likely to develop a wide variety of acquaintances as your interests and areas of exploration expand. Unfortunately though, you may find that you also drop older contacts due to your fascination with treading new paths, and thus losing interest in old spheres of enquiry.

You have a preference for looking towards the future, optimistic about new discoveries, even if you are studying past history. You may need to balance an emphasis towards preferring fact, and a more scientific rational approach, with the more intuitive interpretative approaches to life, between the objective and the subjective styles of analysis. The influence of Mercury will be biased towards the former, whereas Uranus will tip towards a more universal, intuitive attitude of inner knowing. It is not what you know, but how you use it in life, which is the key.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Uranus, you are bright, articulate, curious, intuitive, and mentally courageous. You are excited by everything you observe, and fascinated by anything different or unusual. Your mind races eagerly as you seek answers to your questions, because you cannot tolerate the darkness of ignorance.

As a child, you were interested in what made your moving toys operate, and your parents probably never had to worry about keeping you occupied. Your creativity developed early, and you even devised new subjects to explore that further captured your interest in all things.

Truth is an important factor in your life. Consequently, science, philosophy, psychology, and human behavior are fields in which you could succeed, since they deal with seeking answers to problems. In industrial research and development, your inventive ability could be applied with a reasonable guarantee of success. Technical writing might also serve as an avenue of expression for you.

To hold your continued interests, the partner you select must have a similar temperament, or you will be bored. You tend to form platonic relationships with your associates, based on mutual interests. You will quickly sever a relationship with someone who violates the truth in dealing with you.

Futuristic in attitude, you rarely look back at what might have been. You prefer to look forward to what will be, if you have any say in it. The possibilities for your selfexpression are limitless, except for the lack of continuity that this combination often creates. If you can learn to isolate yourself and resolve one problem at a time, you will overcome the only liability of this conjunction.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The swift perceptions of Uranus plus Mercury's powers of expression with tongue and pen can combine to produce the most original ideas and concepts, although they will probably need knocking into a more viable shape. Mental ingenuity is fantastic, but the native is extremely restless and fickle. Uranus being capricious, impulsive and unpredictable may mean that thinking is nervy and tense, so that one jumps from one idea to another - and from one social contact to another, too.

This person is fond of novelty, and homes in on whatever is fresh and unusual. Others can find his or her flow of ideas stimulating, but if they do not keep up with it this individual becomes very impatient.

The disjointedness of Uranus shows itself in conversation. This type is liable to omit significant points; also, he or she may have a sharp tongue, and be apt to make clever and sometimes hurtful remarks. Often, he or she says the most unexpected things; the trouble is, as soon as they occur, he or she blurts them out without regard to the consequences.

Uranus and Mercury both have to do with the nervous system, and their conjunction places a heavy strain on it because there is an inability to relax. The brain is continually active. This can give creative ideas, but can also be exhausting and cause irritability and snappishness.

Some form of technical interest is quite common with this aspect, especially where new ground is being broken or the barriers of distance are being overcome (for instance, in

air travel, radar and electronics). Although this type is quick to grasp the essentials of a subject, the mind is often too restless for prolonged concentration. Therefore, he or she may be short of academic qualifications - but definitely not lacking in intelligence.

(Betty Lundsted)

The person born with this conjunction is exposed to an early family atmosphere that includes mental chaos; no-one says anything that makes sense, words are used in all kinds of strange ways, and the child responds to the stimuli. As a result, when these children are admitted to the school system, they are not interested in learning thought patterns or the rituals involved in thorough work habits. As adults, they seem to be erratic and undisciplined.

Communication is unusual. Personal relationships may be difficult because conversation may be erratic or impulsive. In the creative sense, Mercury represents the possible concepts of consciousness. It represents a part of the wisdom-learning process. If Mercury asks the questions and Uranus represents the heights of expanded consciousness, the conjunction combines these energies, and the creative possibilities are enhanced.

If the energy is not properly channeled or trained, it may not operate constructively. When it isn't, the adult may be highly erratic, eccentric or nervous. The combination can create such a quick mentality that the individual appears to be 'flaky'. When this aspect is set off by transit, the individual needs to become involved in some personal creative endeavor so that the energy can be brought into focus. Painting, writing, making pottery or stained glass, or similar activities help the creative energy channel itself.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful, self-willed combination, varying from the wayward and stubborn type to the enlightened and talented. Generally speaking, the influence is not exceedingly marked, because the two planets are not dissimilar; but the will-power of Uranus is added to the intellect of Mercury, and there is a more colorful, dramatic, forceful mentality. It is independent, sensitive, proud, and sometimes secretive; but these effects are much modified by the sign occupied. The native almost always lives his own life and resents interference very fiercely.

In undeveloped characters, the influence is not good, and there is often little to show for it except pride and touchiness. Sometimes there is considerable eccentricity and conceit, and talent that cannot be properly utilised because of the native's self-will and lack of adaptability. It is common in the charts of astrologers.

13) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (1°30') 8 | 9

(Haydn Paul)

Similar to the square aspect, there are indications of an inability to distinguish clearly between the real and the unreal, and of a blockage to the creative and imaginative faculty. The key to resolving these issues appears to lie in your relationships with others, and especially in those projections from your own psyche that you are overlaying onto the world and thus distorting your own perception and insight.

It is often your own sensitivity and impressionability to environmental influences that causes inner insecurity and fears of over-stretching yourself. There may be an unconscious telepathicability which transmits to you others' thoughts and motivations, and this can lead to confusion in your relationships, such as at times when they may be saying one thing and you are 'receiving' an entirely contradictory set of impressions on a more subtle level, which you register as a feeling of unease, disquiet and a lack of trust in them. In that context, you find it hard to believe the evidence of your own senses, and this has a direct impact on how you communicate to others. When reality becomes confused and distorted, some respond by imagining

conspiracies and enter a paranoid state, and this is a reaction to such intangible senses being operated and distorted by an unintegrated Neptunian imagination.

You are often socially 'touchy', strongly reacting against real or imagined social slights, and this acts as a weak spot in your personality, especially as you lack a strengthening inner confidence. Competition is not your style, although that does not make you immune to the influences of other competitive spirits in your environment, such as those at work who can easily ride roughshod over you in their scramble to reach the top. Sometimes you act as a victim, drawing out such tendencies from others, and then begin to bemoan your fate as they succeed and leave you only with disappointments. Linking your rising star to working closely in employment dog fights may not be advisable. Your own gifts may flower more effectively once you have withdrawn from the employment rat race. Perhaps exploiting latent creative talents may be the key, or entering some form of employment where co-operation is the underlying dynamic may offer you more satisfaction; but as human nature intrudes even there, the only answer may be a detached and sensible selfemployment.

Cleansing yourself of deceptive influences is essential, not just those outer influences affecting you, but also that pattern of creating them in your own perception and evaluation. Unrealistic daydreams which are unachievable or never manifested are symptomatic of deception. For example, you create imaginatively high aspirations which because of their 'perfect nature' soar beyond everyone's grasp, yet glitter in their pristine purity. Ultimately there is no real value in self-deception. It is a waste of valuable time and never leads to satisfaction. Perhaps it helps to avoid facing an empty, aching inner void, but that can more profitably be filled by something real, achievable and personally meaningful. Effort is needed. Anyone can dream, millions do, but trying to achieve those

dreams at least offers a direction to focus along. False naivety needs to be dropped, as do the fictitious aspects of your life and your approach to self-evaluation. A more straightforward type of communication, inner and outer, will reap benefits and break the stranglehold of illusory deceptions, leading to a greater understanding of your own and others' natures, so that in your own life you move from illusion to reality and increase the quantity of light in the world. Personal 'redemption' is always positive within a larger social context.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury opposition Neptune, you are imaginative and creative, and have high aspirations. However, you are easily distracted by people who challenge your efforts to express yourself. In competition, you may even begin to doubt your own abilities. You are naive in many instances and fall victim to the subversive tactics of competitors. Your dreams are unrealistic, and you are unable to accept the abrasions of your experiences with dignity. Defeat may cause you to become paranoid, imagining conspiracies against you. Let others justify themselves to you, and learn to distinguish fact from fiction.

Your professional interests should be accomplished through self-employment. It is too risky for you to work or compete professionally with others. As a creative individual, you can find gainful employment in writing, art, music, or dancing, which do not necessarily involve working with others. Medical research is particularly appropriate for your talents. Also it would give you isolation from the destructive qualities you bring out in others.

With your appreciation of the finer things in life, you need to be free of artificiality in your way of life. You sometimes recoil from challenges because they would disturb the serenity you desire and find so difficult to achieve. You are easily threatened, and your self-confidence is undermined.

Your personal relationships are sure to be unusual because of the variety of individuals who interest you. A constant disbeliever, you are suspicious when anyone claims to love you. You alienate many possible romantic associations because you fear someone may be trying to take advantage of your weaknesses. You could deprive yourself of much happiness if you interpret innocent and sincere gestures as attempts to exploit you.

Make an honest effort to understand human nature, and be willing to make a sincere contribution in serving others.

14) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°29') ♏9 | ♊3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect are able to express ideas acceptable to the culture in which they live at a time when they will receive recognition. (There is nothing so urgent as 'an idea

whose time has come'.) Thus they are popular and are considered intellectual leaders. If other factors in the horoscope give a capacity for original thought, the native can be an effective force in bringing important new concepts into acceptance. On the negative side, there is a tendency for the natives to be swept along in the current of popularly held views and to do little original thinking. They are then merely mental children of their time, subject to all its limitations and errors.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The exchange of ideas, common or joint plans. The desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people. The tendency to form associations for the pursuit of joint interests.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect represents one who is bringing down to earth vast intellect from previous life, with the understanding and abilities to distribute it to the surroundings. They often have good communicative talents; and their energies seem to come from some unknown source. During their past life, the learning process has been at its minimum, along with considerable lack of communication that has instigated the needs and desires in this life to do what they can and have the philosophy to 'learn and let us communicate'. Assistance from brothers and sisters is highly significant in their life; and often it is a mutual exchange on a timely basis. Deeper understanding with them is needed, and will be established as the time goes on, depending upon the rest of the chart.

(Donna van Toen)

A need to share ideas or a motivation to learn leads to growth. Learning can be either active (through doing it yourself) or passive (through receiving information from others) depending on the signs involved. Angular nodes seem to incline more towards active development of growth potential regardless of the signs involved.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the learning function is activated; and development is rapid. According to the placement in sign and house, the native is eager to learn, versatile, and curious, and glad to pursue further development. The powers of expression are above average; friendships are readily formed - and just as readily broken if they impede personal development.

Mercury conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This is a good aspect for an astrologer, especially the trined North Node. It gives good spirits and a cheerful nature. There is a preference for young people. It gives an ability to write or lecture. It is fortunate for expressing the thoughts, as there is a clarity of ideas, especially with the trine or sextile. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value.

15) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Saturn** - (0°19') ♀12 | ♀1

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct Saturn shows that you are fortunate in being able to use your energy constructively. The normal desire to assert yourself on impulse is balanced by realization of the consequences of such an action. This quality of restraint can mean great accomplishments for you because you don't waste energy on unproductive efforts. Your sense of economy and efficiency are characteristics of success; you know how to use your talents purposefully for specific objectives.. You are realistic in applying good judgement before taking any action.

Your early training enabled you to take on major responsibilities without difficulty. Knowing your limitations, you rarely go beyond them. You are prudent and yet fearless, cautious and yet aggressive, hard-working and yet able to accomplish a great deal with economy of effort. Although you are a complex person, you use the most simplistic approach in solving problems. You represent the ideal in terms of a balance between aggression and self-control.

You are never indifferent to the feelings of others, but can become angry when others try to interfere with you. Frustration brings out the most dangerous kind of energy in you. You are not accustomed to having your plans challenged, and can launch vicious attacks against your adversaries, even resorting to physical violence. Other factors in your chart may indicate whether you would go to this extreme, but the potential for it exists in this planetary combination. Many professional pursuits are possible with this combination. Especially suitable are occupations requiring physical endurance and stamina, such as archaeology, exploration, geographic surveys, and forestry service. In the industrial field, research and development seem appropriate. Military service would be another means of expression for your controlled energy.

In your romantic pursuits, you easily play the roles of both prey and predator. You carefully evaluate the partner's line of least resistance in order to decide which techniques you will use. The remark 'pursued until you caught the pursuer' is descriptive of your method.

It is very important not to become chilled when indulging in physical activities. Cool off gradually and avoid cold liquids to prevent cramps. Use as little salt as possible when

not doing strenuous physical work.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A Mars / Saturn conjunction gives problems with our expenditure of energy. The enthusiasm, fervor, energy and executive ability of Mars are restricted by the tenacity and confining action of Saturn. At best, this produces well-thought-out activities, but generally speaking there are difficulties to overcome. Saturn tends to hold us back whenever we feel the urge to make our presence felt (Mars); and yet Saturn itself promotes a form of ambition born of the desire for greater security. So, on the one hand, there is the fear of being too forward which may express itself in a withdrawn or passive attitude, and, on the other hand and by way of overcompensation, there is possibly a determination to prove ourselves or to outshine everyone else come what may. In the second case, the assertiveness is great, but the motivation is really an enormous vulnerability.

Strange as it may seem, both forms of expression can be found in one person, and stop-go is characteristic of many with this conjunction. Sometimes they are busy moving mountains; at other times, a fire lit beneath their chairs would hardly rouse them.

Mars has much to do with resilience, and, when it is conjunct Saturn, mental and physical resilience are not always very strong.

Usually, with this conjunction, we pass through one or more difficult periods during life, when we are hampered by internal or external causes and are tied hand and foot by (for example) too much responsibility, too heavy a work load or mental pressures of some kind. But the conjunction of the two planets also supplies the strength to break these shackles. Saturn can apply the energy of Mars to a certain goal or project with great concentration for a very long time - which is the other, very profitable, side of the coin with this conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle is affected by the influence of the individual's father. Mars indicates the ability to act out the energy of the Sun. The conjunction indicates that the actions may be limited or restricted because of something the father does while the individual's personality is forming (age 0-3). This influence inhibits the person's ability to react constructively and to feel confident about the action he takes. The conjunction usually has some effect on the sex drive.

Saturn says 'I take seriously', and conjunct Mars means 'I take my actions seriously'. This can serve to inhibit or restrict any action taken; it can indicate harsh action, for Saturn symbolizes the concept of law in each individual, causing this person to act out (Mars) the law (Saturn). This energy is sometimes used for law enforcement and can

indicate a person who will enjoy a career that involves enforcing the law. This energy can create a sure-footed, slow-moving individual who moves cautiously in life; or an extremely hard individual who becomes an enforcer of the law regardless of the circumstances. It is wise to consider the other aspects to this conjunction for it will give a broader picture of how the personality will operate.

In a personal sense, the conjunction can indicate a serious outlook regarding sexual expression. It can limit sexuality, cause one to avoid sexuality, indicate symptoms of frigidity in both the male and female, make one afraid of sexual expression, or cause one to attempt to force sexual standards on others. The Mars-Saturn conjunction indicates that the father inhibited the individual's sexual concepts or perhaps his early sexual expression in some manner. What he did is an unknown factor, but he did something. Other aspects to the conjunction may tell more about what happened.

It seems that this type of individual is rarely chemically attracted to another. The sexual difficulties cause guilt, and then the conscious mind decides to have a sexual relationship because the prospective lover will be 'good for me'. Or, because the individual is so rarely physically attracted to another, when the chemistry does happen he jumps into bed without going through the normal courtship period. Then the guilt begins because he feels he responded too quickly. This individual can respond sexually to the right person but he finds few people appealing.

The father may have had his own guilt about his sex drive; the father may have had a harsh attitude as the small child explored his body as all small children do. The rest of the chart will help tell the story. The pressure of the aspect can be relieved when this person investigates the relationship between sexual expression and universal law. Sex is not unhealthy; only people are.

