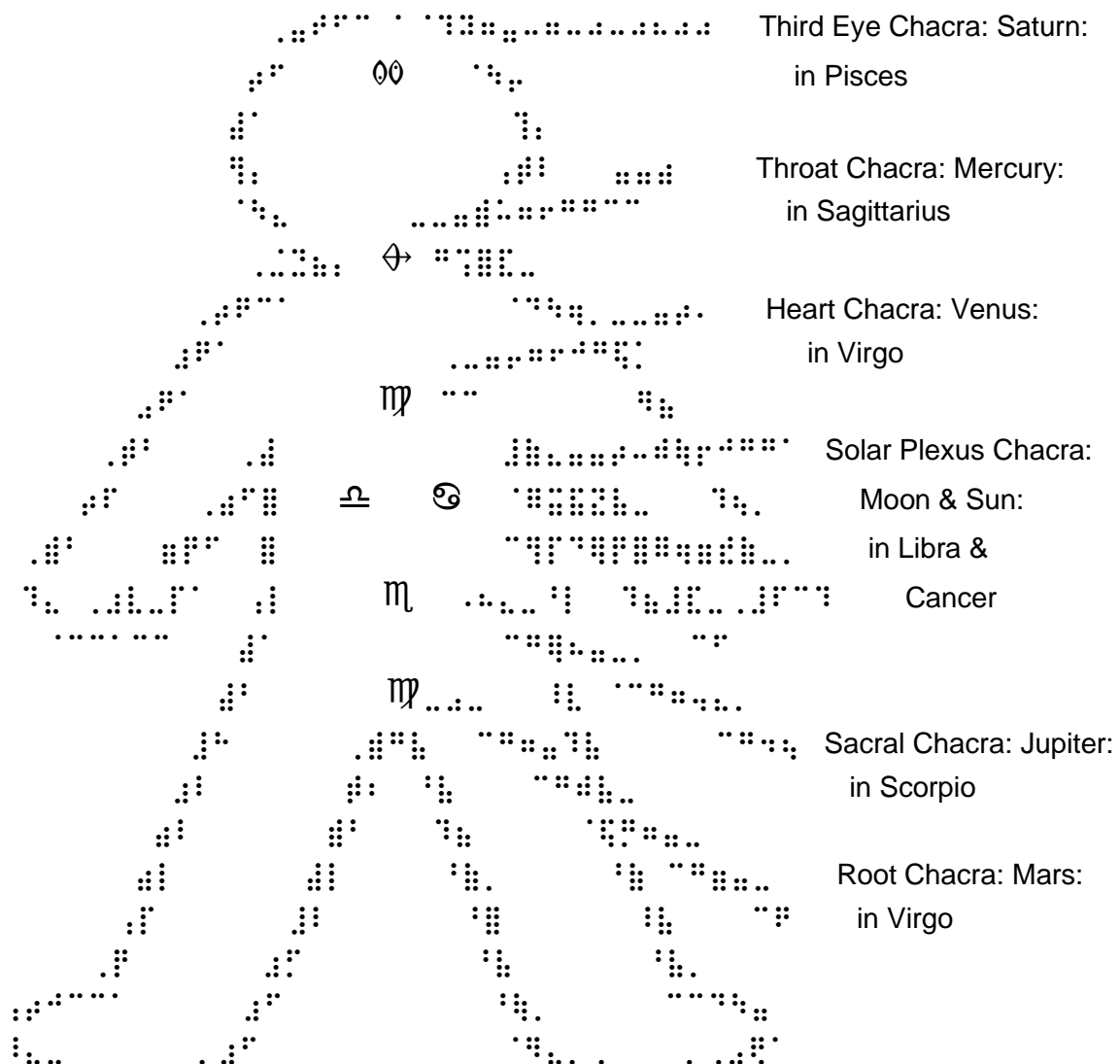


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Summaries

Cancer Sun ☉ ☿ and ♎ ☾ Libra Moon woman

([757] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Judgmental Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Providential, caring and sociable;

Negatives: Misguided, inhibited and hostile;

Perfect partner: Someone who will give them all the stability they need;

Advice: They should worry less about things they can't control.

Sun ☉ in II 2nd House

([860] i.thehoroscope.co)

Self-confident charmers - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, intuitive and witty;

Challenges: Possessive and somewhat controlling;

Advice: They shouldn't let their pride cloud their judgment.

Moon ☾ in V 5th House

([876] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Magnetic, passionate and enthusiastic;

Challenges: Dramatism and coldness;

Advice: Learn to let inhibitions aside.

Neutral: They should pay more attention to their feelings

Moon ☾ in 15th Nakshatra: Swati

Short Version [2]

Strength: clever in trade, commerce and business, seeks the truth, tender, kind, accurate, finds lowest common denominator, optimistic, involved in spiritual or humanitarian causes, enjoys the company of religious or well integrated people, enjoys travel, interest in science and philosophy, independent, persuasive communication style, disciplined, friendly, pure, desires harmony, honest, and rational.

Weakness: restless, unable to recognize own limitations resulting in loss of money, reputation and status, spendthrift, critical, quiet, monastic, reclusive, secretive, hidden passions, creative and absurd thinker, vulnerable, easily influenced by others, focused on personal gain, lack of interest in family life, and temperamental.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in first pada

(6°40'-10°00' degrees Libra): Sagittarius navamsa. You are always curious to learn something new and aren't afraid to ask questions — your curiosity also extends to a love for travel. Working to improve the welfare of others is important to you, and you're likely to give generously to charities and engage in other works of philanthropy. However, you can be proud.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♊ Sagittarius woman

([901] i.thehoroscope.co)

An uninhibited woman - In a nutshell:

Positives: Open-minded and productive;
Negatives: Argumentative and difficult;
Soulmate: Someone who is just as freedom-seeking;
Life lesson: Avoiding to feel trapped in others' mind games.

Mercury ☿ in VII 7th House

([914] i.thehoroscope.co)

Hard to impress - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, expansive and affectionate;
Challenges: Difficult, vain and indecisive;
Advice: They should try their hand at different activities and not hesitate.

Venus ♀ in ♍ Virgo woman

([932] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Presentable and selective;
Negatives: Confusing and obsessive;
Soulmate: Someone who will help her look at the big picture;
Life lesson: Being kinder and more understanding to those close.

Venus ♀ in IV 4th House

([948] i.thehoroscope.co)

Creators of a loving atmosphere - Summary:

Strengths: Balanced, domestic and sentimental;
Challenges: Obstinate and overly indulging;
Advice: Happiness comes and goes but emotional health is more important.
Neutral: A need to help others

Mars ♂ in ♍ Virgo woman

([968] i.thehoroscope.co)

High standards throughout - In a nutshell:

Positives: Diligent and organized;
Negatives: Controlling and obstinate;
Soulmate: Someone who is just as methodical as she is;
Life lesson: To not let herself overwhelmed by responsibilities.
Neutral: Carefully deliberated decisions

Mars ♂ in IV 4th House

([984] i.thehoroscope.co)

Doing what makes them happiest - Summary:

Strengths: Protective, empathic and domestic;
Challenges: Instinctual and passive-aggressive;
Advice: Being even more attentive to the needs of those close.

Jupiter ♃ in ♏ Scorpio woman

([1000] i.thehoroscope.co)

Enigmatic and multit talented - In a nutshell:

Style: Intuitive and magnetic;
Top qualities: Self-reliant, demonstrative and ingenious;
Weaknesses: Temperamental and prone to exaggerations;
Advice: Sometimes, you are encouraged to slow down from your rush.

Jupiter ♃ in VI 6th House

([1010] i.thehoroscope.co)

In continuous transformation - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, generous and talented;
Challenges: Naïve and distracted;
Advice: They need to learn how to accept criticism too.

Saturn ♄ in ♓ Pisces woman

([1028] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Mystical and trustworthy;
Top qualities: Creative, spiritual and endearing;
Challenges: Oversensitive and pessimistic;
Advice: Leaving the past aside will do you great good.

Saturn ♄ in X 10th House

([1038] i.thehoroscope.co)

A great deal of personal aspirations - Summary:

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

Uranus ♅ in ♉ Taurus woman

([1042] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Insightful and subjective;
Top qualities: Idealistic, practical and generous;
Challenges: Materialistic and stubborn;
Advice: You can receive new insight from people you would never expect.

Uranus ♅ in XII 12th House

([1064] i.thehoroscope.co)

A sociable companion - Summary:

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

Neptune ♆ in ♐ Sagittarius woman

([1073] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Exploring and demonstrative;
Top qualities: Mysterious, adventurous, revealing;
Challenges: Personal struggles and indecisiveness;
Advice: Sometimes you are completely tactless.

Neptune ♆ in VII 7th House

([1083] i.thehoroscope.co)

An altruistic personality - Summary:

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

Pluto ♇ in ♒ Aquarius woman

([1099] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Original and independent;
Top qualities: Adaptable, relaxed and eager;
Challenges: Extremist and undecided;
Advice: Beware of compulsive behaviors.

Pluto ♇ in IX 9th House

([1109] i.thehoroscope.co)

Inspirational personalities - Summary:

Strengths: Curious, profound and creative;
Challenges: Self-absorbed, sloppy and criticizing;
Advice: They should aspire to higher ideals.

North Node ♎ in ♎ Libra

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;
Challenges: Selfish and impulsive
Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

South Node ♈ in ♈ Aries

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;
Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;
Willing to meet others' expectations, Giving more importance to feelings than to physicality

North Node ♋ in ♋ 5th House (Leo)

([1117] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Spiritual, objective and adventuresome;
Challenges: Vain, isolated and overly emotional
Working from the shadows, A need of changes and transformations

South Node ♊ in ♊ XI 11th House (Aquarius)

([1135] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Supportive, confident and balanced;
Challenges: Criticizing, rushed and harsh;
Conscious of themselves and their purpose, They're outrageous on purpose

(Black Moon) Lilith ♋ in ♋ Pisces

([1148] elsaelsa.com)

Street Saint

(Black Moon) Lilith ♋ in ♋ X 10th House

([1158] elsaelsa.com)

Dark Reputation

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°42') ☿2 | ♀10

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

Opportunities: 1. Mastering relationships 2. Chasing your heart

Challenges: 1. Avoiding impulsive decisions 2. Accepting Criticism

► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°32') ♃7 | ♃4

([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 ☉ Sun** - (6°39' A) ♃1 | ☿2

([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

► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (6°19' S) ♃4 | ♃4

([57] astromatrix.org;) I Did It My Way

Opportunities: 1. Following Your Goals Independently 2. Building a Physically Active Career

Challenges: 1. Learning to Cooperate 2. Learning from Advice

► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (9°15' A) ♃4 | ♃4

([40] astromatrix.org;) The Sensualist

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

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

► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♀ Lilith** - (7°20' A) ♀10 | ♀10

([630] astromatrix.org;) Overcoming hidden fears

Opportunities: 1. Conquering your fears & phobias 2. Finding ways to nurture your spirit

Challenges: 1. Overcoming your wild side 2. Maintaining your identity

► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (5°15' S) ♃4 | ♀10

([634] astromatrix.org;)

Opportunities: 1. Dropping codependency 2. Exploring various relationships

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

► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (4°00' A) ♃4 | ♀10

([635] astromatrix.org;) Unpacking your desires

Opportunities: 1. Deeper understanding of sexual energy 2. Transforming areas of disempowerment

Challenges: 1. Dealing with triggering experiences 2. Postively transforming rage

► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Mercury** - (3°26' A) ♄5 | ♃7

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

Opportunities: 1. Letting Your Curiosity Run Free 2. Embracing Your Intuitive Insights

Challenges: 1. Gaining Internal Balance 2. Making a Social Contribution

► **Midheaven** MC **Square** ♀ **Mercury** - (6°33' S) ♃4 | ♃7

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

Opportunities: 1. Going Deep into Your Interests 2. Finding an Intellectual Career

Challenges: 1. Choosing Some Interests over Others 2. Being Present when Speaking

► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ☾ **Moon** - (7°05' S) ♃2 | ♄5

([373] astromatrix.org;) Me Against You

Opportunities: 1. Following Your Essence 2. Getting Beyond Ego-Motivations

Challenges: 1. Embracing Interdependence in Your Life 2. Evolving Past Your Conflictual Tendencies

► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°14' A) ♃7 | ♃4

([404] astromatrix.org;) The Chatterbox

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Others 2. Caring for Your Body

Challenges: 1. Admitting You're Wrong 2. De-Egofying Your Beliefs

► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **Lilith** - (3°46' A) ♃7 | ♀10

([654] astromatrix.org;) Stressed Personality

Opportunities: 1. Validating emotions allows greater motivation 2. Strengthening head and heart connection

Challenges: 1. Comprehending others' expectations 2. Avoiding distractions by desires

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (6°45' S) ♃2 | ♀10

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

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

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

► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (6°26' S) ♃6 | ♀10

([650] astromatrix.org;) Freedom comes above everything

Opportunities: 1. Unleashing your best self 2. Intellectual expansion

Challenges: 1. Adjusting to the norms 2. Working on Self-Acceptance

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 ♄ Saturn** - (0°48') ♀1 | ♀10
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°11') ♀4 | ♀10
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°05') ♀7 | ♀12
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°28') ♀10 | ♀12
- 5) ► **Mercury ♀ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°32') ♀7 | ♀4
- 6) ► **Mercury ♀ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°26') ♀7 | ♀7
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°58') ♀4 | ♀7
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ Pluto** - (0°23') ♀6 | ♀9
- 9) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ South-Node** - (1°56') ♀6 | ♀11
- 10) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (0°17') ♀10 | ♀12
- 11) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♄ North-Node** - (1°08') ♀10 | ♀5
- 12) ► **Pluto ♄ Parallel ♄ South-Node** - (1°33') ♀9 | ♀11
- 13) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (6°19' S) ♀4 | ♀4
- 14) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♄ Neptune** - (2°58' A) ♀7 | ♀7
- 15) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (9°15' A) ♀4 | ♀4
- 16) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ♄ North-Node** - (3°55' S) ♀6 | ♀5
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♄ Neptune** - (3°41' S) ♀2 | ♀7
- 18) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (7°32' S) ♀4 | ♀9
- 19) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (3°20' A) ♀4 | ♀10
- 20) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Uranus** - (2°14' S) ♀6 | ♀12
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♄ Uranus** - (2°33' A) ♀2 | ♀12
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Mercury** - (3°26' A) ♀5 | ♀7
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (1°11' S) ♀4 | ♀6
- 24) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♄ Neptune** - (4°00' A) ♀6 | ♀7
- 25) ► **Neptune ♄ Sextile ♄ Pluto** - (2°21' S) ♀7 | ♀9
- 26) ► **Neptune ♄ Sextile ♄ North-Node** - (0°05' A) ♀7 | ♀5
- 27) ► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (7°05' S) ♀2 | ♀5

- 28) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°14' A) ♄7 | ♀4
- 29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°34' A) ♄7 | ♀10
- 30) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (6°58' A) ♀1 | ♀6
- 31) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°37' A) ♀1 | ♀9
- 32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°19' A) ♄2 | ♀6
- 33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (3°36' S) ♄2 | ♀5
- 34) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°03' A) ♀4 | ♀12
- 35) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°11' S) ♀4 | ♄7
- 36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (8°12' S) ♀4 | ♀12
- 37) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (6°21' A) ♀6 | ♀9
- 38) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (6°14' S) ♀12 | ♄7
- 39) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (2°26' A) ♀9 | ♀5
- 40) ► **Mars** ♂ **Octile** ♁ **North-Node** - (0°39' A) ♀4 | ♀5

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♋ Cancer 1° 47'

(Betty Lundsted)

Cancer is the most personal of the water signs. Because Cancerian children respond to their environment so intensely, they are among the most sensitive in the universe. The ruling planet of this sign is the Moon; and the Moon rules the tides and symbolizes the 'great mood-changer'. This sign is not an easy one to live out, for the emotional tensions and sensitivities create great inner turmoil in these individuals. It is for this reason that many people don't recognize the power of the Cancerian types. This is a cardinal sign, full of energy and possessing a great ambition to do something in the world. Yet, this driving ambition is difficult to see because of the emotional tensions.

It has been said that Cancerians are the orphans of the zodiac; that more Cancerian children than any other sign have lost a father or mother. (This also happens when the Moon is in Cancer or when Cancer is the Ascendant.) It has also been said that when Cancerians are lucky enough to have kept both parents, they nevertheless feel emotionally orphaned or emotionally deprived.

Cancer arrives in a mother-dominated world. The mother rules the marriage at the time

of the child's birth. Sometimes it seems to Cancer that mother rules the universe because the father is missing. The father can be absent for many good reasons: he may be in the military, he may be travelling, etc.. The child doesn't know why he's absent, or even that he exists - Cancer only knows that mothers do everything. And the mother seems to be a particular type of person: she's highly manipulative; she controls the people around her by never showing her personality as woman; she handles people by acting the role of mother surrogate or by acting the role of helpless little girl. The child sees this kind of behavior, and grows up to act just like Mom. The Cancerian girl plays Big Momma or Helpless Little Girl; the Cancerian boy plays Big Daddy or Helpless (and cute) Little Boy. Everyone plays roles at one time or another, but Cancerian types have little experience in how to play the role of adult men and women. They control their relationships by being a parent or child; and sometimes this behavior causes difficulties in the career and relationships.

The Cancerian female presents herself as a helpless little thing who needs protection. She marries a man who will save her from her environment. But, she develops into a very strong woman, for she is mother-dominated. And since she is female, it's easy for her to imitate her mother. She usually has no idea of her strength until she reaches thirty. She felt left out when she was an infant; her mother's love was not apparent. Consequently, she wants security as an adult. So, when she feels uncomfortable in a relationship, she'll use her wiles to regain control: either by playing helpless so that her partner will have to take care of her, or by being insecure, which usually manifest in wonderful jealousies. When there is insecurity, there is a tendency to over-compensate, so she may be jealous of her husband's friends or even of his business. She may be the type who calls him at his office twenty times a day; or she may pull scenes if he arrives home late from the office because he stopped to talk with someone after work. She may become a parasite, looking for constant reassurance of his love and affection. The irony here is that although she needs love and affection, she may have difficulty giving it in return because she never saw her mother give it. She learned through observing her mom that one must control men, manipulate them gently, in order to get what one wants. She learns what her mom teaches so well that she tends to have a lot of 'gimme' in her personality until she matures out of it. If she wants a role-playing relationship, these traits are fine. But if she's looking for a meaningful adult relationship with another person, these traits will stand in the way of its development.

Because her mother was so competent, the Cancerian female becomes quite aggressive in the career areas. She wants to make money so she can spend it. She wants to have a nice home to return to when she gets tired of the world. The Cancerian type is not the homebody we hear about; she prefers to have a nice home available to her, but she has to be out in the world exploring and feeling with the masses of people. (The Moon rules the general public.) She does well in her career once she settles into something that interests her. Many Cancerian women have jobs that include travel. She looks for executive power, for that is one way to use the Great Mother energy in a constructive sense.

The Cancerian male has more trouble getting free of his early childhood environment. He's raised in a mother-dominated atmosphere. He realizes that women are strong and powerful, and adopts his mother's mannerisms and attitudes. He may either be too emotionally close to his mother - a momma's boy - or really dislike her and later make the women in his life pay the dues for his mother hatred. In any event, he usually prefers the company of women; they are easier for him to talk with, they are more familiar. He enters relationships playing the role of Big Daddy or Little Boy. Whichever role he begins with, once the relationship is established, it is not surprising to see the Cancerian male playing Little Boy, for he thinks this will get him what he wants. He, too, is looking for emotional fulfillment and affection, but usually something akin to 'mother love' is more important than a sexual relationship. Sometimes he establishes sexual relationships outside his marriage; he doesn't want one with his wife since she's playing the role of mother for him.

He needs lots of attention; and when he can't get it, he tries to make his wife angry. This is usually the time the Cancerian male starts playing around. But, he plays around to get caught. Getting caught arouses his wife's ire, and this signifies to him that she still cares. However, this is a dangerous way to secure his wife's attention. It may be the beginning of the end of the relationship! He is looking for a love that he is seldom able to return. His mother was not a giver; he didn't learn how to give as a child, so giving becomes something that is learned in his adult life. The Cancerian type holds on to what he has and keeps asking for more, all the while giving little in return.

The Cancerian man may not be quite as interested in a career as the Cancerian woman. He may have ambition or not - usually the motivation for accomplishment comes from impetus elsewhere in the chart. He can do well in a job situation if he so desires, for he can play father surrogate and be Big Daddy to all the people in his office, or he can play Little Boy and sell products better than anyone else in the zodiac. A Cancerian salesman makes lots of sales because he adopts the Little Boy role, which doesn't threaten the security of his customers. Cancer walks home with nice commissions over the years! If he has problems holding a job, it's usually because he's too much of a rebel. Mother-dominated signs (with Cancer at the top of the list) have little respect for male authority figures. They are emotional and moody, and don't often care about father-approval, so they can be controversial and rebellious in the traditional business setting. They need freedom on the job, and they need to be interested in what they are doing or they won't fit into the business atmosphere.

Cancer is the sign that indicates nurturing and growth. Both the males and the females have the capacity to teach and train; to encourage and help others. This is a good indication that they will do well in the helping professions; that they make good teachers and that they can be helpful to people in general. They can also use this nurturing ability to develop a business that plays on the 'fad' consciousness of the public. There's no better horse trader in the zodiac.

Cancerians are moody and intuitive. They function much better when they listen to their intuition rather than their intellect. Because no-one paid attention to what Cancerian children said at home, it sometimes becomes very important for them to get a college education, for the 'grades' prove to the world that they really are as smart as everyone else. They are often put down as children since they have emotional reactions to what goes on around them as opposed to 'rational' reactions. However, the emotional reaction is the start of the intuitive process, and the rest of the signs have to take courses to reopen the channels of the intuitive process! Cancerians respond better to feelings than to words. If you want them to respond to you or to a situation, ask them how they feel about it rather than what they think. When Cancerians reject their intuitive energy, they become very stiff and overrational. It's usually a cover for a wonderful intuitive self they haven't learned to value. It needs to come out.

(Haydn Paul)

The Cancer personality is predominantly involved with emotions, feelings and sensitivity to life, which often stimulates changeable moods and fluctuating emotions. This can create situations where you often feel hurt by others - intentionally or not - and you feel extremely vulnerable and defensive. You will have a strong concern for family well-being, and will be very emotional and sentimental towards them, with a very private attachment to your mother. You often look back towards your childhood, feeling that it holds an important set of memories for you. You can be fearful of what the future holds, and usually you will avoid looking too hard in that direction.

You may tend to be quite talkative at times, despite tendencies towards a more retiring and reserved nature; and this can sometimes be a 'defence' from confronting yourself by joining in with others, rather than retreating into your own private world. You are a sympathetic listener, unless it coincides with a period in which there are problems with your own sensitivity, in which case you are too preoccupied with your needs to be much use to others.

You have an active imagination - perhaps too active sometimes, as it can lead to brooding and worrying; and you tend to feel first and think last. This means that you can emotionally react quickly to situations, excessively so at times, whereas a more thoughtful response may have been more appropriate to avoid exacerbating any problems. You can tend to resist confronting problems, preferring to run away from pressures whenever possible. While you may give an impression of self-confidence and an ability to cope, you are only able to do so for a limited period, and then you need to retire into privacy and isolation to get yourself together again.

There can be a tendency to exaggerate personal problems - especially health - and this can cause illness through excessive worry. It is likely that you will become interested in health-giving foods and dietary concerns.

Home will be extremely important to you, both as a retreat from the world (your 'shell') and as your 'centre point' in life. You will try to maintain harmony and peace, hating any signs of discord. You prefer to live in style, and can become a knowledgeable collector of some type, enjoying the display of these interests in your home. You are fond of material possessions, and these often form your sense of material security. You enjoy and appreciate beauty in any form, and try to surround yourself with a pleasing environment, which can be enjoyed even more by opening your psychic sensitivity while at home. You need to feel that your family appreciates and thinks well of you, and will feel most uncomfortable if you think that you are being criticised or ridiculed.

You prefer traditional attitudes and values, despite any superficial appearance of contemporary style; and can sometimes find it hard to understand the complexity of the modern world. There may be an artistic talent present - perhaps a craftsman in some way - but any artistic originality can be blocked by tendencies towards emotional repression, which is one of the major Cancer challenges to resolve. When you are feeling emotionally upset and imbalanced, your food intake will be affected, by way of your either eating to excess as 'compensation' or reducing food until the mood has passed.

You consider marriage is important, although you need to ensure a wise choice. Your emotional needs for love and nurturing may make you dependent on a strong partner, or attract a weaker personality to you, depending on whether your dominant pattern is for giving or receiving love. You can be highly supportive in helping a partner achieve his or her aims. You may become a day-dreamer, indulging in regrets or wishful thinking. Your inner life has an ebb-and-flow action like a rhythmic motion, emphasising your indrawn nature and then your instinctive outgoing social urge, leading often to moodiness and contradictions. The phases of the Moon may affect you more than you realise.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Cancer individuals feel they have the right to be emotionally self-centred; to be pampered by others; to be motherly to a fault; and to demand that others respect their sensitivity.

Static

When your attention is on yourself, you might expect others to react in such a way that your sensitivities are never injured. This leads you to appear as hypersensitive, moody, and self-protective. When you yearn to be recognized for your sensitivity, you may demand that others respond by being constantly perceptive to every mood. You may require that any intimacy centre around your feelings. This leads to others feeling alienated since they cannot share themselves for fear of a potential defensive reaction. You might be so dedicated to protecting your sense of vulnerability that the slightest

input can cause you to withdraw into your shell.

Dynamic

When your attention is directed toward sharing your talents for emotional perception with others, you can care for and assist them. This results in your becoming more objective and contented with your feelings. You can use your natural sensitivity to recognize the hidden emotional pains of others. This recognition enables you to inspire them and also yourself through your sympathetic understanding of their distress. You can give others center stage in the expression of their feelings and vulnerabilities. As you empathize with their suffering, your vitality increases, and others can appreciate you for your intuitive and loving nature. In the process of expressing your gifts for emotional participation in a way that serves others, you come to realize that your best security rests in caring for those outside yourself.

(Sydney Omarr)

Cancer females

Cancer women are lovely and often lonely; they reach out for love and affection. Often, when their desires for security are not fulfilled, they stray. They seek and experiment. However, if you can give this woman love, if you are willing to make a home for her, she will usually prove faithful, loyal, warm and exciting. Besides, she is a good cook! This woman likes to aid loved ones. Here is a good hint: ask her for advice! Don't always follow it - but ask, anyway. Include her 'in'. To shut a Cancer woman out is to invite trouble.

If you are interested in keeping your Cancer woman - pay attention to the home. Domesticity becomes a key word, along with bigger and better household furnishings. But don't think she is satisfied merely to be kept busy around and in the house. She wants to share your life, not merely wait on you.

She is highly emotional, being of the Water element. Her intuition is highly developed. She can usually perceive when something of importance is about to occur. She has a tendency to brood and worry; she requires constant assurance and reassurance in love, and is not satisfied with a peck on the cheek. She wants sincerity and plenty of affection.

Don't try to fool this woman. Place your cards face up and then let her make up her own mind. If she loves you, she will fight in your corner. This is true no matter what the odds. She is a valuable ally. She can make life worth living as long as you are loyal. Once you are not, you begin a chain of events that could boomerang.

If you are looking for a waoman who can make a home for you, she is for you. But never take her for granted!

Cancer males

Be sympathetic with the Cancer man - but don't spoil him! He is more emotional than the average man; he is sensitive to his surroundings and to your moods. And he has plenty of moods of his own, too. It is said that most Cancer men love the home and good food. but the truth of the matter, most likely, is that he appreciates homemaking efforts, including the talents that make up a skillful chef. He does not require a palace or a queen, but he insists upon undivided loyalty. With this insistence, there is a lurking suspicion that all could not be as good as it looks; he feels someone, somewhere, is doing something he or she should not be doing. This makes him unhappy!

This is not the easiest man to love. He is an idealist; he expects to make mistakes himself but he is astonished when a loved one slips in any manner. His standards are high; he is patriotic, loyal; he doesn't mind fighting with members of his own family. he enjoys a good family quarrel: it clears the air! But let an outsider say something about a person he loves - then he fights.

He is a moody man and the best hint is this: recognize that his moods are expressions, nuances of his feelings, character, hopes, dreams. Don't try to pull him out of his thoughts. His ambitions are based on ideas. He realizes that fulfillment of dreams depends upon his ability to outmanoeuvre or outthink competitors. once this man declares his love for you, he is apt to be pretty serious about it.

Avoid sniping at him. Keep your head - give and take - don't ask for special favors or privileges. This man appreciates honesty and frankness; he cannot tolerate whining. Remember, he is the one who seeks sympathy - to ask him to give you too much is to make him think that maybe he's with the wrong woman!

This man appreciates women and the finer things in life. The better he has it, the more discriminating he becomes. He fears ridicule, and the quickest way to lose him is to laugh at him.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have the Sun in Cancer are highly sensitive and emotional. Because you are emotionally tuned into the moods and feelings of others, you are quite intuitive and sometimes seem to be psychic. You may choose to express your sensitivity by being caring and compassionate toward others, or through some artistic medium. If, however, you believe that sensitivity is a sign of weakness, you might try instead to hide behind a mask of bravado; and some men who have their Suns in Cancer affect a macho attitude as an overcompensation.

You place great importance on the home and family. Your family is at the centre of your

life; and whether or not your experiences with family members are positive, your ties to them are strong. Your family provides you with a sense of security and belonging. It is hard for you to see yourself as an independent entity, for your role within the family structure is integral to your self-image and usually overshadows your sense of individuality. Even as an adult, you may have difficulty breaking away from your parents and their expectations, or living a lifestyle which is different from theirs.

The sign Cancer also is associated with mother and motherhood; and both men and women with this Sun sign are strongly attached to their mothers. At their best, men tend to be caring, respectful, protective and devoted to their mothers; at worst, they are neurotically dependent 'mama's boys', who never untie the apron strings and expect all women to be substitute mothers. Women see their roles as mothers as all-important, and often think of themselves as mothers first, people second. Whether your feelings toward your own mother are fond and loving, or hostile and resentful, you probably have trouble severing the umbilical cord.

You love children, and if you don't have any offspring of your own, you are probably an adoring aunt / uncle, godparent, or teacher, or are working with children in some way. You respect the image of the traditional, nuclear family, and see it as a microcosm of society. You consider your friends, co-workers, neighbors and fellow-citizens as part of your extended family.

Alternative lifestyles and attitudes are threatening to you. You believe that someone is either with you or against you. To those whom you define as being 'in your camp', you are protective and supportive. However, anyone who is too 'difficult' is potentially dangerous and must be cast out of the group. Differences might destroy the structures and securities you've established so carefully.

You are affectionate and generous toward those you love, and enjoy doing things for them. You especially like cooking for your family and friends, and are fond of having people come to your home for dinner, particularly on holidays. The 'Jewish Mother' cliché fits you perfectly. A warm and gracious host, you make guests feel welcome, and no-one goes away from your home hungry. You might choose to use your talent for cooking professionally, as a chef, baker or restaurateur, or in another area of food service. Your hospitality also could make you the ideal innkeeper.

Hard-working and ambitious, you are the perfect employee, for you are loyal, dedicated and respectful of authority, and you rarely question company policy. As a boss, you are supportive and protective, almost maternal, toward employees who agree with you, but intolerant of anyone you view as contradictory. You tend to surround yourself with 'yesmen' who reinforce your delusions. Always a bit unsure of yourself, you try to insulate yourself from those who question your actions or motives.

The caring professions attract, including teaching, particularly of young children. Nursing

and gynecology are also popular. It is also good for them to develop and express their vivid imaginations. Any work involving the past - such as the antiques business or museum work - will appeal to them. Cancerians are also natural cooks. Fulfillment is more important to them than ambition, but they are keen to make money; and sometimes the Cancerian hoarding instinct can mean they are reluctant to part with it.

Changes of mood are very much part of the Cancerian make-up, but these people are much less ready to change their lifestyles - usually because of the disruption involved. Nevertheless, when faced with the prospect of retirement they will consider moving to another area, but should think carefully about this: they may be parted from their family, and if they buy a smaller property it may not be large enough for everyone to come and stay. Retirement will allow them to enjoy a new rhythm of life, and they will enjoy following their many spare-time interests, which may include a specialized collection of some kind.

Losing a job is hard to accept; a Cancerian's determination to find a new job should be supported to the hilt, so that the effort eclipses the worry of being out of work (which may demolish the self-confidence).

Keeping the sensitive Cancerian system in good order requires regular, rhythmical exercise. Swimming (from as early an age as possible) is strongly recommended, as is dancing.

The digestion will almost certainly suffer from time to time - especially when the individual is at all worried. A diet rich in fish and dairy produce (provided the cholesterol level is not too high) is usually beneficial, and will help stabilize the system. The sign Cancer, it must be emphasized, has nothing to do with the disease of the same name. However, because Cancer rules the breasts, women of this sign should ensure they regularly examine them and have periodic check-ups with their doctors. Cancerian men should not ignore any minor ailment, if only to prevent undue worry.

(Robert Hand)

You are an emotional person who is sensitive to the subtle ways that people communicate with each other. If there are bad feelings in the air, you know it.

You very much need to have emotional support and to know that your loved ones love you, especially your mother. It is important to know that you will be taken care of and that no matter what happens, you will always have a secure place to come home to. When these needs are fulfilled, you are a very generous and giving person. You like to take care of people and give them the love and comfort that you need so much. You like to know that others feel free to come to you for help and reassurance at any time.

However, if your own basic needs are not provided for, you will withdraw into yourself

and act very insecure, as if there were only a limited quantity of love and attention in the world and you were afraid of losing your share. An insecure Cancer can be very selfish, just as a secure one can be very generous.

You are attached to the old, familiar things that you have had since earliest childhood. You may keep an old toy long after you have stopped playing with such things. You probably have a secret, quiet place that is all your own, where you can go and be alone with your thoughts. Wherever you go in life, one of your first objectives in new surroundings will be to find such a place for yourself.

Your home and family will always be important to you, both the home you are growing up in and the one you will have later on. It is important to you that both of these be secure.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Cancers were born under the sign of emotional security. The key phrase for Cancers is 'I feel'. This is the strongest of the water signs, favoring women more than men, since Cancer, of all the signs of the zodiac, is most strongly linked to domesticity and homemaking.

Cancers possess highly-developed protective and defensive instincts, which are aimed at material and domestic security. They are extraordinarily sensitive and fearful of ridicule. The crab shell, Cancer's symbol, represents the crust of armor which hides extreme sensitivity and shyness, as well as physical and psychological vulnerability. Cancers protect themselves from the possibility of emotional hurt by withdrawing and finding their security in solitude. This tendency is unfortunate because of their powerful need for home and children. Completion is not a reality for them until they are able to lavish their protectiveness on the family.

Because of their strong need for security, they will do whatever is needed to establish and serve that security. They seldom gamble unless they have safely put away their 'rainy day money'. Even then, gambling is rarely a means of livelihood, since they are reluctant to jeopardize their security. However, if their future stability depends upon taking a risk, they will take the risk - if possible, with someone else's money. But in that case Cancers would take great care to watch over the investment; they pay their debts, and expect others to do the same.

These people are very complex; at certain times, they appear to have the strength of a giant, and at other times they display the weakness of a child. This variability is due to the reversal of the Sun's direction in this sign: it stops in the northern skies and starts its trek southward.

As a rule, Cancers are well-intentioned, but because of their inconstant Moon they are at

one moment sweet and charmingly outgoing (especially when they have some objective in mind) and at the next melancholic, introverted, and distant.

They are noted for their diplomacy, and seldom fail to achieve their goals. However, when they are hurt, they may behave in a nonsensical manner, being unable to collaborate with others. At times, they can behave extremely childishly and stubbornly - and this is one of the major flaws they must work to overcome.

Although they appear gentle and tranquil, their inner thoughts are difficult to fathom. Since few people ever really comprehend how Cancers feel, they rarely get the necessary understanding from others.

Cancer children are by nature very tender, sweet and loving, willing to be helpful. Cancer mothers and fathers warm those who are lucky enough to be in their proximity. A word of caution: all Cancers should guard against bearing a smothering love.

Cancers desire the absolute possession of their beloved. It can be said of people under this sign that once a love is begun, it is never stopped. Resentment may make them cruel enemies, but they never stop loving. There is the maternal love which brings out some of the complexities of this zodiacal sign. It is that of a mother who continues to love her sons even though she receives ill-treatment at their hands, so great is the maternal and paternal instinct of the sign. Cancers tend to be very much aware of their family trees. They are patriotic and have good memories for historical events.

They seek to avoid at all costs any mental or physical discomfort. Since neatness and cleanliness are conspicuous with this sign, it follows that they also dislike activities which prevent absolute cleanliness. They prefer a refined atmosphere.

Because of their powerful imaginations, it is imperative for Cancers to avoid all thoughts of illness. They must also cultivate the courage to say 'yes' or 'no' at the appropriate moment. They need to control their tendencies to moodiness, intolerance, timidity, and excessive emotionality.

Cancers will not joke about themselves. They are inclined toward self-satisfaction, and can be quite egotistical. On the other hand, they can be equally helpless in their determined, silent way. They have a great deal of personal vanity and like clothing and frivolities, which they use as tools to keep up appearances.

Cancers are masters of the art of passive resistance. This is a powerful weapon which, when wielded, makes the individual unapproachable. With kindness, Cancers can be directed easily, since they are basically understanding. If they are forced, they become immovable.

They are averse to being told how to do things; they must complete tasks on their own,

since the ideas of others confuse them. At times, they shun responsibility. However, if they work on an enterprise that promotes or requires it, they are punctual, exact, and efficient, willing to guide things through to a successful conclusion.

Sun ☉ in 2nd House

(Sepharia)

Gain by superiors and association with persons of rank and title. The native is inclined to extravagance and luxury. Gains by high offices and affairs of government. (Dane Rudhyar)

In the second house, the Sun tends to stimulate the production of inner or outer wealth - that is, the outpouring of collective, ancestral, or social energies into the personality; the result may be that these collective energies - which may manifest as money - will overpower the person's individuality, that they will use him instead of being used by him. Vitality can become possessiveness; 'having' may overcome 'being'. On the other hand, the person may become an eminently successful manager of wealth and fulfill his individual destiny in this way.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Sun in this position is quite favorable. The personality is integrated where needs are concerned. The native is able to distinguish between desire and actual requirements. This position often 'attracts' money.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here the desire for power is concerned with resources, values and material success. With the Sun in the second house there is the power to attract finances and gratitudes. Desire for material success is strong, and desire is potent. There is a strong stubbornness, and with it a stability and a persistence. If they want something, they never give up until it is attained. Because energy, backed by action, is extremely powerful, they usually attain what they want. Where the first house Sun wants recognition on the personality level, the second house Sun is interested in material values. If the Sun is unafflicted, there is security where resources are concerned. If the Sun is afflicted, there is ability to attract money; but often there is no happiness with it.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Concern with values and possessions. The Sun in the second house gives a facility for

handling money and an appreciation of the comforts it can buy. There is a tendency to accumulate status symbols, to lavish care and attention upon them, and to adorn the body in ways that indicate refinement and an individualistic sense of style. The person with a second-house Sun can be generous to the point of extravagance, but he likes his good works to be recognized. A great deal of energy goes into making money solely for the sake of spending it again. Benefits are often obtained through the father and through the patronage of superiors.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Sun in the Second House indicates natives who must learn the lesson of stewardship in the correct use of material resources. This will be in relation to the affairs ruled by the sign the Sun is in. They must learn to use money and property constructively, in ways beneficial to life, and not merely for their personal satisfaction.

The sign position gives an important clue to the way the person will acquire and utilize wealth. For instance, if the Sun is in Gemini in the Second House, the native is likely to earn money and spend it through intellectual pursuits; if the Sun is in Leo in the Second House, the native might earn money in a managerial capacity and spend it in pursuit of theater arts and romantic or social endeavors. In any event, these natives will want to earn money since they have a strong will to attain financial independence.

If the Sun is afflicted in the Second House, the natives may believe they can achieve prestige merely through wealth. They also tend to impose their will on others for purposes of material self-aggrandizement. In addition, they may squander money on expensive luxuries for purposes of display and ego gratification.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Pinpoints the right to establish personal values and the ability to attract monetary success.

(Robert Hand)

You love security, which for you means being surrounded by comfortable and familiar objects. You like to own things - toys, books, whatever - because it makes you feel good. The only problem is that you may try to own more things than you really need, so that your life is cluttered with material possessions. You are likely to be a collector of some sort; and since you have an excellent sense of value, your collection will probably be quite valuable, as long as you are systematic. Otherwise you will be surrounded with vast quantities of junk.

It is difficult for you to part with your possessions; and you may find it difficult to share, but if you want to have good friendships, you will have to learn how. You are even

possessive of your friends, and don't like to share them with anyone else. If a friend pays too much attention to someone else while you are together, you are likely to feel jealous. But you have to learn to share that person with others. Your friend can like someone else and still like you.

As you get older, you will have a strong sense of values, which you will not compromise. Just be sure that your values go beyond material objects and that what you value is worthwhile. You have the ability to preserve a strong sense of integrity and security in this changing world.

(John Townley)

Your style of loving is very concrete, and you go out of your way to give your lover tangible evidence of your affections. A few words of love are not enough without a gift to back them up. You also particularly treasure any tokens of love that your partner gives you, for they represent an assurance that the relationship is thriving. Similarly, the highest values you seek in a lover are faithfulness and loyalty, qualities you are most willing to demonstrate once you have chosen the person you feel is just right for you.

But you don't take a lover hastily; in fact, it takes you quite a while to really settle into a relationship. Once that is done, you are a model of steadfastness and often are the main source of stability in the union. Remember, however, that your partner may not be quite so settled and may require more freedom while still remaining true to you. Therefore, you should try to be more tolerant with your love than you would be with yourself and avoid letting feelings of jealousy hurt your relationship.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The acquisition of possessions is extremely important to the subject, who will feel a great sense of pride in showing these off on every possible occasion. He or she will not simply want to gloat over an ever-increasing bank balance or folio of stocks and shares, but rather will want the world to know of such success.

Generosity is usual unless it is mitigated by other influences (a 'careful' Sun sign, for instance). In some cases, the acquisitive powers can extend into the personal life, with the partner becoming yet another possession. The Taurean tendency is to own; and when the Sun is in the second house the attitude is 'Look - this is mine!' If this happens, problems can arise since the subject is insensitively bulldozing over the real needs of his partner.

Pleasure is important to the individual, such as a concentration on enjoyment of expensive, rich food in glamorous surroundings. All of these tendencies will be encouraged by positive aspects between the Sun and Jupiter, while either an opposition or a square may make the subject go overboard in second house matters.

Venus will not be very far away if the Sun is in the second house - and do not forget that Venus rules this house. If there is an aspect between the Sun and Venus, the influence of the Sun's house position will be increased, especially in relation to the overall influence of Venus itself.

Hard work will always be undertaken to achieve the subject's ever-increasing materialistic needs - his solar vitality will be powered by the material results of his efforts, and he will bask in the light of any glory that comes his way.

(Howard Sasportas)

If the Sun is in the second house, this area of life should be met with vitality and forcefulness: there is a pressing need to develop personal skills, values and resources to achieve a sense of individuality. They need to find and define what constitutes security for them, rather than relying on other people to provide safety, money or resources. A sense of power and self-worth can be gained through acquiring money and possessions and through the ability to manage and organize the material world. Some may incline towards status-seeking, showiness and extravagance to prove their value and enhance an insecure internal identity. They can be generous with money and possessions, but usually expect some sort of recognition in return. Wherever the Sun is is where the personal ego is seeking acknowledgement. The impeccable, internationally loved singer and actor Maurice Chevalier had the Sun in Virgo in the 2nd: he was born in a slum and died a millionaire.

The nature of whatever planet is in the 2nd house is valued because those qualities offer us security. Therefore, with the Sun in the 2nd, security comes through developing and possessing such attributes as strength, nobility, authority, a sense of specialness, and courage. People with this placement will feel safer in life if they foster these traits, regardless of how much money is in the bank.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With the Sun here there is instinctive good taste, with a feeling for the basic worth of things and the ability to translate this awareness into dollars and cents. There is a need to be surrounded by beauty and quality. These people are strongly attracted to those who can provide them with the environment they seek. Generally 'handy', they are able to create attractive environments, so this is a good position for architects, builders, carpenters, landscapers, and interior decorators, as well as fashion designers, dressmakers, hairstylists, jewelers, perfume and cosmetics manufacturers, and all those who are adept at enhancing the environment or the body.

Very sensual, they have a powerful sexual charisma that enables them to attract others easily. They are usually quite successful at establishing sexual relationships with those

they desire. If other aspects frustrate this, it can be a source of great physical and emotional suffering because the desire nature is so powerful. It is very important that there be sufficient love from both parents in infancy and childhood. Otherwise, the need for it may manifest later in agonizing desires and abnormal sex relationships. The stability of a dependable on-going sexual relationship is a real need. They will work hard at a marriage because of this. Separation and divorce only occur when the sexual aspect of the relationship fails.

The desire to be independent of others is a powerful motivating force that can result in success. It can also create difficulties by keeping them from joining partnerships, groups, companies, staffs, or other organizations that are necessary to establish any kind of work / career position in the community. Most women, and some men, with this Sun position are into body culture in some way, frequently dancing, or, if the Sun is in a water sign, swimming.

Moon ☾ in ♎ Libra 8° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you habitually expect others to notice your sensitivity to discord and aggression, you respond with emotional touchiness if confronted in any way. You may compromise your own direction and sense of fairness in order to appease others, expecting them to reciprocate by providing the rapport needed for your stability. When your manipulations don't work, you can revert to an abrasive attitude of independence and carelessness, or give vent to wounded feelings to gain their attention.

If you depend on others to be compatible with you, you are easily thrown off the centre of harmony when unpleasantness occurs. Thus, you swallow your own feelings and appease everyone for fear that otherwise you may offend them or they may consider you unfair. This action may invite them to take the advantage until finally all unacknowledged previous difficulties burst forth from you in a disastrous tirade. Such frantic emotional smoke screens may repel others who do not know how to penetrate your defences. The result is that you are unable to understand when these actions keep others from trusting you.

If you are afraid of creating scenes, you may withhold sharing your internal reactions to others' emotional demands. Then later you wonder why they are not more considerate. As a result, you may lose confidence in their trustworthiness and your own ability to discriminate. Indulging in this Libra tendency to internalize and identify with the disharmony from others may also result in sudden emotional outbursts.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating the internal balance you need to feel close in relationships, you may notice that your methods of compromising and expecting others to create peacefulness and fairness have simply not worked. The truth is that you may be unable to experience harmony because you are waiting for others to initiate it. Those who are not attuned to your sense of fair play may be unable to treat you fairly until you state the injustices you perceive (that is, 'I don't feel good about this...'). This gives you strength and completeness in your own direction.

Pledging yourself to a goal external to the relationship can supply confidence to state your needs for support of that goal in a direct, objective, and organized way. This gives others the opportunity to co-operate with you in attaining the goal. You can commit yourself to the integrity of your own direction in relationships by trusting that the outcome will be for your highest good. The result brings you the self-respect you need to put yourself forward and declare the truth of your feelings regardless of the consequences. When you thus assert yourself, the situations around you automatically come into balance according to their highest plan, regardless of outer appearance. When you realize that the supply of people is absolutely unlimited, it encourages you to express your own identity and display who you are. This acts as an automatic means of attracting people who are akin to you.

If you give voice to the reality of your independent point of view, you will attract appreciation and love for the person you truly are. This, in surrounding yourself with people of true affinity, you experience the joy of knowing that you are valued simply for being there in the present moment with them. When you trust your own perceptions and act on them to create an inner equilibrium, you add the peacefulness of your presence to the situation.

When you go to your deep self and then express the balance and stability that is there, you silently invite others to go to that place within themselves. The power of your harmony impels others to go to their depths also if they wish to relate to you; in this way, through claiming your centre, you create harmony.

General

You have an identity based on sharing; you feel the need for a sense of inner emotional accord with your partner. You may find yourself compromising your true identity in order to maintain the feeling of internal accord with your mate or partner.

Your lesson now is to learn to express yourself - to be yourself - in the context of a relationship. To do this, you must become aware of your own needs, realizing that if your needs aren't met, the relationship as a whole will suffer. You are learning to put yourself

back into the picture so that a fairness of exchange can take place. This requires that you let your partner know verbally what you would like to have occur in the relationship in a way that invites a response about what your partner would like. Once both persons' needs are out in the open, you are naturally able to suggest a solution or plan that is mutually satisfactory.

However, you need to learn not to overassert for fear of not getting your way. You have a defensiveness based on resentment, and assume that others are going to object to your having your own way. Thus, when you do assert your needs (which is rare), you have a tendency to do it in a rather harsh and defensive way that cuts off the honest response of your partner.

Through fear of compromising your own needs, you sometimes overcompensate with unnecessary forcefulness. Unknown to you, this actually provokes the other person's resistance to co-operating with you. This leads to a reinforcement of the sense of separation in the relationship; the feeling that you can't relax and be yourself but have to be always on the alert to either resist or accommodate the nonverbal needs of your partner.

You can be so afraid of losing the relationship altogether by not keeping the other person's emotional state harmonized at all times that you subvert your own identity in order to keep the partner pleased and content. Your instinctive self-suppression, that you fear necessary to support and flatter the person in power, can harden into a resentment that can erupt in the future with rather violent consequences.

You can learn to share your needs with others as an equal, with the confident expectation that they will want to please and accommodate you in the relationship. You need to realize that others want your harmonious, pleasant, happy disposition around them; and to keep you, they will go out of their way to make you happy.

You are also learning to assume the role of manager in relationships by objectively equalizing the injustices that are the cause of social discontent. You do this best only after your own needs and goals are verbally expressed and the other person's corresponding needs have been solicited on the verbal level. In this way, a fair and balanced plan that fills the needs of both partners can be realized.

(Tracy Marks)

We who have Moon in Libra crave the experience of beauty and peace; we seek to co-operate with others, to please, and to establish one-to-one relationships which are mutually gratifying. We also find satisfaction in using our minds, particularly our powers of objectivity and synthesis. A parent who valued us highly, and enjoyed pleasing us; who encouraged our aesthetic and intellectual development, and who was willing and able to appreciate our points of view... may have helped us to become attuned to the

constructive dimensions of our Libran Moon.

If, however, our Moon is in difficult aspect, or if its trines or sextiles suggest a parent who was only superficially available to us, we may be attempting to gain from a partner what we were never able to experience from our parents. We may become overly dependent upon others, seeking to win their favor by being indispensable and satisfying their every desire. We may also be inclined to avoid confronting our anger and pain, suppressing emotions because we fear any threat to our relationships which might force us to acknowledge our separateness and aloneness. These patterns may have been influenced by a parent figure who placed too much emphasis upon appearance or surface harmony, who was unable to tolerate discord, or who led us to believe that relationship always means subordinating oneself to another. Such a mother or father may have brought many unfulfilled needs into parenting, expecting us to compensate for deficiencies he or she experienced in childhood or marriage.

Although our Libra Moons suggest that our emotional fulfillment requires cooperative relationships with others, we can only build truly satisfying connections by first developing a secure relationship with ourselves, accepting as valid our own feelings and needs, and being willing to assert ourselves, even when it means experiencing temporary discord for the sake of deeper and more authentic contact. We need to apply our openmindedness and our capacity to identify with many points of view in relation to both ourselves and others - to listen to and affirm each of our internal personalities, willingly entering into disharmony and imbalance when necessary in order to create the more enduring harmony and balance which is so vital to us. At the same time, we need to honor our Libran need for beauty and peace, creating environments and relationships which, whenever possible, soothe and uplift us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Libra, the Moon finds expression in public relations, advertising and law. He is also found in real estate, in constructing buildings for sports contests, etc.. The native has vision - he sees beyond the immediate indications. He possesses the charm to win his way to select circles, and can convince investors that he has his finger on the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

He wants to be in on events and happenings, including news and rumor. He is fond of people, is gracious, and can be a remarkably good host. He has fine taste when it comes to furnishings, food and wine - contingent on his background and other factors in his horoscope.

This Moon position inclines the native towards successful partnerships, including marriage. Often he is described as being elegant. There is (as in the case of Moon in Taurus) love of luxury, the 'good life', companionship, conversation, and exchange of ideas.

He is basically gentle and understanding, and attracts others to him with their problems. This is one reason he would succeed as a lawyer, public relations counselor or advertising expert. He tends to see the best in others, and this could lead to disillusionment - he might be attracting those who seek to take advantage of his good nature.

The native works well with others; much of his success (or lack of it) depends upon the people he attracts. The astrologer, knowing this, must prod the native toward a degree of selectivity. He must be taught to exercise care in granting his trust, confidence, and material goods. The native thirsts for society, people, places and challenges. He needs these things and must choose the best, or choose to the best of his ability.

Grant Lewi has called this a 'Cinderella position' because the native is capable of making hopes and wishes turn to realities. He can overcome odds to rise to the top. He rises above his environment. He seeks beauty, refinement - and does all in his power to be worthy of these things. The astrologer must also stress the necessity of recognizing desires when they appear. Otherwise, the native simply daydreams and achieves nothing but an introverted kind of vision.

He should be encouraged to read and to seek higher education, even if in night school or through church or social organizations. He is sensitive; inclined to brood. He requires those close to him to have faith. He must learn to attract those whose 'faith' is worth striving to acquire!

(Haydn Paul)

With Moon in Libra, feelings of self-worth will be connected to social acceptance and personal relationships; self-perception often depends on what you believe others' opinions of you are. If others are critical, or you are experiencing disharmonious relationships, your health and vitality are affected, as well as your self-esteem and confidence. You may have dependency traits; and to achieve emotional well-being, you need to feel loved, liked, appreciated, or admired by others, especially by those closest to you, such as intimate partners, family, or work colleagues. You can find it difficult to self-nurture and fulfill instinctual needs without having to rely on others.

Social conditioning, cultural and group attitudes, beliefs, and values have a profound influence on you, especially those which have high ideals. It is often by these standards that you evaluate others; but this judgemental perspective also puts you under the pressure of being judged by others, thus placing your self-esteem at risk.

You are aware of class and social status, and may be motivated by desires to improve your social standing, perhaps through association with certain types of people, or by creating an elegant, sophisticated lifestyle and prosperous home environment. In several

ways, you try to build a lifestyle which excludes aspects of life that fail to match your standards, trying to protect sensitivities against the harsher realities of existence. Reflecting the Libra need for a harmonious home environment with charm, elegance, and beauty is important for you; and you will enjoy sharing this in congenial social gatherings.

A weakness may lie in dependency on others; and as self-confidence can rely on their approval, this can make you too influenced by others' attitudes and values. By conforming to peer pressure, you may choose to mold yourself into an acceptable reflection of the group, rather than expressing your individuality, listening to inner promptings and needs, or taking full responsibility for decisions. In effect, situations may occur where you choose to follow the group path rather than your own due to a fear of becoming ostracized or alienated from group acceptance. You need to belong, and this need is projected onto social relationships; but perhaps the deeper need is to reown and express your whole nature. In trying to please others and by being 'indispensable', you may repress areas of your nature - especially the Moon qualities - resulting in denying emotions, feelings, and instincts.

To minimize disharmony, Moon in Libra tends to evade all types of conflict, especially painful areas of self and life, and prefers to ignore or run away from them. This is often the situation where the alternative is to face up to relationship realities, where direct confrontation is needed to resolve growing differences, and for better communication to clear the air. As relationship is so vital to the Libra nature, the fear that must be avoided is the fear of being alone; if this exists, then dependency is also present. Sometimes, you are satisfied merely with maintaining surface harmony and appearances, rather than ensuring a deeper relationship harmony. While the Libran tendency is toward mind, intellect, and objectivity, Moon needs must not be ignored. It is essential to honor these too, to become self-confident and assured of your own value irrespective of what others think of you. Your feelings, emotions, and needs must be accepted and recognized as requiring satisfaction, because, by respecting these, you will be able to respect the needs of others. Mutual dependency is never as strong as self-responsibility and interdependency.

You need to listen to all inner messages and find your own unique path, rather than following the overcrowded path of the masses. Being self-assertive does not mean the loss of relationship; indeed, it can bring more satisfying contacts based on mutual respect for each individual. Follow the way indicated by your feelings, do not settle for superficial harmony as the best alternative to disharmony, and look for the depth that potentially offers real fulfillment. Trust the Moon messages to guide you to greater integration, and these will provide a sense of well-being and personal harmony that is not reliant on any external supports. Otherwise, the Libran balance is always tilted toward dependency on the outer world, instead of resting in equilibrium between the inner and outer realities.

(Skye Alexander)

Balance, harmony and domestic tranquility are important to you. Unless you have several other planets in water signs, your emotions are rather shallow and controlled. You don't experience intense feeling yourself, and might even be offended by any strong display of emotion in others. Somehow this seems undignified to you. Though you may be romantic, you are almost courtly in your relationships; you behave according to protocol, and your affection seems to be ruled more by your head than your heart.

Even-tempered, congenial, sociable and well-mannered, you are well-liked and probably have many friends and associates. In social situations you are at your best; and, while you aren't the 'life of the party', you are always a pleasant, thoughtful, tactful and good-natured companion.

You go out of your way to be nice to everyone, and can't stand to have anyone mad at you. Arguments, animosity or confrontations of any kind disturb you deeply. You'll do almost anything to avoid a fight. Peace-loving and diplomatic, you probably find your friends and family members look to you to solve disputes and negotiate compromises.

Too willing to compromise, you frequently allow others to take advantage of you, or you sacrifice your own wishes for someone else's. Often you're so busy trying to figure out what someone else desires that you can't decide what you want yourself. You can always see both sides of any issue, and weigh decisions endlessly before making up your mind. As a result, you usually have trouble being decisive or assertive or standing up for yourself, particularly with family members and partners.

Relationships are important to you, and you don't like being alone. You'll devote much time and energy to pursuing and maintaining relationships of all kinds, and are a devoted, faithful and attentive partner. Not inclined to play the field, you want one stable, reliable, congenial companion with whom you can go to concerts, the art museum, nice restaurants and civilized parties with other intelligent, refined people. For you, passionate, whirlwind love affairs are exhausting, frightening and just a little bit unseemly.

You are concerned with what others think, and with doing what is correct or proper. Therefore, you are quite conventional in your social and romantic relationships, and usually prefer marriage to living with a lover.

Because you don't like disagreements and because you want to maintain stability and constancy in your emotional life, you don't express dissatisfactions you may have with your relationships until the situation is terminal. You might walk away from a twenty-year marriage, leaving your partner in a quandary; he / she didn't know you were unhappy since you never even had an argument! For this reason, you may be accused of being unfeeling, even cruel.

Most probably, you have some natural artistic or musical talent. At the very least, you appreciate art, music and the finer things in life, and might be a patron of the arts. Your home is probably tastefully, if somewhat conservatively decorated; and you want to surround yourself with as much beauty as possible. You also can be fanatical about cleanliness and neatness. If you have children, you are always picking up after them or are upset by their messiness.

Unless your Moon is in hard aspect to Mars, Uranus or Pluto, your childhood home was probably stable, orderly, harmonious, civilized, perhaps aesthetically pleasing, and seldom the scene of a discouraging word to be heard. Your mother may have been the 'perfect lady' for whom nice manners, a pleasing personality and good standing in the community were all-important.

Because both the Moon and Libra are astrological representatives of archetypal female energies, this placement is usually easier for women than for men to express. Women with this Moon position are usually gentle, peace-loving, sociable, thoughtful, artistic, ultra-feminine and very concerned with their looks. They can be quite vain and devote much time, energy and money to beauty treatments, clothing and other physical adornments. Men also tend to be fashion-conscious, or at least excessively neat and clean. Some with this Moon position project these characteristics onto the women in their lives, and seek partners who are beautiful, kindly, refined, artistically oriented and even-tempered. Even if the Moon is not really at home in such a strong sign as Libra, its cardinality will give you the inner dynamism to put things into action albeit slowly. Being an air sign, your thought processes are logical; and, provided you have a fairly active Sun sign, you could achieve a high position in life. You are both ambitious and lazy at the same time, but you should be able to motivate yourself enough to get things done. You never lose sight of your objectives, and never give up on a goal. Your mind is fair and balanced; and you hate any form of injustice. Some of you will take up a cause which champions the underdog. You object strongly to any form of racism. When others argue, you seek to be the peacemaker; but you can argue like a Jesuit when the mood takes you. You're always open to new ideas, but will not swallow what others tell you without proof. A surprisingly large number of people who have the Moon in Libra also have Aquarius strongly represented on their charts, thereby emphasizing the need to be independent.

You seem to need a touch of glamour in your life, and could be drawn to work in some kind of glamorous or luxurious trade. You make sure that both your home and your working environment are comfortable and attractive, with a pleasant, peaceful atmosphere. You have no patience with ugliness in any form, especially ugly or dirty people. Being fussy about your personal appearance, you are also rather inclined to be vain about your own good looks. Indeed, while you are young, your partners may be chosen for their looks rather than their personality.

Whenever the Moon is in a masculine sign, the native is naturally competitive and a high climber, but is only really impressed by his own measurements of success. With the Moon in Libra, you could have a similar 'what right do they think they have to tell me to do?' attitude to the one which would be expected from Moon in Aries. Although charming most of the time, you can be extremely sarcastic and hurtful when provoked, showing a grasp of vocabulary worthy of any solar Gemini!

Your nerves can sometimes let you down; therefore, you need peace in the home environment. Both sexes of this Moon placement are good homemakers, and are attached to their own plots of land and their property. You enjoy do-it-yourself jobs, cooking, mending and gardening; however, a life made up purely of housework would stifle you. Your good taste will ensure that your surroundings are always comfortable and elegant. Some subjects may have artistic talent, especially in the field of music. You could have a nice, deepish speaking and singing voice too. You certainly enjoy listening to music, and hate discordant noises. All your senses are strong, but sight could probably be the strongest; if something doesn't look right, you couldn't live with it.

Being an Air sign, you need the stimulation of meeting new people, and are usually welcoming towards newcomers. Travel is liked, as long as you can do it in comfort; you feel perfectly at home in the world's nicest hotels and watering places. Although you enjoy your own company from time to time, you really cannot live or work alone for long. There is a need to keep in touch with the world and to keep your mind stimulated with new people and up-to-date experiences. You enjoy being part of a group, and seem to need the approval of your peers, but you wouldn't necessarily wish to lead the group. Given the chance, you prefer to be fairly near the top so that you could delegate the more distasteful chores to others!

You are excellent in a crisis, but unable to give sustained help because you quickly become bored with problems. You have no patience with fools, although you can hide your irritation under a layer of urbanity. Your mental responses are surprisingly fast, and you can be quite calculating when necessary.

Your pet hates are loud, discordant noises, and, according to my lunar Libran friends, being travel sick! Perhaps this has something to do with your need to control your own environment, or maybe it is because you have delicate eyesight and hearing (through the reflected association with Aries). You like the sea and the countryside, but are really a city person at heart, liking to be in amongst it all, where it's all going on.

Relationships are really where you come into your own; not that you are easy to live with. You can be critical, fussy, demanding, and occasionally downright childish. However, you need to love and be loved; you also need friendship with people of both sexes. You can be capable of using, even manipulating others; but you need to be needed; therefore, you also allow yourself to be used by those whom you love. As a young person, you can be inconsistent in emotional relationships, wanting the challenge

and excitement of new faces practically every week. You enjoy the opening phase of a romance more than the later stage of commitment, because you don't like to be emotionally fenced in. Later on, your need for the security of a family and the love of children will encourage you to settle down into domesticity. Even then, you will always be a flirt! Apart from the need for an attractive partner, you need one you can take anywhere: a classy type who can be relied upon to be the genial host or gracious hostess who will help out with the social side of your career. You need someone with a gentle and witty sense of humour, as you hate coarseness or hurtful remarks. I have actually seen Moon in Libra subjects become ill because they were unhappy at work or home. Men with the Moon in Libra have a curious split in their personality which, on the one hand, gives them a somewhat 'macho' image, while, on the other, endows them with an almost feminine gentleness.

Lunar Librans are very clever with intricate machinery; and, like the other Air signs, they all seem to have a love affair with vehicles and speed. Another facet of this complex placement is that you are careful and gentle when around small children and weak people. There is no evidence to my mind of your being an animal lover, but you couldn't hurt an animal or see one hurt by others. Your gentle manner with those who are weaker than you adds to the attractiveness of your personality. You respect the dignity of others, and treat them with tact and charm. Those of you who have a strong Sun sign may hide strong feelings and opinions under this charming exterior, but those who have an unassertive Sun sign may need to develop your own point of view and learn how to make a stand.

Sexually speaking, you could turn out to be one of the best lovers in the Zodiac! This, of course, depends upon other factors in your birthchart. However, given a fair crack of the whip, leather underwear, luminous suspenders and an exuberant and cooperative partner, you could live out your fantasies to the full. Your sensual nature cannot be denied, and with a bit of luck you will find fulfilment within marriage. If this is not so, you will still seek fulfilment even if it is at the expense of your marriage. You could actually relate well to a difficult partner who keeps you on your toes- someone unpredictable enough to give you a few lively arguments and passionate enough to satisfy your strong sexual needs.

Knowing instinctively when your partner is ill or unhappy, you rise to the occasion and do all that you can to make him / her feel better; you don't really like to see anyone down-hearted. You are good at providing little treats, but cannot always be relied on to remember anniversaries etc. - this is because your giving is spontaneous rather than organized. Lunar Librans need to give and to receive affection, tenderness and sympathy; also to alternate at being the 'parent' of the 'child' in a relationship. If you have the Sun or Ascendant in Fire signs, you could be a little too dependent on the approval of others. Some lunar Librans can be easily influenced and swayed by others, but most of you have a mature outlook and can make up your own mind about life; most of you try to keep your emotions under the control of your mind.

You want a job which gives you scope to express your creativity. This may be in an artistic or semi-artistic world such as architecture or fashion. You are persuasive enough to make a good salesman, but unless there are strong factors elsewhere on the birthchart, you would not have the kind of sustained energy which selling requires. Public relations and marketing would be better.