(Charles Carter)

A very powerful and in some cases dangerous combination. If other influences agree, there may be a distinct danger of unusual physical suffering. It occurs in the nativities of several victims of violence. All inharmonious combinations of these planets appear to point this way. In one case (conj. in Virgo in 2nd) there was great suffering from eczematic gout with chronic irritation. In two more instances there were severe burns, illustrating the marked tendency of this combination to cause injury to the skin, said by some to be ruled by Saturn as the significator of the limits of the body. Blows, cuts and stabs sometimes occur, often as the result of falls.

Although this configuration must be regarded as of serious import, it is necessary to judge it carefully, and to give full weight to possible counteracting influences.

16) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°47') ♀12 | ♀10

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy, so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited, guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a 'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction

with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper. Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars / Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic

behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his natus exemplifies the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°42') ♎12 | ♏8

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition is focused more on your outer relationships with people, although inner projections are often the key to their problematic nature. As with the square aspect, there is the presence of the unconscious mind being activated by a frustrated Neptune, which lead to distortions in action and expression. Inner motivation is often unclear in respect of its true nature, and often compulsive desires are hidden behind a façade so effectively that even you are often essentially unconscious of why you act in certain ways and way is actually making those decisive choices for you. Self-clarity can be difficult to achieve, especially in the areas of emotional and sexual desire, which can have a compulsive quality to them, and which can dominate your options. Those areas may become highly emphasised in your life, excessively so and out of a healthy proportion and perspective.

You probably lack trust and faith in life. Suspicion is a constant companion, and you see others through such a filter, yet this is often mainly composed of your own nature projected out like a shadow over the world. How can you trust yourself when you do not fully comprehend your own motivations and desires for actions? Yet you often mean well, but you are let down by your own tendencies of secrecy and manipulation. Your own

attitudes are reflected back at you, so that mutual suspicion is often created, and you lose even more trust in people. Sometimes you tend to withdraw from social activity due to this. A refinement in how you choose to assert yourself may be necessary, as well as a withdrawal of these conditioning negative characteristics.

Confronting reality is essential, so that, by acceptance, a more realistic balance in relationships can emerge - one where your desires are less dominant and threatening, and where the emotional dimension is more integrated and explored. This will help to modify and redirect the blocked Neptune energy so that relationships become deeper, more satisfying and a bridge to renew your experience of social relating. Evaluating your ambitions in life can be more productive once the projections are being withdrawn, and using intellect and common sense can be more effective in realising them than following a path of glamour and compulsive desires which, whilst perhaps temporarily exciting, leads to a dissipation of your self and your objectives. Avoidance of unnecessary stimulants is also wise, as these will not help; and a more perceptive insight into the nature of glamour and illusion will also be highly beneficial. This is especially so if you have become involved in the occult or spiritual realms of life, where there are always many candidates to take advantage of those who are more gullible and susceptible to the power of 'secret knowledge'. Those who have the desire to be 'special' are often abused physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The nature and quality of your relationships can be transformed, provided that you deal with those problematic areas of your inner nature, trust, emotions, sexuality and illusions. Perceiving how you can negatively condition your experience is the key to realising how you can positively transform it too.

18) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°19') ♀ 12 | ♀ 3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with Mars conjunct North Node tend to act in harmony with the people in their environment, thus gaining both co-operation and approval. However, as the saying goes, 'Nobody is right if everybody is wrong'. The desires of the natives and their resultant actions can be swept along in a chain of mass passions that ends in self-destruction. For example, individuals caught up in a flood of misdirected patriotism can find themselves the agents or victims of war.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Collaboration and co-operation, union based on physical attraction alone. A lack of adaptability, the desire to quarrel. Associations of people working together to a common end or purpose.

(Bernice Grebner)

Mars energy is very forceful for North Node activity. This position over-stimulates and sometimes exaggerates sexual arousal. It definitely puts action behind the North Node growth.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides strong interest in athletic or physical activities in these individuals. In this matter, the secret of their success depends largely upon the instincts rather than just a discipline. These instincts have long been developed in them from previous life, which increases their ability to react to situations tremendously. In this case, tempers and aggressiveness go hand-in-hand to achieve the objective without wasting any time. If they fail to get what they want, their temper provides the continuation of energy to either 'get even' or go after something more comparable. Their energy applications seem to have a preprogramming that once the things get going, it is more of a remotely controlled operation. Physical sex drive is often at its highest; and it has certain past-life connections. Sometimes these connections are in the form of unfinished manipulation or simple 'get even' from the previous life. It seems as if the Martian energies are coupled with the previous memories, and they have a Scorpionic touch. In a female chart, it indicates reversal of normal roles from the past life to this life (man-wife relationship turns into wife-husband, brother-sister to sister-brother, etc.). Strong assistance from brothers and sisters is seen in getting ahead in life, or vice versa.

(Donna van Toen)

Assertiveness leads to growth, although during the overcompensating phase of the nodal balancing act assertiveness can get out of hand and lead to quarrels. Ability to concentrate on whatever goal is represented enhances growth potential. A need for activity stimulates growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, Mars is experienced as a powerful driving force for progress. The personal advance upward is courageous, although unsuitable means are frequently used. The native has ambition and does not mind the trouble involved in undertaking unusual tasks, which often tax the strength, yet are carried out with energy and enthusiasm. Depending on the sign and house involved, the Martia

19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ⚥ **Uranus** - (0°28') ♄1 | ♀10

(Haydn Paul)

During the twentieth century, the conjunction aspect was made during 1942 and in 1988. It offers the possibility of an effective balance between these two antagonistic planets.

Apart from those born under this aspect, the energy released into the collective mind at these times can aid in the interplay between forces of order and chaos, conceivably bringing the opposites into equilibrium and allowing a space for something new to be born.

For the individual with this aspect, there should be the ability to fuse ideas with practical application, to ground and anchor those sometimes slightly intangible and ephemeral Uranian ideas, thus transferring the, from the level of mind into material existence. You should be able to take advantage of your personal resources and talents; and these can be effectively expressed through efficient organisation. The flow of Uranian energy should seem more consistent and reliable; and you will be able to apply persistence and focused will to achieve your objectives. Often, you will find enjoyment from becoming involved in situations where you can create order from chaos. Whilst this may appear Saturnian in nature, Uranus is not chaotic for the sake of it, but is only disruptive in order to create the conditions for a higher order to be superimposed.

You can function in a 'bridging role', carefully restoring a balance between order and change, and re-integrating this into a new structure which is an improvement on the previous one. In modern life, where so many changes are occurring so quickly, such a role can be most important, and utilises both of these planetary characteristics in a positive way. You have a sympathetic understanding of the past, and of the values and attitudes of conservative stability, yet also intuit and appreciate the necessity of change and evolving of social structures, organisations and individual development. You will try to integrate these threads, uniting what is worth retaining from the past with the ideas of the next step forward. Doing this, you work with both your intellect and intuitional faculties, and so reflect the next stage in human development towards the consciousness of unity.

You are likely to prefer a form of expression that involves a social contribution over and above mere participation in society; you would like to feel that you have some influence in improving things, and that your preoccupation is not totally for personal gain. This need can often give you a sense of direction in your life, and one which can absorb both of these planetary energies. If you begin to feel that you are having to keep down inner pressures of certain kinds, perhaps through a lack of channels to release them into, then it is a likely sign that you are not fluently expressing both the energies. Look at your life pattern and see which one is being repressed. In most cases, this would be the Uranus energy, as the Saturn energy, which is one of order and discipline, is often expressed through social conditioning. To free this blocked energy, more spontaneity, more experimentation, and exploration of new interests, would help. These would stimulate needed changes to happen, and so break down any fixed lifestyle patterns that are becoming inhibiting. If the Saturn energy is repressed, more self-discipline, commitment and perseverance to achieving your objectives would help. If the lifestyle lacks control, too much freedom could also lead to a loss of personal centre and stability, leaving you feeling lost and unsure of what to do or in which direction to travel. You will need to draw

through the Saturn qualities of boundary-making and structure, so that your life and inner nature begin to take distinct form again, creating a stable foundation from which to work.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have the ability to give form to many creative ideas. You are unusually mature in your attitudes, which enables you to derive some benefit from everything you do. Your desire for freedom is matched by your capacity to earn it by carefully and efficiently mobilizing your resources for particular objectives. This self-discipline will always sustain you. You have a healthy respect for authority and its lessons. You also have the drive and ambition to accomplish important, long-term tasks that can assure your future security.

Your professional potentials are almost unlimited because you are not afraid of responsibility and the demands of leadership. Almost certainly, you have much to offer the world in terms of understanding and experience. You comprehend the lessons of the past, and you act aggressively to help rid the future of ignorance. These contributions should be harnessed to group enterprises or socio-political endeavors. Fields such as science, mathematics, research, politics, the occult, and especially teaching are some of the areas in which your talents would be useful.

You are most comfortable in the company of rugged individuals who have high aims and ideals. You need to associate with adventurous types whose grip on the future is firm. People 'on the move' and on their way up in the ladder of achievement are those to whom you can relate meaningfully. You are impatient with trite, superficial people, since you doubt that they can serve the needs of the masses. Your life has purpose and direction, and your closest associates have similar goals.

You must relax periodically in order to recharge your energy centre. You can easily drive yourself too hard, unmindful that your physical reserves are being depleted. When tired, you may become pessimistic about plans that would otherwise seem to be going well.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two very conflicting factors are brought together here: a need to carve out an identity for ourselves, to define limits and to preserve form (Saturn), and a need to break structures, to overstep limits and to develop individuality (Uranus). Clearly, this will sometimes make it difficult to decide whether to preserve or to destroy.

Whenever we are engaged in giving life a certain shape (Saturn), we suffer from the urge to break out of or alter this shape (Uranus), and so we become tense and restless. Attempts to bring about change are impeded by a desire to proceed along fixed lines or according to a set pattern. There is no stagnation with this conjunction, but a restless activity continually generated from within, which can make the native feel insecure.

Nevertheless, the conjunction does have a creative side that can be put to very good use. We regularly break free from anything that might hamper us (Saturn), and are unlikely to be rigid in our opinions. Tendencies that are too revolutionary are held in check, as is the temptation to be provocatively iconoclastic. Generally, one of the results of all this is a democratic attitude born out of tension and uncertainty.

If we are assailed by fear and doubt (Saturn), the conjunction with Uranus can really wind us up, so that disruptive tendencies are increased. The development of personality (Uranus) may be accompanied by feelings of anxiety and guilt (Saturn); we are always trying to improve situations and want to stop them getting out of hand. Therefore this conjunction often produces great self-control. With this aspect, we are very determined because Saturn and Uranus encourage stubbornness and willfulness. Uranus in full flight is a poor listener, and Saturn dragging its heels is not likely to change course. When linked with personal factors in the horoscope, this is not a bad combination for doggedly pursuing personal interests.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual's developing psyche and Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation, the father will have some unusual or unconventional effect on the child. In the personal chart, Saturn represents the part of ourselves we are 'cautious' about; that part of personality we view with apprehension. The conjunction to Uranus can also indicate certain kinds of erratic or self-willed behavior that directly relate to a father influence. The conjunction indicates a person who may be unruly or recalcitrant about his fears. He may hang onto beliefs long after they have been proven invalid.

Since Saturn represents authority, the conjunction indicates that the individual has little respect for it; that his life is bound up in learning about his concept of authority. The Uranus influence can indicate that he has the energy (in his generation) to lift the consciousness of tradition to another dimension. If the conjunction is involved with hard aspects to other planets, it can indicate an individual who wants to win at all costs.

A young person with this conjunction will be involved with group values, or the establishing of personality in the face of what he considers a stringent world. After the age of thirty, the personality will be somewhat settled and other aspects of maturity become visible.

The conjunction indicates the ability to rise above the father, to remedy the father's influence, to change and uplift the traditional. This individual may be able to bring into being a new approach to tradition because of his work and his attitude toward life. Because Uranus can represent willfulness, it's important to consider it in this conjunction - this may be the mark of a self-centered individual, one who is interested in living a personally erratic or eccentric life at the expense of those around him. When this occurs,

check the other aspects in the chart that may also indicate a fear of approaching life - for instance, if the Moon afflicts this conjunction, the individual may be emotionally apprehensive, and because of that apprehension he may be excessively harsh with others.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful combination, characteristic of a person of considerable self-will, varying from the selfish and obstinate to enlightened determination. It tends to the unusual; and those having it are rarely concerned at all to please the conventional-minded. They are as a rule democratic in spirit, though autocratic in method; and they have considerable breadth of outlook, originality, and energy of mind and body. The temper is inclined to be masterful.

There is often bodily strength and hardihood if the appropriate houses are involved, but there is a likelihood of accidents and possibly of suffering violence.

The affairs of the houses occupied and ruled are likely to present difficult problems; and the native will require the utmost tact, patience, and will-power to solve them satisfactorily, for the conditions caused by these heavy planets are not likely to be ephemeral or superficial in character, but may last for years or even be life-long.

Any good aspects to the conjunction will indicate the direction from which help may be sought.

20) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°23') ♁1 | ♃8

(Haydn Paul)

What occurs with the opposition is the projection outwards of inner attitudes, so that life reflects that inner state back to you. Usually this includes elements of distortion, which with Saturn and Neptune tends to involve fears of failure, suspicions of motives, cloudy judgements, deceit, caution and wariness. These are the more negative qualities of blocked planetary energies, and yet you often fail to realise that the world you are perceiving is a mirror image of your own attitudes. Take another look. Do the world and people reflect your own views? Are they pessimistic and perhaps threatening or frightening? Do you feel that you have to be extremely self-protective? These may, of course, be genuine fears, and can depend on the environment in which you live, but equally they may be illusionary and self-created.

This fear of failure is inhibitory to some degree, and it is likely that you will withdraw from situations of competition, retreating into feelings of inadequacy, imagining various types of conspiracy being hatched against you in secret. You don't really trust people, and that attitude is communicated intangibly to others, so that a vicious circle is perpetuated.

Your relationships can lack depth, human warmth and real contact, often staying unsatisfyingly superficial, in that you are afraid that others may take advantage of you. The problem is that this may well happen (or has in the past), and since then you have been too wary and too aware of your vulnerability to risk deeper relationships. Certainly you are vulnerable emotionally and financially to people, and one lesson that may need learning is that you should look closely at the nature of others before you become committed in any way.

Saturn's barriers are firmly established for self-protection, yet they also block many valid experiences and opportunities for self-development. Neptune remains partially released, but liable to display its presence through experiences of persecution and martyr / victim complexes in your life. The results can be that you isolate yourself, become a solitary loner, immune in your imprisoning cocoon of self-protection, perhaps feeling the repercussions of your choice through depressive emotions or psychosomatic illnesses.

You can look out onto the world and secretly want status and involvement, yet be selfrestrictive in actually attempting to achieve those ambitions. Or you may perhaps resort to cunning, subterfuge and devious behaviour, believing that is the way everyone else achieves their desires.

The fact that your world analysis may be incorrect could hold a solution to your frustrated energies. The world holds all shades of behaviour and attitude, and whilst there are many who accurately embody reasons for your cautious perspective, there are others who are not like that at all. You need to find a bridge to contact those people of goodwill, and then you may realise that your interpretation of the world is only partially accurate; the others hold a key to your transformation. If you can find an intimate partner who does not let you down and is supportive, then that frustrated ideal may be reborn, and in accepting another as they are, you discover that this is the way for healing and mutual love to occur. The nature of relationship in your life can be renewed and reperceived through more optimistic eyes; Neptune has replaced the barriers of Saturn.

Sometimes Neptune plays a stronger role than Saturn, and if this is the case, then the relationship inhibitions and distortions may be less evident. The focus will be transferred towards that of social duty and obligation, where the lesson deals with responsibility. You may experience a feeling of 'social guilt', a personal responsibility to put right social evils, a personal crusade which you need to follow in order to absolve yourself from this inner feeling of guilt that haunts you. For some reason, you know that this is your duty, and that some form of social service needs to be done in response to an inner compulsion. Some may consider this to be 'a rectification of karma', but whatever, it can be an inner pressure and related to the Neptunian tendency to sacrifice in the social sphere of Saturn. The battleground is seen to be the world, but the source of the battle is within your own nature. Check this out thoroughly before you go tilting against any windmills; try to isolate those conditioning projections and discover what you may be really fighting against. It could be your own unintegrated aspects, Neptunian ideals

versus Saturnian realities, and the middle path of wise balance may be the most suitable way to follow.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you naturally distrust others when you are forced to compete with them. You are given to irrational fears of failure, which cause you to seek refuge from competition. This extreme caution and reserve makes others suspicious of you, and a vicious circle is established.

You may be ambitious for worldly achievements, but you lack the prudent judgement to realize your ambitions. You will continually encounter people who seem deceitful and cunning, so you will feel justified in using similar tactics. Proceed with caution because you may be misinterpreting the behavior of others.

You may attempt to relieve the pressures of a hostile environment on various elements of society. Others may question your motives, but what they don't see is your desire to unburden yourself of guilt for existing conditions. You may be ridiculed for sacrificing yourself to an unappreciative society, but you may still persist. Some people will deny that it is your duty, but with these planets in opposition you can be assured that it is.

You will endure extreme torment in your personal relationships, because you will find it increasingly difficult to distinguish the honest from the insincere. Others will try to take advantage of you. You may make a sincere gesture toward the object of your love and find later that you have been victimized. This could represent severe financial and emotional losses. You must accept people at their potential best and worst, for you will certainly attract both types.

In your search for the ideal person to whom you can relate, you may suffer persecution until you can face reality. You may choose to become a loner as the only way to protect yourself. Beware of depressive moods, for they may make you vulnerable to psychosomatic illness.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn symbolizes what one regards with caution and Neptune indicates what one deludes oneself about, the opposition may be considered to indicate an individual who may delude himself about his fears. He may delude himself about what he regards with caution, or even what tradition is. The effect of the father may keep him from expressing his dreams, his goals, and his creativity, for he may not value his creative ideas. In order to develop creative potential with this aspect, the mundane effects of the opposition must be understood. The father affects the psyche so that exploring the realms of the incredible fantasy world of the inner self is restrained in some way.

Saturn can represent the tradition of the day. Neptune can represent the uplifting of consciousness; the development of universal love. Neptune, as the higher octave of Venus, involves impersonal or universal love. The opposition indicates that after the father image and the delusions or illusions about him are understood, this person can combine tradition with a new dimension of caring for people.

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.

21) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ☊ **North-Node** - (0°38') ♅1 | ♁3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect makes the natives conservative and careful to conform to prevailing social, religious, and ethical values. They generally adhere to protocol as well as to the proper time and place for approaching those in well-established positions of authority. Thus they may further their personal ambitions, but at the expense of enslavement to the lowest common denominator of culturally accepted standards. Saturn sextile North Node: This configuration is favorable for those whose professional goals require the approval of traditional social customs and institutions. The natives are able to win support for their endeavors, especially from established conservative members of society and the institutions they represent.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Isolation, inhibition in unions or associations. Feelings of depression caused by other persons, also inhibitions in contact with others. Sociological correspondence: An association of elderly persons such as home for the aged or for the needy, e.g. an alms-house; also community expressing feelings of grief or depression, e.g. mourners attending a funeral.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides great relief or dampening to your general frustrations and bad experiences. All their learning experiences and limitations are properly analyzed and utilized in order not to make the same mistake again. Great assistance from older folks in the family is received, on which the person can greatly rely. Often this aspect may deny good physical health. However, it will provide them with quite a strong will power. In terms of karmic understanding, this soul does wonders in helping others know, diagnose and understand the value of learning from past mistakes. This aspect may provide a long life span or at least longer than average life, unless other things in the chart highly contradict this. Patience is quite a virtue for these individuals; if not, they will appreciate its value.

(Donna van Toen)

Ability to achieve growth by working at it. During the overcompensating phase of nodal balance, moodiness may be a problem. Sometimes there's a physical problem involving the nodal polarity that must be overcome. This person is often a loner, and is happiest when able to have time alone to reflect on how he or she is to achieve his or her goals.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In aspects of Saturn to the Moon's Node, there is a significant difference between the conjunction and the opposition. In the conjunction, each step in the native's development is carefully weighed, and everything is treated very seriously. Nothing is done on impulse, and many natives wait a long time before they move forward: they doubt and hesitate, and are unable to act with spontaneity. Even after making a great effort, they believe that they have done nothing and are simply not good enough. Because the basic principle of Saturn is security, they live in dread of doing something wrong, and often delay unnecessarily before taking the next step.

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility.

These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

22) ► **Uranus** ⚡ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°05') ♏10 | ♉8

Uranus square or opposition Neptune

(Charles Carter)

In these cases, the intensity of emotion is very marked, the native being as a rule, highly strung, intense, sensitive, and easily upset. Self-will is marked, and the native will not readily be thwarted or persuaded. The emotional force may be discharged in some such form as art, music, dancing, rhetoric or pseudo-religious devotion; some form of service; or, in bad charts, in drink, sex, or neurotic collapse. It does not lack courage, and may cause the native to seek excitement in risks.

Usually, motives and ideals are high, and the native means well, but is apt to go to extremes, to lack all sense of humour (in regard to his or her own interests and pursuits), and to be unable to co-operate or compromise. It may indeed be termed an aspect of fanaticism, but in many cases its action is chiefly external, giving taut nerves, an 'edgy' temper, and various forms of disease, usually of neural character.

It is often present in the charts of very conscientious people, who are hard on themselves and on others, exhibiting rigidity of outlook. It does not favour calm, moderation, reflectiveness, and detachment, for the emotions are set at variance with the will.

Like all Neptunian afflictions, it sometimes causes unpleasant or deceptive 'astral' experiences, and it constitutes a warning against the cultivation of pursuits of this nature. A well-known example of this error is the case of Dr. John Dee, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I and an alchemist. He was a man of true piety and learning, but his whole career was ruined by his reliance on the guidance, or misguidance, of supposed angelic monitors. He had Neptune in the 3rd in Pisces, square to Uranus in the 7th.

Much of the unhappiness, 'never been young' attitude of modern (ie late 1920s, when Carter was writing!) youth, their confusion of outlook, and lack of standards may be attributed without risk of error to the opposition of these planets that prevailed around 1910.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata

for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

23) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Parallel** ☊ **South-Node** - (1°01') 88 | 99

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction does not make for popularity. The natives' unconscious habits and intuitive promptings are out of harmony with current social trends, and their timing is likely to be off when they have an opportunity for good fortune. However, they are often individualistic and discriminating in relation to popular social trends, and can sidestep the folly of the masses through superior intuitive wisdom. There is a danger that things on which the natives have worked hard will be stolen or taken from them through intrigue or unfortunate circumstances which are beyond the natives' control. Natives may have the responsibility of acting as channels for working out spiritual purposes under different conditions.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect will give the individual the ability to inhale spiritual and idealistic goals to organize and restructure the individuality. Thus, these people will use spiritual values and ideal goals as a selling point for the betterment of the Karmic growth. This is an individualized method requiring singular elevation of a soul but performed on a group basis. Thus, one finds a singular personal elevation in his spiritual values, then letting others form individually, and then forming a group of elevated souls. On a mundane level, it can cause difficulties and frustrations from spiritual or psychic misuse, drug and alcohol abuse, deceptions, fantasies, and excessive daydreaming.

(Donna van Toen)

A peculiarity or confused issue may encourage stagnation. Sometimes there's a medical disorder, a drinking problem, or a weight problem; other times, inhibitions of misperceptions hinder growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, various snares can lie along the path of development. There is a naive faith in promises of all sorts, and a tendency to fall prey to cheats and swindlers. Because the natives are only vaguely aware of their limitations, they are apt to make mistakes, become enmeshed in intrigues, and have difficulty in finding a plan of personal development. The ego-disintegration due to Neptune often results in diffuse aims.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

24) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (0°16' S) ♄1 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus conjunct the Ascendant indicates you have a very personable manner and social charm, which win you the approval of everyone you deal with. This is exactly the sanction you seek, for above all you want to be accepted. You find it easy to make whatever compromises are necessary to get what you desire. Fond of the finer things of life, you tend to associate with people who have similar tastes, in the hope of

establishing a permanent relationship with such a person. However, you may not succeed in convincing everyone that you are only 'acting the part' of the conniver. Regardless of the image you present to observers, underneath the veneer is a calculating machine on which you count the advantages and disadvantages of every association and friendship, every social contact and social function.

You are clever in exploiting your best qualities because you know how to win admirers with your charming ways. You are usually well-behaved and refined, but when you can't get what you want you become extremely aggressive and demanding. Everything has to stop until your wishes are satisfied. You provoke people to take advantage of you and then are annoyed at their presumptuous attitude. Learn to tone down your self-seeking and spend some time developing the more substantial talents that will make you worthy of the gifts you seek.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We simply ooze Venusian sweet reasonableness, friendliness and charm, when Venus is on the Ascendant. And this seems to bring out the best in those with whom we mix. We are good mediators, and can usually give or restore harmony to our surroundings simply by refusing to quarrel.

Due to a generally cheerful and obliging manner, we get good responses from others; and, even if they do not see eye-to-eye with us, we can often win them over. The drawback to this otherwise desirable position of Venus is that we are rather self-indulgent, even lazy or idle, and look at everything very superficially.

(Betty Lundsted)

When the Ascendant conjuncts Venus, the energy expresses according to the sign involved in the conjunction. The Ascendant represents the persona, the masquerade, the 'best foot forward'. Venus indicates how we appreciate love, how we wish to be treated, our concept of the feminine principle and, therefore, how we regard femininity and womanhood.

This conjunction often indicates a warm and social personality. It can indicate individuals who are capable of being generous and responsive to what pleases them. However, the generosity reflected will be influenced by the images coming from the mother's sphere early in the life, and the aspects to the conjunction will indicate if the energy operates freely or not.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus rising is usually descriptive of someone who approaches the environment and those within it, seeking to be as diplomatic as possible. There is a strong need to

maintain or create harmony and peace, sometimes even if the maintenance of that peace means the individual has to go along with proposals that are actually at variance with their innermost wishes.

People with Venus rising appear and seek to be co-operative and willing to compromise. They approach the world from the standpoint of wanting to fit in and to be popular and well-liked. They may meet others from the vantage point of asking 'What have we got in common?' There are often strong issues about being 'good' in childhood with Venus close to the Ascendant axis and into the first house. Often too, a desire to keep things as easy as possible, to plump for simplicity and to avoid unnecessary complications. There is sometimes a gift with comparison, whether the ability to compare is physical or intellectual. It could be said that Venus rising goes out into the world being concerned with taste: physical taste, or taste inasmuch as a sensitivity to what is or is not appropriate behaviour for a given situation.

There is usually also a strong concern with appearance and on all levels. This placement is good at packaging, whether this packaging be of oneself, or of a product or idea. Physically, there is usually a strong need to make oneself as physically attractive and pleasing as possible; the type just cannot wear any old clothes but has to feel 'right' about his / her appearance. He / she is sensitive to the idea that he / she can attract or repel others by how he / she appears to be physically. Traditionally, Venus rising is supposed to confer good looks, and certainly this is often the case. There is often a distinct colour sense. Individuals with Venus rising and into the 1st house usually received positive strokes in childhood for their appearance, as opposed to Venus in the 12th house, where the child often picks up the idea that others find them unattractive for some reason. Venus rising inclines to soft, rather than rugged features, although as always the sign is of central importance.

Some people with Venus conjunct either end of this axis appear very concerned with money; perhaps they naturally exude material advantage, or wish to do so. Certainly the journey in life is often very concerned with value; with self-valuation and the gaining of an understanding about what is and is not highly valued in the life.

People with Venus on either end of this axis often have a gift for making others feel liked or loved by them, and this does much to confer personal popularity. Venus conjunct any of the angles lends a distinct non-competitive feel to the chart, but the condition of Mars can, of course, do much to offset this. Those with Venus rising may appear to be more non-competitive than they really are

25) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (9°46' A) ♄1 | ♄1

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined

in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about

their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about

and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

26) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (5°54' A) ☾8 | ☾8

(Robert Hand)

Your emotions are very powerful, and you are quite sensitive to the feelings of others as well. What happens while you are young will have a very strong effect on your future life, so that the attitudes and patterns you pick up in youth will be very hard to change as you get older. It is also likely that the career you choose will be influenced by your ideas in youth.

Your mother may have more to do with the career you choose than your father. If your relationship with your mother is not good, it could cause psychological problems throughout your life that would affect your work and your goals in life very badly. You need her emotional support very much.

Be careful not to believe passively that the world will surely take care of you. You probably will receive a great deal of help from others, especially women, but, like anyone else, you will have to work to make the best of it. You should be very good at getting along with the public, because you can make people feel that you belong with them. You have genuine sympathy for people, especially those who remind you of people you knew when you were young.

This placement can indicate that in your career you will work with the public or large groups of people. Your profession might involve protecting and taking care of people, or you might be in advertising or public relations.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the Moon is conjunct the MC, the individual is extremely sensitive to emotional responses from environment and from society at large. This person lives, so to speak, on the popularity he or she courts, for with a Moon / MC conjunction he or she desires approval come what may; the result often being that he or she strikes others as sympathetic, friendly and full of warmth, even though, to curry favor, he or she may be putting on an act.

Quite frequently, the individual wants to become involved with big groups or with the public, and usually creates a good impression. The Moon at the MC encourages one to

seek security by making a mark in society, either by attracting attention or by doing something helpful.

However, the Moon is always waxing and waning, and this person, too, will find the need to chop and change. As long as he or she projects this vacillation on things, he or she is likely to change social position from time to time, or, at least, to keep making minor changes even when occupying a permanent position.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Moon on either end of the MC-IC axis is suggestive of exceptionally strong parent-child ties. Those with Moon on the Midheaven sometimes take on the role of some kind of public mother, perhaps the person in the company who 'holds' everything together and provides some kind of containment. Sometimes the vocation chosen is concerned with looking after one's own home and family, but sometimes the vocation is concerned with protecting, caring and nurturing in a much more public sense. Obviously the sign is of great importance.

Like Sun conjunct MC, there is a need for personal recognition with this placement, coupled with a sensitivity to what the public thinks and feels. Thus this is a good combination for anyone who has to be very responsive to the needs of the public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction, unless afflicted, indicates popularity and life in the public eye. It favors actors, entertainers, and politicians. If the conjunction is well aspected, the natives gain through women of wealth and high social standing who aid them in achieving status.

Very often, professional activities are carried on in partnerships, or positions of responsibility are bestowed by someone in authority. Sometimes this conjunction indicates that the native will inherit the family business, or that the career is linked with the family life.

This lunar position is advantageous to people in business connected with food and articles of domestic use. Also favored are those in real estate and other businesses which deal with homes.

27) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♃ Neptune** - (8°54' A) ☾8 | ☾8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them.

Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction

with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

28) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ☿ **South-Node** - (1°08' S) 89 | 89

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) refers to a condition in which major circumstances in the native's environment deny him opportunities and resources for self-expression, limiting especially his leadership and power potential. Obstacles are thrown in his path, making it difficult to achieve what he desires, even to the extent that he is denied the fruits of his efforts.

Natives are not swept along in the mainstream of events, as in the case of the Sun conjunct North Node. This conjunction indicates a karmic situation in which individuals in previous incarnations selfishly promoted their own ambitions at the expense of the self-expression of others. This time around, they experience what it is like to be thwarted by the actions of others. However, this aspect can bring a thorough mastery of that which the native is able to command.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives greater difficulty in establishing the new growth at the North Node because the ego wants to stay at the opposite South Node area with the Sun. The ego feels better associating with South Node affairs; and in order to grow and learn, the person must buck a strong ego.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect indicates lack of physical vitality and general suppression of ego. It is more of a counter-balance from the previous life which tells the person to slow down regarding the ego-ambition-recognition, etc. in this life. If this is not done consciously, then it will be forcefully achieved by proper circumstances. Conversion of normal energies of 'individuality' into evolution of that soul will be noticed in this aspect in that particular life. This often indicates some Karmic connections with the 'father-figure' that need to be balanced in this life. Often a conflict from a previous life with the father has brought about this condition and circumstance.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, negative ego-forces often come into play. The natives are full of self-admiration and believe they have full control of everything represented by the axis concerned. Many of them are conceited and proud, and lay claim to being unique when

(in most instances) they are not. They refuse to admit that they possess the weaknesses of the sign involved, and believe that, being already sufficiently developed, they have no need to work on themselves. Often, these people feel that they are being neglected, and imagine that they are tremendously important, although usually this is mere self-deception. They have a tendency towards monomania.

29) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♅ **Neptune** - (3°00' A) 8 | 8

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction emphasises emotional sensitivity and vulnerability to others, especially through an impressionable, sympathetic psychic empathy. The nature of your environment will be highly influential in affecting your inner balance and wellbeing, so ideally you need to live and work within suitable places and with suitable people, or else you may discover that your spirit and vitality begin to wane through absorbing what are negative influences on your sensitivity.

As your heart is so open to experience life, it is equally likely to experience suffering, anguish and disappointments. Evolving ways of self-protection or essential filters to this sensitivity may be necessary over time, otherwise life could become too painful for you. Through your innate understanding and sympathetic attitudes, you are likely to become a listener and confidante to others' problems; yet a degree of detached impersonal objectivity needs to be developed or else you will take their problems and pain away with yourself. This is not a sacrifice that needs to be made, even though you are rightly willing to offer aid and assistance to those in need. It may be that you are attracted towards employment in the spheres of social welfare and care, where you can serve deprived people and encourage them to take steps of advancement. Certainly that compassionate heart will be a main motivating factor in your life, and it is probably through such a route that you can most easily display your most natural qualities and abilities. Your influence can have a beneficial and catalytic effect on others, stimulating them towards either personal growth or resolving problems. Employment which fixes you into a repetitive mundane work pattern will not be satisfying, and will ultimately be a denial of your talents and abilities. It is easy to recognise when you are stuck in the wrong place: you are beset by the intensification of wishful thinking and daydreaming, of desires to escape, and of a lack of interest in application.

You have a powerful imagination which does not like to be inhibited or denied and is constantly looking for ways to be expressed; there will be considerable artistic and cultural appreciation as well as creative gifts within you waiting to be released. Suitable channels are art, music, poetry, design, ways that preferably evoke an emotional-feeling response in yourself and others. You could develop into being visionary and inspirational if this area was especially focused and all your energies were committed to such a task. Your psychic sensitivities could play a role in this, offering the awareness of more subtle currents in life and the power inherent in symbols and images, or even your dream life

with a prophetic quality could be influential. It is probably best to use any such psychic or mediumistic talents only as a support to artistic creation, because you may find that they can be too unreliable or too shrouded in Neptunian sea mists and make clear perception difficult. These tendencies can develop towards religious or spiritual interests, such as the exaltation of the mystic's emotions and heart devotions.

In your personal life and intimate relationships, you may need to be wary of a tendency to be excessively romantic, preoccupied with dreams of the ideal lover, always searched for and never found. In real life there are real people, and disillusionment is never far away from the anima-animus projected obsessions which create self-delusions and the experience of being shocked by the reality of your 'dream lover'. Turning men or women into gods or goddesses is a dangerous game; they always fall off the pedestal that you have placed them on. Like Humpty Dumpty, the fall shatters the illusion which can never be put together again around the person. Yet falling in love again with the real person is often much more rewarding and enriching.

There can be tendencies to evade the impingement of harsh reality at times. That isn't the way, but making adjustments to your own attitudes may be the key to deal with this challenge. Accepting reality is a process that we have to continually confront in life, although this doesn't necessarily imply a surrender to the inevitable; it can be the initial action required to determine how to transform an unsatisfactory situation. Sometimes the influence of Neptune dominates the Moon, and the result is a retreat towards private worlds, hiding within defensive shells, unable to face the real world, and living within the glamour of those castles in the air of your imagination, lost in dreaming worlds.

Additionally, Moon aspects indicate an association with the Mother image, symbol and real parent. The conjunction implies a close bonding with your mother or an important influence over your development, but, as with your romantic relationships, illusions can be present which may need cleansing or releasing if they are negatively affecting your adult relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows that you are imaginative, emotional, sensitive, and sometimes given to daydreaming. Your psychic ability enables you to respond to outside stimuli that others are unaware of. You are inclined to offer assistance to anyone who seems to need help. However, this may get you into difficulty, for some people will blame you if their problems aren't solved. Disappointments are common in your life, for, even though you suffer with others in their grief, you may be left alone when they experience joy.

Your professional life must have sufficient challenge to keep you alert and reasonably 'on the go'. Avoid any occupation that involves long periods of time spent in repetitious and boring tasks. In such a job you would find escape in daydreaming and dawdling, and

accomplish little. You would probably be fired as lazy, incompetent, and indifferent, which would be accurate only in those circumstances. Your latent ability should find an outlet through public-oriented endeavors, such as service and welfare programs, nursing, working with the mentally retarded, or rehabilitation of the handicapped. Working closely with others who depend on you would serve as a catalyst for your energies, and you would participate with attentiveness and vigor.

Your love nature is extremely romantic, and it is truly difficult for anyone to measure up to your expectations. You've mesmerized yourself to escape from the abrasions of reality. Most individuals you meet disorient you, so you categorize them according to your own way of thinking. In time, when their human nature becomes painfully apparent, you are shocked in disbelief. Learn to accept people at their level of development and don't give them attributes they haven't earned or deserved. You will be admired by others for your sympathetic understanding of their 'highs' and 'lows'. You can express your imagination in artistic pursuits - designing, painting, music, or poetry. Help others by painting joy in their lives, by designing activities for them, by letting a song ring out to relieve their stresses, or by sharing tender moments in poetic escape.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she reacts to life when the person is very young. Neptune represents some characteristics of delusion or inspiration, or it clouds the mother issue. In an adult, the Moon indicates the ability to respond to life, and its sign indicates how it will be done. When Neptune conjuncts the Moon, it clouds the feelings, covers them, puts a veil around them, and it may also cloud the image of the mother so that much of her effect is confused or unclear. This makes it difficult to evaluate the mother's actions, and it deludes the individual about woman issues: how a woman should act; how a woman is expected to behave; what are 'nurturing', 'caring' and feeling'. The aspect affects males and females differently.

In a man, the aspect often clouds his emotions and veils his concepts of what a woman should be, so that when he enters into a relationship with a woman it is often with strange expectations. He thinks women are different from what they are in reality, and he is usually disappointed in their behavior. This man doesn't want to know that women go to the bathroom or wear hair curlers etc.. His mother taught him illusions and delusions, so he is eventually forced to determine from a conscious point what adult female behavior is all about. He is also extremely intuitive; he will have intuitive feeling responses that he may not consciously understand. This can be both a blessing and a curse. If his body is so sensitive that he picks up too many vibrations from the environment, he may not know 'who' he is feeling - himself or those around him. He may be unsettled because of his intuitive response, for his sensitivity may not match his conception of a twofisted, hairy-chested male. If he is mother-dominated, his mother can do no wrong; he seldom sees her for what she is, always covering her with a shimmering cloud of perfection. If he is father-dominated, he often bases his idea of what a woman

should be on a fairy-tale image of Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty attributes. He has trouble separating his anima function from his wife or girlfriend because he often projects his anima onto her personality. His girlfriend's actions may not be akin to his anima image, so he is constantly disappointed. If he is mother-dominated, his girlfriend seldom acts as his mother told him 'good' women should.

When a woman has her Moon conjunct Neptune it indicates that her mother misled her as far as the behavior of woman is concerned; therefore, she often has a distorted image of what a woman should be. The image of Woman is frequently associated with martyrdom and unrequited love. She falls in love with a person on a spiritual basis and sometimes doesn't notice that the one she has fallen in love with is a hopeless alcoholic or has psychotic disturbances. She feels guilty about sexual involvements and consequently may pick a partner who cannot relate to her sexually, or she can't relate sexually to him. She may find herself in perplexing predicaments, for she doesn't know what earthly love is. The problem stems from the fact that she doesn't know what a woman should be and how she as a woman should react. The result is often too much phoney spirituality and a lot of hurt feelings. Confusion surrounds the nurturing, caring and feeling functions.

Both sexes have some kind of problem expressing their feelings of love on a sexual level. Sometimes it's easier to be sexy with someone you don't love, for love is such a 'spiritual' experience that physical sex can 'defile' it in some way. Men with this aspect sometimes have a woman they love and a woman they sex. Or, if the Moon is in a Fire sign, their sexuality is limited because of their idealism. Women with the aspect tend to choose spiritual relationships that may be emotionally painful - the man may mistreat them, or he may not be able to perform sexually. Sometimes this aspect appears in the charts of women who fall in love with homosexual men, so the relationship is close but the unrequited love aspect is there.

The aspect is an intuitive and sensitive one, and its owners may have many interesting psychic and intuitive experiences. It can sometimes indicate people who have a great deal of healing ability; they become involved in the mental, spiritual and physical healing of others. They are intuitive enough to be able to manifest on a creative level as well, and this source of energy is never-ending once they learn to tap into it. The creative potential cannot be completely realized until they learn to share their feelings with another human being. This can be a most productive aspect. The blind spot toward the mother can be emphasized by other aspects in the chart; she may be the one who stands between this person and his freedom - and he can't see it.

30) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♏ **South-Node** - (0°21' A) 89 | 89

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect produces a condition in which the natives' ideas are either behind or ahead

of their times. On the positive side, the conjunction can bestow mental originality and independence. Then natives escape the pitfalls of popular opinion. In the long run, if the rest of the map indicates good mental capacity, the native will prove to be correct. On the negative side, the native is forced to proceed alone with his ideas since he cannot gain support for them. He does not speak out at the right time in the right place; and when he does speak, he is not listened to. Consequently, he is sometimes frustrated and feels mentally alone.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect can produce possible learning difficulties, mental blocks, uncommunicativeness or improper communication. Nervous system, in general, gets affected due to this aspect. Reflex actions are often delayed or distorted. This aspect brings about tremendous inner growth regarding knowledge and wisdom, as the internalization or osmosis is very keen in these individuals. Their body and soul works as a one-way membrane absorbing information from the surrounding sources to be condensed in the package for future use. As a result of his hoarding of knowledge and information by the inner core, they may not necessarily display brilliance, intellectuality and communicativeness.

(Donna van Toen)

Enduring may take the place of growing, since talk or planning can replace action. Pessimism may lead to a feeling that growth is impossible.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Mercury can produce loquacity. The native humors others, has no fixed opinion, and is easily influenced. Depending on the house or sign, he or she can resort to lies born of sensation-seeking and willingness to compromise, and can be landed in unpleasant situations. Arguments employed are far-fetched, and refuge is taken in sophistry.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°02' A) ♄1 | ♄1

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn indicates that you feel you must make concessions to others to get what you want. You are always the one who is expected to adjust to the demands of others in order to have a satisfactory relationship. As a result, you are often dissatisfied with the contacts you make, either because they are not fulfilling enough, or because you feel you are being used. You may become resigned to making the best of a relationship in which you give more than the other person does. On the positive side, however, this shows that you take the relationship seriously. You are loyal and sincere in your affections, but tend to be inhibited in demonstrating them, because you are afraid that others will take advantage of you.

You have reasonably good judgement, which is reflected in your material affairs. You are self-disciplined in handling money, and prudent enough to always save something regardless of your income. Such prudence is a way to compensate for the disappointments you may have in personal relationships, and you consider it a reasonable substitute. Saving money also gives you security and allows you some material comforts.

You are temperamentally suited to occupations in which success depends on adhering to rules and regulations. Finance, banking, building trades, insurance, law, real estate, sales, and designing are some endeavors in which you can successfully apply yourself. Ideally, you should have a position that allows you to function independently. You are dutiful and responsible, and would accomplish more without a supervisor breathing down your neck. You are certainly able to work with others, but you prefer working in privacy.

Your romantic interests are stimulated by individuals who are serious, sincere, honest. You need a person you can respect and who will respect you too. A mature individual represents security to you, in addition to providing social status. Your lover must be tactful and polished, and have a strong and admirable character. You are repulsed by vulgarity and disturbed by disorder. Your objectives are well-defined, and you will expect your mate to co-operate in reaching mutual goals. Because of your deep concern for the integrity of the family, you will unhesitatingly withdraw from any external situation that

threatens your family.

It is important that you look at the bright and positive side of life; negative attitudes can bring about negative effects. Problems in the throat glands may have a similar origin. You can improve your general well-being by adopting a more cheerful outlook, but the optimism must be genuine.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for warmth and love, for security and harmony, is a weak and sensitive spot in all Saturnian aspects to Venus (and most of all in the conjunction). We find it hard to let our warmth show and are often so prickly that we erect a wall around ourselves and seem very cool, impassive and formal. Nobody sees that inside we are crying out for a little friendliness and warmth to give us a sense of personal worth and that it is through sheer inability to handle relationships that we are shutting them out. Therefore the Venus / Saturn aspects are regarded as fraught with problems, and classical astrology promises little joy in life and many emotional upsets to those who have them.

Nevertheless, with this aspect we can become very fond of a person and we have the potential to build up a lasting stable relationship; that is the other side of Saturn. There is more faithfulness with these aspects than there is with aspects between Venus and Jupiter. But before we give ourselves to another, we have to know that other through and through and completely trust this person, because Saturn will only bet on certainties. Of course, this can consume time and effort. In fact, we need to guard against letting the security factor predominate: we should resist the temptation to look for a fatherly or motherly partner, as they would not be close enough to be a true companion.

With all this uncertainty and vulnerability, suspicion can creep in. We are so anxious to keep our loved one that we hedge him or her in on all sides and make the relationship difficult or even impossible. At times, our attitude can be most subservient: we slave away to do everything to our partner's liking, but are still very constrained. If, as is quite likely, they seem to be ungrateful, then we must realize it is because the partner is put off by our air of taut worry.

Learning self-confidence and self-acceptance is a must if we are to settle down. Once we accept that we are not cut out to be one of the world's revellers, but are solid, reliable citizens in need of security, and once we bring ourselves to reveal our weak side, we can enjoy a strong, enduring marriage or friendship.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Venus and Saturn are conjunct, it indicates that the mother and father of this individual presented a united front that placed certain restrictions and limitations upon his psyche during his formative years. Venus indicates the effect of the mother's

attitudes regarding her femininity, and these images will help form the concept of womanhood, the feminine function and the concept of love in later life. Saturn represents the area of restriction; it also shows how the father influenced the psyche. The combination of these planets indicates a strong tie to the mythic Mother and Father image - these archetypal images can easily be confused with the physical parents.

The aspects between the Sun and Moon indicate the parents in a physical sense; and how they responded to their lives when the personality of the individual was forming. The Saturn-Venus placement affects the concept of giving and crystallization in the psyche and is a more difficult concept to comprehend. The conjunction of Venus and Saturn implies that the individual was restricted or restrained from having what he wanted during the first three years of life. This may not mean that he was abused (although I would not entirely dismiss the thought), but that he may have lost his favorite toy or blanket; or he may have been fed according to some scientific theory rather than when he was hungry. This person grew up to view affection as something that is coupled with loss. He may be a pessimist in love relationships and may be apprehensive of romance. He may marry out of common sense: in other words, he doesn't marry someone he loves, he marries someone who will logically make a 'good' partner. Or he falls in love with someone, and ends the relationship after the first argument because he feels the relationship is over. Or he withdraws into years of hurt feelings and never trusts the loved one again.

People with this aspect are extremely interested in guarantees - one must constantly prove to the Saturn-Venus types that one loves them. Ironically, they don't offer the same guarantees. They can be takers and have great trouble giving. They don't know how to give because they did not see their parents giving to each other; when children don't see this during their formative years, they have to make a conscious attempt to learn how to do it as adults. These people also think the grass is greener on the other side and often wonder whether they might do better in another relationship - so, sometimes, they can be seen as flirts.