The world of catering might appeal; certainly, glamorous hotels and restaurants are your natural habitat. Being good at calming others and even better in a crisis, you could make a good negotiator. You have a talent for arbitration, and your quick mind and sense of humour can be used to defuse potentially dangerous situations; therefore, you might succeed as a union negotiator or as a particularly urbane politician. Personnel and recruitment are also possible career ideas. You can appear to be lackadaisical while working furiously behind the scenes. I call this the 'duck' syndrome because a duck looks as if it is gliding along the surface of the water while it is actually paddling like fury underneath. You are a good listener, so long as the person who is doing the talking doesn't go on too long.

You enjoy money for what it brings, but can have something of a 'convenient' memory when owing money to others; this memory is far less 'convenient' when money is owed to you. You don't need to have power, but you do need a largish income to really enjoy life; therefore, you will aim for the top anyway. The only thing you really cannot do is rough and dirty work among coarse people.

You get on well with workmates and colleagues. With your logical mind, you would make a good engineer. Driving and even flying come easily to you. Finally, you could earn a few pennies as a spare-time musician.

There is some evidence from this Moon position that you were born easily. You may have had a father who pushed you educationally, and possibly a rather peculiar mother! This does not mean to say that you were unhappy as a child; you seem to have been loved and understood by your parents, and even overindulged a little. Your charm, even as a baby, will have got you everywhere. Your mother was probably ambitious, clever or even eccentric; she may have forgotten to feed you or wash you on occasion, but she never forgot to love you. The home was a stimulating place full of books, conversation and interesting visitors. This means you grew up without having to develop a suspicious attitude or a strong shell to hide behind. Nevertheless, you are happier to be an adult; this could be because your schooldays were not a very happy time for you. It is possible that you found exams troublesome because they test what you know rather than the power of your personality!

You are generally strong, but may develop diabetes, cystitis or skin problems. You need to take exercise and keep your weight down (and not smoke) or you could develop both chest problems and arterial or arthritic problems. Hay fever and farmer's lung are other

possibilities.

Moon ☾ in 5th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

These sometimes unrecognized needs will influence your adult relationships, possibly emerging as imaginative desires, or through idealizing a partner. Emotional dependency will probably be projected onto any lover; and becoming reliant may leave you vulnerable to later disappointment and suffering if the relationship fails, or if your partner proves to be less reliable and trustworthy than you believed. The role of children is highlighted, and you will greatly enjoy their company. It is probably that your 'creativity' in this area will potentially be fecund; having a large family is likely, or at least a family structure that becomes highly demanding of time and attention. As a parent, you may tend to repeat parenting patterns absorbed from your own childhood experience.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a very strong and positive position for the Moon, as it is often trine both the Ascendant and the Midheaven. It gives a strong sense of self and a competitive nature with a hunger for creative self-expression. These people have a great desire to

accomplish something; to be better-looking, smarter, quicker to make money, or faster to turn out more work than anybody else. There is a great desire for victory against competition, yet not to the point of damaging competitors. They know instinctively that a strong competitor is the best means to their own improved performance.

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

it is requested.

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

Your imagination is stimulated by learning about people who have succeeded by exploiting their talents. A romantic at heart, you daydream about having public attention for your achievements. There are many outlets for your creativity, but you must get

formal training so you can meet the challenge of competition. You have many ideas for putting your imagination to use; and you only need someone who is already established to provide inspiration. Your sensitive romantic nature makes you especially vulnerable to the distractions of personal relationships. Your major problem is to establish your priorities and then plan your life accordingly. Once secure in your profession, you will be more free to indulge personal desires. Love is very important to you, because you feel secure only when you know you are loved. You must dedicate yourself to developing and using your creative gifts.

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

You dream about the future, when you will reach your goals, gain financial security and be satisfied with your accomplishments. But before you can achieve that goal, you must learn to balance your finances to avoid a drain on your resources. Indulging in romantic affairs or gratifying your taste for pleasure will keep you from acquiring enough money for the training you need. You should make your creative talent available to others, but this demands self-discipline. You want the public to consider you worthy before you extend yourself, because rejection is very painful to you. But proper training will make rejection unlikely. Living up to public expectations will be your greatest stimulus, motivating you to achieve even more.

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

Mercury ♀ in ♊ Sagittarius 12° 18'

(Grant Lewi)

You tend to overlook what is right before your eyes; to neglect what is shouting right in your ear, because your attention is on bigger, or anyway farther-off, things. You don't see details. Sometimes you don't hear little squibs of conversation and thus miss the whole point. Your senses were wool-gathering, or else you fixed your attention on something else. They are keen enough, but tend to scatter; they do not need to be sharpened so much as they need to be directed. Your feet may stumble because your eyes missed the rock in the path; you get bumped by a trolley car because you didn't hear the bell. No doubt you were listening to or looking at something more important. To fix your attention, to gain dominion over the direction in which your senses are pointed, is to achieve success, for your senses are sharp enough and require only more care in their use.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Sagittarius, Mercury paints a picture of one who is fond of sports, tries to live by the

Golden Rule, is fair, wants to impart or share knowledge, and is fascinated by travel, publishing, and the formation of public opinion. Indications are excellent for advertising, public relations, writing, producing, political campaigns, and the creation of editorial policy.

The astrologer must help him to see the obvious. He tends to be idealistic to the extent that others take advantage of him, and must learn to be more practical - otherwise he is in for disillusionment, especially with members of the opposite sex. He will battle for freedom of speech, but can be so concerned with the right of others to speak that he is 'shut out'. He must be taught to concentrate, to finish projects, and to take care of personal needs before worrying about the needs of strangers.

(Skye Alexander)

You are tireless in your search for knowledge and wisdom, your goal being to learn and experience everything. Everything interests you, especially subjects that have significance beyond the mundane or which offer universal truths, such as philosophy, psychology and religion. Like Mercury in Scorpio, you are not satisfied with superficial explanations or simple facts and figures; you are seeking total understanding. Your infinite curiosity can cause you to be nosy, even voyeuristic; you want to know everything about everybody.

A lifelong student, you find nothing is more pleasurable to you than learning. You also enjoy sharing your knowledge with others, and can be an inspiring and eloquent teacher. Because you are always contemplating the future and the far horizon, you can seem rather 'spacey', forgetful, impractical and disorganized. This is the position of the absent-minded professor.

You have a fantastic imagination and a way with words. A natural storyteller, you can entertain crowds for hours with amusing tales, and could turn your talents to writing. Sometimes your imagination can run away with you, however, and you have a tendency to exaggerate. Although you think of this as improving upon the original, such behavior may earn you a reputation as a liar. However, your persuasiveness and entertaining speech could also make you an excellent salesperson.

Your vision is broad and all-encompassing. You are able to comprehend the larger picture and see how all the pieces fit together. Rather than isolating information and taking it at face value, as does Mercury in Gemini, you see it in the context of its entire environment. Thus, you are able to make interesting and even brilliant connections between things that others miss. This is the stuff of which great philosophy and humor are made, and quite probably you are witty, pointedly funny and insightful.

Sociable and very communicative, even loquacious, you'll talk to anyone who'll listen, and see every conversation as an opportunity to expand or spread your knowledge. So

gregarious are you that you tend to spend a great deal of time socializing with friends, playing games, gambling, or partying. You're really rather lazy and undisciplined mentally. An idealistic dreamer, you talk a lot about what you're going to do tomorrow, but never seem to get around to actually doing it. (However, if your Sun is in Capricorn or Saturn is strongly placed in your chart, you'll be much more focused, persevering and hard-working.)

You are especially interested in seeing, learning about and talking with people from other countries or cultures, and might have a talent for languages. You probably enjoy travelling and like to drive. If you can't actually visit foreign lands, you may be an 'armchair traveller' and watch television shows about exotic places and people. Generally, you prefer to get your information from radio, TV, movies or lectures rather than from books.

Even though you are curious about people of different mindsets and cultures, you aren't particularly tolerant of belief systems that diverge radically from your own. You are more interested in spreading your own views and philosophies, and can be something of an evangelist for your opinions. In religious matters in particular, you are inclined to be a bit fanatical, self-justifying, moralistic and proselytizing. Unless you have several planets in Earth signs, you are more intent on the ideal than the reality, glorifying the spirit while denigrating the flesh.

For the most part, however, you are optimistic and look on the bright side of things. You always have something positive to say, and your enthusiasm inspires and encourages others.

Saturn or Pluto aspects to your Mercury will make you more mentally focused and disciplined.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Sagittarius indicates a mind concerned with all codifications of social thought, whether in the form of religion, philosophy, law, or other studies related to higher education. Mercury in Sagittarius is in the sign of its detriment, and is manifested as a primary concern with attitudes rather than facts. The result is often constructive, in giving insight into social motivation and its subsequent events. However, natives can lose sight of the truth if they do not pay enough attention to detailed factual information, the basis of all logical thought. It must be remembered that Sagittarius opposes Gemini and squares Virgo, the signs ruled by Mercury.

People with this sign position can have prophetic insight because their concern with attitudes enables them to understand what information public opinion will regard as important. This leads to the unfolding of mass destiny and karma. These people are direct in speech and will say exactly what they think; they demand mental freedom, but

their ideas seldom depart from traditional concepts or current social morality. Hence, they are usually respected in the community. But if their social conformity is carried too far, it can lead to hypocrisy, for their moral standards may be no better than the lowest common denominator of the socially accepted norm. They need to realize that an attitude is not necessarily right merely because it is popular or prevailing.

These natives desire to entrench themselves in public institutions of higher learning or social control, such as universities, churches, and government. Their purpose is to achieve intellectual authority and status, though the price may be conformity to corrupt, stangant institutions. They like to consider themselves paragons of truth, but whether they are or not depends on how Mercury is aspected. They may tend to moral sermonizing about the obvious, and they may become pedantic.

At times there is a preoccupation with distant goals and lofty ideals, which can make the natives oblivious to what is under their noses. Neptune's co-rulership of Sagittarius can result in woolgathering tendencies.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Traditionally, Mercury works badly here. However, provided restlessness, superficiality and some over-optimism can be controlled, much can be made of this placing. The subject will always be studying something, and should do so, since he or she truly needs intellectual stimulation. Consistency of effort must be developed, and interests should not be changed too often as restlessness and a lack of satisfaction will be inhibiting. Breadth of vision is considerable, as is a quick grasp of situations, giving the appearance of brilliance, but this may be a bluff! All will be well if a philosophical outlook and attitude can be developed. There can be a flair for languages, and travel is of great importance. If physical travel is impossible, reading about or studying far-flung countries may compensate.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, the heavy intensity of Scorpio gets a lively fillip from Mercury, and encourages the individual not to take him- or herself quite so seriously, nor to become so obsessive over personal or psychological problems. A certain openness will be very refreshing. There is broad-mindedness and an optimistic outlook. A controlled enthusiasm will be shown; and the emotional and intuitive content of Scorpio will be positive and reasoned, generally allowing free expression of the true feelings. Important interests or hobbies will give full scope to the imagination.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this is a very lively combination which needs steadying from other elements in the chart if natural Sagittarian enthusiasm and breadth of vision are not to overwhelm the subject, making it hard for him or her to cope with details. Optimism can get out of hand, too, and there will be gushing enthusiasm that fizzles out after an initially strong start. Despite these exaggerative tendencies, this placing has a lot to offer if the individual recognizes the pitfalls and ensures that restlessness

(especially the mental kind) is countered. Changing to a physically demanding activity can help.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, optimism and a more positive outlook are added to the rather serious Capricorn traits. The Capricorn off-beat sense of humor is also enhanced. The 'wet fish' element (as seen from the Capricorn goat's fishtail) is less likely to emerge, thereby giving a lively and aspirational subject. He or she will be less single-minded and doggedly persistent, and more relaxed and easy, able to cope with setbacks philosophically and without grumbling. A controlled and enthusiastic attitude can be both amusing and endearing!

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you indulge your fears of losing the appearance of intellectual superiority, you may jump to hasty conclusions. The rational mind can become lost in empty theories with no logic or facts for a foundation. These theories may then be unwittingly presented to others in a moralizing manner, from a platform of inflated expressions of pompous self-righteousness.

Dynamic

When your attention is on clearly distinguishing emotionally biased thoughts from factual and logically based thoughts, you can relinquish the Sagittarius tendency of self-satisfied mental isolation. You then can communicate your inspired perceptions without any need to prove intellectual superiority. Your ability to uplift others is through opening a two-way sharing and communication.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a forthright, though potentially gushy, mind.

You see life in terms of what has to be said because it creates problems when left unsaid. This clears the air and promotes broader awareness and understanding, even though it may shock or embarrass initially. You also see life in terms of religious significance or ethical values; and in terms of everything being for the best ultimately, which is uplifting and guiding for Other.

You tend not to see that saying something simply because it is preoccupying you can make a mountain out of a molehill, or get back from Other more than you bargained for. You also tend not to see hard facts (that Other can see and tell); or that your strong opinions and values blind you to those of Other, who then has no choice but to distance him- / herself from you.

(John Townley)

You look upon sex as a very natural function, so it is not likely to be a source of great worry or anxiety to you. At the same time, it may not be a highly motivating force, either. To you, sex is just one of many areas of enjoyment and communication between partners, neither more nor less important than other forms of personal interchange. But when you get down to making love, you do it with gusto and abandon. Even though you aren't considered a swinger, you approach the sexual experience in a much more open fashion than most people, for you see no reason to be self-conscious.

Thus, sex outdoors or in other natural settings, which is too challenging or inhibiting to some, is easy and enjoyable for you. And even if you haven't the opportunity to actually do this, it is something to contemplate pleurably.

Your open attitude can make loving much easier by helping to break down the inhibitions of a lover who is willing but not quite ready to stray from the sexual straight-and-narrow. You may sometimes be a sexual teacher, not verbally, but by example and by understanding.

In your actual lovemaking, do not suppress the impulse to express yourself vigorously and vocally. It's bound to add to the excitement and should be toned down only in too-close quarters with easily upset neighbors.

(Robert Hand)

Your mind is very curious, and you want to know the answers to every question. To learn as much as you can, you ask questions of everyone who might have some new information. You are particularly interested in subjects that study the universe as a whole, such as science, or that cover a broad area of human activity, such as history or social science. You want to understand the patterns of the world around you. Your curiosity can help you greatly in school if you overcome one problem. You don't always think very carefully, and you tend to ignore details that seem too small to notice, although they may really be important. Also you often work too quickly and make mistakes as a result. You have to learn to work and think more patiently.

When you believe you are right, you speak very bluntly. You think it is dishonest to speak indirectly in the way that others consider polite. But you must be careful not to hurt people's feelings by your bluntness. Luckily it is clear to others that you don't mean to hurt them, and that you are only trying to be honest, which they can understand. Truth is very important to you.

A particular strength of this position of Mercury is that you are able to handle new ideas and concepts that others find hard to accept. A strange or unfamiliar idea intrigues you

rather than bothering you. You view every new idea as a chance to grow and expand your mind. Mercury in Sagittarius is often a sign of great curiosity.

(Isabel Hickey)

Keen senses but lack concentration. Mind doesn't need sharpening but needs directing. Apt to miss details because mind is focused on farther off things. Directness of thought and expression; and are apt to say exactly what is in their mind. Do not wound deliberately as does Mercury in Scorpio; but it does not occur to them how what they say reacts on others. Their thoughts are like shooting stars. Impatient, and sometimes do not wait long enough to form correct judgements. Sincere and honest, and cannot stand deception. Thoughts disconnected. May promise with sincerity but lack patience in carrying it through. Acute perception. Need to learn to be quiet and still and reflective.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in Sagittarius can indicate a mind which engages in an eternal quest for universal knowledge and general moral truths underpinning social formations. People with this placement can sometimes be accused of hypocrisy when their acceptance of more popular and socially agreed philosophical insights and norms leads them to forget about the need for some moral guidelines in personal interactions and relationships. Zeus himself was not above making mistakes, or playing the hypocrite in his constant unfaithfulness to Hera, sometimes with Hermes's aid, as we have seen in the myth of Argos. The far-sighted and intuitive minds of Mercury-in-Sagittarius people are often found resenting the restrictions imposed by a need to examine what is directly in front of them. Any limitation to their freedom of thought could lead these people to be harsh and direct in speech and action, while, at the same time, they want to be recognized as intellectual leaders and to achieve some moral or philosophical authority. More at home with abstract concepts and ideas, people with this placement could cultivate a rigorous honesty with themselves and pay greater attention to concrete reality and the more mundane details of their lives.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind ranges over a variety of abstract concepts.

Symbol: A scholar compiles logical proofs of the existence of God.

Mercury is in detriment in Sagittarius because of the disproportion between the planet of specific facts and the sign of general possibilities. Sagittarian expansiveness stimulates Mercury to a fitful brilliance which may be alternately superficial and inspired. The person with this combination has big ideas but must beware lest his burgeoning mental enthusiasms make it irksome to concentrate on a single line of endeavor. The mind darts from one conclusion to another but, unless it is deliberately reined in, continuity and judgement are lacking.

At best, the Mercury-Sagittarius blend gives a profound sense of purpose and the ability to focus on distant goals. A far-reaching ambition to comprehend the mental and moral laws of the universe and to reconcile scientific and religious approaches to life results in a tendency to study several subjects simultaneously, to carry on more than one occupation, and to become involved in a number of different but related projects. Consequently, Mercurial Sagittarians often write treatises which endeavor to gather all their ideas under one cover. 'All paths lead to the same mountaintop', this individual may proclaim, but he needs to see to it that in mapping the many converging routes he does not become distracted from his own straight and narrow way.

Less-developed people of this type may give the impression of being large-minded when what they actually have is little minds in constant motion. They have an aptitude for saying the right thing at the wrong time, or out of context. Often their problem is not lack of insight but an inability to make their ideas suitable to the occasion. Their minds slip out of gear with those of others because they are so intent upon the transmission of their own thoughts.

If the Sun is in Scorpio, the Sagittarian Mercury ranges less far afield, and is inclined toward the study of psychology and sociology rather than toward abstract scholarship. The Approach to life is introspective, with a propensity for philosophical self-analysis.

The Sun and Mercury conjoined in Sagittarius indicate a love of travel with an aptitude for talking and writing interestingly about a wide variety of experiences. The mind is farsighted, and frequently more concerned with ideas than with personalities.

The Sun in Capricorn and Mercury in Sagittarius impart a talent for practical organization. There may be a tendency to dictate to others and to take strong measures to see that one's ideas are carried out. Such an individual is determined not only to understand but also to wield the law. The all-encompassing Sagittarian mind may with determinedly promote the Capricornian will to crystallize ideas into social institutions. The universality of Sagittarius may further Capricorn's sense of moral responsibility. Together these socializing influences bind people into mutually beneficial communities of interest.

The person with Mercury in Sagittarius often achieves success as a teacher, editorialist, or worker for political causes. He makes an enthusiastic propagandist, whose words travel far. He is at his best when inspired to dedicate his mind and spirit to some significant movement which broadens people's outlook on life and enables them to grow in understanding.

Mercury ♄ in 7th House

(Freda Edis)

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

Your need for communication brings you into close personal contact with the public; and

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

You are a fascinating conversationalist; and people are generally attentive when you speak. Your sparkling presentation arouses interest in the subject at hand. You also listen willingly to people with problems, and are equally attentive to their ideas. They appreciate your efforts to help them derive lasting benefits from their ideas. You can usually count on them to help you gladly when you need help, for they remember how instrumental you were in helping them plan their future goals.

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

Mercury in the 7th shops around for a partner who is intellectually stimulating. Of course, they may find so many people who are interesting in different ways that it is difficult to settle on just one. Then again, there may be no-one ever interesting enough. Nor is Mercury in the 7th immune to the pitfalls of projection: some may try to import another person to do their thinking, talking and decision-making for them. Or they may attract someone who is non-committal, unreliable, or tricky to pin down. As hurtful as this might be, there is the secondary gain of having escaped being pinned down themselves.

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

Venus ♀ in ♍ Virgo 3° 17'

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

You want desperately to feel needed by your partner, and work hard to make yourself indispensable in his / her life. Perhaps your paycheck is absolutely essential to your partner's survival. Or, you may stoically take care of all the details of running the home - cooking, cleaning, childcare, etc. - so efficiently that life would be almost impossible without you. You show your affection by doing practical things for your loved ones - making sure they have clean clothes and nutritious meals, for instance - rather than showering them with words of endearment or lavish gifts.

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Virgo is in its fall, since Virgo is opposite the sign Pisces, in which Venus is exalted. People with this position tend to over-analyze emotions and be too critical of those they love, making others feel self-conscious and inhibited, and cutting off

the spontaneous flow of affection. This analytical trait can stand in the way of a direct intuitive response to beauty. These people try to understand the beauty of a rose, for example, by dissecting it petal-by-petal, not realizing that the rose is beautiful because of the totality of its parts.

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

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

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

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

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

over. These reactionary types can become crude and slovenly in their personal appearance and mannerisms.

(Isabel Hickey)

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

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

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

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

If the Sun sign is Virgo, self-confidence, especially related to sexual appeal, is not

strong. Virgoan modesty will present a charming challenge to prospective lovers, but the subject should learn to break down any barriers that may come between the self and fulfillment in all aspects of relationships. The general description for Venus in Virgo above is very applicable. Money will be spent with some degree of caution.

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

You and your lover can find pleasure in writing down your fantasies in detail and exchanging them. In this fashion, you can get and give exactly what you both want in a way that is unlikely to happen in more spontaneous love play; this will make your lovemaking, in its own way, a dream come true.

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: critical, self-conscious, modest, kind-hearted.

Categorised as its 'fall' position, the placement of Venus in the austere, critical and selfconscious sign of Virgo tends to impede the planet's customary warmth, sensuality and creativity. Whereas sexual passion, abundant conviviality and spontaneity may

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

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

Here the individual experiences the purification of love through service. He seeks the idealized refined qualities of life which humanely contribute to man's need for social

order. He loves the efficiency of functioning within established molds and traditions, feeling society's sense of etiquette and manners and the matrix of a finely organized reality structure within which his feelings are clearly defined. The beauty of machinery, the love of a watchmaker and a finely-attuned sense of harmony for the workings of things, systems and objects is the very essence of his affinity for functional beauty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

From this, he begins to devote his life to the improvement of the human condition. He becomes a veritable source of kindness, charity, and altruism, and the saving angel to the needy and poor. He loves the 'working classes', and sees the beauty of the 'common

man'. He learns to reach out and touch people (without fear of contamination), but rather from the boldness he has learned from Aries, and the sincere caring for his fellow man (the lessons he has learned through Aquarius). This brings out his own very special Gift of Love, his overwhelming feeling to serve humanity; the guiding influence which overcomes all of his fears and inadequacies and directs his life towards the channel of goodness for which he was born.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are discriminating and restrained.

Symbol: A woman weeds a flower box.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

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

Venus ♀ in 4th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Domestic, loving tranquillity, family-oriented, needing harmonious surrounds.

The fourth house represents the emotional relationship we had with our parents which, in turn, affects how as adults we approach family, home and emotional commitment. Selfworth, therefore, is frequently measured in proportion to the strength of family ties. When Venus is placed in this sphere, it encourages a relationship or creative outlet that accommodates the intense desire for the steadfastness of home, family and community. Just as the fertility Goddesses prevented economic disaster by replenishing the earth, these fiercely protective individuals will stop at nothing to preserve and safeguard the stability of their immediate environment.

Because the fourth house represents the emotional nourishment received from the parents, the placement of a well-aspected Venus may indicate a childhood replete with material comforts and parental affection. Empowered by a sound, supportive background, these people can, in turn, bestow boundless strength, creativity and unconditional love onto their own partners and children. Not only can they provide a strong emotional foundation on which not only families but also companies, communities and organisations are built, but also their sense of preservation extends to participating actively in the protection of the environment and the beautification of their communities.

If, however, Venus is afflicted in the fourth house, the search for emotional nourishment may lead to hastily formed and potentially destructive relationships. Parental models may have been indulgent, wasteful and / or irresponsible - behaviour patterns that these individuals do not wish to repeat - or they may have simply changed residences and schools several times during childhood. Lacking a harmonious family life or what they perceive represents a stable upbringing, these individuals may seek out partners whom they believe will provide what they have lacked; instead, their choices often eerily mirror their mothers and / or fathers, thus re-enacting turbulent parental relationships. Their instabilities and insecurities can result in possessive attitudes towards partners or unrealistic expectations of obtaining the devotion and attention withheld during their youth. It is vital that people with Venus in the fourth house go beyond childhood traumas so that these events are not re-enacted with their own partners or children, to whom they may look for undying devotion.

While a positively aspected Venus enables these individuals to become loving partners who are hopelessly romantic and extremely loyal, the emotional or economic insecurity generated by an afflicted Venus in the fourth house may instead cause them to become jealous, possessive lovers and / or controlling, overprotective parents. Ironically, this stifling behaviour may further alienate their families and threaten the secure home base that they were attempting to build and maintain. Another manifestation is the desire to confine themselves and retreat into a cocoon-like existence devoid of social obligations. Retaining creative hobbies and engaging in activities outside the home will lessen the risk of living in their partner's shadow and decrease the likelihood that they will project unfulfilled ambitions onto their children - both courses ultimately detrimental.

In addition to representing the basis of the emotions and familial relationships, the fourth

house symbolises the physical abode a person inhabits (as child and adult) which serves as an extension of the self. Hospitable and magnanimous, people with Venus in the fourth house take enormous pride in their homes, which are usually tastefully and comfortably decorated - reminiscent of or in reaction to the comforts and security of their own harmonious youth (or lack thereof). With creative, productive and loving Venus affecting one's domicile, these individuals truly enjoy activities that revolve around their homes, ranging from cooking and decorating to entertaining friends and family. They will also encourage their children to be equally hospitable hosts and hostesses.

The financial rewards of Venus in the fourth house emanate from occupations that involve either creative expression in the privacy of a home office (self-employed artists and writers, for example) or working in the areas of real estate, interior decorating, art collecting, gardening or cooking. Because Venus is a materialistic planet, idealistic and impractical pursuits are often sacrificed in favour of professions that provide financial stability and material comforts.

For those with Venus conjunct the I.C., the cusp of the fourth house and part of the parental axis, their parents will have displayed Venusian characteristics. If this conjunction is well aspected, one or both may have been loving, creative, prosperous and a source of strength. If afflicted, one or both may have been lazy, indulgent, manipulative or distant.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The fourth house describes our home, our family background and our inner private life. People with Venus in the fourth house will want to find happiness in their home. They will enjoy spending time pottering about at home, doing nothing in particular. It will be important to their sense of well-being to have time to themselves to do as they wish.

Their home is likely to have a warm and comfortable atmosphere, one that others will find welcoming. They will enjoy friends coming round and being a part of the ambience. Their home is very much a place where others can 'hang out' with no pressure to leave and no need to do anything special. Friends are welcome to come and just be there, and in the meantime life goes on. At other times, people with Venus in the fourth will lavish attention on friends. They enjoy entertaining, and they have a gift for making others feel at home.

At times this can go too far, and their home can resemble a refugee camp, with too many hangers-on soaking up the wonderful atmosphere, eating them out of house and home, with the Venus-in-the-fourth person unable to oust them and reclaim their space for fear of creating a disturbance.

Here we have someone who will bend over backwards to avoid offending others, even when he or she is clearly being exploited. These people will often delude themselves as

to the reality of the situation in order to avoid any unpleasantness. They may over-identify with their guests' position, imagining how they might feel in their place, while not recognizing that it is not a position they ever occupy themselves. They tend to be the host.

The people with Venus in the fourth can, however, learn to avoid over-extending themselves in this way. A more positive expression of this placement is found in the people who create a home that is aesthetically pleasing and comfortable, with an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity, that functions as a nurturing environment for themselves.

They may be talented in interior decoration, although Venus in the fourth may find that all a bit too energetic; they will certainly have good taste. They may enjoy artistic pursuits at home; painting, photography, music or craft hobbies. They could be keen gardeners too, perhaps enjoying growing flowers; any contact they have with nature will benefit and replenish them.

In relationships, people with Venus in the fourth house will want to spend time at home with their partner; they will enjoy cosy evenings at home together. They may appreciate the arts together and spend time relaxing listening to music, for instance. Whatever, they will enjoy spending quiet times alone with their loved ones. They may even want a partner who values being at home with them more than anything else.

Depending on how Venus is aspected, these people generally derive happiness from their family background, and have happy memories of their childhood. They usually find pleasure in being a part of their extended family network, although they could have a fear of causing disharmony within the family, and the situation where everyone descends on them could apply to their family too. People with Venus in the fourth house will certainly want an ideal happy background, and have difficulties in reconciling themselves to anything less. They will generally focus on what was good and hold on to that.

Relationships will be the main arena in which they rework their early childhood. The past is an ever-present influence in their relationships, for better or for worse.

They may have idealized one of their parents, most likely their father. This can create problems later in their relating, when a partner is less than their idealized parent and hence a disappointment. Untangling this dynamic will take considerable introspection as it will operate at an unconscious level. They need to become reconciled to the reality of the relationship with this parent in order to give themselves a chance with future partners.

This is someone whose love nature is essentially very private. They need to have contact at a deep level to satisfy their relating needs. They need boundless intimacy in their relationship, and an ongoing sharing of themselves with another. They do not let

anyone into the depths of their private world very easily, despite their hospitable nature, so should you cross their threshold you are in privileged territory.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual's feelings are found in the ethnically folkly familiarity of his roots and the love he has for his formative origins. He is the embodiment of family warmth and security, the nostalgia of past memories and the sentimentality of emotional ties. Keepsakes, mementos and all the symbols of treasured moments create for him the womb of comfort from which his feelings are born. And, from this, his natural sensitivity towards nurturing the needs of others can manifest in the providing of a warm and cozy atmosphere for those he loves. Yet, many with this placement have a tendency to allow an exaggerated need for security to overtake the natural quality of their genuine feelings. Thus, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, overly strong personal attachments to objects, places and people can emotionally stifle the individual, making it difficult for him to openly share a flow of feeling - which is the very essence of love.

Sometimes, there is a clinging to one or both parents; a clutching at the comforts of childhood long into adult life. When this occurs, the individual can find himself emotionally lagging behind his mature needs. He experiences difficulty trusting new people, for he fears situations and circumstances which might be foreign to what he already knows.

When the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, he experiences a great change in his consciousness. His attachment to home and family grows into an expression of deep inner love rather than need. He awakens to the value of unselfish devotion as he begins to feel the sincerity of those close to him without childishly demanding it. Thus, he learns to appreciate the beauty in his family and experience the natural love flowing through his ancestral lineage upon which his life is built. This love gives him the strength from which his feelings expand to a supportive understanding of others.

He begins to see beyond the narrow circle of childlike emotions; and, coming out of the cocoon-like incubation period of his earlier years, starts, to experience the harmonious warmth of all whose lives he touches. He learns that although the love in his childhood may have been comfortable, he must nevertheless go through the emotional weaning process from which he will be able to build his own family, freely express the warmth and goodness that is uniquely his own, and find the home within himself which gives him the security to meet life's new experiences. From this, he becomes concerned with the harmonious strength of his community, the security of his religion and the roots of love upon which a meaningful humanity is founded and nourished.

The more he identifies with this feeling of nourishment, the closer he comes to the precious beauty of the Divine Mother of creation - for nourishment is the way of nature

from which her blessings of love pour through every fibre of life.

It is from this that he realizes his very special Gift of Love - his unique sensitivity to build, from the very roots of life, the encouraging spirit of harmony and co-operation which is the natural source of love at the birth of all feeling.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 4th house indicates qualities deeply embedded within the person. Those with Venus here basically value and desire peace and harmony in their surroundings. They cannot easily live in an atmosphere of strife, tension or discord, and in the end will do all that they can to reconcile problems or smooth over differences. Satisfaction and fulfilment can be found in making a home and in such domestic pursuits as cooking, decorating and gardening. If not too badly aspected, Venus in the 4th suggests a comfortable situation in the later years of life.

Venus carries with it the image of the beloved and all that is beautiful. One possible interpretation of this planet in the 4th is that the father (or 'hidden parent') catches the projection - he is made into the beautiful one. The boy-child may feel some rivalry or jealousy. How can he ever be as good as Daddy, who has all the charm and grace, and Mummy as well? The little girl may fall in love with such an enchanting father, in which case the mother becomes the rival. Nonetheless, Venus in the 4th suggests a positive family inheritance, both psychological and material. Sometimes good taste runs in the family or there has been an artistic influence in the early upbringing. Often, there is an interest in exploring the genealogy or family tree.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With good aspects, this is a good place for Venus. There will be great pleasure in the home, much love and sharing. There is a love of family and of family tradition, an interest in roots and heritage, which may include history, wealth, nobility, things in which we can take pride. The father is usually handsome, charming, easy-going, or fun-loving. It is a partial testimony to daughters, sisters, and female relatives, usually attractive, fun-loving and artistic.

The home environment is very important to these people, who will be inclined to spend a large portion of the money available to them on it, painting, cleaning, restoring, adding on, and renewing. They are more inclined to enjoy staying home or entertaining at home than going out. They may even have a business in their home or a workshop, or work out of their home in some way. It is a partial testimony to success in real estate, landscaping, gardening, or inn-keeping.