When the individual becomes aware of this aspect, it's a good idea to start practising how to give - not how to buy someone, but to give. Learning how to give a part of the self is the hardest thing for this person to do. Because the parents' marriage was not a model of a healthy relationship, it is hard for this individual to learn how to have one. My suggestion would be that any activity in a relationship that is inspired by the memory of 'that's what Mom and Dad would have done' is probably not what needs to be done. Sometimes we learn what we want by beginning to understand what we don't want.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction is extremely powerful, and partakes of the character of both good and evil contacts, the life, on its affectional side, being completely dominated by the sense of duty; duty and happiness become identified. Except for its great power, it is in no wise

different from the inharmonious contact (the square or opposition, q.v.).

32) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Pluto** - (3°09' S) ♏10 | ♏10

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be

mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in

psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

33) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♌ **Pluto** - (3°15' A) ☿8 | ♎10

(Haydn Paul)

You are probably optimistic that all will work out well; and this encourages you to persevere to transform your vision and purpose into reality.

You will feel emotionally secure and self-sufficient; and this inner balance diminishes problems with emotional intensity and compulsive behaviour. In relationships, you may appear withdrawn and preoccupied with self, as if you were a little cold and uninvolved. However, this is not the case, as love is important and necessary for your emotional well-being, but indicatest hat you are not dependent upon others. You are biased toward a more intellectual experience and understanding of love, rather than seeking the sheer passion and intensity often associated with Pluto. The sextile suggests that these energies are more naturally and easily balanced. Yet you still possess the ability to renew and transform restrictive emotional and life-style patterns, replacing them with a more suitable expression.

You enjoy observing others, speculating about thier motivations, personalities, and different types of perception. This can help to expand you by awakening you to multiple subjective realities and perceptions, apart from gradually dissolving any limiting fixed attitudes or belief patterns.

You are sensitive to others' feelings, and feel responsibly concerned to encourage social reform to improve the quality of life. You may enter work involving public service, perhaps in an administrative role rather than in a directly caring position, as you have business and organisational skills. Working with younger people may attract, as you have a natural affinity with them and care about their future lives and places in society. You can communicate well in situations which require a moderating and mediating energy, and will choose a life-style that tries to maintain harmony.

In directing your life, you believe in the principle that 'energy follows thought'; and visualising your intention is the first step toward making it real. You believe that applied thought is an energy that can be directed to achieve your purpose. Seeing this work in life deepens your faith that life is on your side, and provides confidence to follow your own path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon sextile Pluto, you have an intellectual understanding of love. You always try to understand the motives of others, especially those with whom you are emotionally involved. Love is important to you, and your emotions are powerful. You are demonstrative of your feelings, and expect others to be as well. Hearing someone express their love for you is very important.

Your emotional prioriteies are reasonably well established. You can provide the warmth and tenderness your children or close friends need, while reserving the ardent side of your nature for intimate moments with the one you love.

You are responsive to the suffering of others and will offer your services to provide relief. Imaginative and resourceful in handling your daily affairs, you readily adopt new ideas to

make life easier and less complicated. You are concerned about the environment and about your civic responsibilities.

Your special talent is your ability to communicate with young people in order to better understand them. They confide in you because your sincere concern makes them feel secure. With you they are not threatened by authority, but accept and respect it. You communicate warmth and tenderness, which helps young people become stabilized in their independence as they mature.

You have good business sense and are efficient in management. These characteristics will help you gain financial security. You are orderly and know how to unclutter your life by letting go of nonessential elements that interfere with progress. With your capacity to respond to others, you are suited to any occupation that involves meeting the public, such as public relations, insurance, finance, rehabilitation, or physical therapy

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents our physical mother as she presents herself during our early years. It symbolizes how we will respond emotionally to friends, to politics, and to feeling / caring needs. Pluto represents the mass unconscious; it indicates the unconscious motivation inside each of us, so it indicates how we cope with feelings toward our fellow man on both a conscious and an unconscious plane. Pluto represents coercion, control and the manipulation of others in all its forms. When these two parts of personality are tied together by sextile, it indicates a constructive energy flow. It means the mother's actions demonstrate to the individual how to work co-operatively with groups, and how to co-operate with others. The sextile is a talent aspect; it indicates that talent is there, although it needs to be trained. Any career involving contact with unions, great numbers of people or the spirit of community effort will bring pleasure. The sextile gives a certain amount of inventive ability that can be developed over the years, but probably not until after age thirty-five.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not

only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

34) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°20' S) ♀12 | ♀10

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile and trine aspects, the more positive use of the Mars-Uranus energy is displayed through activities designed to be of social benefit. Whilst you will intellectually challenge the established patterns of social thought and behaviour which you believe inhibit individual freedom, your intent is to provoke new thinking which can offer the potential of new horizons to explore. All new directions and spheres of progress that humanity has taken have emerged from someone questioning the current static state of affairs and then seeing new alternatives.

Mentally, you will have a restless, curious nature, which can find an effective outlet through applied research and study in whichever areas of enquiry attract you. You are not an intellectual dilettante, and prefer to delve deeply enough to gain a real comprehension of any subject; this can also free that ability for more original independent thinking, and it is possible that you will receive insights that enable you to make a significant contribution to that subject. You will prefer a futuristic dimension to

your enquiries, thus satisfying the Uranian impulse and providing an opportunity to benefit others too.

Even though you have this ability for specific focusing, you will also expand into exploring a wide variety of interests and topics. At times you may move rapidly between disparate spheres of knowledge, but you will eventually settle down to focus upon one area in particular. You may find some difficulty in perseverance and applying your energy consistently to achieve your aims. Sometimes a sudden diminution of your interest and energy may occur, which brings to a halt any progress you are making. When the energy flows again, you may be interested in something new; this is the erratic Uranian influence.

Communication is important to you. There may be an attraction to teaching in some way, both for the satisfaction you can receive in sharing knowledge with people, and in the platform offered for you to express your opinions. These are likely to be radical and unorthodox, but you have enough intellectual confidence in your knowledge to feel quite prepared to stand by your arguments against any opponents. Discussions of ideas can fascinate you; and you enjoy such encounters, seeing them as intellectual combat, where your more aggressive Mars energy can be used. Your approach is often based on strategy and skill; and even in friendly discussions you dislike being intellectually defeated. You enjoy stirring dissent, and proposing disturbing concepts and ideas to attack the power of the status quo, both in society and in individuals.

In relationships, you need a strong intellectual and physical bond. An area of weakness can lie in a disregard and lack of sympathetic understanding of the emotions. These are often relegated in your sense of priorities; and the more subtle dimensions of them are ignored in favour of the more basic emotional / physical passions and the interests of the mind. Restrictions are rejected in intimate relationships; and a self-preoccupation can dominate and cause later problems. However, you tend to commit yourself to seeing through those decisions that you do take, so a marriage commitment can help to modify these tendencies, provided that your partner is strong enough to encourage you to modify any selfish behaviour in the interests of mutual harmony.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Mars and Uranus shows that you have a restless, impatient nature and are constantly seeking outlets for your energy. Your curiosity is insatiable. You have strong opinions, which you are never afraid to state. Once you have determined what you will do, you act immediately. You cannot stand dawdlers and people who can't make up their minds. You are a strategist, and your plans are successful, but you always feel that a job you do can be improved on later. Although you have enormous energy, you must be careful that you don't bring on nervous strain by driving yourself impatiently to achieve your objectives.

You can work best in occupations requiring originality, intellectual skills, and alertness. Because you are aware of the present, yet compelled by the future, you are especially suited for work in research and development. Your excitement is knowing you've made a positive contribution to a better future for everyone's benefit. All levels of teaching would give you the satisfaction of making a significant personal contribution to others.

Your interests are varied, and you try to take part in as many as possible. You are likely to succeed in any activity you take up, because you invest a great deal of energy to increase the odds of success. You don't accept defeat. With your particular skill in argument and persuasive delivery, you can easily shatter any opponent's position.

An intellectual rebel, you are quick to challenge old ideas and doctrines that have outlived their usefulness. You demonstrate your concern for society by actively taking part in socially beneficial programs or by stirring up dissent to provoke necessary changes.

In your personal relationships, the one you love must have similar attitudes and mutual interest in order to avoid frustration when your partner tries to restrict you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus indicates the behavior of the generation we are born into, as well as the part of use that expresses as self-will before it evolves consciously.

The sextile indicates that the action patterns formed by this individual in childhood were well received by the parents. The early environment demonstrated the ability to act (or sex) in a manner that expressed the will, allowing the child room for being 'different' so that he could form his own particular value system. The value system can be diagnosed from the signs and houses.

Mars trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The restlessness, impatience, overactivity and self-will of the conjunction are also seen here. Mars and Uranus stimulate one another whenever they are mutually in aspect, so here, too, we have a need to live our own life, to interest ourselves in new things, and, above all, to look for excitement. The harmonious aspects offer the advantage that circumstances are more likely to swing our way. Originality and reforming zeal give us the opportunity to become the independent, pioneering leader of a group.

We are quick to seize fresh opportunities, and expect others to do the same. On the other hand, we lack patience, and have only a limited capacity for co-operation; but where we have to make a solo effort we can do outstandingly well - because it fits in better with our deep-rooted love of liberty. The changeability and fickleness of Uranus make an impact on energy and executive ability; therefore we find it hard to remain long at the same task - we do need varied activities, not to mention a certain amount of challenge and adventure. With the harmonious aspects, we usually know how to create or find situations in which we obtain what we seek. The abruptness of a Mars / Uranus combination always makes itself felt and even with the harmonious aspects we have to be guarded in our actions, which can sometimes be disruptive.

Uranian tension is not far to seek in the harmonious aspects, and from time to time we may suffer from nervous diseases and overstrain. With this combination, we seldom rest; for although the harmonious aspects tend to be rather passive, two such active planets in combination will put this passivity to flight. Provided life is full of action and variety, and provided we get the opportunity to show what we can do, we can be extremely creative and innovative - quite often in technical / mechanical fields.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts between these planets are of an important character, producing some of the most marked results of any aspects. They are valuable, and yet, unless the planets are well placed by sign and have no other aspects of a discordant kind, they may be somewhat critical, even when they are technically of a benefic nature.

They greatly add to the energy, vigour, decision, and will-power of the native, who is very rarely of a milk-and-water or nondescript character. He will as a rule know his own mind excellently well, and much will depend on the rest of the chart, for, unless this shows sense and judgement, the strength of Mars-Uranus may lead to disaster because of its very strength and courage.

It tend to give physical robustness, the ability to stand hard conditions, and the capacity for hard work; but even thus, cross aspects from other bodies may result in high nervous tension and an overwrought condition, the will, as it were, tearing the body asunder. In one case known to me there is a trine between Mars (Taurus) and Uranus (Virgo) with a cross aspect to the latter from the Sun (Sagittarius). Here the heart has suffered, as the outcome of nervous strain, and the native is almost an invalid. In another case, with the same trine from the same signs, but with Sun and Saturn in square to Uranus from Gemini, there is indomitable courage, but it is spent in an uphill fight with poverty and sickness. It may be said that any ill aspect to the the harmonious Mars-Uranus combination will occasion a greater or less degree of nerve-tension.

This tension seems to externalise itself frequently in the form of accidents or assault. Even among those who possessed good aspects between these planets this is

sometimes exemplified. For instance, Queen Victoria and King Edward VII both had them, but in each case there were attempts on the life, which may in part be ascribed to these positions. Wallenstein was a great leader, with that personal fascination that goes with good aspects of Uranus, but he was assassinated. Sometimes the attack takes the form of slander.

But as a rule grave danger need not be anticipated from the good aspects, and on the other hand they bestow excellent qualities, particularly for those who are called on to deal with difficult, arduous, or perilous conditions. Only if the rest of the chart is weak or violent does the Mars-Uranus trine or sextile seem to be involved in the general crisis.

35) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♀ **Pluto** - (4°29' S) ♎12 | ♏10

(Haydn Paul)

You will expect honesty and straightforwardness in your dealings with people, preferring to hear the truth rather than be confused by evasion, innuendo and psychological manipulation. In fact truthfulness is one of your most highly valued qualities. You have a sensitivity to the motives of others; and whilst you have no real illusions about the nature of the human race, you tend to give a high regard to the principle of truth, whilst maintaining a wary eye on your fellow men. You cannot always live up to your own ideal, but at least you try!

You have a mind which tends to be analytical and deductive. Added to this, you are articulate and generally persuasive - if only in the force with which you express your opinions, arguments and beliefs - and have a grasp of dramatic presentation which you apply in order to influence listeners in your favour, personally and to support your position.

Your level of physical vitality should be high; and you may be attracted towards exploring your body or developing it in terms of physical activity and culture. You should have a more healthy and positive approach to sexual expression than those who have the Mars-Pluto square or opposition; and you perceive sex in essentially natural terms without inner compulsions complicating and distorting the energy release.

Usually, others know where you stand on things, as you are not shy of revealing your viewpoints, and express them clearly and directly; and you expect the same of others. If people tend to express themselves in less direct ways, and if you later discover them to have been telling lies, then you can be quite unforgiving in your attitude to them; even if you store the knowledge away for reference, they have forfeited your trust.

You may need to become a little more self-righteous. Because of your directness, forcefulness and relative clarity of expression, you may begin to believe that your perception is invariably right, and begin to pay more attention to your own

pronouncements than to the view of others. The viewpoint of others is as valid as your own, and is usually worth listening to, as different perceptions can help to expand your own understanding, to correct misapprehensions, and to enhance contact and dialogue. There can be many routes to the top of the mountain; and even from the peak there can be many ways to reflect the view back down into the valley.

There may be a tendency to think and talk about things in your life without actually doing them, almost as though this level of involvement were sufficient and satisfying. It is likely that you could manifest your aims in a more distinct and objective way, to ground them more in everyday reality and enable others to respond to and share them.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars sextile to Pluto, you are eager to know the truth, motivated by the realization that truth is more powerful than fiction. You are as persistent in your search for the facts as a detective seeking unassailable evidence. Forceful and articulate in conversation, you command the attention of your listeners. You know how to dramatize yourself to establish your position both to large groups and to individuals. You can effectively stimulate action to correct social injustices, and will not tolerate weakness as a defence for inaction by anyone.

Because you are aware of other people's motives, you are rarely caught with your defences down. In your personal contacts, you usually establish your position clearly so that no-one has to guess about your intentions. In return, you expect openness both from associates and from competitors. You deplore subtlety as unnecessary and indefensible.

You have strong physical desires, though you won't accept a merely physical relationship. To be acceptable to you, the relationship must include compatibility in other areas.

It may be necessary for you to yield occasionally to other people's opinions, for they are as valid as yours. You tend to be explicit in your expectations of others, and may feel no need to make any adjustment in your attitude to compromise with theirs.

It is especially important that you do more than merely talk about your objectives. You must become actively engaged in pursuing them. You often talk as though you were involved in some activity when you have really only talked about it.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the action principle used to express the Sun archetype. Pluto indicates the collective unconscious; the unconscious motivation that may underlie our actions later in life. If Pluto represents the masses, then action taken by this individual may be

beneficial to the masses. This person was exposed to the idea of cooperation in the early family environment. The sextile indicates an individual who can develop a talent that is marketable as long as the action taken co-ordinates with the needs of groups: so, media, communication, politics, etc., would be a good direction to follow.

Mars trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We have a great need to prove ourselves and to exercise power. In many instances, we manage to engineer circumstances in which - to a greater or lesser extent - we end up in a position of authority, even if it is only by doing something others cannot do. We have an unbelievable fund of energy, and, even if physical strength is limited, mental power and perseverance enable us to fight our way through.

We are often very self-willed with these aspects, and the fact that they are harmonious does not save us from confrontations. We enter into the latter with head held high, determined not to be done down, and becoming very angry when we are. Our grim determination can achieve a great deal, but can also isolate us somewhat from those around us. Even the easy aspects do not enable us to take things easy.

We can go far if we know how to use our energy constructively; but, by the same token, can go badly astray if we take a wrong turning. Easy aspects are actually the worst aspects when it comes to persisting in the wrong direction until finally being pulled up short by a dead end. But, as already mentioned, resilience is great; so that, in principle, we can overcome all our problems. Pluto is insatiable and will never be satisfied with what Mars can do. We expect a lot from ourselves with these aspects, and may overtax our strength, although the danger is not so great as in the hard aspects.

36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (1°00' S) ♄1 | ♊3

(Donna van Toen)

Upbringing seems to play a major role in the interpretation of this aspect. If the person has been left in a comfortable position by parents or other benefactors, opportunities for growth may be rejected. Even when birth conditions don't leave opportunities to rest on the family laurels, growth may be considered only within the narrow limits of what's acceptable by family or parental standards. Growth potential may be damaged or repressed as a result of guilt feelings or arguments.

Saturn trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The inclination to become attached to persons older than oneself, also to seek contact with mature and experienced people. Association with elderly or experienced persons, also sponsorship through such people.

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility. These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

37) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Sextile** ♀ **Neptune** - (3°24' S) ♀10 | ♄8

(Haydn Paul)

Most of the characteristics of Uranus / Neptune aspects involve the element of distrust for leaders, organisations and power élites. Those born with the sextile aspect tend to object to establishment secrecy and the withholding of information from their people or their electorate. They consider this manipulation of information to be a deliberate and iniquitous distortion of the truth which should not be allowed by their leaders. Often such people would support a 'freedom of information' causes, believing that the state should be the servant of the people, and not the other way round.

There is an anti-establishment attitude, together with an objection to state autonomy in which the person is steam-rolled by the weight of state bureaucracy. There is a need to reassert individual power and freedom from state interference, and such attitudes will often oppose authoritarian dictates. An attraction towards social revolution and changing the nature of state control can develop a revolutionary and evolutionary philosophy which champions the people's right to power within their own society.

An optimistic belief in people and their potential will dominate, which some may consider

to be too naive and idealistic, but it is founded on the right to be able to choose for oneself, and to determine the sort of personal lifestyle to live without being inhibited by social repressions (provided that it does not harm others). It conceives of a society aimed towards personal development and fulfilment, through individual creativity and uniqueness, in contradistinction to one which conditions people to unquestioning fulfilment of economic roles and adherence to social convention.

Essentially, it asserts the right to be self-determining, rather than meekly and blindly following the guidance of leaders who often gain such positions through money or heritage alone. An active involvement in social decision-making will attract, especially in ways designed to make some progress towards those brotherhood ideals which so appeal to the mind and emotional levels of those with this aspect.

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus sextile Neptune indicates that you are part of a group consciousness that is intolerant of anyone who distorts the truth or withholds it from the people. You are especially suspicious of strong, established organizations that have powerful government connections, but you are similarly offended by the rigid control that organized religions have over their members. You prefer to decide for yourself what to believe and how to discipline yourself through whatever faith you've chosen. A revolutionary thinker, you resent the fact that you are expected to yield to the thoughts and beliefs of people you are suspicious of. The 'establishment' represents a threat to your personal freedom. You insist that any commitment must be made voluntarily and without the slightest exercise of pressure. Fearful of the erosion of individual rights, you freely communicate this sense of danger whenever possible. You realize that people who follow others blindly are endangering their right to choose the path to their destinies.

From your generation will come the fruit of the seed that germinated between 1965 and 1968, when open hostilities were commonplace at many universities throughout the world. You will demand a say in the social, educational, and political systems to ensure that your right to free expression will not be curtailed or denied. In everything that has a bearing on your future and that of the masses, you will seek the truth. You are not afraid to express your views because your opinion is backed by an arsenal of facts. You uphold the belief that every individual bears a spiritual obligation to his society, which you call the 'Brotherhood of Man'.

You hold that a societal structure based on materialism is an affront to the personal dignity of the individual. You aspire to a high degree of creative expression for everyone, regardless of the opportunities their material circumstances afford them.

(Betty Lundsted)

This group can learn to combine creative expression with the process of individuation.

The potential for consciousness will have to be developed or the sextile may remain latent.

The aspect produces a generation of people who may have highly individualistic dreams or goals. Some of them will be unproductive; some will use this energy to present advanced concepts in the field of scientific endeavor or spiritual development.

Uranus trine or sextile Neptune

(Charles Carter)

Since contacts between these two bodies extend over considerable periods and are therefore to be found in the horoscopes of very large numbers of persons. it has been usual rather to discount their importance in individual charts and to ascribe to them an influence over national or world-wide conditions, which only affect individuals powerfully when they are aspected by other bodies, or when they occupy important house-positions.

An examination of charts seems to indicate that these aspects do affect individuals, and I cannot say that it seems necessary to restrict the orbs of aspect very much in judging them. But the effects are naturally most noticeable when the planets occupy prominent house-positions and receive other aspects.

They bestow a strong touch of mysticism and a love of the esoteric and arcane. There is a good deal of emotional force, and there may be considerable enthusiasm for some cause or cult. The love of art and music is very marked. Even in practical pursuits there is generally a sort of vision or inspiration towards ideals.

It is on the whole a kindly, beneficent influence. Napoleon I is an exception - but in this case Mars is conj. Neptune. In another case, the aspect seems only to have produced a rather arid turn for metaphysical discussion, but here Saturn is with Neptune.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize

and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible the he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to

innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

38) ► **Neptune** ♀ **Sextile** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°15' S) ☿8 | ♃10

(Note: this is the only aspect between Neptune and Pluto affecting any of our time; it came into being, within a five-degree orb of accuracy, in January 1942, and will fall outside a five degree orb for the last time in March 2039.)

(Haydn Paul)

During the past century, there has been only one aspect made between Neptune and Pluto, and it is interesting to note that the sextile commenced in the midst of World War II during 1942. The influence of this relationship would be expected to have global and generational effects; and, like all of the transpersonal planetary energies, would be a directive force stimulating the development of the evolutionary process within time and space.

Neptune will attract an almost mystical exploratory search from those responsive to it; and since the sextile commenced science has reacted in two distinct and complementary directions: effort has been poured into developing space travel and satellite technology, exploring the vast outer universe through radio-telescopes, for example; while the complementary exploration of inner space - investigating and probing the building blocks of matter - and quantum physics has emerged at the forefront of scientific enquiry.

The attempts to understand the nature of the universe, its composition and size, the possible creation of the universe and the 'big bang theory' reflect the traditional Western way of looking externally. What has paralleled this tendency has been the birth of an opposite movement amongst people, that of self-exploration, the inner mystical way. This has been through the New Age movement, humanistic / Jungian psychology, occult techniques, and the rebirth of magical attitudes towards life. It has also involved the grafting onto the Western tree of many of the attitudes and much of the knowledge of Eastern philosophies and religions; a merging of the two hemispheres; a potential unification of belief structures reflecting the scientific movement towards a more mystically orientated quantum physics.

As the outer universe becomes vaster, and the inner universe becomes a mysterious vastness of space, the only point in which the outer and the inner become reconciled is in the human being. At a time when the immense destructive power of splitting the atom can be used to commit racial suicide or genocide, the old Mystery School injunction of the ancients is the key to the future: 'Man, know thyself'.

The generations born after this aspect commenced, or those especially receptive to its

influence, are aware of the basic tendencies emanating from it. They are life-enhancing: the need to protect the world's environment from senseless devastation; the need to extend individual rights and freedoms, to unfold international co-operation and to move beyond an embracing consumer materialist dominance in the West. The recognition that potentially a higher quality of life can be had in the world for the majority of people through a redirection of resources (if the will is there) can lead to radical change.

The energies of transformation are present, and much depends upon our use of them, individually and collectively, for negative or positive results. The challenge of 'free will' is to make choices and decisions which determine, in the present, the nature of the future.

(Robert Pelletier)

The influence began in 1942, when Neptune was in Libra and Pluto was in Leo. The signs they occupy have changed, causing some differences in their effects.

The influences of these planets are global in effect and represent the evolutionary process by which man continually strives to achieve ultimate perfection. They indicate man's reaching out toward other dimensions of experience while trying to maintain order in the real world to which he is materially bound. People are becoming more aware of the probability that other worlds exist, and all our scientific skills will be used in attempts to reach them. A similar assault is being made in the quest to explore the vast inner world of man. Neptune represents that world, while Pluto refers to the outer reaches of infinite space.

Both worlds are truly infinite, and although man is pursuing similar goals in each direction, this author believes that neither quest excludes the other. It is suggested that the same goals will ultimately be reached regardless of which direction is taken. One either reaches out in the natural world in search of answers or seeks those answers in the inner depths of his own spiritual being. Man's familiarity with the physical world makes it the most plausible and safe area in which to seek tangible answers to the question of why he exists at all. While he struggles in this search, there is an equally courageous struggle to find answers through the occult. The increased investigation of extrasensory perception, alpha states of consciousness, psychokinesis, telepathy, and other such phenomena indicate that man senses that the answers may not lie outside him, but within him. There is no conflict between the two searches; in fact, they may well sustain and help to control each other.

Although enormous benefits will be realized, there will still be many problems and difficulties for the world and its inhabitants before those benefits come about.

1942 to 1956, Neptune in Libra sextile Pluto in Leo:

Those born during this time eventually recognize that understanding and compromise are not enough, and that scientific progress must be depended upon to maintain peace.

Even as hostilities ended, new leaders emerged who would continue to threaten the peace.

You will always be suspicious of your leaders. You want them to establish the kind of government that will truly serve the public and in which you can have complete confidence. Your continuing suspicions will serve to produce greater honesty in government, but with Neptune in Libra it will be difficult to really know if honesty has been achieved.

1957-1970: Neptune in Scorpio sextile Pluto in Virgo:

You have learned to resent the fact that organized religions could dictate people's beliefs or that marriage was ever necessary if two people loved each other. In maturity, you resented the power accumulated by the industrial giants and took issue with how the universities and colleges were being run. You are among those who feel that the world is becoming too materialistic, that society lacks any feeling for the individual and his or her personal dreams.

You feel the need to serve society. You deplore the quality of life that is available, for you consider life very precious. Horrified by what industry is doing to nature, you support legislation that will conserve the natural resources that remain so that your children can inherit it. You will also support funding for continued medical research to find cures for killer diseases such as cancer, heart disease, etc.. You will advocate continuing research to develop safe and effective methods of birth control.

1971-1983: Neptune in Sagittarius sextile Pluto in Libra:

These people will have completely revised attitudes about religion, philosophy, education, and human relationships. Religion will be restored to a place of usefulness in your daily lives. It will hardly resemble the religion of your elders, but it will be a far more vital element in your life. You have faith not just because your forebears accepted it, but because it adds meaning to your life and makes you responsible to others for your actions. Your faith adds to your search for perfection while you make any contribution to society that will help to bring about that state. You are deeply concerned for your fellow man, and are willing to make compromises in your desires if it will prove beneficial to others in the long run.

You will insist on the integrity of those you select for your leaders, and will demand that they truly represent the electorate. You will want schools to re-emphasize the humanities in education, and give students the opportunity to choose professions that serve man rather than the tight, confining specialization of industry.

You will also show increased interest in the occult, and be responsible for major developments in the fields of extrasensory perception and alpha states of consciousness. You will open new dimensions of the mind, and explore them for unlimited resources, which are denied to the more materialistic investigator.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Neptune, as the planet that refines and disassociates, that liquidates what is personal and leads us to an experience of oneness, is intensified by its contact with Pluto. Therefore, in the period covered by the sextile of these two heavenly bodies, we are likely to see a collective need for unification and for a development of spiritual values. This very thing has manifested itself in the revival of mysticism and esoteric study, in which Eastern religions advocating detachment (not to mention watered down versions of these religions) have been popularized in the West. On the other hand, Neptune dissoluteness has also become widespread under this reputedly benign aspect, and a baffling drug problem bedevils a large part of the globe. Pluto has to do with power, and there are close links between drug distributors and powerful forces in lands where the raw materials are grown.

Conversely, Neptune's effect on Pluto is to make power structures and power blocs more sophisticated and harder to define. Rival groups of countries now co-operate quietly on a host of important issues; so that, although some of the old power blocs survive, it is hard to say where their ramifications begin and end. What is more, Neptune tends to undermine and erode established power structures. Subversive elements are burrowing away all over the world, and seem to survive the measures taken to eradicate them.

Pluto also signifies the masses and large-scale events. When it is joined by Neptune, irrational ideas, religious quirks, strange delusions and other follies sweep common sense out of the collective mind. And, since Pluto intensifies, the things mentioned build up into mass hysteria, holy wars and other crowd madness.

Neptune and Pluto both symbolize unconscious factors in the human being. Their combination gives the impetus to fruitful research into the hidden side of things, into the repressed contents of the psyche and into the secret properties of matter. Nuclear physics, depth psychology, parapsychology, the meaning of life and death, anxiety neurosis, and causes of freedom and inhibition in the unconscious, are all openly investigated; with the result that people are brought closer as a whole. With this combination, collectivization and harmful social pressures are strangely juxtaposed, giving an increased insight into human functioning that eventually helps people become more balanced and integrated.

This combination is probably often at work (regardless of aspect), guiding the unconscious flow of events whenever far-reaching cultural and social changes are taking place. But because Neptune and Pluto are so elusive, it is not easy to recognize the direction or destination of this flow in our own day and age. Only when future historians come to write of our times with cool detachment will it be possible to assess how, during periods when these two planets are in contact, great forces prepare a new era.

39) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (6°37' A) ♎9 | ♍12

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Mars gives you much enthusiasm and energy to carry out your tasks, but under prolonged pressure you periodically need to wind down and get away from your work. You must try not to drive yourself so hard in fulfilling your ambitions. When your efforts don't yield the expected results, you become annoyed and fly off the handle in disgust. Experience will probably teach you that you did not plan your actions carefully enough, so that you got exactly what you deserved under the circumstances. In time you should learn to meet obstacles by anticipating them and taking steps to overcome them in advance; in this way you can avoid the frustration of resistance. Think before you do anything, and you will save the precious time that is wasted in doing it over again. You need to learn patience in handling difficulties and to conserve your energy for constructive purposes. When challenged, you react with indignation, feeling that your competence is being threatened. You would be better advised to observe and learn how others conduct themselves under pressure. This is better than indulging in a senseless argument or a bitter display of temperament.

There are many fields in which you could successfully apply your talents, such as teaching, writing, sports, military service, medicine, law, and police work. However, you would have to understand the limitations to your freedom that these careers involve. Because you value your freedom, you should determine your priorities before indulging in any worthwhile endeavor. You must be willing to make that investment if you expect to gain prominence and recognition.

You are fairly good-natured and enjoy the company of many friends whom you admire for their own accomplishments. But you can be overbearing in demanding attention and trying to focus discussions on subjects that you are especially knowledgeable about. You have to learn to be a good listener too.

Although you have a highly developed sexual nature, you aren't too successful in overcoming the frustrations involved in satisfying it. Either you want what you can't have, or you've grown disinterested in what you do have. It is obvious that you will have to compensate as much as possible by diverting your energies into satisfying any enjoyable activities. The mate you are looking for is one who can match your physical needs and also be a companion in your other interests.

Somewhat careless about safety precautions, you invite accidents. Take care of any cuts as soon as they happen in order to reduce the possibility of infection.

(Haydn Paul)

You may be confronted with frustrations and a lack of satisfaction with this aspect, partly as a consequence of your own attitudes and style of expression which often spoil your chances for success and fulfilment. You can feel a restless energy seeking release, and this inner agitation linked to strong desires can lead to an uneven and eventful life, resulting from the effects of impulsive and sometimes ill-considered actions. You easily become impatient, especially when results are slow in coming, feeling anger and frustration; your natural reaction then is to apply more force and will-power to attain your aims, but this does not necessarily create the effects you want. By tending to act without prior thought, you often sow the seeds of your future failures, undermining what might have been perfectly reasonable plans if they had been more carefully thought out.