Without stress aspects, it indicates a happy childhood with indulgent parents and a peaceful, happy old age.

With difficult aspects, however, this house is not such a good place for Venus. The angularity is intense, so that difficulties are magnified. The early environment may be pleasurable or exciting in some way, but too hectic, confused, or unstable. The father may be not only indulgent, but self-indulgent as well, and get into financial difficulties. He may be too fun-loving, drink, or have affairs. Either the childhood home or the father (or both) may be lost, leaving a bittersweet memory of a time and place that is gone forever. A self-indulgent mother may dominate the home environment.

In any case, whatever problems this angular Venus may bring with hard aspects, it generally forces them to rebuild their personal set of values from the ground up. Something is wrong with the value system inherited from the family, and they must reexamine everything in light of personal experience and study in order to re-evaluate goals, lifestyle, and basic attitudes. A stressed fourth house Venus forces one to grow and keep growing throughout life. At first there may be some unfortunate experiences; but, as they live and learn, they pass through many stages and come at last to a much better understanding of life. It is a strong testimony for wisdom in old age, however painful or pleasant the means of acquiring it, and for the contentment that wisdom brings.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: Venus in the 4th indicates that personal love is ultimately very personal indeed. Love constitutes the essence of your private self. Your most personal levels center around comfort, pleasure, and aesthetic appreciation. The pitfalls lie in seeming closed or self-centered emotionally, while the challenge is to safeguard your feelings of care by expressing them warmly to the people who are loved, in exquisite private moments of tangible sharing.

Personal security: Your home is a place of beauty. No expense is spared to make your domain comfortable and aesthetically charming. Style is important, and the emphasis moves from the surface inward: if your surroundings are effectively restful, then surely your relationships will become peaceful also. The pitfall is that you often rely too heavily on the home for pleasurable experience, gradually withdrawing into a narrow and constricted sense of family. The challenge is to make your home a haven for sharing with all loved ones.

Emotional imprints: Your imprints originated largely from pleasure / pain impulses. That which represented love or pleasure was absorbed; that which represented discomfort or denial was avoided. Like the Moon, but less intensely, Venus indicated that maternal or feminine influences formed the major imprints. Harmony or its absence was an important conditioning factor. You felt yourself to be an object of beauty within your family; and you learned very early that you would be judged on the basis of certain feminine qualities in your expression, qualities such as receptivity and the willingness to maintain peace and

promote harmony in social situations.

'Inner-link' parent: Your mother was a model for beauty and pleasure, the person who taught you what being a woman meant. This could have been positive, or negative, or, more probably, a blend of both. Later in life, you'll tend to use that inner model in any situation involving your private life, such as the style of your home or the way you approach love. This doesn't necessarily mean that as an adult you'll be 'just like her', although that's possible. It means that you'll either strive to create your style from her modelling, or strive to avoid what she symbolized for you. Alternately, you could use the same approach in finding a person with whom to form family, looking either for someone like her or for someone opposite from her.

Private intuition: Private intuition occupies the realm of 'good feelings'. Inner guides are experienced not so much as effective, real-life advisors, since they are not likely to give information. Instead, messages from the Higher Self function to remind you of the beauty of life. They perform the function of relief, offering a respite from the trials and tribulations of pragmatic, external living. Your guides bring you loveliness. They open your eyes, pointing the way toward truer beauty, renewing your sense of lovingness, revitalizing the appreciation of both your own life and life around you.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your fond memories of the early years at home have made you appreciate those who indulged you. Because of this conditioning, you are conciliatory and you often display your thanks for the benefits you received. You enjoy the finer things in life, and you want a good home embellished with every refinement. You feel a spiritual obligation to help those in need; and even if you are unable to provide material assistance, you find ways to show that you are sincerely concerned. You usually say the right thing at the right time to encourage others to think well of you; and people are impressed with your willingness to lend a hand. You are guarded, though, about making a commitment until you are sure that the other person isn't trying to take advantage of you.

You are preoccupied with having every possible comfort; and you try to devise ways to get them without having to invest more than is absolutely necessary. Security is very important to you, but you should not have too much difficulty in fulfilling your needs if you use your ideas imaginatively to that end. If forced by conditions beyond your control, you will compromise your immediate desire to implement your long-range plans for future security.

You should look for a career that will allow you to fulfill your creative potential and to learn whether you can accept competition. You may choose a career in which the risks are minimal and the gains equally modest, because you abhor tension and the disharmony of competition. Unless you stand firm in your goals, others may try to gain control over you. It would be a great help if someone dear to you would give you the stimulus you

need to succeed. Not wanting to alienate the people you deal with in your daily affairs, you are inclined to make unnecessary concessions. your mate could give you the support you need; and his or her advice could be most helpful when you feel overwhelmed by increasing tension.

Though you don't make demands on your friends, they will be very likely to help you plan your future if you ask. You must accept the fact that any security you hope to gain will have to come from your own efforts. Getting an education will allow you to reach your goals. In fact, your goals can't be realized unless you invest in an education, which is the bottom rung of your ladder of achievement. People like you because you are never too busy to listen to their problems, and they feel you understand them better than anyone else. You have a talent for showing people how they can make the best of their own skills and become self-reliant.

Learn to rely on your ability to solve problems, for your solutions are as valid as other people's. It's all right to disagree with those who have different opinions, for dissension is healthy. Your creative talents deserve to be fully exploited; failing to develop them is only shortchanging yourself. If you assume that you are not desirable to the opposite sex, you will delay the time when you can have a warm, affectionate relationship with someone whom you find attractive. The chances are good that you will eventually marry someone you have known a long time who has only recently emerged as a potential partner.

Mars in Virgo 12° 32'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high practical energies, adequate-to-high mental energies, adequate physical energies, and low emotional energies. Your energy is service-oriented, disciplined and efficient. It is often channeled into reasoning, finding flaws, and helping others. Your strengths include self-discipline, technical aptitudes, and unselfishness. You lack the ability to see the forest for the trees, imagination, and enthusiasm.

You can be a bit like the Boy Scout who drags the little old lady across the street in spite of her protests that she doesn't want to go. You mean well, and probably wouldn't push people around or argue with them for your own sake; but you have awfully definite ideas about what's good and bad for people in general and those you care about in particular. As a result, you can be too critical of others, interfering more than is good for either them or you. This trait can be channeled positively, however; for example, your sort of motivation can be a good asset if you're involved in a career in the medical field, or are a secretary, computer programmer or operator, or statistician. In any case, this Mars can be best used for acquiring knowledge and putting it to practical use. With this position, the enthusiasm of Mars is dulled to a large extent; although you tend to be physically active, you're not keen on strenuous activity unless there's some practical purpose to it.

Mars in Virgo people generally tend to be very careful and discreet about sex. Occasionally they're 'late bloomers' in this area. Various types of sexual hang-ups can manifest if Mars is under stress here; usually these have to do with rejecting people for rather petty reasons. Both sexes have to learn that good reasoning skills don't make for infallible judgement in the sexual arena. Men with this placement are often so busy repressing their emotions that they may not be very insightful about a woman's wants - or their own. Women with this placement set high standards for men - sometimes unattainably so. Both sexes can be incredibly dense when it comes to picking up on someone's romantic signals; paradoxically, they find very blatant overtures offensive. Patience, as well as more than a modicum of refinement, will be necessary to break the ice - which generally turns out not to be ice at all, but rather a protective coating of 'intellectual polyurethane' designed to protect the emotions from getting scratched, scuffed or stained.

You want a healthy mate / lover. While not cold, you probably don't want a terribly sexually-demanding partner, as you tend to feel you have energy for other pursuits as well. You're very careful whom you get involved with. You're also careful where and how you get involved; you're nothing if not discreet! This doesn't necessarily mean you lack spontaneity; it does, however, mean that you're not one to rush into things. Impulsiveness tends to leave you feeling guilty; lack of preparedness worries you. So when you become involved, you invariably know exactly when you're doing! And while you may like variety, you don't like one-night stands. Being discriminating is your style, and it will work for you as long as you don't take it to extremes. You'd be happiest with a mate or lover who has Mars in an Earth sign, Mars in the sixth house, a Mercury / Mars conjunction, or a Mercury / Mars sextile.

Working for yourself or working where you have scope to do your own thing would be the best, although you're not averse to working your way up the ranks to a middlemanagement position if necessary. You're probably a hard worker and a meticulous one, though you may at times be less than honest if your job, a promotion, or a big commission is on the line. You're not at your best as 'the big boss' as you're inclined to be rather critical of your staff, yet at the same time are loathe to fire anyone. Some good career areas for you would be: the food industry, food inspector, clerical work (preferably a 'person Friday' in a small office), the police force, editing, teaching, chemistry, photography, and nursing.

Working hard comes naturally to you. Your job, relocation, and / or work transfers can lead to some of your best lucky breaks. Less important opportunities can come as a result of seemingly trivial things like going for a drive, getting a new refrigerator, having your typewriter repaired, etc.. The key here is that your opportunities tend to come in connection with serviceable things and practical activities rather than from involvement with luxuries or highly 'iffy' projects. Co-workers, editors, and professional people in general tend to motivate you by giving you encouragement.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by taking what they do or say too personally and then aggressively demanding to be acknowledged as right all the time. Consequently, you may seek to prove the Virgo rightness by making others wrong. When your own or the actions of others fall short of your standards, you can be quick to criticize and judge. By focusing on errors, you may lose your momentum.

Dynamic

You can constructively assert yourself by taking the initiative in assisting others to straighten out their lives. Acting on your commitment to serve effectively, you might allow yourself to share responsibility and overcome the need to be right about everything, as well as the feeling that you have to do others' work for them. You can develop practical methods that aid others in achieving their ideals of perfection. Through humanely applying your passionate sense of order to chaotic situations in a tolerant way, you can experience satisfaction and a new sense of system. Your energy is increased in the process of making these changes.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Virgo will be moderate and self-contained. These people will have the sensual sensitivity that all the Earth signs possess, but they will be reserved in expressing it. Sex does not matter much to them. Unlike Mars in Taurus, they have no desire in the abstract so they are quite capable of long periods of celibacy if there is no one around that interests them. When in a new relationship, however, they may initially be very sexually active, trying to compensate for previous abstinence.

While someone with Mars in Virgo still takes sensual pleasure in his / her body for its own sake, this is tempered by a practical, matter-of-fact attitude to physical needs and desires. This is not someone who is easily drawn into the excesses of a Mars in Taurus; Mars in Virgo is far more circumspect and health-conscious.

Someone with Mars in Virgo will exercise considerable caution in getting involved in a relationship. These people do not want to make a mistake, and will select a partner with care. In choosing, they may seek to fulfil quite particular criteria. In extreme cases, a prospective partner may feel like a job applicant being measured against a detailed set of requirements to see if he / she is suitable for the position. Virgo has a reputation for being choosy, fussy and critical; and for someone with Mars in Virgo all of this can be brought to bear in his / her approach to a sexual partner.

Virgo is a very analytical sign, and Mars in Virgo can be analytical to an extreme. At their worst, these people will lose track of the inherent meaning in a situation, in trying to unravel and understand the detail. They can analyse a situation to death. More positively, they will always be prepared to talk about things and to try to understand themselves and their partner.

Mars in Virgo people may want a partner who is useful, perhaps someone who helps out with practical or technical problems; and they may offer this to those they are involved with. Joint ventures and activities will be an important part of their relationships.

(Skye Alexander)

You are hard-working and conscientious, focusing much of your energy into your job. When something needs to be done, you are the one who does it; and you manage to accomplish more than most people through efficient, practical organization of time and resources. This is the position of the office manager, production supervisor or shift foreman, the dynamo behind the scenes who actually runs the show and without whom the operation couldn't function. You tend to be a perfectionist, and have little patience with yourself or others when they make mistakes. However, your ambitions are modest, and you have no desire for fame, fortune and power (unless Leo is prominent in your chart). Because your ego is smaller than most and you don't stand up for yourself, you may not receive the credit you deserve.

In fact, you are fearful of having to assert yourself, and may 'choke' in situations that require aggression. Perhaps you feel weak or vulnerable, unable to protect yourself physically. Rather than moving outwardly with force and vigor, you often hold your energy in check, which results in a build-up of tension. The way you are most likely to release this pent-up aggression is through complaining, irritability and nervous habits. Stress and unexpressed anger also can cause you to have problems with your stomach or digestive system. Not only are you more susceptible to stress than most people, but also you don't possess a great deal of natural vitality, and therefore you need to take good care of your health through proper diet, rest and exercise. Yoga, in particular, might appeal to you since you probably don't have much interest in competitive sports.

Although you may not be willing to fight for yourself, you often stand up for the rights and well-being of others, particularly those who are less fortunate than yourself. You are especially concerned with helping the sick and handicapped, and might choose to focus your energy into medical work. When it comes to nursing the ailing, you can be tireless in your efforts. You need to feel needed.

Though your sex drive is strong, you might not feel comfortable about expressing it, and tend to be a bit puritanical. You could even be somewhat fearful of letting your passion loose, of giving in to such overpowering sensations. It's hard for you just to relax and enjoy yourself, without worrying or judging. Therefore, you may repress much of your

desire and be critical of people who are more sexually open or indulgent. At the same time, though, you envy them. Your perfectionism also might cause you to suffer from performance anxiety.

Men with Mars in Virgo often pride themselves on their efficiency, organization skills and dependability. You can be a workaholic, and expect everyone else to devote as much energy and effort as you do to the job. Working makes you feel good about yourself; and your ego is gratified if you believe you are indispensable. Though you aren't looking for lots of prestige and money for your contributions, you'll become cranky, complaining and negative if others don't recognize and appreciate how much you do. You want to serve in some way, and might be happier in a support or service position than one that is highly visible.

Unless Fire signs are prominent in your chart, you may be somewhat insecure about your masculinity, and might feel you are a bit of a 'wimp'. You fear you won't be able to assert yourself when necessary. Perhaps you have more brain than brawn, and lack athletic ability. However, you may attempt to overcompensate for your timidity with excessive bravado.

Women with Mars in Virgo are attracted to modest, unassuming, shy men. No Rambo types for you. You are looking for someone you can depend on, who is gentle, considerate, hard-working and practical. Cleanliness is high on your list of priorities, too, and it is much more important to you that your partner be neat than goodlooking.

Mars in 4th House

(Donna van Toen)

You may have sudden, inexplicably touchy spells. You're a hard worker in your home and / or for your loved ones, and are normally energetic (although if Mars is in a Water sign your energy may be more emotional than physical). Possibly you lost a parent in childhood or came from a home where fighting was common. Early on in your life, strong desires for independence and security came to the fore. These are what motivate you; and no doubt what you gain in these areas will be retained well into old age and perhaps throughout your life. Sometimes people with this aspect prefer not to marry; but they nearly always want their own home. Mars here under stress can be a troublemaker, a disturber of the status quo. Watch that!

Mars here says your wants are pretty basic - love, loyalty, a home, an even temper. One thing you want is a sense of shared past or similar background. You may insist on knowing your mate / lover's romantic history before committing yourself.

You're often motivated by hidden or subconscious factors that are triggered by

environmental stimuli and stir your instinctive defence mechanisms. Lucky breaks are apt to be connected with your home and / or birthplace; at least a great deal of your activity may be connected with these (sometimes it's getting away from them which leads to lucky breaks!) To a lesser extent, lucky breaks may be connected with some sort of serious involvement with community recreation or promoting local businesses. Career activities tend not to offer too many opportunities as a rule, either because you're a rather private person or sometimes because of a militant or egotistical approach that turns people off.

The fourth house has to do with your home environment as well as your emotional and metaphysical development. If Mars is here, it suggests quite a strong emphasis on creative and / or psychic energy, which has developed over several lifetimes, but hasn't been used constructively. In the past, impatience has gotten the better of you, and caused you to leave many things uncompleted or badly done. This tendency is still with you and will have to be watched closely. Your actions will involve finding a constructive outlet for your creativity and / or psychic ability, learning to develop thoroughness in your chosen field, and learning to tone down strong emotions that interfere with your ability to follow your chosen path.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

A person with Mars in the fourth needs deep emotional connections and puts a lot of energy into close relationships. Sex tends to stir up lots of buried feelings and anger from early life, and carries the weight of past hurts, which makes intimate relationships very volatile. This person may have come from a family background where there were big issues around sexuality with a lot of unspoken undercurrents around at home.

These people's need to feel emotionally secure in order to enjoy sex means that they feel uncomfortable with casual sex. They will feel most at ease with a live-in lover, which gives them both the security they need and plenty of time simply to be with that person.

People with Mars in the fourth often have periods when they feel the need to withdraw from relationships altogether. They are affected at a deep level, and therefore need time alone to restore themselves after a relationship has ended. This allows feelings and memories to surface so that they can digest and reassess them.

For these people, a strong, secure emotional relationship gives them a solid base from which they can operate. They feel freer and more able to go out into the world and fight for what they want if they have this.

A secure home is also a vital necessity for their security. They need to feel in control of where they live, and will fight fiercely to keep it. Obtaining and maintaining their own living space is a powerful motivating factor; and they will focus a great deal of energy on this. A lot of effort is put into getting their home exactly as they want it; and they tend to

be frequently reorganizing and redecorating it. Doing things around the home is restoring and energizing to them.

Their strong feelings about their home may create conflict with whose they live with, especially if they do not have the same values and attitude. However, with someone who shares their tastes and objectives, getting a home together and working on it will bring deep satisfaction, strengthening the bond between them and fostering sexual desire. Because of this, actually living together can seem vitally important to the fourth house Mars people. To them it feels essential to the survival of the relationship. They are strongly territorial both about their home and about their partner, and want the security of knowing that they belong to him / her alone.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: With Mars in the 4th, your inner sanctum is constructed around the imagery and feeling of desire. What you want becomes almost sacredly personal. Your inner focus is honed to a razor's edge. But you may experience caution around overtly going after what you want. The pitfall involves this tendency to postpone action and thus inadvertently delay fulfillment; too often, you want to be sure you're safe before you act. The challenge is to express desire with all the depth it deserves.

Personal security: Security is much desired, but difficult to achieve, in large part because you are by nature polarized toward those closest to you. You want so much with them and from them that ordinary fulfillment is sometimes not enough. You tend to be extremely sentimental and protective; but remember that even softness can be smothering. As an adult, you're concerned with the scars of the past. You want to clear the air with your family, to get one clean shot at making your points, so you can finally connect with them on your own terms. The pitfalls are continual restlessness and a lack of true relaxation, while the challenge is to learn the difference between passion and aggression.

Emotional imprints: Your imprints were probably more event-oriented than would be the case with most of the other planets. Peak experiences were more significant than subtler conditioning; and the classical assumptions of childhood trauma, especially separations, have greater relevance if they occurred. The sheer weight of territoriality was a profound influence: fighting for what was 'mine'. You felt you were being judged according to male standards: desire, assertiveness, and willful action.

'Inner-link' parent: Here we see a contradiction, a masculine symbol in the mother's area. It can indicate a number of distinctly different possibilities. If your mother was feminine on the surface, you still felt her masculinity assert itself often. She might have been a woman of high energies, the natural ruler of the roost, someone who could easily have moved her talents into the external world of cultural power. On the other hand, your father may have taken over some of the classical duties of motherhood. Or you could

have imprinted on the urgency of your relationship for him, with desire spilling over into interaction. This placement sometimes indicates long-standing disputes or bitterness with parents, often resulting from a conflict in the parent-child roles. However, even when that is the case, there is a sense of strength that pervades the imprints.

Private intuition: your relationship to inner guidance moves through heated and volatile exchanges. You go within to energize yourself, to charge your batteries, to light the flames of desire. Again and again, you momentarily withdraw from the world during times of difficulty, only to emerge soon after with an entirely new direction or fresh approach, almost like a slingshot. Your guides often remind you of what you truly want. They are not, however, always friendly. Often they confront you, pushing you to get up once more, to live your life adventurously and with real passion.

(Howard Sasportas)

Anything in the 4th house may be hidden from view. But, sooner or later, the drive to express the self latent in a 4th house Mars can no longer remain underground. And like anything which has been locked away for any length of time in the basement, it is not likely to be very pretty when you finally let it out. This placement suggests a hidden aggressiveness and anger that needs to be brought to the surface, analysed, re-integrated into the personality, and consciously directed to constructive ends. At first Mars may appear as intense fury and rage, erupting volcanically all over the place, surprising both those who spew it and anybody within close range. Once the Mars is 'freed', however, those with this placement eventually grow more adept and graceful at expressing and honouring everything that is going on inside them - the nasty bits as well as the good. Reconnecting to a 4th house Mars, like drinking a wellknown beer, enlivens the parts other planets can't reach. A kind of juicy vitality which wasn't there before pervades much more of the life.

When most people come home to roost after a hard day's work, they just want to take off their shoes, mix a drink, put their feet up and watch television. But for those with Mars in the 4th, it is after they've 'clocked off' that their day begins. It is within the home sphere and personal life that they are likely to evince their greatest drive and enterprise, not to mention their domineering and aggressive streaks. In this respect, they are not unlike a certain type of creature called a cichlid fish. These war-like fish need other fish on whom they can vent their aggression. If a pair of them is isolated from a tank containing other fish, then the male will turn his aggression to wards his spouse and offspring. Similarly, those with Mars in the 4th may displace the anger they feel but don't express to other people onto those innocently waiting for them back at home. Well-mannered and docile at work, they may come home spoiling for a fight. Aggression can be displaced in other ways however: digging in the garden, building an extension on the house, provoking someone to get angry at them, or falling down the stairs, etc..

The father (or hidden parent) may be experienced as powerful and masterly, or as

pushy, argumentative, sexual and potentially violent. Those with this placement may have to do battle with the father in order to reclaim their own sense of autonomy and freedom of expression. They may not succeed in this until they establish a home of their own; and there is usually a strong urge to do so. Often they are descended from a background of 'survivors'; and they, too, possess a mighty resilience - they can only be held down for so long before they bounce back fighting.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are annoyed when conditions force you to submit to other people's demands. As you grew up, you felt resentful when you had to fulfill family obligations or take on other people's responsibilities. You wanted to be independent as soon as possible, even though it caused some bitterness at home. You especially want to make your own way and make your own mistakes, which is part of the maturing process. There will be hazards to face; and you must accept full responsibility for your actions. Your best path for development would be through some broad social program where your efforts can have the best results. You will have to be discriminating in choosing who to associate with in your endeavors. Because you encourage people to trust you and believe that you understand their problems, it is important not to violate their confidence.

You believe that actions speak louder than words as you strive to acquire the necessary financial resources to fulfill your ambitions. You find it especially upsetting to be without funds, and you make a point of knowing as much as possible about money and devising schemes to earn it. You equate freedom with financial independence, but you should develop human qualities to offset any lean periods. People tend to help those who demonstrate admirable qualities and shun those who are totally preoccupied with money. You must work hard to develop friendships that will benefit you when you are in need, and learn to make concessions to others, for their priorities are as important to them as yours are to you.

Your greatest difficulties will come when you face reversals or rejection in your career. Establishing goals within reasonably safe limits will allow you to gain experience and proficiency in your field. Don't try to fulfill your parents' expectations, for the only potentials you must live up to are your own. Once you are independent, you are accountable only to yourself. Take advantage of opportunities offered by your associates, and learn why your competitors sometimes fail. Your partner could be a valuable source of creative imagination if you listen to his or her ideas. You are stimulated when your mate admires your successes, and comforted by support when things go wrong.

Be very careful of friends who are always asking favors. See to it that you help only those who deserve it. Work out a program of action designed to give you the security you need for your later years. You will be guided by the sound ethical standards you learned in your formative years. Getting an education will extend the limits of your goals

and give you the necessary leverage to successfully meet any challenge without having to resort to questionable practices.

You have to learn the hard way, but you never forget what you learn. Your greatest asset is your ability to put your ideas into action, if you can learn not to act until you have fully explored the consequences. Probably you want to make substantial gains in your career before considering marriage; and that is the course you should take. You cannot afford the responsibilities and limitations of a family while you are trying to establish a place in your career. You need as much mobility as possible during this period of your life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a difficult spot for Mars: square to the Ascendant, opposed to the Midheaven, and submerged in the lowest sector of the chart. However, these very difficulties often stimulate it to great effort, so that although it doesn't always show forth as great external accomplishment, it almost always shows a life of great growth and inner development.

This placement almost always indicates a heavy relationship with the mother that marks the entire life. The mother is apt to be domineering, though if aspects are supportive, this may simply show as strength and support without her will being imposed to too great a degree. In any case, the mother outshines the father, who may die or leave the home during childhood. If the Moon is here, or Neptune, or if Mars is in Cancer or Pisces, there is sorrow added - the mother suffers, is ill, or is unhappy or hysterical. Or, she may die, leaving them with lifelong emotional pain and guilt. This can result in alcoholism and, possibly (with enough other testimony), suicide.

In a man's chart, Mars in the fourth is apt to make him strong-willed, sometimes even harsh or cruel toward his wife and children, perhaps to compensate for having to endure his mother's problems. Having children of his own may appear to him to be a burden and a sorrow rather than a joy. In a woman's chart, it makes it hard for her to be receptive toward other women, particularly older women; and she may be unresponsive to her own children, due to pent-up anger or grief.

A fourth-house Mars with squares, inconjuncts and oppositions almost always points to a hectic, disorderly home in childhood, with the possibility of physical or emotional violence. This difficult home atmosphere may be reproduced in the adult home as well. People with these chart conditions would benefit from therapy.

This may not be the easiest location for Mars, but it can act as a goad, prodding them toward self-mastery and accomplishment, if only to escape or rise above the early home environment. It forces them to consider basic values, to decide what is real versus what isn't, to set priorities, and to act upon them. It is the sign of those who must pull themselves up by their bootstraps. It is a sort of 'make or break' factor; they will either

succumb and allow life to turn them into something they themselves cannot respect, or they will fight to improve themselves and their lot. In the one case, they will be self-pitying, filled with anger and blame and inclined to take out their feelings on those weaker; in the other, they will be philosophical, feel pity for those who mistreated or neglected them, and be kind and tender to those weaker than themselves.

It gives a good deal of strength to understand the ups and downs of fortune in either case, and generally gives a firm grip on life. It can testify to a long, productive life, or to an early, usually violent death, depending on various other factors. It can also be partial testimony to death by accident. In any case, there will probably be a close call early in life that shocks them into caution and awareness.

Mars at this angle doesn't have the power that it has on the other angles to bring things about rapidly; but it does have stick-to-it-iveness, follow-through and bounceback, and it can accomplish a lot over a life-time. It does give the power to start something new, a new way of doing things, new ideas, that take a lifetime of dedication to instill, and often bring more renown to those who come after than to those whose vision it was in the first place. Sometimes it means that they have a greater effect on later generations than on their own.

Often, it means that they leave home and live the rest of their lives far from native roots. If Mars is in Gemini or Sagittarius, they may never stay anywhere long enough to put down roots of their own. If it is in Earth or Water signs, they may build their own home, or sacrifice much to acquire land and property or a home of their own. With bad aspects, there is danger to the home, particularly from fire. It is a good location for construction workers, builders, and architects.

Jupiter ♃ in ♏ Scorpio 2° 6'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone participating with others on business, sexual, and deep psychological levels, fearing the loss of personal control, you may create deadlocked situations in which no-one is able to use mutual resources. When you avoid transformative connections with others, you can experience a frustrating sense of losing power while being obsessed with the need to control others.

Dynamic

When you decide to take the leap of faith and risk exposing your hidden motivations by

sharing intimately with another, you can experience expansion, opportunities and trust, that emerge from allowing yourself to become a part of another's life. It is no longer necessary to control or be controlled by him / her. By trusting the occult vision of the transformative energy of relationships to manifest in mutually beneficial ways, you can surrender to its power. You may then discover that you possess intuitive perception to use these resources in such a way that each person is benefited. Through this process, you can expand your own power and opportunity on all levels of close relationships.

(Marilyn Waram)

The individual with Jupiter in Scorpio connects values and faith to emotionally intense relationships, shared resources, and psychological depths. Her values will tend to be connected to powerful emotions, often unconscious in origin, and may pack a power punch that is unsuspected until one of them is transgressed. She may use emotional impact to make her point when she discusses her philosophy or belief systems, and may be unaware of this, particularly while young. With the Water sign Scorpio, there could be some unconscious insecurity over values and not much willingness to trust others.

Scorpio represents a part of human nature which craves emotional closeness with another, to the point of absorption in each other, but it can also be totally walled off in self-protection. This is the type of individual who invites others to open up at deep levels of intimacy, but does not do so herself. It causes profound hurt to the other, and the Scorpio individual often does not understand why, although she usually protects herself because precisely the same situation happened to her early in her life.

As this person matures, however, the Jupiter drive to expand and open up may have its effect on the Scorpio tendency to hold in and keep everything safely battened down. She will highly value self-mastery, and will usually seek to learn all she can about it. In the process, she may come to see her behavior in a more objective light and be able to accept the harmful impact it has on others. She may develop the Jupiter tendency to have faith, this time in other people, although the Scorpio nature may sabotage this, at first. If she can develop trust, and learn that her original hurt came from a probably tendency to trust others indiscriminately, whether they were trustworthy or not, then she can make a more mature and accurate distinction between those who merit confidence and those who do not.

With Jupiter in Scorpio, she may be attracted to extremely moody partners who appeal to her because of the intensity of their emotions, and because they seem to offer her the degree of emotional intimacy she desires. She may need to make a distinction between those who offer true intimacy (where the emotional sharing goes back and forth with each being supported in turn) and those who simply drag her into their self-indulgent emotional morass, where the agenda is that she listens while they emote. In the second instance, she will discover the game is not played in reverse. She will not be given her turn.

A person with Jupiter in Scorpio feels intensely emotional about her values and beliefs. They tend, unless she has deliberately gone on a program to consciously examine them, to be a quagmire of half-formed concepts picked up unconsciously from parents, admired others, and many other sources. They also tend to be remarkably inconsistent unless they have been examined consciously, because they are osmosed rather than intellectually analyzed. However, because they are attached to strong feelings, the individual reacts vehemently to suggestions that something she cherishes might be wrong or ineffective. Scorpio represents a part of human nature which has formidable obsessive-compulsive tendencies, which tends to hang on to anything collected, whether useful or harmful. The Scorpio part of our personality struggles with a need to regenerate, to revive, rather than to abandon or let go. It often cannot distinguish between what holds promise, what holds elements of life, and what is merely poisonous.

Because of all this, with Jupiter in Scorpio the individual badly needs to explore her belief systems and structures and try to get them to form an effective pattern. Otherwise she serves them, all unaware of what they are. If this is the case, she spends her life completely unsuspecting of her own motives, the principles by which she is attempting to live, the results these values create - and they are often painful because they themselves are so undisciplined. She also remains unaware of how to improve the situation. She may be so busy being tormented that she does not know improvement is possible. Once she finds out, she may go to the opposite polarity and become compulsive about selfimprovement, holding self-mastery as the only worthwhile goal, worshipping those who have attained it and condemning herself when she falls short.

This placement, however, indicates an individual who has a great capacity to bring the contents of her unconscious into consciousness, and to then cast off what is merely debris from her past. With Jupiter in Scorpio, problems related to values, faith and the search for truth are often due to unconscious disorganisation of concepts, powerful emotional attachment to personal perceptions and opinions, and unwillingness to examine or change notions, even when clearly unworkable or likely to bring bitter pain.

When an individual has Jupiter in Scorpio, she has a difficult task to bring to consciousness much that is unconscious, to bring into the open much that is hidden and desires to stay so. However, she will go further in her quest for the truth about herself than most, will endure more pain as she learns to see her past mistakes than most are willing to, and has the most incredible capacity to rise from the ashes of her painful discoveries. She has the ability to lead the way when it comes to personal rejuvenation, due to the strength of her will, the intensity of her drive to understand herself, and the power of self-mastery she holds as an ideal.

(Skye Alexander)

By exploring the hidden realms, you broaden your understanding of the Universe and

your place in it. You want to find out what goes on beneath the surface, what the core truths are; and you may study metaphysics to increase your knowledge. Superficial explanations aren't enough for you - you want to comprehend life's great mysteries: birth, death, regeneration. You also want to experience the other worlds that exist beyond the apparent one and discover the forces that operate there. It is quite likely that you possess psychic ability to some kind; certainly, understanding metaphysical concepts comes easily for you.

Your fascination with the great unknown might lead you to teach or write about mysterious realms or occurrences, thus expanding others' awareness, too. Perhaps you will even become successful or well-known for this.

Another possibility is that you could benefit in some way through clandestine activity, or by working behind the scenes. Or, you might become known for exposing hidden activities.

Issues of power and control are likely to play a part in your life. You assume authority easily, and are comfortable in positions of power, even those which give you the power of life and death over multitudes of people. Wielding power not only comes naturally to you, but is something that you enjoy immensely. Power might be the 'god' you worship. Your tendency is toward excess in this area, however, and you must be careful not to become abusive, manipulative, dictatorial, or cruel.

Sex, too, is associated with Scorpio. Referred to by Shakespeare as 'the little death', sex is still surrounded by fear and mystery, and often is used as an instrument of power and control. With Jupiter in Scorpio, you may possess a strong sexual appetite or exude a powerful sensuality that large numbers of people respond to. Perhaps you will benefit in some way from your sexuality. Since the expansiveness of Jupiter often encourages excess, you may be inclined to be sexually indulgent and promiscuous, or to use sex to manipulate or dominate others.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Scorpio indicates strong, large-scale involvements in matters relating to joint or corporate finances, taxes, insurance, and legacies. Business affairs are likely to relate to funerals, real estate, fund raising, taxes and insurance.

Natives are often interested in the occult, mystical aspects of religion, in life after death, and in telepathic communication with those of the unseen realms - especially if Jupiter aspects Uranus, Neptune or Pluto. They can be intense and uncompromising about philosophic and religious beliefs and standards, and about social conduct and principles; this kind of attitude sometimes make for powerful, bitter enemies.

These people tend to acquire secret information regarding the private affairs of others.

They can have strange friendships based on hidden motivations. They may receive inheritances because of favors they have done. If Jupiter is afflicted, however, legal battles can erupt over inheritances, alimony, corporate expenditures, insurance, and tax payments. Unwise investments in stocks or financial partnerships may bring losses. These people may dabble in such negative forms of psychic phenomena as séances and mediumship, and there may be a desire to manipulate occult forces for personal gain.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The powerful emotional energy force of Scorpio will inject Jupiter's influence with determination and willpower. There is a need for progress; and a strong emotional involvement in interests or career is essential if the subject is to feel fulfilled. In a chart where enterprise and the motivation to develop potential are present, this placing will give plenty of staying power.

The Jupiterian trait of living life to the full is encouraged by this placing: Scorpio knows nothing of half-measures, and, at its most assertive, Jupiter is a whole-hogger, so it is easy to see the potency of this placing. However, care is needed that the subject does not burn him- or herself out when pursuing objectives or simply living it up; moderation must be encouraged, and it is to be hoped that a restraining factor will be present elsewhere in the chart. The subject will be vulnerable to overdoing things if the Sun or Moon squares or opposes Jupiter, in which case you should look out for mental strain in particular. The individual may be naturally suspicious, and must not allow this tendency to become obsessive.

If there is an indication to write, detective fiction will probably be successful and / or rewarding - certainly pleasure will be gained from reading this particular genre. Here, too, is the ability to research thoroughly anything of interest. This placing is excellent for a criminal lawyer or judge. There is often financial flair and a good eye for a calculated financial risk; and sweeping generosity is also usually present. The subject may need to be warned against possible vanity and pride, and sometimes of verbal aggression too.

(Grant Lewi)

You relate opportunity to deep personal needs, and are generally successful because there is no inharmony between the inner nature and what the outer world makes important. The lens of the spirit eliminates what would make for unhappiness and follows instinctively what satisfies. This is a good position for acquiring and spending money; you give a sort of magical effect of being the right man or woman for the job that is open, if the job happens to appeal to you; and you proceed to make it your own in a curiously effective way. All the primary instincts merge in your approach to work and give you a high degree of efficiency. When you're where you want to be, you work easily, authoritatively, gaining the respect of superiors and subordinates. Opportunity flows to

you naturally; and an inherent wisdom enables you to select your right niche. You're not likely to be a square peg in a round hole; and you are very likely to be successful in whatever you put your mind on.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Scorpio, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through transmutation of desires and compulsions and by unusually thorough understanding of life's inner workings. Opportunities come through one's ability to shrewdly judge people and situations - a well-developed sense of resourcefulness and opportunism. Optimistic expansion and developing faith can be hindered by fear, secrecy, and the inability to open up emotionally; but Jupiter often expresses the nobler and more elevated qualities of Scorpio. The urge to connect with something greater than the self is expressed through intensity of experience and depth of feeling; trust in a higher power comes through seeking and confronting that intensity. One needs to tap into a powerful transformative energy in order to have confidence in oneself.

Over the years, I have come to express Scorpio's nature as one of 'emotional extremes'; and Jupiter's manifestations through the sign Scorpio are no exception. In fact, since Jupiter itself is given to excess, it should come as no surprise that this combination quite often is expressed in powerful and contradictory ways that could indeed be characterized as extreme. For example, these people need risk in order to have the intensity of experience that they crave, but they are also fearful of being vulnerable, and even feel terrified of life getting 'out of control'. And yet, if things remain calm for too long, they often instinctively stir up conflict and problems, or at least start new projects or tackle new challenges.

This is a placement of strong and deep emotions; it can be expressed as resentment and extreme pettiness, or through enobled emotions and loyalty to people and causes. And the same person may contain all these diverse tendencies! These folks crave deep involvement with whatever they do. Superficiality is not a familiar concept to them. Marcus Aurelius, whose Jupiter was in Scorpio, gives us a great watery image of finding goodness (Jupiter) in the depths (Scorpio): 'Dig within. Within is the foundation of good, and it will ever bubble up, if you will ever dig'.

Those with this Jupiter position often like to expand and explore in the 'taboo' areas of experience and knowledge, such as the occult, sex, death, deeper psychological motivations, and various metaphysical laws. In any case, they are research-oriented and may investigate natural laws, financial operations, military strategies, or criminal behavior with equal thoroughness. Moore and Douglas concisely summarize some of the essential qualities of this position: 'He knows how to think big and at the same time is willing to dirty his hands by undertaking the practical work of the world. His talent for converting natural resources into useful products may attract him to fields connected with chemistry, engineering, and pollution control. He may also be a discerning

psychologist who can assist people who are endeavoring not only to adjust to the circumstances of the world but also to reconstruct themselves from within. Jupiter and Scorpio combine to give a flair for business and finance. Frequently, these people prosper because they are willing to take the trouble to dig out necessary information, to get down to essentials, and to bide their time until a situation is ripe for development. They amass wealth because they so strongly desire and expect success in all their enterprises. There is an almost mystical faith in the power of money to breed more money and, consequently, more power. Forceful Scorpio and farseeing Jupiter blend in the hard-driving, efficient executive who, despite having his nose to the grindstone, is quick to catch the scent of new and promising markets for his products. There may be an almost sublime self-confidence which transcends ordinary egotism....

Those with Jupiter here often feel the need to be possessed by a cause, a greater power, another person, or a sense of mission. In any case, they are often seen by others to act as if they are 'possessed' by a passion or energy which they cannot fully control, which is especially obvious if they also have other Scorpio or strong Pluto factors in their chart. This 'something beyond them', however, also gives them a great ability to tune into extra reserves of power or into an intelligence that transcends conscious logic. They often have shrewd hunches, and 'they think with their guts'. This uncanny intuition also enables them to see the core of truth or value in a person, thing, investment, or situation, which most other people have completely given up on. Hence, they can revivify seemingly dead situations, products, companies; and likewise, with people, they can help them to heal or reform themselves, even if the condition seems desperate.

Carter wrote of this position: 'Reserved, dignified; sometimes reckless or self-indulgent'. Davison wrote: 'A resourceful, subtle mind; can be suspicious. Expands passions, devotion, magnetism, will-power, and pride. Can be self-absorbed'. Hickey wrote: 'Courage strong. Very secretive. Can give healing power'. Ebertin wrote: 'Ruthless striving for possessions and pleasures... overly pronounced sexual life'.

Ebertin's reference above to the emphasis on the sex life should probably be clarified and elaborated. Marcia Moore wrote that there is a tendency with this placement either to 'repress or over-express the erotic impulses', which is generally true for most other planets in Scorpio as well. I think it is most accurate to say that those with Jupiter in Scorpio will strive to broadly understand eros and sex, probably to experiment with it, but at least to exhibit a strong and wide-ranging interest in the sexual energy, its manifestations, and theories about it. In some people, it remains primarily a mental interest. In other words, by no means do all those with this placement act out their curiosity. It depends on the rest of the chart, and I have personally seen a number of people of both sexes with Jupiter in Scorpio who exhibit a fairly low sex drive and not at all an inordinate interest in sex and eros, but yet who seem to have an instinctive understanding of the role sex can play in human life and motivation.

Many well-known people who have Jupiter in Scorpio focused on passionate emotional

expression or on emotional tension in their creative work. Others expressed in their work grand and wide sweeps of emotion. Various others explored the underside of human life.

(Sydney Omarr)

Jupiter in Scorpio tells of the native who has friends in the 'underground' - he is attracted to the hidden, the occult, the underdog. He is fortunate in investments, and he gains through his faith in projects which start as 'acorns' then grow into 'trees'. His emotions are deep; he can undergo much suffering if he feels his cause is right. Thus, the astrologer must help him develop powers of discrimination so that he is more likely to make wise choices.

He possesses enormous pride, often is entrusted with secrets, makes and spends great sums, and thrives on challenge - but must be 'cured' of creating defeats which he feels he is always capable of transforming into victories. In other words, he tends to make his path rougher than it should be, and for no other reason than the 'exercise' this provides.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a total giver, though potentially a manipulative one. You have the goodness to understand and transform evil - yet should pledge to avoid getting on a power trip. You have the morality to be true to the ultimate good - and should pledge to eliminate questionable motives. You have reverence for the powers of the unconscious - yet should avoid becoming spooked or obsessive.

You can be trusted to leave no stone unturned in your pursuit of whatever or whomever you are passionately involved with; to be in touch with deep qualities and hidden causes in life, and eventually to be able to employ them to some beneficial end; and to pledge yourself absolutely once every snag has been experienced and eliminated.

You may be excessively manipulative in order to get Other where you think you want him / her; excessively concerned with the underlying meaning of things so that Other feels trapped in your web of intrigue, psychology or esoterica; and excessively looking for the ultimate origin of things, and so you miss the obvious, find it too difficult, go for the money, get disillusioned, and start over....

You believe that all of life originates and issues from some hidden, unconscious or soul realm of existence, and so you relate to Other in an equally deep and serious fashion, seeing him / her as an important part in the process of the workings of your unconscious mind. You also believe in fated, deeply committed relationships.

You disagree with the idea that relationships are random and are simply about the pursuit of pleasure and security and family-raising. Be aware that, as this is an idea that is believed (at least unconsciously) by most people, you may not know that you actually

disagree with it.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you do not believe you can survive the pain and intensity of a close relationship - ever or again. To deal with this state, you then see it going in one of two extreme directions - as is the wont of planets in Scorpio. The first avenue is deciding to follow a life of sexual abstinence where you focus all your (sexual) energies into some spiritual discipline. The other option, which is really all you're left with if you do not find the first acceptable, is to muddle through as you resist plunging into either dark pool. It takes very little reflection to see that this is actually a pretty dire course to take, because it hurts more than anything. So short of taking the road of abstention where you believe in something that will help manage your feelings for you, you have to believe that something will look after you, carry you and guide you through the treacherous reefs of intimate relating. What all of this is saying is believe that you are positively transformed through emotional pain, and that your real enemy is thinking that there is a soft option.

(John Townley)

You enter new relationships very carefully and with grave consideration. Except under extraordinary circumstances, you begin an affair with your eyes open.

Once involved, however, you want to become totally immersed in love in order to achieve the greatest creativity and satisfaction. You must find a lover who appreciates the generous physical aspects of lovemaking that you desire. Once you have decided to further the relationship, you need a lover who will not leave you wanting more.

Under ideal conditions, sex is a source of strength and balance to you. It can energize your daily life and enable your creativity of expression to flow more swiftly and smoothly. In this respect, your love life controls the style and success of your other activities to some extent.

Avoid overreacting to minor problems that come up in the bedroom, and don't turn molehills into mountains. Take the extra time and effort to understand your lover's feelings and needs. Learn not to use pressure of any kind to gain sexual satisfaction, for that may work against you and even lead to estrangement. It is better to end an unsatisfactory affair than to try to force it into an unnatural mold.

(Robert Hand)

An important element of your life will be thinking beyond the surface appearance of a situation to understand what is really happening. You love mysteries; and by solving the mysteries, you will develop a great understanding of life. While you are young, you ask a lot of questions, and you keep asking and searching until you get answers. In this regard, you are more persistent than most people. Any school subject that interests you

will draw all your energies, but you won't give much attention to the subjects that seem dull.

Sometimes this placement indicates an interest in the supernatural; and when you are older, you will be attracted to spiritual and mystical views of the universe. You are not satisfied with appearances at any level, which means you should be a good researcher, if your mind is at all scientific. You have a great interest in people's psychological make-up, which you express now as intuitive insights. However, as you get older, you will understand what your intuitions are based on, and you may even choose a career in which psychology is an important part of your work.

The only problem here is that you may sometimes be reluctant to share your insights with others, for two reasons. First of all, especially while you are young, you have trouble communicating what you know. Later on, you may be reluctant to discuss these matters because you know how difficult it is for others to understand them, even when expressed clearly. Also you may just enjoy being secretive, although it is not good to indulge this. Whatever you discover in life, your feelings and emotions will always be an important means to greater understanding.

Jupiter ♃ in 6th House

(Marilyn Waram)

A person who has Jupiter in the sixth house connects ultimate values and the search for truth to work, productivity, efficiency, and the mundane, routine little jobs which keep life running smoothly. This may be expressed as an extreme fussiness, where all details must be attended to perfectly. Nothing else will do. The perfectionism which Jupiter can indicate can combine with the sixth house attention to specifics to produce a particular perfectionist who will readily criticize both her own performance and others. She can have a sharp eye, all right, but may have a sharp tongue as well. She does not intend to hurt, but considers accuracy and precision so important that she often does not distinguish between situations where those qualities are important and those situations where they are not. She may also assume that it is her responsibility to correct mistakes.

As an example, to criticize a child's first attempt to make her own bed is inappropriate. Her level of competence is naturally far less than an adult's. That is not the issue - most people would agree that the child's self-esteem is important here. She needs praise for her attempt, and encouragement and appreciation for her help. However, the person with Jupiter in the sixth house may lose all sight of that, focus on the rumpled blankets, and either redo the job herself or point out all the mistakes. Such treatment tends to produce withdrawn, defeated children who may form the belief that nothing they do is ever good enough.

With Jupiter in the sixth, a person often expects herself to always do her job perfectly. She may also add pressure to herself and expect all her daily routines to be done perfectly all the time, as well. She can become chronically dissatisfied with herself and her job if she cannot meet her expectations. The likelihood is, however, that she will keep trying. It may be a long time before she will entertain the idea that she needs to lower her standards, or apply them with more discretion.

Eventually, as the sixth house is one of the keys to practicality, she will be likely to find that she is more willing to accept the realities of time and energy limits, and will start to reassess her expectations. She may also realize that her talent - and it is a valuable one - for finding mistakes and seeing what needs to be corrected is very constructive when used in a work context, on objects, projects or even concepts. That talent is proportionately destructive when used on people. Her zest for fixing things needs to be handled with discretion: used on objects and ideas, but not on individuals. When she learns this, she will learn that her ability is only a cross when she does it too much, too often or in the wrong place.

The sixth house is also one of the keys to health, an interest in natural foods and supplements, and a pure lifestyle. Jupiter here may mean that the person considers any or all of these extremely important, perhaps even as ultimate values. She may have health problems herself, particularly allergies, if she works too hard and permits herself no time to relax. Eventually her body rebels and forces her to take a rest. This may lead to a passion for healthy, pure foods; and she may expound their virtues to anyone who will listen and many who won't.

Jupiter in the sixth is a natural square. There is a conflict between the sixth house association with discrimination, picking among the details, and demand for practicality, and the Jupiter association with generalization, looking at the overall picture and intellectual approach. There can be a pull between the need for purity, accuracy and correctness and the tendency to want to wrap matters up quickly, to disregard details and assume things. This can lead to a chronically stressed-out nervous system.

At work, she can develop her passion for detail, and either be an extremely valued employee, or take it too far and be known as the office critic, or the one who is never satisfied. She may need to learn to appreciate small things. Her tendency to overlook benefits (rather than flaws) occurs when she makes criticism an ultimate value.

With Jupiter in the sixth, the individual may expect her job to be perfect. In other words, she looks to her job for the ultimate fulfillment in terms of salary, environment, coworkers and so on. She may be continually disappointed that none of her jobs live up to her expectations. She may leave them - a covert way to retain her freedom. She may expect the job to be one which greatly improves the world - which is a way to find a practical expression of the idealism associated with Jupiter. She may find she enjoys work where

she gets to spread the truth in some way; thus, publishing, writing, religious work and so forth are all avenues she may pursue. Teaching is also a strong possibility, especially philosophy. She will be happiest in a job which she judges to have importance and significance, which makes a difference to the world in some way. She may feel freest when able to travel in connection with her work. She definitely needs a lot of intellectual stimulation or a spiritual outlook in her work, or she will get bored and disappointed. She will also need a lot of physical space at work. Cooped up in a tiny back room, she will tend not to stay there, but will find excuses to leave all the time, visiting with co-workers, out to do errands, etc.. She will be dissatisfied with such an arrangement, and will not long tolerate it. Illness is one way to get out of a too-limiting or limited job.

Jupiter is also associated with politics, so she could work in a job while is political, or she could be a very political person at work. If projected, one's co-workers may seem initially attractive because of their positive, expansive outlook and ability to see the larger picture, plus their confidence in the future, their cleverness and wisdom. However, after a while it becomes apparent that they talk more than work; they philosophize endlessly but actually produce very little. Or they may make every mistake a moral failure, be jovial at inappropriate times, or have a cavalier attitude toward those all-important details. They may make promises they can't keep, or pull the individual into grandiose schemes, gambling, or rash, arrogant behavior. When Jupiter in the sixth is projected, one's coworkers tend to be politically oriented, or office politics play a large part in the work environment.

Handled with balance, always a challenge with Jupiter, this placement can be expressed as constant study into natural foods, health supplements, and pure lifestyles, without obnoxious preaching. It may manifest as someone who values her job highly, feels it has importance and significance, and enjoys its continual growth and expansion, but does not expect to get all of her fulfillment from it, nor does she expect it will always be perfect. She can do her job to a high standard without expecting herself to be perfect. She learns to accept some mistakes in her work, from time to time. Jupiter is associated with goodwill and generosity; she can express both of these towards her co-workers. She may also learn to bring the positive, optimistic, hopeful view of the future, and the faith in her ability to take on challenges, to the work environment. She can become quite an inspiration to those with whom she works.

(Eve Jackson)

From Virgo's point of view, the ideal working day would be ordered yet flexible, coordinating the numerous necessary tasks as smoothly as possible for minimum effort and maximum efficiency, each item on the agenda having its place in a quasi-organic system. There would be very little chance of things getting out of control. Those with Jupiter in the sixth house are likely to feel imprisoned in such a highly organized world. There is impatience with routine, a preference for working according to the inspiration of the moment without such irksome restrictions as clocking in and out. There is a need to

feel that the daily round points to something beyond itself, that there is scope for new discovery in it. Sixth house planets have a way of manifesting in those we work with; and Jupiter here often brings people in touch with colleagues who enliven the routine day and open doors to new experiences.

To synthesize Jupiter's vision with sixth house ordinariness is not particularly easy, and perhaps requires something of a Zen approach, according to which nothing is more significant than the trivial round of ordinary life, from clearing teeth to filing papers. An element of ritual can be helpful; whereas Virgo creates rituals to keep chaos at bay, Jupiter develops rituals aimed at bringing the divine into manifestation.

The routine operations of the physical body are also a sixth house concern; we might say that ultimately this house has to do with an inner sense of order. Jupiter here seems to incline towards an intuitive and sometimes even spiritual approach to health and healing, and turns up often in the charts of holistic practitioners.

(Howard Sasportas)

Jupiter may seem a little cramped in the 6th house of health, adjustment to necessity, and the management of mundane affairs. But regardless of what he does with his time, he always manages to make something significant of it. Those with Jupiter in this house seek (or should seek) to experience meaning in life through work and service to others. Selfpurification and the refinement of their skills and abilities afford them a greater sense of well-being and satisfaction.

As in the 3rd house, Jupiter may manifest in different ways. In a bid to do as much as possible for themselves or others, some might hurry through one task in order to move quickly onto the next. Others, however, will apply themselves to any small matter with the utmost concern and diligence. As in the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, a tiny detail can assume cosmic importance.

Pride will be taken in their work; and they usually have a great deal of energy to contribute to any employment situation. Although Jupiter is prone to believe that his way of doing things is best, they will normally have good relationships with co-workers. This position could indicate work of a Jupiterian nature - involving travel, public relations, educational activities, the promotion of art, culture, sports, religion, etc..

Some may burden themselves with too many duties in life and not leave the time to care for their own bodies. Others may become almost obsessed with health or making the body a better vessel for the spirit. These people might undertake any new diet, technique or exercise which promises heaven on earth. In fact, the whole day may be strewn with such activities: waking up at seven, taking six deep cleansing breaths, a two-mile jog, a hot and cold shower, some yoga, meditation, and then a breakfast of bran, grapefruit and one walnut. Although Jupiter in the 6th is normally associated with

excesses of food and drink, I have noticed the extremes of Jupiter just as frequently operating the other way - week-long fasts eating nothing but grapes, for instance.

In a number of instances, I have run across Jupiter in the 6th in the charts of people who developed cancer; but in a good proportion of these cases they have overcome the disease. By nature this planet represents over-production; and in these cases, it is the cells in the body which proliferate. There is an intimate relationship between mind and body, or psyche and soma; and any planet in the 6th has an influence to bear on this coupling. For instance, if too much time is spent serving others, then a hidden resentment could build up in the person: 'When is it my turn?' or 'What about me?' Sickness may be the only way the person can justify getting some attention for the self. Jupiter asks that we grow, expand and develop in different areas of our life; and if for any reason we are avoiding doing so, then the cells in the body may assume the job for us, and they start growing and expanding. Fortunately, it is not difficult for people with Jupiter in the sixth to understand illness symbolically and see it in the context of their lives as a whole. In the pursuit of a cure, they make significant alterations and changes in their entire lifestyle and philosophy of living. Those with Jupiter in the 6th could be the people who inspire others to participate more positively in their own self-help. By contrast, a poorly aspected 6th house Jupiter is sometimes an indication of the kind of person who falls ill on holidays or trips abroad.

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Jupiter in the sixth house gives not only a prodigious capacity for work, but also the ability to carry out one's duties and daily routines with an unusually cheerful outlook. Daily work, or at least being of practical use in the world and / or of service to others, is inordinately important to these folks, so much so that they may - in their boundless optimism - take on far too much for their constitution to bear.

I personally have seen this placement expressed as that most rare of qualities: the ability to balance enthusiasm with humility. (Even Leo Sun individuals seem to express themselves in a more humble way when their Sun is in the sixth house!) These people usually feel optimistic about their daily routines, and are eager to help. As Charles Carter wrote in 'Essays on the Foundations of Astrology', those with Jupiter in this house exemplify a 'cheery or philosophical outlook'; and he goes on to explain another one of his original insights into human psychology: that the sixth house has 'a very strong (but apparently overlooked) relation with the disposition, especially one's moods, temper and manners'. Carter connects the sixth house not only with the traditional meanings that we find in all text books, but also with the temperament, even overriding the Ascendant to some extent. I would add that it is especially the temperament and moods as expressed in performing one's daily routine duties that are illuminated by the sixth house; but of course most of us spend the majority of our waking hours performing just such activities.

The connection of the sixth house with Virgo, and hence with the nervous system, further confirms his insight; we have all noticed how a person with 'afflicted Virgo planets' can be 'cranky', peevish, or overly critical toward others. The same nervous tension may be indicated by 6th house planets whose aspects are less than harmonious.

The Virgo connection with this house also manifests in other little-known expressions of planets in this house. For example, craftsmanship is often notable in those with an emphasis on the sixth. This house is also known for an analytical focus of the mind. Technical expertise and enthusiasm for scientific developments are often shown by Jupiter in this house. Moore and Douglas connect Jupiter in the sixth with 'loyal and devoted service'.

(Stephen Arroyo) (contd.)

The sixth house is also traditionally known for having a major concern with one's health. One might say concisely that Jupiter in the sixth should encourage the person to take care of his physical (and nervous system's) health enthusiastically, but that - as always with Jupiter - some kind of moderation should be used.

Craftsmanship, as well as a precision in the use of language, is evident in numerous writers who have Jupiter in this Mercurian house.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Without strong aspects from above the horizon, this can be a weak position for Jupiter, not bringing the rewards from transits that come from other locations. Those with a sixth house Jupiter will get their greatest pleasure from the work they do. Most of their good times occur in the workplace or with fellow workers. They make good managers because they are kind to subordinates and are usually loved and respected by them.

They have great sympathy for others less fortunate than themselves, and may give away more than they can afford (unless Jupiter is in Capricorn). They are inclined to align themselves with hopeless or outworn causes, techniques or individuals, and may sacrifice much out of loyalty. Their politics is truly the politics of love. They are inclined to work by fits and starts, and need a well-placed Saturn and Sun to help keep them moving steadily forward.

Their line of work is very important to them. It must be valuable work, something of significant use to humanity. They cannot be happy with frivolous or purely commercial work for long.

A good placement of Mercury or Uranus is necessary to give perspective, because Jupiter here doesn't have much. If Mercury is not strong, this person can suffer some big errors in judgement somewhere along the line

There will be more power, more follow-through, if Jupiter is in the fixed signs, particularly Scorpio. There is little strength in the mutable signs for furthering selfinterests, but much for helping others.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is induced by physical or psychological excess. There is a tendency to attempt too much in a given time period, both in overt behavior and more subtly in mental attitude. You assume that no amount of stimulation is ever too much; that the self can and will 'digest' any amount of experience. Do not expand too fast, or your system could blow out and collapse, forcing you back inside yourself. The result is breakdown through exhaustion. Your liver is an especially vulnerable organ. The challenge is to discover and correct misunderstandings in the regulation of personal experience. Relax back into the self, gradually exhaling your excesses.

Unequal relationships: You are not especially sensitive to unequal status relationships; instead, there is a comfortable awareness of the pragmatic necessity for inequality; an acceptance of the natural social order. With this acceptance comes an attitude of opportunism, gliding through the levels, riding on Teflon surfaces of good manners and easy likability. If you feel resentment toward superiors, you rarely show it. If you feel condescension toward inferiors, you mask it, although not as well as in the reverse situation. The pitfall involves unconscious abuse of privilege through feigned sincerity. Don't take advantage of your position too often. Remain humble and friendly, and make sure your sincerity is authentic. The challenge is to use hierarchies of power for the greater good - for yourself, certainly, but for others as well.

Duty and service: Helping is natural, a source of social pride. You offer to share the bounty of your life, however great or small it may be. The more you share what you've amassed, the greater is your future reward. Your particular method of helping is to remind us that God is on our side, that within ourselves are all the tools needed to create a whole and happy life. At times you may not even believe this yourself; but if you counter the pessimism around you with positive attitudes, then you'll return to an optimistic and confident state. In reminding us, you remind yourself. The pitfalls lie in empty promises and dashed hopes. Be certain that your message of good faith has some basis in pragmatic fact, for there is little in life more discouraging than being told that things will get better, only to have them grow worse. The challenge is to tell the truth in the best possible way.

Technical mind: Mental discipline is 'a natural addiction'. The feedback loop of nervous stimulation and mental activity dovetail in perpetual rhythm. If you are left on your own, there's little to stem the flow of increasing self-absorption with mental stimuli. Even in a social situation, once you've begun revving on logical processes, only dramatically negative feedback from others brings you back to reality. Free association is

entertaining, but not necessarily productive. Lack of precision is a major pitfall. The challenge is to observe how people behave socially, and to organize observations into a coherent body of information.

Discipline and routines: You can embrace regular routines, a solid nine-to-five life, or an independent flow with no schedule at all. It's all the same to you as long as the tasks you're addressing plug you into the larger worlds of social activity. Your work is not so much based on literal tasks, although these will naturally be part of your day, but more on issues in the realm of culture. As much as possible, let others take care of the details.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong desire to have all of life's comforts, and you accept the necessity of working to get them. You know you will succeed, because you have the necessary potentials, and you are willing to develop them to serve your purposes. This isn't easy, however; and circumstances sometimes force you to take on an extra job to meet expenses. You accept this situation with resignation, since you believe in an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. Not that you won't accept gifts, but you don't depend on them. You feel it's your duty to do everything that's expected of you, so you often do more than your share. You could improve this picture by getting a higher education, which will allow you to earn more while working less, with more free time for yourself.

With your parents' help, you learned to take advantage of opportunities and to grow and develop from the experience. You believe in yourself, just as your parents did; and you have no doubts that you will succeed. Looking ahead, you want to do what you can for those who seek your services. Others appreciate it when you help them, and they are further impressed by your dedication and sincerity. Because you had to work for what you have, you understand what it means to be in need.

Although you believe in yourself, you have some doubts that your ideas are as good as others say they are, and you often fail to promote them as fully as you should. Consider it this way: if you try them and they succeed, all's well. If they don't, at least you won't have to waste any more time with them. You could help solve important social problems if you respond to society's needs. Your understanding and natural desire to be helpful could be effective tools to help those in need. It is quite likely that the career you choose will require you to serve the public.

You owe it to yourself to take good care of yourself. Avoid depleting your vitality by taking on too many responsibilities; and discipline yourself to get enough rest and relaxation. You owe it to others to use your skills and talents to help solve their problems. When you know that there is a future for you in the field you've chosen, you will understand that spending any amount of time and energy will be a wise investment in your future. You never let down anyone who has come to depend on you; and they appreciate your obvious commitment to serving their best interests.

If you fail to respond by helping those who need your professional skills, you will seriously undermine your chances of winning recognition, and you would affront those who cannot help themselves. The excuse that you don't feel you are capable is unacceptable, because deep inside you know you are. This is your opportunity to prove yourself by using the creative talents you've developed. You wouldn't think of turning your back on your mate in similar circumstances, which proves that you can do something about these problems. You tend to compare yourself unfavorably with competitors and to undersell yourself. To fail others is to fail yourself.

Saturn ♄ in ♓ Pisces 15° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might seek to justify your lack of alignment with any worldly purpose because nothing measures up to your ideals of service. This may result in frustration from failing to undertake action that contributes to bringing these Pisces ideals into manifestation. When you feel helpless in bringing about your visions and ideals, you may lose a sense of having a constructive purpose in society.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility for bringing your private dream and ideals into the world. By acknowledging yourself as creator of your private visions and dreams, you can gain confidence in the ability to bring about a true manifestation of what has already been created in your imagination.

You have the power to demonstrate your private dreams. By committing yourself unconditionally to manifesting those dreams that serve humanity, you can accept the opportunities that are currently available. Through consistent, daily demonstration of your spiritual ideals, no matter how seemingly insignificant, you can gain a sense of achievement. This leaves you with the knowledge that you have contributed to the manifestation of society's ideals in a realistic way.

General

It is time for you to dissolve ego identification with accomplishments. You can become immersed in feelings of value frustration and helplessness that keep you from manifesting your dreams. This is because the vision is changing: the old cycle of identity is dissolving, and the new is not yet on the threshold. But visions of a new identity and

what the new cycle of manifestation will be like do occur.

It can be frustrating when you try to implement the new vision. This is because your destiny is to allow the vision of the new to give you enough confidence to release old forms of ego expression that are not working. In this way, you can become identified with the source, rather than activity, and your destiny is fulfilled.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Pisces is a natural sextile; but, as with the other natural sextile in Scorpio, there can be challenges. Pisces shares the search for the absolute with Sagittarius, but the Pisces search is more at the subconscious level, driven by the mystic's hunger for infinite love and beauty, for oneness with the Whole. Piscean professions can include many service careers as healer or in spiritual work. They can range from guarding prisoners to using the capacity for beauty in artistic fields or in persuading people that some product or activity will make their life more ideal. Work with chemicals, drugs, or fluids is possible with all of the Water sides of life.

Security needs are strong in Earth-Water mixtures, so faith is very important. Individuals who lack faith in a Higher Power can be plagued by anxiety, fears or phobias. Though a successful career is always important and helpful wherever Saturn is placed in one's horoscope, individuals with Saturn in Pisces also need faith in something beyond this world. Though orthodox religions can sometimes be helpful, personal mystical experiences are likely to be more so. As with Saturn in Sagittarius, Saturn in Pisces may point to lessons in faith, which can range from extreme atheism to extreme gullibility. Saturn always calls for a 'reality' check. Ethics may be unrealistically high or low to the point of endangering the society.

If the faith is placed in a fragment of life, it is a kind of idolatry, and we usually lose the idol to force us to find a bigger God. In the early life, the father or other authority figures will be connected in some way with the principle of Pisces. The details can range from an adored, idealized parent to one who 'should' have been 'god' and given us a perfect life but let us down by being human. The parent could have been an artist, a savior, or a victim. A missing parent is common, whether really gone searching for his own beautiful dream or physically there but emotionally closed off. Even in Pisces, the call of Saturn remains the same. We can't do it all. God won't do it all. We have to do our share in making a more ideal world.

(Skye Alexander)

You are extraordinarily sensitive - to people, your environment, the psychic realms - but your sensitivity may frighten you and make you feel vulnerable or defenceless. At times, you can be a bit paranoid and depressive, and have a tendency to look on the dark side. Perhaps you believe others are out to get you and that you are helpless; or, you might

focus on life's evils and think that the world is an awful place. Thin-skinned and easily hurt, you fear that nothing you do will make things better, so you simply give up without trying. Too often, you play the role of the victim or martyr; and unless you have Fire signs prominent in your chart or a strongly-placed Sun and / or Jupiter, you can become stuck in a morbid and self-destructive rut. One of your life lessons could be how you use your sensitivity.