You are a self-seeking individual, looking to impose your presence on society and make a mark on the world. Striving to prove your worth, you may find that by modifying your approach you achieve greater success. You can have plenty of energy and enthusiasm, yet one problem can lie in your ability to direct and focus these along positive and constructive channels. It may be that certain lessons require learning before your path forward opens. More forethought and planning would be helpful, minimising wastage of energy and restrictive directions, enabling you to plan ahead and form contingency routes to surmount any predictable obstacles. Patience is necessary, so that temporary setbacks do not frustrate too much, and you are able to rely on ingenuity and faith in your abilities to persevere. Being able to maintain your directional focus is also important, as there is a tendency to lose confidence and change direction when you hit obstacles and disappointing results.

Changing your relationships may also be a key which benefits you, especially in consciously modifying any tendencies towards arguing, demanding attention, egocentricity and being temperamental. While you can be good company, your lack of tact and diplomacy is sometimes striking; ill-considered impulsive comments may not be appreciated nor any attempts to hijack conversations so that they focus just on you and your interests. You can react against any opposing points of view, often seeing them as a personal attack, rather than carefully listening to see if they offer new perspectives which can enrich your perception and understanding of life or a specific topic.

Sexuality will be a major focus of expression, and your passions will run strongly with this aspect, although there may also be frustrations and constraints facing you. These could range from a lack of a partner, to desiring someone who is unattainable, to falling out of love with a partner. An ideal lover is one who suits your needs on every level, and careful choice needs to be taken in deciding to settle down with anyone, or else you may discover that freedom has been restricted through an impulsive action. Right choices depend on self-knowledge; deepening self-understanding will reveal the type of partner who can complement you. Be wary of allowing a contentious nature to interfere with your intimate relationships, or else they could degenerate into an emotional battlefield. If your sexual energies remain high, and there is little opportunity for a healthy release, then to avoid becoming increasingly irritable and unstable, a redirection into creative channels

may be recommended. Allowing sexual preoccupations to become dominant in the personality is also unwise and rebalancing may be necessary for adjustment.

With several personality modifications, your future can look more promising, and you may direct energies into the spheres of writing, law, medicine, teaching, or military style careers which could suit your temperament, although limitations on freedom may also occur. Freedom is important to you, so you may oppose any demands for commitment made of you, through work or partnership; and, until that issue is resolved, you may feel unable to take full advantage of presented opportunities. If you are confronted with situations which may compromise your freedom, then you react by being less decisive, as you hate feeling imprisoned in any way. Finding employment that allows you scope for movement and independence, and a partner that recognises this need, may be a step in the right direction. Your abilities are present, but may require unlocking to become manifest, yet once they begin to flow can be highly transformative.

40) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Jupiter** - (7°21' A) ☿8 | ♀11

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Jupiter inclines you to react to your experiences with excessive emotion and to fail in making intellectual appraisals. Consequently, you jump to incorrect conclusions, which causes difficulties in solving your problems. Your reasoning is based on such scanty evidence that you often have to withdraw any statements based on it. The fact is, you lack the emotional stability to pursue your investigations and really get at the facts. You are self-indulgent, not too ambitious, and sometimes irresponsible, preferring to live on the fringes of involvement with people and situations. Your fickleness does not endear you to those who support you because you don't seem to really care whether they support you or not. But if they turn from you because of your indifference, you could become bitter, feeling that you've been deserted. Because you lack emotional maturity, you will be passed by when opportunities come up, especially if they are of a serious nature.

You are generous to excess, so you may find that you are always short of funds when you need them most. Taking a course in financial management would teach you not to indulge in reckless credit buying without any means for repayment. This planetary combination means you prefer to take the easiest route to satisfy your desires, and your planning probably does not go beyond the immediate purchase. Credit buying should be avoided or, better still, completely eliminated. Money burns a hole in your pocket because you have very little sales resistance.

You vacillate between periods of intense enthusiasm and periods of complete apathy. You have creative inspiration but are not willing to make the necessary effort to develop and apply it. You feel sorry for yourself because you are getting so little from life, but on the other hand you won't make any investment of yourself.

You should develop a program that will give you strict rules for your financial affairs and help you accept responsibility and plan for the future. There is no other way to set your faculties in proper order. Once you do this, you won't have to settle for routine menial occupations that bore you and infest you with additional lethargy. You can look forward to such interesting fields as law, medicine, home economics, restaurant management, or education. An even better occupation would be in rehabilitation of the handicapped or physical therapy. In such areas you could compare your own situation with the lives of people who have genuine liabilities. That may give you the determination to accomplish some objectives and light the fuse of our creative abilities.

Your physical problems are almost completely the result of overindulgence in food and drink. Avoid rich foods altogether; they only bog down your already sluggish constitution. When you run, let it be as an exercise, not an escape from responsibilities.

41) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (4°21' S) ♄11 | ♅8

(Haydn Paul)

The square aspect tends to indicate great promise which is usually frustrated by the more negative qualities of these two planets. It is the potent dream world that you create which is both the source of your creative potential and the cause of your challenges in actual achievement. The problem is that often your dreams remain just dreams, an inner world into which you retreat, a world that you invest much energy in maintaining. Dreaming becomes too addictive for you, and your life becomes just an unrealised dream.

This frustration is often caused by a lack of self-discipline and too much self-indulgence and time-wasting. Concentration is poor, and discrimination in decision making can be virtually non-existent at times, as well as being hampered by an unconscious attraction towards flawed ideas and projects. The influences of others are powerful, and you are often pulled from side to side as alluring ideas take control of your dreams. Confronting reality and accepting responsibility is not your favourite activity as you prefer to be absorbed within your current 'castle in the sky', which feels emotionally satisfying. You may be capable of spinning great yarns about what you are going to do, but time reveals that usually you are incapable of actually doing anything, except to dream.

Even when you begin to anchor an idea or intention, what occurs is that it is soon revealed to have flaws, in that faulty logic and reasoning have already eroded firm foundations, and it is seen that those ideas lack real substance and an ability to deliver. Financial awareness is another area where you are rarely at your best, due to the distortions of Neptune and the expansive over-reaching of Jupiter. By unwise actions and lack of preparation, you can create financial problems for yourself quite easily. Your nature is a little other-worldly, running away from the realities of the physical-plane life,

and you may have an ongoing struggle to shore up a collapsing ordinary life when your attention has been elsewhere for too long. You tend to become lost in cloudy visions, unable to see clearly through those mists and inner fogs. The real world can feel oppressive and too restricting, and you want to shake it away, yet really you need to properly face it or you will receive many more rude awakenings from those inner dreams.

Yet you are often generous and sympathetic with others, having a good heart which is also liable to be abused and taken advantage of by less understanding people. You can lack discrimination towards those in whom you place your faith and trust. That tendency to be gullible and naive will be present, and you may find that others use you as an excuse for their own failings, placing any blame on your shoulders. There can be the 'victim syndrome' operating through your unintegrated Neptune. Because both of these planets have similar characteristics, it is likely that you will express both of their more negative dimensions. This can cause a blockage in action, a hesitancy over decisionmaking. You can become like a seeker of a dream, frustrated by always looking and never finding. Eventually you may even become apathetic at the failure of your attempts and surrender hopes of ever achieving success.

Relationships can pose problems; distortions and misunderstandings may be common, your consistency questioned, or a liability to be emotionally abused is likely. Offering your heart to unsuitable lovers is probably inevitable at some point. What keeps you going? Dreams.... You dream of exotic adventures, exotic lands, exotic mysteries. You find it very difficult to settle in this world. A tendency of restless wanderlust is common, on physical, emotional and mental levels. Contentment is rarely found. Yet it need not be like this, as many of these frustrations are of your own making, and certainly the potential is there waiting to find channels of expression through a disciplined control being applied. It may be difficult, but facing reality, conforming to its restrictive limitations and learning how to be more practical could be the key to success. Some of those private dreams could become real if you became more concentrated and dedicated to achieving one at a time, instead of withdrawing when the going gets tough. The first step is to become aware of your receptive patterns, to see how they operate, see what consequences occur, see the point where things fall apart. Then, resolve to change that pattern, put more thought into building the dream, more realistic self-evaluation, more discipline and effort placed into making that intention successful. By slowing the process down, and by applying yourself more consciously to what you are doing, you may be able to transform this pattern of frustration into one of future success - it could be well worth the effort.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Neptune shows you have creative potentials that need only self-discipline and control to become activated. You are excessively self-indulgent, so the dreams you create never have the slightest chance of being realized. You tend to

reject any social burden as being too demanding of your time. Yet you casually waste your time elsewhere and offer yourself to projects of questionable validity, although you don't see them in that light. You are gullible and easily influenced by others to adopt their attitudes.

Your greatest problem is in overextending yourself in buying on credit. There is no excuse for not using your intellect to determine how far you can indulge yourself before you land in trouble. Your higher mental faculties are in good order, but you don't want to face reality and responsibility. Your lines of reasoning are somewhat distorted, and your vision is clouded. Don't be a sucker for deceptive advertisements - they're designed to sway you and others with your vulnerable temperament.

You are sympathetic and kindly toward others, but it may be a mistake to extend yourself to people who will take advantage of your unselfish nature. In your professional work, be extra careful and don't take any chances. If an accident can happen, it will happen to you. Openly discuss who will be permitted to have classified information, and rigidly adhere to the decision. You could easily be the fall guy when there is an infraction of the rules. Mind your own business, and don't discuss your personal life with anyone. When you speak, you often reveal secrets without realizing it.

It would be wise for you to avoid any discussion about religion or occult matters in general. You are not temperamentally equipped to defend your position in such a conversation. Be hesitant and cautious in everything you do, and try not to emotionalize your romantic attachments. When you do, others may get the impression that you would indulge in escapades even with someone whose ethics and spiritual values were unacceptable.

42) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♁ **Uranus** - (5°25' A) ♄1 | ♁10

(Haydn Paul)

The main theme of this square is the likely dominance of the Saturn qualities and a repression of the Uranus ones, with a personality expression being restricted by responding to the Saturn viewpoint on life.

This will be seen in a preference for the familiar and known, both in a ready acceptance of social convention (which in its reactionary phase is often rooted in a backwardslooking perception of a 'return to a golden age'), and in the desire for a personal life lived in a controlled, predictable manner and in a stable environment. The personal identity will be focused within strictly defined parameters, with self-imposed limitations on freedom of choice and action, wrapped around with concepts of allowable thoughts, emotions and physical acts. Much of this is a protective guard against the actual insecurity of life, and emerges from a personality that is afraid to relax fully and which is inwardly insecure.

Difficulties may arise in life when you are attempting to solve problems by applying existing attitudes which then fail to work. You often find the need for change deeply disturbing, and have an intuitive fear that if you allow that process to occur, then your life would fall apart. When you have to make decisions regarding new situations, you can find it hard to make a final choice, unless you discover a way to do so which reinforces your existing attitudes and preferences; if it involves a new direction, then you become uneasy, trying to find a way to retreat back towards your old familiar patterns.

In those attempts to impose control on life, you can be too dictatorial or authoritarian in your relations with others, perhaps through an insistence upon your point of view being right, or in having everything done in an established manner without deviation. Your life can become highly patterned, locking you into a circumscribed experience of life. This can define your identity for you, offering a way for you to evade those feelings of insecurity and lack of real confidence; but this will restrict you taking advantage of many opportunities in life. Often, you seek social status or approval in order to gain a reflected sense of self-worth.

Denying the Uranian vibration of change can lead to problems of life adaptation and inner tensions, especially as there will be an underlying struggle between an affinity with traditional patterns and an attraction and fear of something new being released into your life. Saturn will embody the more inflexible end of the square; and if you begin to respond to Uranus (or a transit stimulates its activity), then these inhibiting patterns will begin to be eroded and destroyed. Part of you - a repressed aspect - would secretly love to break free of all binding ties, to become unconventional and liberated; if the pressures rise too strongly, then attempts to throw off self-imposed shackles may be made, just to release the tensions. Marriages and careers can be destroyed through such activity, with the end result being a collapse of existing patterns with no real comprehension of how to build a more suitable lifestyle, and just a feeling of an inner void and loss of direction being common. Ongoing transformation is the wisest course of action, as the transitions move more smoothly and the person is capable of slowly adjusting to new ways in a more harmonious manner, integrating the arising new tendencies more successfully and easily.

Even within these Saturnine confines, the Uranian undercurrent is at work. The operation of your mind - where you focus yourself in order to control life - is more inconsistent and contradictory than you believe. Others probably notice this; but you will oppose any attempts to point this out to you, in your belief in your logic and rationality. Yet in the background of your mind lurk those more eccentric ideas, thoughts, desires and emotions that you rarely acknowledge. Sometimes, the strains of living with denied aspects can make you touchy in relationships, where people have to treat you in certain ways so as to avoid 'triggering those buttons' which stimulate areas in you that you choose not to explore. For real health, these need to rise into the light, so that the pressures and energies can be released, and that you can integrate parts of your being. If you choose not to, it is likely that at some point in life, Uranus will erupt with a

vengeance, and sweep away all those pretences, patterns and controlled lifestyle, forcing you to confront your denied selves and to change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square between Saturn and Uranus refers to the difficulty you have in making decisions, especially when old attitudes must yield to the process of change. It is the kind of apprehension you may have experienced when you learned to drive a car after going everywhere on a bicycle. Your fear in unfamiliar situations is really the only deterrent to your progress.

Perhaps you were so conditioned by parental discipline that you still look for approval before asserting your creative potentials. It is probably more difficult for you to break with the past than for most people, but it is imperative that you do. Your future depends on successfully breaking old ties, even if it means alienating others. You may be 'reminded' that you can't do this or that because you're not old enough or you lack the experience, but you must persist. Once you overcome your fear of the untried, you can climb to any level you choose.

You are especially suited to work in large organizations where the sky's the limit for your potentials. You have sufficient self-regard to know your limitations; and once you recognize your own worth, success will be yours. Your respect for the lessons of the past should serve you well in the pursuit of your goals. Politics, industry, science, research, and even the occult fields would benefit from your contribution.

You must be prepared for occasional setbacks and reverses, but these will make your credentials more secure and establish your worth in the eyes of those who need your talents. Success sometimes is made more precious by the failures encountered along the way.

In your personal relationships, this dynamic planetary combination suggests that you will seek out people who will give you approval. Don't underestimate your virtues, which include a sense of responsibility and the ability to give form to your ideas. Saturn opposition Uranus (Haydn Paul)

With the opposition, you will tend to project inner tensions outwards onto others through your social and intimate relationships. These tensions arise as a result of the clash of the Saturn and Uranus energy patterns within you, and will continue to remain operating until you succeed in resolving the causes of the inner friction, through transforming the relationship of Saturn to Uranus.

You may feel torn between two polarised directions, past-future, order-chaos, orthodox-unorthodox, stability-change. This may make it difficult for you to decide on life directions, or you may become biased towards one pole to the repeated exclusion of the

other, and some degree of repression of the ignored planetary qualities will occur. This can give you a hard edge to your personality, which is partly a result of trying to maintain a fixed inner centre against the other inner planetary attraction. You prefer to remain clearly in control, but can express this with what seems to others an overly aggressive approach.

There can be a lack of relaxed relationships, partly because you have a competitive attitude and desire to become personally important and authoritative in a social sense. It is doubtful if you will have many close friendships, because of an attitude of exclusion and distancing that you put up around yourself.

One area that can create conflict for you is a lack of openness to others, and that attitude of righteous knowing; this can block any real relationship from occurring, and often will generate antagonism from others, who look for opportunities to 'bring you down'. Learning to listen more to what others have to say is one lesson you need to apply; there is something of value to be gained from communication with every person, because the wisdom of the whole is reflected through each individual, and the routes that guidance and messages can take are infinite in variety. If you are not open to the world and people, you will miss them, and just circle around in your own limited world. Life can be greatly enriched by sharing with others in an attitude of equality. Co-operation and compromise should then flow by such an adjustment in your attitude to others, as you break down that restrictive egocentric shell.

It is likely that the Uranian energies will be less expressed than the Saturnian ones, so some degree of rebalancing may be required to free that planetary influence. This can be released through personal creativity and allowing yourself to be more free and less tightly bound. This can involve the dissolution of limiting self-images, and an inner granting of freedom to others, so that you do not insist that they conform to your image of them. Often you attempt to direct their lives for them, especially in the more personal sphere of relationships, because it makes you feel able to control life. In the way that you are applying this, the results just inhibit a vibrant life.