A more constructive way would be to channel your sensitivity into artistic, spiritual or psychic work. You have the ability to tap into energies of which other people aren't aware, and could bring those energies down to Earth and use them to benefit humanity. This planetary placement can give you the grounding and focus to utilize your heightened awareness in some practical manner.

Your spiritual beliefs might be very important to you; perhaps your religion is the cornerstone of your life and provides you with a sense of security and structure. Conservative and traditional in your beliefs, you are inclined to follow one of the more orthodox and established faiths. Or, you could go to the opposite extreme and reject religion altogether because it isn't practical and can't be proved.

Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your artistic or musical talent fully. Or, you might have been discouraged or kept from expressing it, maybe by parents who believed that being an artist wasn't a practical or suitable occupation. Thus, you may feel you are inadequate in this area, and can be quite sensitive to criticism. Most probably, you are a perfectionist and overly critical of yourself; therefore, if your efforts fall short, you quickly give up in discouragement. You need to use the perseverance of Saturn and work diligently to develop your skills. Another possibility is that you are afraid of getting in touch with your subconscious self - the source of your creativity - and as a result, you block the flow of artistic energy and inspiration. Your test in this life might be finding ways to open up the channel between your conscious and subconscious.

Your sensitivity enables you to feel a kinship with all living things; and because of your keen awareness of other realms and dimensions you understand your connection to everything else in the Universe. You can't bear to see any creature suffer, and might work in some way to alleviate pain in the world. Perhaps you embrace one of the nature religions, or are involved in efforts to save our planet from pollution and bring peace to the world. With this placement in your chart, you have the ability to combine compassion with pragmatism and find workable ways to manifest the Divine on Earth.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Pisces is a difficult position because here the karmic planet is in the karmic sign. The natives have a tendency to become trapped in their memories of the past. An overactive, fearful imagination generates all types of anxieties and neuroses. Consequently, it is difficult for these people to deal effectively with the demands of the

present. In extreme cases, the imagination creates personal slights and problems that do not really exist.

On the positive side, Saturn in Pisces can give these people emotional understanding, humility, and the willingness to work on behalf of those less fortunate than themselves. If the rest of the horoscope indicates mental clarity, there also can be psychological insight into others.

If Saturn is well aspected, these people are capable of deep meditation. This steadies the psyche and makes possible profound spiritual understanding.

An afflicted Saturn in Pisces can result in paranoia, excessive worry, frefulness, and regret over past mistakes and misfortunes. When carried too far, these reactions can result in neurotic or psychotic tendencies leading to incarceration in mental institutions or other places of confinement. In some cases, the neurotic problems are manifested in physical illness and hospital confinement, especially with oppositions to Saturn in Pisces from Virgo, the sign of health.

These people need a certain amount of quiet and solitude in order to tap their inner resources. They should also spend some time actively participating in the affairs of the world, to avoid moroseness and excessive introversion. If Saturn is afflicted in Pisces, they should make strong efforts to avoid self-pity.

Vain regretting of the past can become a cancerous growth on the soul, destroying happiness, creativity, and usefulness to self and others. This position demands objective, critical self-analysis so that the natives can discover their personal worth and abilities - as well as defects - and thus find a way out of their difficulties. They must learn to let go of the past and take constructive action in the present.

This position of Saturn often indicates that work will be done behind the scenes in large institutions - hospitals, asylums, universities, or government agencies.

(Grant Lewi)

This position causes you to seek confirmation within yourself. Your struggle with the world is the inner struggle between the good and the bad within you; and you are capable of being content with self-approval when you have mastered yourself. If from this point introspection goes deeper, you realize that self-approval is not enough, and require that self-approval shall be further served by the approval of others. Your defence against the hardships of life (and life does seem hard to you) lies not in open struggle with it, but in struggle within yourself to make life seem less difficult. This in its worst form results in introversion, withdrawal, brooding, giving up the struggle, and holding up alone to feel sorry for yourself. In its middle form, you fight off the lethargy and the withdrawal and find the key to your problems within yourself. In its advanced and best

form, you improve your doleful outlook, redirect your energies outward, discover your virtues and your abilities, and make complete self-approval wait till you have won some objective testimony of your worth. This is a difficult position, but, being flexible, gives great inner strength. You are moody and tend to fluctuate from heights of being pleased with yourself and the world to depths in which you and everything else is at sixes and sevens. Your reaction to experience is almost wholly subjective: sunshine is shadow if you're feeling bad; and clouds are harbingers of joy if you're feeling good. You are one of the people who thinks a rainstorm was sent solely to destroy your outing, and who rebels personally against the weather. In acute form, this leads on to delusions of persecution or some minor neurosis. But your capacity for knowing yourself is great, and once you have learned the trick of self-analysis, you can lead your temperament into creative and constructive channels to become one of the most useful members of society.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Pisces represents a native who appears bewildered by the outside world. He wants to break loose, to feel free, to express himself. But, often, he acts in an opposite manner; he gets 'tied up' with institutions, organizations, commitments beyond his financial capabilities: he thus restricts himself to an even greater extent. The astrologer's job is to help him perceive the folly of some of his actions. It is important that the native realize he defeats his own purpose by accepting a defeatist attitude as a way of life. He can be identified as a chronic complainer and fatalist.

On the positive side, he can be a responsible member of the community who strives to improve conditions for the mentally ill, for the economically depressed. The key to greater happiness here is self-knowledge - acceptance of responsibility instead of being resigned to fate.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The self-sacrificing qualities of Pisces will be present in those who have Saturn in this sign. There is humility, sympathy and increased intuition, which should be controlled and expressed with caution, but definitely not ignored. Often there is also very little selfconfidence, and it may be that the subject will be his or her own worst enemy, since the inclination to hold back may become disproportionate. As a result, he or she will constantly do him- / herself down.

At its best, this trait makes a person attractively self-effacing; but sadly its influence is usually too strong, so that shyness and inhibition dominate. Sometimes the outlook on life is rather depressing; and under stress there can be an inclination to give up hope. Despite this, the influence of the rest of the chart may act as a strong counter to these negative tendencies, so be very careful not to overinterpret them. They will probably only be present if a negative outlook is indicated in other totally independent areas of the chart.

It is important for the subject to realize that she possesses a powerful imaginative force which should be put to creative use. It certainly needs to be given some sort of concrete shape; and the nature of a suitable means of expression may be indicated in other areas of the chart - a flair for handicrafts, perhaps, or writing skills. If not, and your subject is hesitant about developing this excellent source of potentially, it may be that long-term encouragement given by the partner will help her find a suitable outlet and eventually develop it to the full.

Quite severe changes of mood are usual, as is a tendency to worry (especially if this is shown in other areas of the chart, or if Saturn receives negative aspects from the Moon). One result can be hypochondria. The inner authoritative voice can sound like the Ugly Sisters talking to Cinderella! If that rings a bell with your subject, don't forget to say that Cinderella did, after all, marry her Prince!

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a subtle rock, though may suffer a sensitivity block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to admit to weakness and blind-spots - but not being self-effacing; taking / allowing the time to appreciate the subtle and elusive - thus preventing misunderstandings; and building relationships that are based upon mutual acceptance - yet do not foster evasiveness.

You can get stuck with Others who are slippery, vague, hopeless cases who are hard to pin down; with Others who are ruled by logic and deny the existence of anything mystical or scientifically unexplainable; and with Others who are safe but boring, and / or who seek oblivion in drink or drugs.

You are learning to be of selfless help to Other, which may include having to be very tough on him / her; to look into and develop the more mystical and illogical side of life and yourself, yet making sure that you are not being fanciful; and to take a good look at how you are possibly avoiding your own issues.

You commit to an Other with whom you feel subtle but undeniable ties that probably involve the making of some kind of sacrifice; to an Other who accepts you unconditionally, has no ulterior motives and does not play on your feelings; and to an Other who is creative, sensitive and spiritual, and / or quiet and gentle.

You are or should be wary of Others who have a hard luck story that appeals to your sense of guilt or worthlessness which may be posing as your wanting to 'save' Other; of confidence tricksters, recognizable by their appeal to your sympathy or idealism; and of loud, brash, flashy types who make all manner of unrealistic claims and promises.

When you are alone, it is very likely to be because you have yet to come to the

realization that there is a subtle, spiritual dimension to relationships - or that there ought to be. Because you are inclined to deny the invisible and scientifically unverifiable in life and yourself, you also try to keep your relationships simpler and more straightforward than it is possible for them to be. You may very well attempt to keep them simple to the point of them being purely physical or 'nothing serious', or with someone who agrees with or embodies your acceptable vision of existence, but who is unacceptably dull, coarse or insensitive. So aloneness for you is really a testament to your denial of your own sensitivity and what you see as the emotional chaos that such sensitivity implies. But it is only through admitting and accepting your soul and its sensitivity that you will attract a kindred spirit. And that kindred spirit will be able to soothe those chaotic emotions and help you to accept yourself, while you find yourself bringing a subtle but powerful meaning to his / her life too.

(John Townley)

For you, the greatest security is achieved through consistent emotional attention from a sensitive and devoted partner, rather than through financial stability. In a way, you feed on emotional communication and will feel starved if you are not involved in an active love relationship.

As a result of this talent plus considerable emotional experience, you may become a good judge of emotions. When you understand what is real and what is not, the false will not suffice. You will demand great sincerity and sensitivity in a partner.

When you find the right partner with these qualities, you will go to extremes of selfsacrifice to keep the relationship going. This is an admirable trait, but it should not be a substitute for the two of you facing your problems together. In an emotionally difficult situation, you should not let love blind you to the need for painful growth; every relationship goes through such phases.

As for more concrete concerns, you will be most comfortable with a partner who is more practical than you are. Before making a physical or financial commitment, consult with your lover, who may be a stabilizing influence.

(Robert Hand)

This effect will be strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. This can be one of the more difficult placements of Saturn, because the energy of Saturn wants to make everything orderly, neat, concrete and predictable, which doesn't combine easily with the fantasy-prone and idealistic nature of Pisces. For one thing, you may feel that you cannot do much in life, that you are more limited than you really are. You may also feel obliged to satisfy other people's needs before your own so that you never achieve satisfaction. And you may deny yourself in many other ways as well, because you

believe that having too many material possessions interferes with your life. Above all else, you need simplicity.

Finding a balance between the rigidity of Saturn and the vagueness, flexibility and idealism of Pisces may cause some difficulties in developing beliefs by which to govern your behavior. You may be too idealistic about the people who serve as your guides, those after whom you pattern yourself, so that you can't accept any kind of weakness or frailty in them. When you discover their weaknesses, you may be disappointed, and eventually you won't believe in anyone. Scale down your expectations and realize that you can learn something useful from everyone, even those who appear very flawed.

Don't let yourself fall into the habit of thinking that your life is not under your control. You shape your own life, and you must take responsibility for yourself.

Saturn ♄ in 10th House

(Liz Greene)

The tenth house is Saturn's own, and in Capricorn he is dignified so we may therefore expect a 'purer' manifestation of Saturn in both an ordinary and a more esoteric sense. This certainly seems to be true from the mundane point of view as the tenth house is traditionally associated with achievement, honor, ambition, and authority, and the cusp of the tenth house by the quadrant systems - the midheaven - is symbolic of the image which one projects outward to society as well as the image which is held inwardly by the person of his 'role' in life. It may be assumed that Saturn in the tenth house refers to limitations, delays, and difficulties in the achievement of one's goals and in the successful expression of the self outward to the group as well as intense ambition - frequently unconscious - and a determination to succeed whatever the cost.

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

So far so good, and this interpretation of the tenth house is familiar ground to most astrological students. The association of the tenth house to the mother or father is also important, although less frequently stressed, particularly in view of the ambiguity

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

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

The concept of self-determination as it is postulated here is a very ancient one which places the responsibility of the choice of earth plane circumstances in the hands of the self. It is one worth considering with an open mind, whatever the labels are to describe the situation, because it sheds some light on the deepest meaning of Saturn himself. He may be seen, finally, as the instrument of opportunity through which the person comes to understand the nature of his free will. It is certainly evident that those with a prominent tenth house, and particularly with Saturn in this house, often have the role either thrust upon them or seek it assiduously - and these are probably the same thing - of effecting some kind of change in the structure of the group, or of holding authority, or serving as an example of achievement. The inner sense of purpose, drive, and responsibility is often very strong when Saturn is in the tenth house, particularly if he is conjuncting the midheaven. There is frequently a strong sense of fate with regard to the role in life. Often

sacrifice is required and a long, arduous process of building and preparation, where the personality with its desire for recognition drives the man on until he has achieved some degree of notice or responsibility. It is generally only later that, as the integration occurs which allows him to understand himself and his inner motivations better, the larger reason begins to emerge as to why he has done all that work.

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

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

It is of interest to consider the relation of the tenth house to the mother, for the development of the potential of Saturn in the tenth often sticks here. She is usually the dominant parent when this placement of Saturn occurs, although this may be because of the death or absence of the father rather than a temperamental bias. This dominance may be of an obvious kind and may be expressed in stern, authoritative behaviour which is lacking in warmth or empathy. There is often a preoccupation with rules of conduct, propriety, and what the neighbours think, and an emphasis on material rather than emotional values. The dominance of the mother may equally often be reflected in that

kind of instinctual woman who carries an unconscious and powerful ego drive beneath an apparently passive exterior. Sometimes the mother is a burden because of ill-health or dies young. In all these situations the seed is sown for a powerful influence on the psychic level which must be dealt with by the individual before he is able to express his full potential. He must symbolically cut the emotional umbilical cord, which generally remains well into adulthood.

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

Emotional rejection, or a suppression of the will or identity, by the mother, is common with this placement; and the man who has experienced this in childhood may find that he does not trust women later in life. A woman with a tenth house Saturn may have equally serious obstacles to overcome, for women must learn from their mothers the means and ways of femininity, and if a mother's nature is symbolised by Saturn, it is unlikely that the feminine principle will be the primary thing expressed. It will be more likely to be power. To this a woman may react by becoming feminine in the socially acceptable way, saying the right things and cooking the right meals, and simultaneously attempting to live a frustrated need for self-expression through her husband or lover. OR she may become consciously aggressive herself and reject the feminine principle within her own psyche. In all of these cases the first job confronting the individual who seeks to understand the inner potential of Saturn in the tenth house is a coming to terms with the mother and a re-evaluation of the male and female roles. Although the fourth and tenth houses are rarely considered when problems of a sexual nature are considered, they do in fact have great bearing, indirectly, on the area of masculine and feminine roles.

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

Sensitivity to one's image is the next step on the ladder; and Saturn is inclined in this are

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

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

Professionally the person with Saturn in the tenth house is generally successful, largely because he tries so hard and is so persistent. He does not work well under others because although he may for a time be able to present the smooth surface of humility which is such a gift of the Saturnian personality, his own ambition and love of success will eventually push him out on his own. His problem does not lie in the achievement of success once he has begun his climb. It is getting started in the first place which is the initial task and which involves his overcoming a fear of failure which may lead to inertia. The remainder of the task is to establish a definition of achievement which is not based on purely external values. It is difficult for a person intent on a mountain climb to comprehend the fact that his climb is meaningless, and the reward of the summit is illusory, unless his success serves as a demonstration to others that the summit can be achieved. It is usually the work of Saturn in the tenth house to give structure and form to some group idea. If an individual refuses to accept the offer of this opportunity and attempts to live his task through another person, he generally must accept the price of frustration and a sense of purposelessness. If he accepts the challenge of his own inner self, then he himself can become Saturn the teacher in his most beneficent form.

Uranus ♅ in ♉ Taurus 4° 20'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to intuitively receive from the planetary

mind timely ideas for materially implementing the new directions that are being taken on the planet. They will receive insights about ways to structure the new directions, to establish innovative energies in a practical, essential way. Disruption occurs only through holding on to old value systems that are not in harmony with the new direction of society as a whole.

(Joan Negus)

As Uranus moves into Taurus, planning and practical results are requirements of actions taken in the name of freedom or individuality. The need for tangible reasons and visible rewards for revolutionary acts is a quality shared by Uranus in all of the Earth signs, as has been shown with Uranus in Capricorn and will be seen again with Uranus in Virgo. The specific goals, however, are different.

The sign of Taurus shares with Aries the idea of self-interest, but replaces Aries impatience and lack of planning with plodding practicality. Acts of war were perpetrated while Uranus was in Aries, but it was not until Uranus moved into Taurus that it seemed to be fully acknowledged or even needed to be labelled. The United States did not officially enter World War II until Uranus was in the last few degrees of Taurus, reinforcing the slow-moving quality associated with the sign.

If you have Uranus in Taurus, you have probably noticed that you do not usually take drastic action without consideration of alternatives and possible results. You may look at others who are more spontaneous either with envy because you think you would like to be that way, or with amazement, wondering how they could be so foolhardy. It is not that you are incapable of revolutionary action. You just want to make sure that it is worth your while. Once you have decided to embark on a course of action, you will usually follow through. After you have determined your goal, you can move unrelentingly toward it. When your mind is made up, you will rarely be influenced by the opinion of others.

Although you would expect the originality of Uranus to be squelched in Taurus, it is still possible to use ingenuity and take unorthodox routes to attain your goals. It is only the end result that must be practical and tangible. So if you have Uranus in Taurus in your natal chart, you should first ascertain your practical goals. Then consider your course of action. You may discover that you have original ideas and that you are freer and more creative than you ever thought you were.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Taurus during the 20th century from June to September 1934, then again from April 1935 until May 1942. Taurus is associated with material and earthly resources of all kinds - money, movable property, physical stamina and sexual energy - therefore, these are the areas in which your 'mini-generation' will experience and effect changes.

Those of you with Uranus in this sign were born during a time of unparalleled economic turmoil and sudden, dramatic ups and downs that wreaked havoc with people's sense of security and stability. In the United States, millions first saw the Depression wipe out their savings and jobs almost overnight - and often their selfworth as well - then found themselves catapulted into a war that profoundly altered the country's economic and strategic position in the world. Germany first experienced rampant inflation and economic chaos, then the infamous reign of Adolf Hitler. Europe was ravished by a war that not only destroyed the lives of millions, but also overturned powerful monarchies and reorganized entire nations. Communist and socialist ideologies, which espoused a more equitable distribution of wealth and power, were popular in many parts of the world; and new socially conscious economic programs, such as the American Social Security system, were established.

The people born into this period of economic crisis and upheaval encapsulate the essence of the time. To some extent, your own financial situation and your attitudes toward money, material stability and values continue to be influenced by the unrest that was your birthright. In addition, your sense of self-worth and your need for stability are affected by Uranus's placement in Taurus.

Perhaps your personal earnings - and your attitudes toward money - have fluctuated greatly over the years. Even if your own finances are stable, you might fear sudden loss, and stockpile material wealth in an attempt to provide yourself with a sense of security. Or, you may believe in freeing up the world's resources and dispersing them more evenly among all people. Another possibility is that members of your Uranus-group might strive to change financial policies and institutes and make them more open and fair.

Sex also is associated with Taurus. One of the people who was responsible for bringing sex out of hiding and opening up discussion about sexual problems and taboos was Sigmund Freud, who was born during the last passage of Uranus in Taurus. As the 20th Century's Uranus-in-Taurus people reached adulthood, the birth control pill became available and some countries began instituting family planning programs. Yours was the first mini-generation to enjoy the sexual freedom that accompanied new methods of contraception and new attitudes toward sex and reproduction.

(France Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Taurus indicates a generation with new ideas concerning the use of money and resources. These people are likely to seek reforms in business and the economy, in which areas they desire the application of humanitarian principles. They wish to be practical, in a unique and original way. They can have tremendous determination and fixity of purpose; but if Uranus is afflicted, there can be unyielding stubbornness.

Uranus is in its fall in the sign Taurus; therefore, the urge to freedom and the expression of intuitive ideas are limited by an attachment to material objects, or by difficulties incurred in the attempt to change material conditions too quickly. Attachment to home and family can also dampen individual expression. Spiritual impulses, too, may be frustrated by subservience to conservative institutions in business and government that reflect the materialism of the prevailing social order. Uranus in Taurus can give unusual artistic and musical talents if it is well aspected. Natives are often interested in using modern electronics techniques in management, accounting, and other businesses.

(Grant Lewi)

This is a 'property' position, and favors wealth if other things in the vitasphere don't upset the promise. Uranus in Taurus tends toward individualism in property matters. At worst this makes a selfish and self-seeking person; at best a socially conscious and highly effective crusader for security (Taurus) for all (Uranus). This position adds glamor to the nature; a steady fire burns within, drawing from the world and from individuals the love which is so important when the warm-hearted Taurus is illumined by the brilliance of Uranus.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here the stubborn area of the Uranian influence makes its presence felt. It will definitely strengthen any lack of flexibility of opinion; and if other fixed signs are prominent the subject may proudly say 'Once I've made up my mind I don't change it'. If so, he or she should be encouraged to develop a more flexible outlook. However, if the chart tends towards indecision, with a powerful emphasis on Libra or perhaps Pisces, this is a good placing, since it gives a combination of stability and Uranian originality.

Stubbornness is common; but again, if it is really damaging it will also appear in other areas of the chart, or be emphasized by Uranus's house position and aspects. Sometimes there is a clash between taking conventional action (Taurus) and being unconventional or slightly out on a limb (Uranus). If a balance is achieved, we often find an original and practical individual, which is when Uranus in Taurus is at its best. There may be an attraction to collecting unusual possessions, and the attitude to money may also be slightly eccentric. Perhaps he or she can be extravagant, spending much on glamorous evenings out but then uppling back and living rather frugally.

(John Townley)

You may find that your patterns of learning and self-discovery within a relationship are nonverbal and direct, related to physical rather than intellectual experience. You probably picked up this trait from others of your age group who take quite a direct approach to problem-solving, preferring to use sheer force of personality instead of

intellectual persuasion.

For many people, this can be a most rewarding path to self-discovery; it may or may not be an appropriate or profitable style for you. Your ability to use this approach successfully depends on other facets of your personality; but because it is familiar to you, it may be the easiest direction for you and your partner to follow.

You may find it easier to express your sexuality effectively in an earthy and physical fashion, with few words spoken. To be effective, this kind of communication requires natural style and talent; body language is not easily learned, but develops from within. For you, love is best when it comes naturally, with enough time for your talents to unfold, instead of actively creating the learning experience.

(Robert Hand)

This position will happen again in the 21st century, about 2018. Presumably it has two different effects. Some individuals in this generation might try to rid themselves of concern with material considerations, to become free of property and the duties involved in managing it. Others, however, might become quite concerned with building up a stable financial base in their lives, because they feel insecure about their material resources. They don't feel sure that they will always have whatever they need. Taurus is an earthy, practical sign, very concerned with stability and order, and it does not fit very well with the radical and revolutionary nature of Uranus. One can expect considerable tension in children for whom this placement is prominent.

Uranus ♅ in 12th House

(Joan Negus)

If you have Uranus in the twelfth house and, as a child, your independence and creativity were encouraged, you will undoubtedly be able to easily express these qualities as an adult. You should have little difficulty exhibiting your individuality and you will probably easily combine imagination with your creativity.

If on the other hand the independent side of your nature was frequently suppressed, you might have become timid and too conforming. If you are overly cautious and never allow yourself to exhibit the maverick in you, you could stunt your emotional growth. You might spend your life being unhappy about your circumstances, wishing that somehow you could be freer.

If, however, you become extremely restless or dissatisfied, your self-control could disappear and then your behaviour might become erratic. This extreme will not be

satisfying either. You want to express your individuality and independence, but you have to determine acceptable limits in so doing. Although you do not want to be totally conforming, nor do you want to be a pariah. Therefore, you have to decide how different you can be without being considered very strange or even crazy by others; but it is most important that you approve of yourself.

Another way you might choose to quell the restlessness is to become a 'closet rebel', nourishing your differentness without fanfare. You could do it quietly, or perhaps deviously. Being covert, however, might give you feelings of guilt. This, in turn, could interfere with the personal gratification you should get from expressing your individuality.

If you have Uranus in the twelfth house and tend to have problems with such issues, you might try the following procedure to get your energies moving. First, probe deeply (twelfth house) into why you feel inhibited. Stir up old memories of how your individuality was thwarted and what occurred when you tried to express your independence. This could unlock fears that have been stored up over the years, and allow you to take small steps toward becoming freer and more creative.

You also can consider acceptable outlets for expressing your uniqueness through the twelfth house. You might choose to become involved with mystical pursuits. The particular mystical path you select is unimportant because any form of mysticism is considered unusual and sometimes strange by the materialistic society which sets our standards. Delving into metaphysics could enrich your life; and you may begin to feel that freedom you have been missing.

Another possibility is to become involved in the arts, particularly music. This will trigger the creative element associated with Uranus that you may not even know you have. Your creativity may be unusual and come in spurts, but demonstrating your uniqueness in this manner can alleviate your restlessness or feelings of suppression. This may seem like an indirect approach to expressing your individuality, but you may find that it is far more satisfying than inciting an insurrection, or being covert about your nonconformity.

As mentioned in the beginning of this section, if your creativity and individuality were encouraged when you were a child, you probably grew up with the ability to openly display your uniqueness confidently, without concern for rejection or repercussions. Your creativity, too, will flow quite easily. Keep this in mind when you are intimately involved with children who have Uranus in the twelfth house. Work on helping to cultivate Uranian themes in their lives.

No matter which house in your horoscope holds your natal Uranus, remember that this is the area in which you are supposed to break with tradition and also directly display your individuality. With all the planets, but especially Uranus, the planet of change, you will need to find different ways of expressing the themes in the course of your lifetime. You will know it is time to make changes in terms of Uranus when you feel oppressed or

restless. If you recognise these symptoms as soon as they appear, you can immediately define your parameters in the house in which Uranus is placed so that you can begin to break out of the mold quickly. Then you can make the necessary changes with a minimum of effort and a maximum of spontaneity and success.

(Haydn Paul)

Uranus in this house involves the concepts of endings, transitions, the results of the past, and an affinity with the unconscious mind. In several ways, this can be a challenging placement, which will oblige you to confront powerful hidden habit patterns or 'karmic residues' which are affecting your life, options and choices.

There is a parallel between your psychological health and that of society, through the connections of the collective and individual unconscious mind. Often you will be pulled back towards the past, both because of the influence that it has on your current life, and as an escape from the present moment. Emotionally, you probably have 'unfinished business' with the past, and perhaps with parental relationships. There will be a need to free yourself from this preoccupation, and to resolve the stresses and splits that make you look back; such an integration could become essential for your psychological well-being, and if problems develop related to your mental interpretation of human 'reality', you may need psychotherapy (even self-directed) to enable you to release the unconscious pressures, and to shine a liberating light clarifying and making the unconscious conscious. Forms of self-evasion and deception may work at covering up inner splits and problems for a time, but eventually they will stand revealed, as the personality-structure fragments under the strain of living an illusion.

In discovering self-healing, one participates and contributes to the healing of the collective. The higher aspect of this placement includes the potential to become an inspirational channel and voice of the collective mind, the natural inner receptivity being expressed in forms of insight, revelation, and artistic creativity. This may emerge after a period of self-exploration, through which a more inclusive centre of identity and consciousness is discovered as previously unconscious aspects of the self are exposed to the light.

You will certainly have to face the consequences of the dominating patterns which are operating through your life. Wherever these derive from, or from whichever experiences they have been formed, you will initially have to acknowledge their existence and impact on you; accepting them as part of you is the next step in integration, and will begin to resolve their more negative influences. A serious evaluation of these restrictions and limitations may reveal their potential transcending too, indicating the right way forward. Confronting 'fate' is not inevitably a negative encounter; it can equally be the opening of the doors of opportunity and success, and a sowing of fruitful seeds for the commencement of the next cycle of experience and expression.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetypes that the 12th House correlates to in human consciousness are based on the impulse to transcend and unite with the ultimate causal factor that has set in motion the phenomenon of creation through time and space.

Individually, the reaction to Uranus in the 12th house is to overly identify with a singular dimension or aspect of the total nature. An undefined fear of losing control, of egocentric dissolution, of being consumed by thoughts or images that arise apparently of themselves within the consciousness, and of going 'nuts', produces this overidentification. Again, the primary archetype in the 12th House is to rise above duality, of cause and effect, of conditional, temporal, secular reality in order to unite with that which created everything - to transcend. Uranus here requires a liberation from the egocentric structure of consciousness that is only identified with itself as a singular, separate entity that is distinct from the total Creation.

Anatomically, Uranus here increases the amount of electrical energy impacting on the pineal gland within the brain. Increasing the amount of melatonin produced from this gland promotes the weakening of the non-material barrier separating the interface between the conscious and unconscious. It is the conscious merging of conscious and unconscious that allows for the transference in the centre of gravity within the total consciousness to take place: from the ego of the personality, which is subjective and is perceived as singular and separate from the Creation, to the soul, which has its own conscious centre. The conscious centre of the soul can only be made consciously available to the egocentric structure of personality by dissolving the barrier separating the unconscious from the subjective consciousness reflected as personality in each life.

The unconscious has two dimensions within us all: the individuated and the collective, as we discussed earlier. In effect, it is by making the unconscious conscious that we shift the centre of gravity in our consciousness from the subjective ego of personality to the conscious centre within the soul. By being centred in the soul, we thus transcend and unite with the ultimate causal factor of Creation. It is this archetype within all human consciousness that has given rise to the various spiritual traditions throughout time.

And yet it is this very impulse that is resisted and feared by many who have Uranus in the 12th House. This is because of the disassociation or disorientation from separateness, from accepted and normal reality as defined by the existing social conditions that one is living in, that Uranus in the 12th House can produce. Thus the common reaction within this group is to overly identify with a singular aspect of the total nature, to blindly accept the existing reality conditions, focuses, beliefs, and immediate social group that they find themselves living within. When suppression of the total nature occurs, consciousness reacts by producing fantasies, dreams, escape behaviours, or imaginary thoughts that most of these people live out quite passively through daydreams, regular dreams, the modern media of movies or TV, or reading, in which

vicarious fulfilment can take place. The high rate of alcoholism in this group of people reflects escape behavior based on denial of the total nature. It is no coincidence that the first astronauts in space had Uranus in Pisces. This physical event symbolises the need for a global consciousness, of a detached view of Earth that induces a universal vision that naturally makes us aware of how small and seemingly insignificant we are in the total scheme of things (humility), of inducing an absolute wonderment at the nature of Creation in which the laws and structures of Creation as understood and experienced on Earth are uniformly experienced in the space beyond Earth. It is no coincidence that for many in the generation with Uranus in Pisces, the generational icons are individuals who are larger than mundane life, individuals whose personae are produced through the illusion of movies or created through the myths of fiction.

Liberation and freedom from the known occur when these individuals allow themselves to actualise their total natures, to step outside the times they are living within. It occurs by their examining, in some way, the causes or bases of their fear of losing control, of the fear of being overwhelmed by undefined forces. It occurs by their examining the nature of their dreams, the nature of their illusions or delusions as projected possible realities, the nature of their personal ideals that remain as unfulfilled expectations. Liberation and freedom occur in many by their accepting the individual lifestyles of those who are perceived to be so very different from themselves. Liberation and freedom occur when these individuals can design strategies that will allow them to expand their sense of reality. It will occur when many of these people learn to act upon the ideas that seem to be pulling them away from the immediacy of their existing reality and all the commitments that this reality induces.

A natural stress can occur in the endocrine system, thymus gland, and immune system. The various problems, conditions, or diseases associated with these areas can result because of this stress. The body can require a constant and above normal amount of vitamin C, fluids, and 'sweats' in order to maintain the integrity of these systems, and the thymus gland. A natural stress can occur within the pineal gland that promotes the accelerated secretion of melatonin, a hormone that increases the sensitivity of not only the anatomy and physiology but also the consciousness of the living organism itself. The increased sensitivity of the anatomy and physiology produces abnormal reactions to extremes of anything that goes into the body or interfaces with the skin or biosphere (etheric) of the body. There can be an abnormal sensitivity to sunlight, as an example, that leads to discoloration of the skin through the rapid production of melanin. This, of course, can progress into skin cancers such as melanoma. Internal stress can produce melanemia, or an unnaturally dark colour of blood. There can be a heightened reaction to impurities or chemical additives in foods, as well as to synthetic drugs and their side effects. Because of the natural polarity between the coccyx chakra and the crown chakra (pineal), a certain percentage of these individuals can experience puberty quite early in their lives.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Difficulties in childhood are apt to make those with a twelfth house Uranus into mavericks; often bright, even brilliant, but frequently out of the current mainstream of human experience. They are apt to be psychological or spiritual exiles, sometimes political exiles as well, either through choice or through the activity of enemies. They have strong activities and opinions, which they have a hard time keeping to themselves. They see the faults in everything, including themselves, and work hard to put them right. They have great sympathy for the underdog, and, given aspects of power, can do much to bring about more just and sensible ways of doing things.

Uranus, with its clinical attitude at this angle of moral sensibility, can give them a moral blind spot so that the ramifications of their actions are not always clear to them at the beginning, through with good planets and aspects, though, they may ultimately become very sensitive to moral issues. They run the moral gamut from cold-blooded killers to the greatest humanitarians.