The Uranian characteristics can also emerge if you become involved in social reforming groups, where you may release that aspect of your nature in an active manner through questioning the Establishment. What you may have to be wary of is a bias towards Uranus that leads to losing the awareness of the essential Saturn values in life. What you should be aiming towards is a way to create a workable balance between these energies within your own nature and through relationships, so that the positive aspects of each can shine through.

Saturn square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the tense aspects between Saturn and Uranus, the planets express themselves much as they do in the conjunct, but with more unrest. The shaping of our lives is continually disrupted by Uranus, or we leave most things half-finished. Uranus spoils the patterns we are so busily weaving. We never settle down: something always crops up to force a change of plan; something new always has to be incorporated in the schedule. With a hard aspect between Saturn and Uranus, we often undergo several (possibly quite radical) transformations, partly of our own volition and partly because we unconsciously attract them.

But when we strive in Uranian fashion for individual development and personal renewal, the strain set up by Saturn produces a certain amount of anxiety, and we have to overcome all sorts of inner and / or outer resistance; also it is hard to envisage the most suitable form for development to take. Though doing our best to break away, we still seem bound by certain formalities (for example, by having to give long notice before we can leave a job), and thus suffer conflicts between personal freedom on the one hand, and rules and regulations on the other hand. However, the tense aspects supply sufficient energy for coping with these conflicts.

Because of the inhibiting effect of Saturn, we seldom rush headlong into new ventures and seldom feel inclined to break links with the past. Yet, because of the restlessness induced by Uranus, we have no wish to become ossified. Although this is a tense, unsettling combination, it provides the chance to look for new ways of expressing ourselves within existing forms, or of adapting our life-style to our individuality. And this is something for which we are prepared to struggle hard.

43) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°16' A) ☿1 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

With this aspect, it is likely that you will feel quite restricted by social and environmental constraints, and that the influence of the society in which you live will have considerable impact upon your life, often appearing to be a negative one.

Frustration appears to be inevitable; and you may feel that you are having to carry 'a burden for society', where you are involved in some way with a personal responsibility for some of society's troubles. This could be a form of work which takes you into problem areas, or even a sense of inner attunement to the suffering of the world. There is a form of linking between your personal unfoldment and growth and the struggles of mass humanity, one which you may experience or interpret in a peculiarly masochistic manner, or use as an excuse for personal failings.

Some of this tendency could arise from earlier life and parental relationships and

conditioning, possibly from environmental deprivation of lack of fulfilling and meaningful contact with your parents and family. This can lead to a pattern of personal disappointments and lack of essential trust in life and the world, leaving you emotionally marked and feeling insecure in your own abilities and talents. You may feel 'hard done by', and feel envious of others who appear to be enjoying life and succeeding; there can be a 'chip on your shoulder' and a corrosive inner bitterness affecting your basic attitude.

When you do make extra efforts to make progress towards your aims, you often feel that you are being strangely hindered by events, people and circumstances which arise to frustrate, divert and block your attempts. Even though it may not appear so, this is likely to be the result in the outer world of inner projections, where through your own attitudes of defeatism and fear of success you trigger a reaction in the world to oppose you. You can create your own failure without consciously realising it.

You tend to be searching for status, power and the opportunity to influence people's lives, much in the same way that you feel your own life has been affected by nameless unknown others who make socially influential decisions. There is an element of wanting to dominate within you, possibly to 'get your own back' through blaming others for any problems that you have had.

To transform this oppressive pattern of limitation, you will need to radically alter your outlook on life and your self. The Pluto energy will help you to achieve this; and the first step is to draw back all the projections that you are overlaying on the world, and to recognise those that place the reason for failure 'out there'. You need to accept responsibility for your own life, decisions and choices, and begin to take control instead of being a frustrated, passive reactor.

Many have transcended difficult environmental barriers through assertiveness and effort of will, succeeding in breaking limitations and creating a life that satisfies them; and you need not be the exception to this possibility: the solution lies in your own psyche.

Choose to change, observe the repetitive patterns of excuses and lack of commitment to succeed, and then override them through discipline and concentrated will. You are that 'mysterious barrier' opposing your own efforts; release the negativity that you cling to, and it will seem that a new world will open up for you, where you can begin to make progress, a world where more light can penetrate and illuminate the darkness.

Remember, it is your own choice to remake your own life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Pluto shows that early in life you became a 'sore loser'. If you thought you couldn't win at a game, you just wouldn't play. Later, you associated with kids who were either weaker or younger in order to guarantee your supremacy over them. You lacked the generosity to admit that others might be more qualified than you. This attitude, in time, has become unacceptable in your relationships with others. You

are emotionally insecure, and your value-judgements are unrealistic.

You are inclined to defensively avoid social responsibility, viewing it as an obstacle rather than an opportunity. You overdramatize the loss of personal freedom in fulfilling your duties. If forced to submit to them, you may become bitter and resort to extremes to get out of your obligation.

Your professional life will be full of difficulties until you change your attitude. Your superiors will not tolerate your attempts to grasp control. If you are willing to serve until you can demonstrate your readiness to handle authority, you may be accepted. But you are impatient and resent the time-consuming effort required to reach the top by the usual methods.

You need advisors to assess your capabilities and help you determine what your goals should be. Your desires are unrealistic in the light of the resources you have to satisfy them. Status and its accompanying security have a high priority in your life. But resisting the demands of your superiors will only complicate getting what you want.

You are envious of those in powerful positions who have wealth and social status. You project this resentment, and others feel threatened by you. Correct this by developing skills through education. In this way you will meet and associate with co-workers on a mutual level. Also you will clarify your goals and be able to work out a methodical plan for success.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche may remain subconscious. There may be attempts to rationalize fears or to avoid facing them. When personal security patterns are threatened, the subconscious drive to control life events may become apparent.

If there are not ties to personal planets, this aspect indicates people who were raised in a manipulative atmosphere, but they didn't feel it personally. When personal planets are involved, these people may unconsciously attack traditional authority figures, starting with the father. There may be little respect for the family traditions or for those within the community, or little respect for accepted standards.

Saturn in Gemini / Cancer square Pluto in Libra (June 1973 - May 1975) indicates the following pattern: Saturn (if in Cancer) says 'I regard emotions with caution, I take emotional situations seriously, I fear that I lack emotion or emotional response in my life.' Pluto in Libra is unconsciously motivated to be a part of an elite group. The elite group (or special group) will be chosen by each of these individuals and formed by the personal environment. The father may have encouraged them to forego emotional contacts in favor of public acceptance. As adults, the aspect indicates a need to handle the conflict between personal emotional needs and the attitudes of peers. If they were

born in an environment of 'free love' they will curb their emotional fears and try not to be possessive, but underneath they really will be. If the world moves into a spiritual phase and emphasizes the depersonalization of emotional values, these people will have another conflict to work out - for they need love and emotional security in the personal sense.

The father was manipulative in some way; the secret of understanding the kind of manipulation or control involved will be shown by the other aspects to the Sun and Saturn, as well as by the houses involved. If one is to free oneself from the power of the father image, the aspect need to be understood. Often these people will imitate the father's pattern in adult life, attempting to control those around them in a similar manner.

Saturn square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter lifestyle and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance.

Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

44) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°08' S) ♄ 9 | ♅ 1

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between your Sun and Saturn shows that your drive to achieve success will be easier than for most others because you do not find it difficult to accept responsibility. There is no need to struggle for mastery over the circumstances of your life because you inherently know how to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. Almost without effort you can mobilize your talents creatively to gain your objectives. You know you are loved, and you know you have talent. Because you are reasonably sure of yourself, there are few impediments to your rise to success.

There are a great many occupations in which you can express your creative potentials and become successful while making an important contribution. Conservation, law, politics, industrial management, architecture, market speculation, land development, or park and recreational management - these are just a few of the fields to which your talents could be applied. You are only moderately ambitious, but you can climb to important positions as long as you know that your abilities are needed.

You may not be lucky in the usual sense of the world, but you have a knack for doing the right thing at the right time to achieve the best results. Regardless of the partner you choose, you will bring much stability to the relationship. Your partner must be sincere, creative, and self-disciplined, and have reasonably well-defined goals. If your partner has to work hard to get anywhere, you will be the sustaining force, because of your attentiveness and your faith in the good outcome of such a quest.

This planetary combination shows general good health, probably because you care enough about yourself to pay attention to good healthful habits.

(Haydn Paul)

The trine helps to reconcile these two planetary energies more successfully, and there is less evidence of any underlying Saturnian tendency to restrict and limit. The positive qualities and abilities of Sun-Saturn contacts are present; responsibility, selfdiscipline, practicality, patience, organisation, reliability, concentration, determination, persistence and honesty. These can all be used to further your ambitions, although you may need to be wary of innate Saturn tendencies towards caution which may prevent you taking

advantage of all opportunities.

Determining your solar purpose and tapping into that power will be most important in applying these energies and qualities, and gaining insight into your life direction may be a necessary first step to achieve before this trine can be used positively. As you can move through life smoothly without facing obstructive challenges, you may not always feel the need to draw upon your full potential. You are attracted towards having a 'comfortable life', and with your self-confidence and creativity expect that this will naturally come to pass.

You should be able to use personal qualities and resources effectively, especially to produce an intended practical result, and you probably have a sense of appropriate timing which ensures that your actions are successful. This can be used in a variety of employments and careers, especially management, law, politics, conservation, financial services and organisational posts. You will enjoy assuming any positions of responsibility, but you may experience inner resistances in any environment that is undergoing rapid change due to social or technological progress, as this can clash with your innate conservatism and preference for the familiar.

Your lifestyle is likely to reflect mainstream social attitudes, and you will try to develop it in a moderate and balanced manner, looking to create solid foundations and financial security. You prefer life to feel stable and almost predictable, and will take each step onwards with a patient attitude, usually rejecting any chances that may lead to speedier progress yet which also may lead to failure. A personal philosophy and value system will be established, and once you feel comfortable with your unique worldview you may evade situations which offer valid alternatives to your chosen perspective. In this context, the Saturnian rigidity may act as a limitation, but as your conformity is grounded within established social values, this should not work against you in achieving your ambitions.

Choosing a right partner is important, as he / she needs to be similar in nature to yourself, either wholeheartedly supporting your aims, or alternatively pursuing his / her own ambitions. Career and social involvement is the probable sphere of mutual endeavour, and personal honesty and integrity are qualities that are expected, as is stability and responsibility in your partnership. Balance and moderation are two keynotes that will apply across your whole nature and lifestyle, and this will be reflected in your good health and sense of well-being. Feeling respected and loved by others, and acknowledging your own talents, will amplify your self-worth so that you can move confidently onwards on your solar path.

45) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°44' A) ☿8 | ♀12

(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.

46) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (4°44' S) ♀12 | ♀8

(Haydn Paul)

The energies of the trine should enable you to become a practical idealist, where the spheres of personal relationships and social obligations are highlighted in your experience. Mars will provide you with a powerhouse of energy to use, and Neptune will indicate suitable directions for expression.

This will be through a heart sensitivity to the problems of others, either individually or on a more impersonal, collective scale, and you will feel motivated to share in aspects of social responsibility. Fortunately, most of your personal aims can be achieved within such a framework, and so you may be attracted towards socially orientated work, especially in the fields of welfare, medicine, community aid and physical therapy. In such ways, you feel able to share your energy by supporting others who may be struggling in life, perhaps through ill-health, disadvantaged social conditions, or family problems. There is a natural sympathy, and your compassionate approach will often lead to many sharing their problems with you. It may be that at times you will need to cleanse yourself of 'accumulated suffering' absorbed from such work, and forms of negativity-releasing meditations or psychic protection are advised; otherwise, you may experience your level of vitality dropping under the burdens that you choose to take.

Even if you do not adopt the Neptunian way as a profession, your closer social friends will recognise this quality of support within you, and will often turn to you for a helping hand and a listening heart, coming away feeling less burdened, more inspired and sharing in your confident energy that all will be right (or that they can at least cope successfully). This is an aspect of a healing energy that you can transmit, and which is often connected to an acute inner sensitivity to the environment and people's emotions. This empathy is a key to your potential effectiveness in relationships, an intuitive knowing of how to respond and what type of support can be offered. Some may consciously gravitate towards areas of spiritual / occult healing techniques, and this could be an effective channel to explore.

Your intimate love life should be reasonably satisfying, often with a strong emphasis on physical and heart energies, possibly with some intense and passionate romances. Once you settle with a stable partner, you will appreciate those deep emotional bonds, those subtle empathies and feelings of real relationship that can be established through mutual love. Generally, your partnerships are honest and direct: friendship and goodwill for each other are strong, and genuine feelings for people with whom you have shared

intimacies can still persist even after a relationship has ceased. Some relationships end in perpetual bitterness and mutual conflict; but whilst recognising that love can fade, you prefer to separate on good terms. People can benefit through contact with you, and finding a suitable partner can offer you an opportunity for considerable mutual inner growth and enjoyment.

There can be an attraction towards more dramatic expressions of the energies of these two planets, perhaps one where flamboyance is possible, such as the theatre, acting, dance, or where physical culture is emphasised. In some, the Martian energy to act is focused through spheres of Neptunian creativity, design, art, literature, film, photography. The trine often appears in charts of creative people, as the energy helps the process of anchoring the idea, vision or intention. You should find that you can achieve your goals, making the most out of the potential and opportunities that are presented to you; allowing scope to your imagination and then acting on it is the key to success.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Mars and Neptune shows that you have successfully integrated your aggressive and desirous nature with your social responsibilities. You can satisfy personal goals and objectives without sacrificing your impersonal obligations. Because you understand your deepest biological urges, you are able to control them, realizing there is a time and a season for everything. You are sympathetic with those who are less fortunate in managing their impulses, and readily 'lend an ear' when others want to unburden themselves or discuss their problems. Your inner perception is highly developed to detect sincerity or dishonesty in people.

Your inspiration and driving ambition to serve others are particularly suited to welfare programs, medicine, law, or physical therapy. Your healing abilities would astonish even a professional practitioner, who may not realize that your success results from helping people cope with spiritual as well as physical problems. You would bring special insight to psychology, group encounter therapy, and other rehabilitative techniques.

If you are motivated to seek personal acclaim, you could pursue a theatrical career as an actor, dancer, or stage designer. You have a flair for effective delivery, and your sensitivity brings out a warm, emotional response in others.

Your romantic life is uncomplicated but still very exciting. Because of your poise and personal dignity, you enjoy warm and tender relationships with the opposite sex. You maintain honest and sincere ties with those you love, and willingly sever ties with those whose interest in you seems to be waning. Their love may fade, but they will never fail to respect you completely for all your good qualities. You hold others simply by your magnetism, charm and sociability, and you know how to bring enthusiasm and joy into the life of the one you love.

47) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ☾ **North-Node** - (7°22' A) ♅11 | ♃3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates that the natives' moral and religious values are compatible with those of the society in which they live. For this reason, they are likely to gain prominence in the religious and social institutions of their culture. Their instinctive ability to flow with prevailing trends brings popularity and financial gain.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Financial good luck and material success without sacrificing any Karmic debt is seen in this aspect. These people have happy-go-lucky attitudes and philosophies. As a result, they minimize internal friction or strain on their soul work. In this aspect, proper use of knowledge and wisdom is shown by the individual. Their philanthropic attitude does help them bring their status to the desired level in terms of spirituality and worldliness. This aspect does make the person take life very easily; and as a result, if the chart has some stressful squares, these people have difficulty handling the tensions in life. Often birth into an above-average family is noticed, or at least achievement of status during their life can be seen.

(Donna van Toen)

Much like Jupiter conjunct North Node. Ability to get along easily with others makes growth an instinctive process.

Jupiter trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A harmonious relationship to other persons, adaptability, meeting other people half-way, a sense of tact. Entering into advantageous associations, getting engaged or married, the gaining of advantages in business together with other people, the good luck to find a good partner.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

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