With Uranus in the twelfth house, there is always a moral crisis of some sort. Circumstances will force these people to study issues of right and wrong and to take a stand. If they don't, and they just allow things to take their natural course, life is going to batter them pretty badly. Some choose early, some late, but all must choose. Once they have chosen right over wrong, they are able to ride out the storm.

Their critical faculty is so strong that it can hinder their progress. They do best working for the good of some alienated or misunderstood group as their criticisms will then be of use in defence of something other than themselves; although, without several planets or angles in water signs, their approach may be overly clinical. They have trouble early in life in discriminating properly between those companions, lovers, business associates, etc., who are good for them and those who are not, and the process of finding out which is which may take a long time and bring a few shocks and sorrows along the way.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 12th house represents the collective sea out of which we all emerge. Those with Uranus in the 12th need to take a deep breath and jump in, not forgetting to bring along their best diving equipment and research apparatus. Through exploring the unconscious it is possible for them to regain a sense of continuity with evolutionary and historic processes and glimpse the guiding patterns on which their lives are based. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but in whatever house Uranus is placed, we have to take risks and be different.

People with Uranus in the 12th can approach the whole unconscious realm in an inventive, original and intuitive way. They have access to the mind's storehouse of ancestral wisdom - experiences accrued in the past and inherited through previous generations. Some find the key to unlocking this treasure through drugs, others through

meditation or any form of artistic expression which allows them to 'tune into' these ancient records of experience.

Uranus in the 12th can also give a close attunement to movements within the collective, often before these actually manifest (the 12th house contains the seeds of the future as well as the remnants from the past). In a collection of her essays on the outer planets and their cycles, Liz Greene points out that Uranus in this house often has 'a very strong interest in political movements and ideologies, but in a rather compulsive as opposed to reflective way'. Uranus gets the rumblings of something even before it happens.

From what I have observed, if Uranus is well-aspected in the 12th, these people have a wealth of good advice to offer others - as if insight and knowledge are there on tap. However, if Uranus has many hard aspects, then their vision is sometimes impaired by their own personal neuroses and complexes. These will have to be 'cleaned up' before the positive benefits of this placement are felt. They are also more likely to be thrown off course by negative feelings in the atmosphere. Regardless of how Uranus is aspected, there is often an interest in parapsychology and spiritualism.

A deep-seated reluctance to relinquish their independence can make it difficult for them to settle down or take root. One part of them might desperately want closeness and security but somehow they manage to thwart this happening. Exploring their own unconscious motivations can free them from this conundrum and help alleviate a lingering sense of loneliness and isolation.

Some join secret societies or engage in 'behind-the-scenes' work for groups. They may align themselves with institutions of a progressive or unusual nature. Acting as a channel through which new ideas and trends are established, they could revolutionise or disrupt the workings of any institution with which they are involved.

Periods of confinement or incarceration may produce surprising effects. In a few cases I have seen, they have not acknowledged a need to temporarily retreat from life, and consequently attracted 'accidents' or illnesses which forced them to do so. Sudden reversals of fortune are possible: something which seems ominous and threatening may turn out to be completely different from what they expect, and vice versa.

It could be fruitful to enquire about anything unusual which might have occurred to the mother during the gestation period - in some way, this may have impressed itself on the psyche of the developing embryo.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your parents indulged you and gave you plenty of opportunities to prove what you could do with your creative imagination. You owe it to yourself to develop your talents so that you can make your own way successfully. At first you may have to accept the limitations

that society imposes on you, but this will pass as you make your own contribution to its needs. When you see others enjoying greater freedom because of your efforts, your anxiety about restricted mobility will pass. Knowing that someone needs your skills gives you the enthusiasm to put forth your best effort. You can motivate people to utilise their resources more effectively, but you should not expect any sexual favors as a condition of your help. You can satisfy your physical needs in a different setting.

Although your freedom is very precious, you put up with the limitations of your career because you realise that after you've achieved your goals you will have a more lasting freedom, with financial security. Surely you must know that sharing your talents is part of your destiny, and the enrichment you give others will be returned when you review your life efforts later.

Until you focus on providing a unique service, your progress will be slow. To learn the necessary skills, you must get a good education. You can't hope to succeed on your intuitive gifts alone; and formal training will help you find the best way to apply yourself. Your insight gives you an advantage over your competition and enables you to solve many problems that baffle others. You are keyed to the social problems in your immediate surroundings; and your finger is on the pulse of the major problems of the larger society. You should have little difficulty attracting patrons for your service, and as your reputation grows so will your patronage. It will be to your advantage to seek a career that allows you self-determination and opportunities to grow and develop to your maximum potential.

A career in science, medicine or social work might be appealing to you. These fields would give you the opportunity to deal with their inherent special problems, and recognition will surely follow your achievements. However, you will have to sacrifice some of your personal pleasures to invest the time and energy in exploiting your creative potential. Your partner and children will make any sacrifice seem a worthwhile investment.

You carry a heavy burden of social responsibility, because you are so aware of society's problems, and you have the talent to help solve them. This responsibility you cannot ignore. The freedom you enjoy depends on your willingness to share your skills with those who do not have such freedom. You have the resources people need to lead them out of the darkness of their ignorance. Later you will feel very proud when you reflect on how much your efforts meant to those who benefitted from them.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your dreams glisten with the promise of the unusual, the abnormal, the miraculous. There are no limits; anything is possible. In fantasy, you express freely, with no concern for acceptance. The judgements of others are irrelevant; and even your own judgements about yourself fall away. The pitfall occurs when fantasies become real. In

dreams you leap beyond the pull of gravity, but in real experience you're subject to the density of earthly existence. It's like the difference between stopping on a dime and running into a brick wall at eighty miles an hour. Be careful about what you transfer from one realm to another. The challenge is to realise through your dreams that nothing is as it seems, that the expected norms of life are mere illusions. Everything in existence is absolutely unique and incomparable.

Unfocused intuition: You're fascinated with psychic development (or research in general, for that matter). Intuition is a visit from outer space, a non-sequitur leaping in to disrupt the ordinary process of logic, a neon sign flashing suddenly in the night. It's either on or off, hot or cold, but never lukewarm. The challenge is to awaken your superconscious, however revolutionary it may prove to be. Channelship repots you, ripping you up by the roots so you can find new, more fertile soil in which to grow.

Withdrawal or isolation: Others see you as unique, even odd, but you struggle to identify what makes you different. You withdraw from life to find the 'real' you. Privately, you're interested in arcane and unusual pursuits, especially mental explorations. The more in touch you are with your secret self, the more tension you feel about revealing it to others. The challenge is to take selected individuals into your private world. As your trust increases so you're safe to be yourself with them, gradually move your private world towards the public realm. The goal is to merge the 'outlaw' self with the 'normal' self, so that there is finally only one self, acceptable but special.

Selfless giving: When you give of yourself freely, with no conditions, something special happens. Selflessness is your chance to step out of the mundane. The precise nature of what and how you give cannot be foreseen; it is unpredictable both in form and in content. In fact, the more radical your gifts are, the fuller is the release of new perspective. The pitfall is stubbornness. You become like the zealous minister who is going to save souls whether or not they want (or need) to be saved. Remember that pure giving is correctly a response to need. The challenge is to awaken to a will higher than that of the ego.

'Past Lives': Independence has come up in life after life. You may have been such a non-conformist that you alienated others. There were broken commitments, sudden separations, both personal and cultural. Or you may have been someone so concerned with acceptance by others that you sacrificed your individuality, stuffing it into your unconscious. In either case, the issue of freedom has reached a point where patterns from past incarnations are carrying over into this life. Whenever you experience unpredictable breaks in relationships, urges to shock others, or compulsive desires to overthrow the status quo, you're in the flow of karmic rhythms. The challenge is to integrate personal freedom without totally upsetting your own and others' lives. Study what independence means; learn the difference between productive reform and unconscious iconoclasm.

Neptune ♆ in ♐ Sagittarius 28° 6'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 7th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This is another of those 'loaded' positions, because these (the seventh and eighth) are the most likely houses from which to project planetary energies, and Neptune, a transpersonal planet, is not easily welcomed into one's personal repertoire, thus making it an excellent candidate for projection. The result is that Neptune in either the seventh or the eighth house is most often not expressed personally but must be dealt with, at least initially, as if it comes from someone else. The usual and most likely someone else is the spouse, that special person whom we promise to love for better and for worse. The 'worse' definitely includes the special agony of projection when we are married to some of our least comfortable traits.

On the positive side, Neptune in the seventh is another of the artistic combinations. This one may lean particularly toward graphic arts, but any revenue of artistic expression is possible. It is especially positive if spouses can both be artistic, and particularly if they can share this without letting competitiveness spoil it. However, it is most important for the person with Neptune in the seventh to find an artistic outlet for otherwise it is easy to project and expect the spouse to be wonderfully artistic and creative, whether she wishes to be so or not.

Neptune in the seventh or eighth house is an excellent combination for counselling potential. Neptune in the seventh or eighth can be attuned to others on a deep emotional level which may even be psychic. There is an inherent talent for psychological studies and for the ability to share innermost thoughts and feelings.

It is often quite natural for a person with this placement to be at ease with emotional intimacy, with closeness and with a feeling of connectedness. In many cases, Neptune in the seventh or eighth expresses itself as a naturally strong valuation on close, warm relationships, and the individual will feel motivated to create and sustain such relationships. Again, if only one spouse wishes to pursue this, it is most important that it be the one with Neptune in these houses. It is his need; it is up to him to fulfill it. The partner will, however, need to acknowledge that this is a vitally important part of the individual's life, and will need to share at least some part of it with him.

Another positive expression of Neptune in the seventh or eighth is when spouses share

a spiritual quest. They may read and study together, meditate together or support each other in exploration of occult concepts or in deep inner seeking. At any time, one may be more heavily involved, but the other is willing to give sincere support and to share and perhaps to contribute to discoveries. This is one case where a single spouse is not likely to be able to do it all. As one learns and grows and changes, the dynamics of the relationship will change. The partner who is not involved in the growth will be terribly threatened by this and usually seeks to stop the changes, which means undermining or blocking the growth. This rarely works, however, since most people, having once seen a richer way to live, cannot go back. Unless both partners have some say in how the dynamics change, or both agree to keep it the same, the relationship usually grinds to a halt.

Being so prone to projection, the negative possibilities for Neptune in the seventh or eighth are legion. Most obvious is the expectation that one will have a perfect mate, or a perfect marriage, or that one is perfect in the marriage. With Neptune in these houses the individual tends to really buy into the Walt Disney stories of the princess and the handsome, rescuing prince, and the way they supposedly lived 'happily ever after'. Neptune loves a good rescue(r). Neptune also loves a good fantasy. This can simply work out as a very romantic streak, with a deep and abiding trust in the partner, but it may develop into a full-fledged expectation that the mate will fulfil all the individual's deepest needs, will provide unconditional love and support under all circumstances, and will be charming and lovely at all times. This is not exaggerated. One well-known psychologist has written about the shock and utter disappointment he experienced the first time he saw his new bride blow her nose.!

Such blind faith in the ability of the partner to be the embodiment of all that is beautiful and delightful is an illusion. It is an invitation to frustration for both partners. The one with the expectations, unwritten of course, will feel betrayed when the mate starts to look distressingly human and capable of obnoxious behavior. The mate will feel the burden of the partner's expectations and feels responsible for letting down the partner. Yet this feels unfair because usually the behaviour which has disappointed the partner so much was something minor. The strange truth is that Neptunian partners are often amazingly noble and forgiving over the major incidents which break up many marriages, yet are unable to tolerate day-to-day differences and disappointments with any degree of grace.

Some Neptunian partners manage to maintain the illusion of the perfect partner, often in the face of an astounding amount of evidence to the contrary. They will overlook ignorant behavior, make excuses for immaturity, protect a weak mate, and generally do whatever is necessary to protect their image of their mate. This may be motivated by a need to have a perfect mate, no matter what the cost, or it may be the result of the Neptunian ability to see the best in others. Often both dynamics are at work. The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth who is protecting such an illusion will not give it up until ready to do so on her own. Usually the mate's behavior has to clash violently with some other cherished value before the Neptunian partner begins to see the

problem.

It is worth mentioning that the Neptunian who faces the cracking pieces of this illusion suffers a particularly terrible inner pain. It can be survived, if the Neptunian can acknowledge that he built the illusion personally. Otherwise he is likely to feel forever betrayed and become bitter, hopeless and miserable. If the illusion can be seen as a personally constructed fib-to-the-self, the Neptunian can grieve for the lost dream, can rage at the unfairness of it all and at his own foolishness, and can then let go of it. After a time, peace will settle and the Neptunian can begin to get to know the person he married and to reconstruct a relationship, this time based on honesty.

One constructive choice for the individual who simply cannot give up on the need for a perfect partner, perfect devotion, perfect union and so on, is devotion to the ultimate partner: God. This can be achieved through the ministry, priesthood or sisterhood, or through missionary service. It is a choice which needs to be carefully considered, however, for it is all too easy for Neptune to be overwhelmingly drawn to such a life without consideration for the individual's more worldly needs. On the other hand, some people find that with the devotion to a life of service, pressure is taken off their need for a perfect mate and they can approach relationships with more compassion and acceptance of the human condition. Then again, some simply become more committed to otherworldly perfection and are less able to accept human foibles and differences in needs.

With Neptune in the seventh or eighth, there are all sorts of possibilities for the victim / saviour game to be played. The Neptunian with a strong chart will usually try the saviour role, which means a victim is required. This is a semiconscious procedure; few people deliberately saddle themselves with a frustrating burden. The saviour usually simply falls in love with someone who seems so deliciously vulnerable and needy, someone who just needs a little propping up here and there in order to be perfect. Only when the illusion begins to crack does the saviour see that the struggling actress wrecks her chances for success with her addiction to drugs; that the talented singer blows his auditions by refusing to co-operate with managers; that the inspired writer won't stick to deadlines; that the sweet, vulnerable creature who is too gentle and loving to hurt anyone is a walking time bomb of repressed anger just waiting to get into another accident; that the charming, childlike waif is determined to remain helpless and actually manages to avoid a great deal of unpleasant responsibility.

Eventually, under the burden of relationships with such victims, the potential saviour often becomes a martyr. Many a sickly, bedridden spouse has outlived her caretaker mate!

The Neptunian with a less strong chart will often choose the victim role. Again, the choice is unconscious. Usually the chosen role looks romantic or spiritually worthwhile to the Neptunian, who only wants to create a loving and perfect world. The pitfalls are not

apparent ahead of time. The choice which looks like one of sweetness and Christian generosity of spirit may lead to dangerous repression of personal needs and the resultant illnesses, lack of energy, or accidents. The repressed energy is bottled up and the god or goddess is angered - the energy turns inward. The choice which looks like one of loving sacrifice for a troubled partner may well lead to an abusive relationship. The choice which looks like dedication to an ideal may well turn out to be an evasion of worldly responsibilities which is motivated by fear.

The victim / saviour relationship is not always unhealthy. In counselling relationships, it is to be hoped that the counsellor has enough training, experience and mental stability to gradually empower the client to grow out of the victim role. In marriage, this is extremely difficult to accomplish, although it can be done. It requires that at least one partner be psychologically and spiritually very aware, very patient and very, very strong. Each partner must be willing to take responsibility for his / her own behaviour, attitudes and beliefs, be able and willing to grow and to interpret pain as a measure of change which is needed, not a measure of the partner's failure. This very difficult path can only succeed when the roles are alternated to some degree - in other words, each partner takes a turn as saviour and a turn as victim, until both can leave these roles behind.

In short, it is an extremely difficult path and it is not recommended. People who need help usually benefit most from a helping relationship with a professional, or at least with someone with whom they are not in love. The helper inevitably becomes the target of the 'victim's' anger and frustration at some point, which is extremely destructive in mate relationships. Few mates, especially Neptunian ones, can understand why they get continually punished, verbally attacked and emotionally blackmailed when all they offered was loving help. They expect loving gratitude but generally end up with a rare fury directed at them, as the 'victims' lash out in fear and agony at the people who are 'forcing' them to change.

When an individual has Neptune in the seventh or eighth houses, he will need to become conscious of his illusions regarding marriage, his partner, his own role and the satisfactions which are possible from a marriage. He will almost certainly tend to expect too much, and may place unrealistic burdens upon his mate. He will need to be alert for the appearance of saviour / victim games in his close relationships, games which can lead to abuse and an unimaginable kind of hell. He will need to take responsibility for his own spiritual and creative needs, and to take steps to express them for himself, rather than wishing the mate would provide the experience. He will also need to take responsibility for the strength and importance of his need to have a mate who can share or at least value and honour his needs for spiritual growth, artistic expression, psychological exploration or all of the above.

The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth house possesses a rare talent for intimacy, perception and insight into others - including the ability to fathom their pain, and the ability to inspire the partner to develop spiritually. With acceptance of personal

responsibility for emotional, artistic or spiritual fulfilment, all of these can be shared with a mate to create a truly special relationship with rich rewards for both partners.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Neptune inclined toward self-dramatisation. These people see themselves as heroes of fiction, living through dramatic events. It is very hard for them to see themselves clearly, to perceive what it is they mean to others. They continually strive to be heroic and play their roles to the hilt but, until they have a clear idea of what their roles should be, they often fail and then suffer terribly from their own sense of failure.

The ordinary roles of child, student, mate, parent, and worker are dull to them.. They seek to spice them up with other considerations and, as a result, can make their lives, and the lives of their friends, families and co-workers, chaotic. They are frequently attracted to those who inspire their romantic fantasies. They are never practical about relationships, always preferring romance and excitement to practical concerns.

As they seek to play a heroic role in a partnership, they may find themselves giving far more than they are getting. If Neptune is in a fixed sign, they may continue this role to the finish. If it is in a cardinal or mutable sign, they will probably tire of it at some point and seek a more balanced relationship. Their romantic cravings can get them involved in some very peculiar emotional and / or sexual situations, from which they may find it very hard to extricate themselves. They tend to think of themselves as heroically independent, one who gives and doesn't need, but they desperately need clear-sighted, inner-directed people to work with and for, to keep them in balance and aimed at a goal, or else they lose momentum and lose sight of priorities.

They will throw themselves into projects, get tired when things don't work out and just let them lie, then go back to them when their enthusiasm returns. This off-again on-again approach means that their plans take a long time to develop (if ever they do). They are inspirational to others and can be of use by cheering them on, encouraging others to do right and develop themselves; but they themselves often set a poor example by their fluctuating energies and enthusiasms. They can do very well if tied in with an individual or group that is practical and down-to-earth and can keep them moving forward. Their great contribution to any enterprise is their innate optimism and ability to inspire others.

Pluto ♅ in ♒ Aquarius 25° 45'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 9th House

(Ginger Chalford)

Very often, this PLuto child is brought up in an environment of strong-willed parents. Often the mother feels she knows all the answers or has at least to look as though she does, and the child is fooled by the grand show put on by his / her superparent. However, what the child feels and intuits about the nature of life is often disregarded by the parents as being charmingly meaningless. This child, who so easily tunes into perceptions that go beyond space and time, is puzzled at the firm faith and belief others have in limited philosophical doctrines. The mother of a child with this placement is often either strongly religious or anti-religious. Whatever her beliefs, she takes a very exacting and definite position, as if to say "My child will learn what's right!" This can create a crisis for the child, who finds she / he can't integrate his / her magical perceptions of life comfortably within the framework of parental beliefs. In order to preserve inner mental peace, a choice is necessary. The obvious winner will be the beliefs which the child sees in his / her parents. This sets up the tendency to take everything the mother says as being absolutely true. Mother knows it all! Of course, after a few years the child is exposed to alternate ideas and ways of thinking, and can make attitude adjustments. However, the early imprint remains so strong that the child will often attempt to assume that other people have the same capacity for absolute knowledge as the mother. Sometimes with this placement, the child has a reverent devotion to the tenth house parent, whether it be mother or father or any adult guardian. When this child has questions, and she / he certainly has a lot of them, they are presented to the mother for the explanation that the child assumes mother or father will always have.

Answers come easily and readily in the early formative years, but when the time comes (as it must) that mother or father can't answer all the questions any more, panic strikes the heart of the ninth house Pluto child. Although still loyally affirming the world view of his or her parents, and believing them to be virtually infallible, the child or adolescent looks inward and sees that his / her own self doesn't know all the answers. Consequently, he / she turns to the social world outside in search of them. With the powerful urge to know that is so characteristic of this placement, he or she is not content to sit back and let the answers reveal themselves. There is an aggressive mental search for the truth; and the answers must be known as soon as possible! This causes many young people to turn to other young people for answers. The ninth house Pluto person waits and watches, learning constantly, even when his or her questions are not asked out loud. Many questions reflect his or her nature, and are asked inwardly, non-verbally. They can only be answered by experience, which unfortunately doesn't come until later in life. The young person usually doesn't find the answers he or she is seeking in other young people, and therefore searches for them in the larger mainstream of society. This search and learning process can include excessive television watching, as well as early

involvement in cult groups or gangs. This child or adolescent is not attracted to timidly expressed ideas - they must have impact, they must be important and meaningful, and they must be infalible and cover every possible situation. On the one hand, this can lead to a spiritual search; and on the other hand, it can result in extreme narrow-mindedness and intellectual arrogance.

For those who continue searching outside themselves for a solution to life's mysteries, meanings and purposes, advertising can be hypnotically effective - it can even brainwash them. These are the people who, even though they are adults, will still use a particular brand of toothpaste because the advertisement impressed them. They will buy the correct and best dishwasher detergent, wine, or pain reliever, because they believe the ad. Women with this placement could become obsessed with their appearance, attempting vainly to look like an Eileen Ford model, feeling that something in life is tragically missing because of their lack of physical beauty. Men may become excessively defensive over their masculinity, and befriend others who have the same political or business axes to grind. One never discusses politics, religion or morality with this type of man, because he will always quote the ultimate authority, whether it be the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, the government, scientific documents, etc.

Neither of these types of men and women can function well and happily; and they will seldom move beyond a close group of associates who constantly reinforce the same beliefs. This clannishness gives these people a sense of spiritual, philosophical or political security. In a sense, they have sold their soul to the devil, to the mental expressions of others. They have little to say on their own authority - after all, everything has been figured out for them, starting with mother. This pattern is reflected in those who blindly follow leaders, religious or political gurus that do their thinking for them. They can be intolerant of other beliefs, and may feel 'called' to preach, discovering a sense of personal destiny in the service of social, religious or governmental institutions. Originally manipulated by advertising, they have no qualms about brainwashing others when given the chance. This quality can even be seen in mundane everyday affairs, when several individuals who are supposedly sharing a conversation are actually vying for the attention of the group, trying to persuade others what is right and wrong, that they know what is best for humanity.

A real danger of this placement can be that individuals feel they have found the answers, so there's no need to search any farther. They may also be those who are so insecure in their own ability to think that they will believe virtually anything in print or in the news. By their own unwillingness to think for themselves, they have lost their power to transform themselves and the world, even though such a transformation is a goal to which they aspire longingly. They may even create for themselves a situation of exile, as their learned beliefs conflict with the environment and society around them.

However, the fanatical extremes of belief are relatively rare in these people; and although they bark loudly, few of them have any real 'bite'. Although their philosophical

narrowness can continue for a while, it is often dramatically shifted at some point during the lifetime. The world view changes as they begin questioning their parents' philosophies and attitudes. Often this change is expressed initially in a rebelliousness against learned attitudes, even to the extent of refusing to read the papers, watch television or go to church or synagogue. Then a dramatic restructuring of their views occurs, which can initiate changes that bring upheavals over a period of several years. They begin to get in touch with their inner visceral comprehension of the world. They begin to expand their mental horizons so much that they will observe other cultures in order to provide grist for the mental mill. They will study a great variety of philosophical ideas in order to get a grand perspective on life, and may express this mental expansion with statements that tie opposites together by way of their common denominators. For example, such a person may find the common thread between various religions or political systems. As controversial as this usually is, the individual is merely trying to find what makes a polarity a polarity. The commonality is enthusiastically pursued, and when found, it gives access to a perspective that is beyond either extreme.

Pluto ninth house people, whether they go through a philosophical overhaul or not (they usually do at some time in their life), can achieve recognition through higher education, governmental service, or religious institutions. They are intolerant of hypocrisy, and evoke inspiration in others. This is a calling which can be used on any level; physical (in relationships), mental (as in the ability to skilfully reach the masses through advertising), or emotional (by creating and maintaining movements for spiritual or social change and service). These people are definitely capable of having a mystical experience, as their world view transcends time and space, and they have the potential to tap into perceptions far beyond the capacities of the normal or average individual. Their broadened perspective brings wisdom eventually, and with it comes a desire to positively change society - not through violence, but through education. These people find their answers through spirit; but even though answers do come, the creativity of this placement inspires more and higher questions. The eternal search may never bring total peace; but those with this placement are thrilled with the search itself, and find pleasure in the constant expansion of their personal horizons. They become natural guidance counsellors, or psychics who understand the insecurities and foibles of human nature with a perspective that just may help those who are reaching out to them. They understand its spirit as well.

Dramatic crises in life come as a result of changing belief systems. Sudden understandings of a larger scope, or even the glimpse of another possible reality beyond the mundane everyday one, can bring this about. As a result, careers may be changed. Students may suddenly drop out of school, wondering why the motivation to do what they had been doing is no longer there. A period of questioning may create rifts in familiar or traditionally based relationships. The affected individuals may retreat into the country, hoping to get back in touch with some peaceful dream lost from another era. Or, people under this influence may just seem to withdraw from society in some kind of alienated protest. Fortunately, this protest seldom lasts very long. These rebellious

individuals will soon discover that broader perspectives could bring about a rebellion against the very things they have recently embraced! And on and on it goes, as the perspective expands. Some people join organisations at this time, in the hope of finding security within a group. Again, few in this type of crisis are destined to stay in narrow confines for very long.

Pluto transiting this house can bring about any or all of the above-mentioned crises. Yet, with this transit often comes an emphasis on challenging the beliefs and social attitudes of the mother or adult female guardian. Remember, these beliefs or world views are assumed on the part of the Pluto person, and may not objectively describe the mother. Other children in the same family could have another Pluto house placement, and might feel that the mother represents something totally different. So the person hit by Pluto in this house will have to deal with these concepts within himself or herself, by re-evaluating who and what the mother represents specifically, and what attitudes must stay or go.

This is a scary time, philosophically, because any and all things suddenly have the possibility of being absolutely true, even though they may contradict each other! Although not everyone can be an astronaut, imaginings like this could crop up during this transit. The natural tools of fantasy and imagination run rampant, as the individual attempts to hastily put together a new belief package that can work in his or her daily life. This can be an extremely difficult transit to have during adolescence, for then there is a mad dash to keep up and grow up, with a tendency to defer thinking until some later date. This backfires sometimes, later in adulthood, when the challenge to think for himself or herself once again arises, creating disillusionment and panic.

A good way to go about developing the positive potential of this aspect is to question everything. Be willing to have what you believe to be true thrown out of the window if it's shown to be false. And how do you know if something is false? An idea is false for you if the choice to believe it is based on fear, rather than on self-esteem and love. A child would rather believe the world view of the parents because it creates a sense of security. Disagreeing with or moving away from the parents' beliefs can create anxieties, fears that what you are doing is not quite right. You do not want to have your current crop of beliefs and attitudes based on insecurity and anxiety. If you are willing to examine some possibly scary alternatives, you may find out that what you were originally taught really is correct. In that case, you can now make a positive choice to keep that belief - because you want to, not because you are afraid not to. And the same goes for a belief based on childhood anxiety, which you don't want any more. Throw it out - you are the one who decides now what you wish to believe, feel and know! Take a belief that causes you a lot of trouble, such as 'People can't have both love and money at the same time'. Admit that you have it! Then acknowledge the ramifications of that belief in your daily life. Writing down examples of how you express the belief over a period of a couple of days is very helpful in identifying the impact that the idea has on your daily life. Then forgive yourself for having held onto that belief for so long, and forgive your mother or father who taught

it to you. (See the fourth house Pluto for a description of forgiveness.) Now decide what idea you want to put in its place. Ask yourself why you haven't let yourself activate this new idea already. What are your resistances? Acknowledge them, and then decide to change. Gradually increase the amount of time each day you spend in the new mental framework. You'll begin to see the difference in your life! (Haydn Paul) You will feel the need to have a strong ideological support structure guiding your life, to give it a definition, clarify your choices and offer a clear direction to follow. In many ways, your beliefs help to create your sense of personal identity, as they act as a centering energy giving a sense of solidarity and permanence.

The areas which will interest you, and from which the ideological base will emerge, are those of morals, ethics, politics, education, law and religion. Your social conscience and sense of responsibility will be awakened; and you may become involved with the attempt to alleviate causes of social and world problems. Certainly you will want to help in these directions, to add your contribution towards healing the ills of the world, and to oppose social hypocrisy and injustice. Once you have adopted and established your chosen platform, you will feel a need to express it to others; and this can lead to excessive dogmatism and self-righteousness, especially in the first flush of your enthusiasm for the particular ideology. All those who possess 'the truth' or 'the right answers' suffer from this tendency to convert, convince others that theirs is the only right way. It may well be for them and an associated group, but it is most unlikely to be for everyone; not everyone accepts or believes astrology for instance.

(Haydn Paul)

Your intuitive abilities will lead you in a generally harmonious direction which should benefit others; and you will be ambitious to achieve success in all your endeavours, possibly becoming a spokesperson for your beliefs. Much will depend upon the nature of the ideology that you adopt. Some are more inclusive than others; some can be too restrictive and limit personal freedoms; whichever you choose, it will mould your personality, so be very careful which you get involved with. At an extreme, you could become a religious fanatic, or a political revolutionary attempting to impose your perception of life upon others, expressing basically divisive attitudes into the world, as do many religious and political leaders.

The transformation which Pluto requires is for you to develop your own unique ideological approach to life, not one which relies upon following a group belief structure, and to have the strength to stand on your own feet and have the courage to follow your own path and convictions. This implies an eventual sharing with others of the individual freedoms to search and discover, not merely an attempt to convert; and an encouraging of each to find his own unique path by releasing the need to feel secure by reflecting group beliefs uncritically and without question. Such a new approach to the underlying tendency will act as a liberating force, potentially leading to more personal experience of the reality and validity of your essential beliefs, or to their unsuitability and failings. Pluto

will act to undermine your compulsive need to adopt a structure to guide your life, by stimulating conditions that cause it to fall apart and erode your confidence in the beliefs. However, this is only because it wants to lead you towards new horizons, which are more fully expressive of your unique individuality and through which your own light can shine in freedom.

(Donna Cunnigham)

This shows a deep, analytical mind; yet this person may balk at completing a higher education. This type resents having to get a degree to succeed, as getting one would mean his or her parents won. Many such people go all the way through school, then somehow fail to complete the last semester, the last course, or even the last paper. This is a great revenge, maddening to parents who so much wanted their child to have an education, which was seen as a magical key to getting somewhere. This may be seen as a fail for spite play, because these people also believe that education is powerful and life-transforming, and that without it they won't get anywhere. Where Pluto is, one tends to give over power, so one is stuck there - 'damned if you do and damned if you don't'. Resentments can be displaced onto society. One highly intelligent man with this placement who had just one course to go to complete a badly needed degree expressed his resentment toward society. I should him by saying, 'You know what? Society doesn't care whether you finish your education or not! Society doesn't even know you exist! The education is only for you!'. Startled into clarity by this deliberate shock therapy, he went on to finish his degree. (Similar resentments and self-spiting patterns may exist toward The Law or The Church.) When these people work through the resentments that are getting in their way, Pluto here can be an excellent placement. These people are actually born scholars and researchers, and would get great satisfaction from studying on their own. They could also be powerful teachers who could get to the heart of abstract issues, using the power of the mind to release others from the bondage of ignorance. Knowledge IS power, and the right use of knowledge could transform the world.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Through the ninth house we acquire the sense of belonging to society, its order and hierarchy. The ninth house often determines the nature of this belonging and eventual difficulties and challenges inherent in it. The ninth house also has strong connections with traditions and cultural background. Thus, Pluto is not necessarily very comfortable in the house. The individual is easily estranged from his domestic, religious and cultural background. That sort of hierarchy and values are not naturally adopted by him. Sometimes fate has determined that the individual has a family whose traditions and way of life differ far from those prevailing in society at large. Pluto's position in the ninth house brings feelings of rootlessness so that the view of life or religion has to be looked for in other horizons, perhaps far away. Other countries and cultures may be sources of inspiration for new spiritual concepts. This kind of 'wandering instinct' often results in a lot of spiritual wisdom (Nostradamus), and may lead to a continuous spiritual search for

higher truths. Instead of wandering physically, some wander in their minds. This individual is apt to live a solitary life if he so desires. The search for vision and beliefs may become obsessive, so that the views are defended strongly and considered as absolutely right. This attitude may lead to intolerance. The zeal to convert other people to follow the individual's own views is sometimes very strong. Jeff Green calls this a 'Billy Graham archetype'. In a positive way, the individual is able to get near the truth after a long search, and transmit his knowledge to others. Important is to remember that the truth is never held by a human being. In a positive way, he can also contribute to questioning old religious systems. He has an inner capacity to see their flaws, and thus can contribute to their transformation. Pluto in the ninth house symbolises transformation (Pluto) of religion (ninth house, analogical to Sagittarius). This house position allows the mind to develop because the ninth house has to do with higher thinking and non-trivial matters. The mind is usually very sharp and performing, especially if Mercury is also strong and not disturbed. It may lead to erudition, theoretical work and studies in different kinds of fields. Many have a deep-rooted view that knowledge is power, and thus are keen on studying and not letting their minds languor in disuse. According to the French astrologer Jean-Pierre Nicolas, a lot of time, studies and experiences are needed before life starts to express itself. One of the best means to channel this planetary position is to participate in changes in social life, hierarchy and politics, all of which represent the ninth house.

(Howard Sasportas)

I have observed that, in general, people approach the house in which Pluto is placed in two very broad but different ways. Some plunge into the affairs of the house, grappling with the deeper issues and implications of that realm, and inevitably are changed and transformed through what they experience there. Others, trying to preserve their already existing sense of self and fearing what this planet might do to them, close the door and try to shut Pluto out of the house altogether. They forget that he has an uncanny ability to break locks. This same dynamic applies to Pluto in the 9th. On one level, the challenge for those with this placement is to join Pluto in a quest for a deeper awareness of the ultimate concerns in life. With Pluto here, religious and philosophical issues are often approached with a seriousness and reverence, as if their survival depended on coming to grips with the nature of God or existence. The spiritual drive can be obsessive and fanatical: they are often voracious to find answers and to discover the basic, irrefutable laws and patterns which govern life. In search of the truth, they reach for the bright heavens or plumb the dark undercurrents and depths of the psyche. And what they are really looking for is the ground under their own feet. How can life be fared unless there is something to stand on? Even if the ground is slippery and treacherous, it is still better than no ground at all. Even if it should turn out that life has no givens, and there is no preordained design or structure to existence, those with Pluto in the ninth still desperately need to find or create meaning. But Pluto is a destroyer as well; and sooner or later their philosophies may be subjected to some sort of purgatory, or be torn down and structured anew. In this sense, they are sometimes betrayed or let down by their

cherished religion or beliefs. The collapse of a belief system may be an almost overwhelming experience, throwing them into deep despair and depression, until they are reborn again through another one.

Their dogmatism and self-righteousness could stem from the fear that if another person's philosophy contradicts their own, then what they believe in may have to be questioned. Rather than endangering the sanctity of what they worship and adore, they may try to control what everyone else believes in or convert all others to their side. The image of God is often coloured by what planet is in the 9th. For those with Pluto here, God may not be all justice, beauty and light. He may have a dark side to His nature and occasionally decide He doesn't like them. He could delight in leading them to the edge of a precipice, dangling them there, or destroying them altogether no matter how 'good' they were. It is no wonder many of the people I have met with Pluto in the 9th have difficulty conceiving of a rosy future. As dire as this may sound, some real benefits arise out of their dilemmas. Firstly, they are forced to take a stand on suffering and find some meaning through it, even if it is a fate they can do nothing about. Secondly, they will try to derive as much as they can from every experience, engaging themselves in each and every moment far more completely than others who have a less harrowing concept of God. I said earlier that some may not welcome Pluto in the house at all, although he invariably finds a way of sneaking in. Along these lines, I have met people with this placement who, afraid or thwarted by the search for truth, turn nihilistic. Diametrically opposite to those who use Pluto's constructive probing, these people are aimless and apathetic, and don't see the value in anything. Why bother if it all ends in death anyway? But this is exactly why they should bother. Death is probably the most important event in life; and we can't die well unless we have lived well. Cicero said: 'To philosophise is to prepare for death'. Unlike those with Pluto in the 8th, these people are not necessarily suffering from the repression or malfunctioning of sexual or aggressive instincts, but from the repression or frustration of an equally important and particularly human drive - the will to find meaning in life.

While the 8th house represents drives which push us from within, the 9th represents strivings or goals which pull us from without. For those with Pluto in this house, there is a strong pull to follow Pluto's lead, and yet much anxiety and trepidation about what they might encounter in the process. This dynamic applies to the pursuit of higher education and long journeys as well. Experiences which evoke profound transformations can occur through higher education. Pluto is met within the halls of academia, either in the guise of an important professor who profoundly arouses them, or through conflicts and challenges which any particular course or educational system presents. In certain cases, they may drastically alter their major focus of study at some point during the education. A few people with Pluto in the 9th might make discoveries which require the rewriting of history, the revising of any discipline, and the elimination of that which is old and false in some system of thought.

Long journeys represent another area in which a 9th house Pluto is activated. They can

be transformed through travelling or through encountering and assimilating the knowledge and traditions of cultures other than their own. There is a possibility that some people with Pluto in the 9th may project the unacceptable parts of their own psyches onto another race, religion or culture - persecuting and blaming something outside themselves for what is dark or evil in the world. The relationship with in-laws might also be the sphere where Pluto is felt. For instance, if in difficult aspect to the Moon, the mother-in-law or sister-in-law might be seen as threatening or manipulative. The death of an in-law may have a profound effect on the life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

For those with Pluto in the ninth, politics is their Achilles heel. Either they are afraid of it and shy away from any dealings that smack of political manoeuvring, or they go into it with the idea of changing things and get hurt in the process. They generally exhibit a cynical attitude toward politics or any kind of political dealings, yet they themselves are among the most instinctively adept when it comes to manipulating others to get what they want or to get out of what they don't want. Even so, they have a tendency to get caught in political dilemmas and lose thereby. They have a broad streak of righteousness that can surface under stress, causing them to say and do things that can make enemies, often silent ones, that work against them behind the scenes. They have a genuine desire to do good and accomplish good works, but must be careful how they go about it and not offend broad-based interest groups of long standing until their own structure is sound and can withstand a siege. They have a tendency to fly in the face of authority over some immediate issue, which brings about nothing but their own loss of face. They have a great thirst for freedom, and bitterly resent any encroachment upon it, real or imagined. They are generally fearful of getting involved in any group endeavours involving the signing of papers, lawyers, etc., fearing that someone may be pulling a fast one on them. This paranoia can put them at a disadvantage; it can make them hold back from worthwhile opportunities and cause them to put their trust in those who are clever at manipulating their fears to their own advantage. Part of their nature craves the limelight and feels a great urge to step forth and proclaim the truth as they see it; and part of it is terrified of exposure and all the dangerous or embarrassing situations it might bring about. The tension of this ambiguity can cause them to behave very oddly when and if they do step forward. It also makes it hard for them to fight for an issue, because they will surge forward at one moment, then hold back at the next.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are tuned in to current social and political problems and disturbed by the failure of those who are largely responsible for dealing with them. Your reading includes philosophy, religion, metaphysics and psychology. You feel that government officials must have a more comprehensive understanding of the great social problems that cut across the barriers of race, creed and national origin. By developing your own skills, you could make a substantial contribution through political or social activity. You obviously

care enough to make this effort; but you need training to accomplish your objectives. Finding a suitable career should come first on your list of priorities. Serving the public's needs would exert a positive influence where it's most needed, and would give you a feeling of spiritual enrichment as well.

People often seek your counsel, because you listen attentively to their problems, and they know you can offer them valuable advice. You generally hear more than is being said, as if you were reading between the lines of their conversation. This gives you keen insight into people's problems and an understanding of what motivates them. Your partner must share your interest in social issues and should be similarly concerned about finding solutions to them. It is not likely that you will ever retire, because you consider it a waste of time when you can still accomplish so much. Though you may not require it, you can always turn to your friends for help. Be prepared to revise your past opinions as you gain new information. This will assure that your views are always current and will allow you to withstand those who try to intimidate or gain control over you. If you are troubled by conditions that you observe in your environment, the only answer is to learn whatever skills are required to do something about them. You can be instrumental in guiding people to greater freedom by helping them find solutions to their problems. You should incorporate this objective into the duties of your career. You are deeply sensitive to human suffering, whether the cause is physical, social, political or economic; and you can do much to relieve these anxieties.

Don't depend on getting a lot of help from your family in your endeavours. They may be sympathetic to your aims, but they may not provide you with the financial resources you need to get the education and training for achieving your goals. Resolve to go after what you want with determination that you will succeed. There may be sacrifices in preparing for the life you want; but the rewards will more than compensate for what you have to do without in the meantime.

In general, people trust implicitly in your judgement because you give the impression that you are intimately concerned about them, and you are. They derive many benefits when they capitalise on your suggestions about using their resources more effectively to achieve their goals. Pay some attention to your motivation, though, for if you are primarily interested in winning public attention, your achievements might boomerang. People pick up that kind of vibration, and may resent you for using them to satisfy your personal desires. If publicity comes with accomplishment, fine. But even if it doesn't, do the very best you can.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: Your higher mind undergoes periodic purges. At certain points in life, you discover a new philosophy, and it hits with unbelievable conviction. All previous ethical understanding is swept away, obliterated by the new clarity. Your entire approach to living changes overnight as the new allegiance galvanises your mind. Then

you stabilise until the next mental housecleaning. Each plateau of mind has immense power. It can be a surgical scalpel, cutting to the essence of life, or it can be a weapon, bludgeoning others into submission. The challenge is to choose the former and avoid the latter.

Cultural perspective: Where cultural diversity is concerned, you're either open or closed. You can be incredibly presumptuous in believing that your particular experience of the world is natural for everyone. In that state, you can't see any farther than your own nose. During these periods, travel is irrelevant; your personality remains unaltered. At other times, your subconscious mind is sufficiently 'cooked' to release its contents into awareness. Then travel can have a profound effect as you open. You become insatiably curious about alternate ways of living; and your pursuit of change through cultural relativity becomes a whirlwind of insights.

Higher education: Education is used as a tool to support intense emotional beliefs. You look for principles to justify your passions. Whatever you're currently studying becomes the whole of your understanding, as if nothing you ever knew before had any relevance. Although it's natural that your quest for understanding will necessitate abandonment of some old ways of thinking, be very careful about what you destroy. The challenge is to promote enlarged awareness, not just to trade one inflexible orientation for another equally fanatical philosophy. The search for truth: Revelation is profound for you, since, unlike some people, you change your life to fit what you understand as true. But truth is not simple; it hides between the lines. So be careful. Lies often masquerade as truth, like wolves in sheep's clothing. Be honest, but do not bludgeon people with your truth - they may hit back with truth of their own. Let others find their own paths. Relativity is what you must develop, the ability to integrate new truth into your life without completely forgetting everything you've unearthed in the past. Remember that all great truths can and do coexist; and don't use the truth destructively. It may come back to haunt you later. Truth is powerful and dangerous, awesome and ultimate.

Ideal society: You would certainly change society, giving it more power, until it surged with volcanic intensity, pregnant with possibility. Wherever outmoded social structures inhibited growth, they would be destroyed. Emotional power would rule - pure, pulsing, primal energy. For others, it might end up being heaven or hell, Utopia or 1984. As Ruler of the World, you would be an absolute authority. Your word would be law, but everyone would agree with you anyway, so there would be no need for dissent.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... the ninth house bore a rather romantic name. It was the 'House of Long Journeys'. The implication was that of a mythic Quest, a journey into strange and perilous places, a journey from which one would return, if at all, a changed person. The ninth house was also associated with religion... and that is not as much of a leap from journeys as it might at first seem. Religion is a human attempt to impart meaning to life,

or to discover life's meaning. And we learn about life by living it - by fully accepting and undertaking the 'journey'. It is this 'religious' dimension of the ninth house that is really the heart of the matter, as we shall see.

Furthermore, nothing will so challenge and focus our own beliefs as an encounter with their passionately held alternatives. Generally throughout human history, such encounters have been hard to come by. 'Multiculturalism' has been a rare phenomenon; cultures have tended to be monolithic, with a particular set of commonly held values, morals, and mythologies binding them into unity. To experience the full-blown reality of alternative perspectives, one didn't have a long list of options. And travel was high on the list. Just leaving town. Going among the foreigners, the 'heathens', the 'infidels'. It would provide an 'education' unavailable elsewhere.....At least until 'education' became widely available - and that is yet another traditional meaning of the ninth house: universities, learning, scholarship. Closely linked to those notions was the idea of the dissemination of knowledge. Hence, the association of the ninth house with the publishing industry... and who hasn't ever been taken on a 'Long Journey' by a book? But it all comes back to the endless search for meaning, pattern and significance in our lives: our 'religious' needs.

What does it mean when Pluto lies here? Your High Destiny: Life hardly feels meaningful automatically. Much of the time we are merely struggling with our responsibilities and wrestling with our circumstances. What honest, reflective person has not occasionally been plagued by that eternal question, 'Why bother?'? Jodie and I saw a cartoon once in which the Almighty appeared to a harried fellow in a vision. His message was, "The Universe exists to annoy you!". I don't think that cartoon made it onto our refrigerator. I guess it cut a little too close to the bone.

In the face of the seeming meaninglessness of life, we turn naturally to religion - and by that word, I don't simply mean Catholicism or Islam. I mean any of the Things To Believe In that humanity has devised. Science serves the purpose for some of us. Art does it for others. Humanitarianism may fit the bill for one person, while making a million dollars may do it for another. And every one of these 'religions' has not only its adherents, but also its spokespeople. Call them Teachers, Exemplars, Preachers... whatever. We humans instinctively seek them out. We want a man or a woman to embody the ideal for us, to speak to us authoritatively and confidently about the moral or metaphysical framework of life.

Your High Destiny is to be such a figure. The responsibility here is enormous. Whenever you speak of Right or Wrong, or the Meaning of Life, people will naturally listen to you. It is as though something radiates from you, a kind of message from God saying, 'Take what this person says seriously'. And if you put out the notion that life is a hopeless mess unfolding in a random universe, people will be mightily influenced by that viewpoint. You can do a lot better than that, but first you must face... Your Distorting Wound: We humans are pretty brilliant as monkeys go. I suspect that perspective is not

terribly far from the way the angels look at us. We are inventive, cunning, and creative, but our knowledge of this vast, multidimensional universe is exceedingly limited. When the preacher ascends the pulpit on Sunday morning and begins fulminating about the nature and purpose of life in the cosmos, imagine the angels having a good laugh. Even if the preacher's heart is in the right place, his head is still stuck in the three-dimensional, time-bound world.

But preaching is his job, and he prides himself in it. And when he was a young seminarian, he was deeply inspired by a teacher no older or wiser than he himself is now. What doubts he had in his inherited belief-system were dispelled by that teacher. On top of that, the congregation isn't paying him for his doubts; they want certainty, clarity, and confidence - 'faith', they call it. It's a commonplace observation that religion has caused more bloodshed and unfeeling, self-righteous sadism in this world than money, sex, and the territorial imperative combined. People will do things for 'faith' that they couldn't stomach for any other reason. And their 'preachers' egg them on with 'messages from God'. With Pluto in the ninth house, you instinctively see all that. You have a sceptic's capacity to ask the right, embarrassing questions. Reflexively, you question the assumptions underlying whatever metaphysical cardcastle you are presented with. You have an especially wary eye when it comes to observing the 'preachers', sniffing out the subtle traps their own egos lay for them, and places where their Shadows leak out into behaviour.

When you were young, you were presented with a religion and strongly encouraged to accept it. This religion may not have been a conventional one - it could have been liberal or conservative politics, education, money, almost anything. And you smelled something rotten, and doubted... or believed deeply at first, and thereby set yourself up for a harder fall. Synchronistic principles here often suggest early contact with especially virulent examples of religious or moral hypocrisy, or other similarly disillusioning experiences. The paedophile priest. The philandering guru. If we add such outward biographical events to the stew, your Plutonian education in religion's dark side was that much more intense.

However we read the story, your Distorting Wound is a learned response of doubt, cynicism, and hesitancy to believe. Your Navigational Error: Those of us raised in the Christian tradition know the story of Christ's encounter with the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. The gospel accounts give an impression of Pilate not so much as a bad man but as a weak one. He seems motivated to afford Jesus a way out of the crucifixion, if only Jesus would plea-bargain a little. But of course Jesus won't. Near the end of their dialogue, Pilate despairingly asks "What is truth?". In Sunday school, we are encouraged to view this as an example of Pilate's perfidious character, but in fact it's a pretty good question. What is truth? The world is full of people, nefarious or merely gullible, making large sums out of claiming to provide the answer. You figured that out before you were very far into your adulthood; and such parasites make your blood boil. In your compulsion not to get fooled again yourself, and to roust out the tricksters into the

bargain, you might make any of several fundamental errors.

The first error lies in adopting doubt and cynicism as your 'religion', and doing so without realising that they are as narrow and limited as any other doctrine. And not nearly as uplifting, we might add. A person under the spell of that dogma will live a life full of fear, hesitant to reap the real joys of love, charity, and fellowship. He or she might withdraw from real sources of inspiration, and recoil from the pleasures and advantages of simple faith. The second error involves reacting unconsciously to the 'religion' of one's childhood - and moving fanatically into another doctrine as far removed from the birth-religion as one can find: a classic 'out of the frying pan, into the fire' move. Daddy was a right-wing entrepreneurial capitalist; daughter is a leftwing Marxist saboteur. Joe was raised Pentecostal, but then he found Zoroastrianism. Wherever we wind up, if we are in the grips of this error, one eventuality is sure: the preachers of the new religion will prove just as fallible or morally culpable as the preachers with whom we grew up.

A third possible error lies in becoming an Inquisitor regarding either all religions or the religion of one's childhood. Down this road, one zealously, fanatically seeks to discredit belief at every opportunity. The attacks may very well be cogent; our concerns about them lie more in a consideration of their motivations and their benefits to the attacker. Typically, there is a big element of unconscious anger in such attacks, and they accomplish little that enhances anyone's life. A fourth error is an attempt to escape the whole issue, and in fact to shirk one's high destiny. It can be made to sound pretty good, though: "Everybody has to figure it out for him- / herself. Who am I to judge? We should all just trust our inner guidance". These are certainly laudable ideas in many ways. But they miss something. We all wear shoes, but not everyone is cut out to be shoemaker. Most of us drive a car, but only a few of us can rebuild the brakes or the ignition system. Similarly, not everyone is wired to distill the chaos of daily life down to a few reliable moral principles. That's as much an inborn, unique skill as the shoemaker's or the mechanic's. And not everyone possesses it. You are mentally wired to be a philosopher. You carry those instincts and reflexes. And you are not the only one who knows that - anyone sizing you up is going to come to the same conclusion. That's how it works with Pluto. Like it or not, you're set up for that kind of destiny, and people are going to see through that kind of filter. They'll take moral cues from you no matter what you do.

The Healing Method: The first part of your healing method is simple to say, but absolutely essential to the recovery of your high destiny. You must physically leave the land of your birth. This leaving is not necessarily permanent, although it often is. Nor does it necessitate crossing international boundaries; cultural lines count for more here than political ones. If you're a native Californian, moving to New Hampshire might do it. The point is that there is something liberating and refreshing for you about culture shock. Your ninth house wounds are tied up with the 'religion of your people' - your church or temple in youth, or the collective attitude of your ethnic group, your neighbourhood, or your extended family... or any combination plate of such factors you

might assemble. Just getting away from that environment clears the air. And in that clear air, you will naturally begin to think more freshly.

A second part of your healing depends utterly upon your committing yourself to an educational journey. This may very well involve matriculating in a formal degree programme, complete with the diploma to hang on your wall. It may just as easily take a less official form, as, for example, when a person sets out to master the practice of astrology and commits zealously to the formidable intellectual exercise that entails. Again, what is at stake here is a stretching of the boundaries, an extension of consciousness beyond the narrow framework of one's early life. Synchronistic principles declare that in the course of travelling far from home and acquiring an education, you will encounter a religion that works for you. That is part of the shape of your destiny. The third step in the healing lies in accepting it. By 'religion' we refer to a world view or a moral perspective; a set of values to live by. It may or may not be a religion in the customary sense.

The religion that works best for you will be Plutonian, of course - that's what suits your nature. How do we recognise such a belief system? For starters, a Plutonian religion is one that isn't quick to view doubt as a sin; it will encourage questioning, scrutiny, and testing. It is a religion that makes some satisfactory account of the problem of evil in the world; no greeting-card philosophies will work. It is a religion that encourages and supports introspective psychological self-analysis, and ties it inextricably to the notion of the spiritual quest. Typically, it will deal energetically and at length with the realities of death and the dying process, and be willing to embrace positive views on the spiritual potentials inherent in consciously directed sexuality. All these notions are simply Plutonian; a Plutonian religion, which is natural to you, will embrace them all to some degree.

The Energising Vision: What are we if we believe nothing? What would life be if everything came down to meaninglessness? What would be left? Only appetite.... 'Man shall not live by bread alone', Jesus said. And it is a simple truth. We need more than mere appetite. We need purpose and meaning. But if, as some tired modern intellectual theologians say, purpose and meaning are purely human creations, it all rings a little hollow. Why bother? Here's the essence: in your guts, you know that life has purpose. You were born with that certainty. Some early experiences of disillusionment nearly knocked that faith out of you, but it only went underground. Employ your healing methods and the faith is resurrected. And it radiates from you. And that faith is given an integrity and a legitimacy by your own fierce commitment to doubt. How strange that phrase wounds from a conventional religious perspective! But your willingness to question yourself and everyone else, always to go deeper, always to let the truth be more than what you already know, those qualities lift you out of the morass that so often captures the evangelist and amateur guru. You are called upon to speak as one of the moral voices of your community. And as long as you are willing to stay in communion with your own Plutonian shadow, you'll not slip into mere moralising. Need renewal? Then go

questing again! Journeys will punctuate the conscious life for you, and each one will stretch your spiritual frontiers a little wider.

(Jeff Green)

Individuals who have Pluto in the Ninth House have had the desire and evolutionary need to understand life and themselves in a cosmological, metaphysical, philosophical or religious context. In the broadest possible sense, the Ninth House and Sagittarius are the archetypes through which humanity has a need to explain its connection to the phenomenological nature of the universe and the world in which we live. The Eighth House and Scorpio generated the awareness of 'larger forces' in the universe and the world, forces that were sensed as originating outside the individual. Consequently, there was a need to form some kind of relationship to these forces in order to become identified and united with them. In effect, the relationship allowed the individual to experience these forces directly, and thus to undergo a metamorphosis of his or her personal limitations. The individual became that to which he or she formed a relationship through the osmosis effect. Because of the direct need to experience these larger forces, people and cultures have developed rituals, methods and techniques to harness, possess, control and know them. As a result, this desire and need has led into an understanding and explanation of occult or hidden knowledge. It has also led into internal psychoanalysis or psychological investigations of the inner dynamics or laws that explain who and what we are and how we work. In the Ninth House, the desire and need has been, and is, to explain one's relationship or connection to larger forces. Whereas the person with Pluto in the Eighth House sensed this connection, in the Ninth House the connection is known. As a result, individuals with this placement have needed freedom to pursue whatever experiences are necessary to discover the knowledge that explains those larger forces. As with Pluto in all natural Fire houses, the Ninth House placement gives the individual the feeling that he or she has a special destiny or identity. In the Ninth House, the special identity is directly linked to the individual's relationship to the cosmological, philosophical, metaphysical or religious principles that explain their connection to the universe and the world. These people recognise the phenomenological nature of the universe at large, and in contrast to those with Pluto in the Third House, are not as focused on the immediate physical environment. They understand that, in a phenomenological sense, the world or universe simply exists; that it exists of itself beyond labels or classifications. Yet, because it exists, Ninth House Pluto individuals have desires to understand the fundamental truths that explain the existence of the world and the universe. Truth implies natural laws or principles that govern the totality of life as well as the individual's life.

On this basis, these individuals desire to be free in order to generate whatever experiences are necessary to discover the truth of their existence. They need to understand and explain their relationship to the universe via the principles founded on cosmological, metaphysical, philosophical or religious terms. As a result, many of these individuals come into this life as natural loners. Many of these individuals have travelled

far and wide throughout many lifetimes in the pursuit of truth and knowledge. Many have incarnated into diverse cultures all over the planet. It is also common for many to leave a culture, society, or nation in which they felt inhibited or stifled in their pursuit of truth and knowledge. Consequently, many Ninth House Pluto individuals have experienced and will experience a fundamental alienation from their own culture and society. Alienation occurs because most cultures, societies or nations are based on a specific religious or philosophical system, arrived at by general consensus, that serves as the framework for understanding or explaining its relationship to the world and the universe. Because the desire and drive of the Ninth House Pluto person is to search for and discover truth in an unrestricted way, alienation arises from the limitations of society. These limitations lead to external, and therefore internal, confrontations for these individuals

.The confrontations reinforce the sense of alienation from the culture or belief system into which they have been born. Given a prior-life history of incarnating into diverse cultures, many of these individuals will experience alienation because each new culture or society will be different from the one that they have just experienced. The unconscious 'memories' of the most previous life experience will induce the alienation relative to the 'new' culture. This produces a cultural, emotional and philosophical shock that threatens the unconscious security needs of the individual. The experience of restriction, alienation, confrontation and shock reflects the evolutionary impulse to discover the comprehensive truths, principles or laws that underlie the diverse expressions of phenomenological truth as defined by any culture, at any time. Alienation is a necessary experience because it fosters an elimination of any barriers, be they individual or cultural, that are preventing a direct understanding of the fundamental laws and principles that govern this comprehensive and total truth of existence. Because of this evolutionary impulse, many Ninth House Pluto individuals will feel rootless; rather than identifying with any specific nation, they will consider themselves citizens of the world. On the other hand, many of these individuals will naturally gravitate to certain philosophical or cultural expressions that reflect their own inner intuitive sense of how life should be explained or understood. For some this natural gravitation to a specific philosophical or cultural expression of truth is at odds with the society or culture that they were born into in this life. The memories of the past often create a desire or need to rediscover or align themselves with a religious or philosophical tradition from another time and another place. For others the culture that they are born into will mirror perfectly the philosophical or religious tradition necessary to continue their evolutionary journey and to fulfil their karmic requirements. For these individuals the experience of alienation will be minimised or eliminated altogether.

Because Ninth House Pluto individuals desire to understand themselves in these ways, there is a concentrated development of the inner intuitive faculty. Because these individuals know that they are connected to larger forces beyond themselves, and because of the desire to discover the natural laws that explain this connection, they have necessarily had to develop an intuitive faculty - a 'sixth sense'. Intuition is the inherent ability in each of us to 'know' something without conscious reasoning. This knowing or

understanding occurs without any effort on the part of the ecocentric and subjective mind. Because these individuals know that they are connected to larger forces in the universe, they have 'tapped in' to those forces. By intensely focusing upon those forces, they become aware of their nature and, therefore, of the laws and principles behind those forces. Laws and principles translate into concepts or conceptualisation of those forces. Concepts and conceptualisations translate into beliefs. A composite of concepts, laws, principles and beliefs translates into a comprehensive philosophical, metaphysical, cosmological or religious system. The specific nature of mankind's belief systems is determined by individual and collective evolutionary development and geographic locality. In other words, the fundamental laws or principles are the same for all individuals or cultures, but are conceived, conceptualised and expressed in a diversity of cultural and individual ways. This becomes clear when we observe the world's amazing array of religious and philosophical systems. Even though the basic laws and principles are the same for all peoples and cultures, the individual and cultural interpretation of those principles reflects not only diversity but individual and cultural necessity. Individuals with Pluto in the Ninth House will interpret these intrinsic laws and principles according to their own natural evolutionary condition and karmic necessities.

The evolutionary need to focus upon and develop the intuitive faculty in order to know the truth of reality creates many problems for the individual and for society. These problems are rooted in the two co-existing desires within the Soul. The desire for separateness results in an egocentric overidentification with a specific philosophical or religious system that reflects the needs of the society or the individual. This overidentification is based on the need for emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual security and stability. This need for security and stability gives rise to the need for the society or the individual to defend against the intrusion of other interpretations of the same intrinsic laws and principles by other cultures or individuals. In this state of delusion and separateness, the individual or culture will either attempt to impose its system upon another or will withdraw from the threat posed by another individual or culture. The history of human experience on the planet abundantly demonstrates this fact. The recent turmoil in Ireland, the Middle East, and South Africa, China's imposition on Tibet, and so forth are only the latest manifestations of this sad evolutionary development.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°48') ♀1 | 0010
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°11') ♀4 | 0010
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°05') ♀7 | ♄12
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°28') 0010 | ♄12
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°32') ♀7 | ♀4
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♃ Neptune** - (1°26') ♀7 | ♀7
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♃ Neptune** - (1°58') ♀4 | ♀7
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°23') ♀6 | ♄9
- 9) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°56') ♀6 | ♄11
- 10) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°17') 0010 | ♄12
- 11) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ☊ North-Node** - (1°08') 0010 | ♄5
- 12) ► **Pluto ♇ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°33') ♄9 | ♄11
- 13) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (6°19' S) ♀4 | ♀4
- 14) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Neptune** - (2°58' A) ♀7 | ♀7
- 15) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (9°15' A) ♀4 | ♀4
- 16) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ☊ North-Node** - (3°55' S) ♀6 | ♄5
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♃ Neptune** - (3°41' S) ☉2 | ♀7
- 18) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♇ Pluto** - (7°32' S) ♀4 | ♄9
- 19) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (3°20' A) ♀4 | 0010
- 20) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♅ Uranus** - (2°14' S) ♀6 | ♄12
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (2°33' A) ☉2 | ♄12
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ☿ Mercury** - (3°26' A) ♄5 | ♀7
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (1°11' S) ♀4 | ♀6
- 24) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♃ Neptune** - (4°00' A) ♀6 | ♀7
- 25) ► **Neptune ♃ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (2°21' S) ♀7 | ♄9
- 26) ► **Neptune ♃ Sextile ☊ North-Node** - (0°05' A) ♀7 | ♄5
- 27) ► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (7°05' S) ☉2 | ♄5
- 28) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♂ Mars** - (0°14' A) ♀7 | ♀4
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♄ Saturn** - (3°34' A) ♀7 | 0010
- 30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (6°58' A) ♀1 | ♀6
- 31) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♇ Pluto** - (0°37' A) ♀1 | ♄9
- 32) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (0°19' A) ☉2 | ♀6
- 33) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ☊ North-Node** - (3°36' S) ☉2 | ♄5
- 34) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (1°03' A) ♀4 | ♄12

- 35) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (5°11' S) ♀4 | ♃7
- 36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (8°12' S) ♀4 | ♄12
- 37) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (6°21' A) ♀6 | ♄9
- 38) ► **Uranus** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (6°14' S) ♄12 | ♃7
- 39) ► **Pluto** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (2°26' A) ♄9 | ♄5
- 40) ► **Mars** ♂ **Octile** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°39' A) ♀4 | ♄5

- 1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°48') ♄1 | ♄10

(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.

2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°11') ♀4 | 0010

(Robert Hand)

At a very early age you will learn that life requires hard work and ceaseless activity if you want to get ahead. Also you want to be a person of significance when you are older, so you will start working while quite young to get where you want to go. Since you have so much internal discipline, your parents won't have to impose it from the outside, nor should they make unrealistically high demands, because you will try very hard to fulfill them. Whenever you fail, you condemn yourself strongly, and if you decide you are a loser, it would be very difficult to change that belief. This placement of Saturn can signify that you will be very successful or very unsuccessful, depending on how you experience success while you are young.

You respect those in authority even when you feel they are giving you a hard time. You understand that they have earned the right to their position and that to challenge them you must earn that right as well. Only if you have very negative experiences with authority while you are young - and your parents will have a lot to do with this - will you be negative about it when you are older.

No matter what career you choose, you will be a teacher and a guide for others. You may be a teacher in the literal sense in some kind of school. In any case, others will look to you for guidance when you achieve the goals that you set for yourself now.

As you work to get ahead in life, however, be very careful not to neglect your friendships and other relationships. Otherwise you may be very lonely later on.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Saturn at the MC, we are often tormented by feelings of inferiority. Vulnerability is great; in many cases because the support of one or both parents was missing during childhood. We feel an urge to do well when still young, either to overcome an inferiority complex or else to let it be seen that we account for something. Hence this aspect can indicate tremendous ambition: we can work hard and long for the goals that we have set ourselves, but may also be harsh and pitiless.

Traditionally Saturn conjunct Midheaven is supposed to signify a public fall or disgrace. But this is true only when the groundwork of success has been prepared too quickly and carelessly, or when what we are building is hollow. If we get down to work like a real child of Saturn, that is to say slowly and thoroughly, we can go far later in life.

We need to provide not only ourselves but also our environment with form and structure, so we have a liking for regulations and for laying down the law to others. Much of this arises from an inner feeling of effectiveness and a diligent search for an individual form in which we shall be valued. If we resist any tendency this conjunction may have to disturb our inner equilibrium, we should be able to display thoroughness, determination and tremendous consistency.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Saturn conjunct the MC often feel they have to keep up some kind of position in society, perhaps maintain a position of responsibility or duty, or follow in a parent's footsteps. Classically, they feel they have no choice but to do this. There is sometimes a very fated feeling about the choice of vocation which the individual may or may not feel comfortable with. It's a common enough combination for members of the Royal Family, whose public face tends to be a very controlled one, full of responsibility, protocol, handwaving, and never putting a foot wrong.

Very often those with Saturn contacting the MC-IC axis feel that they have to submit to their parents' wishes as to their choice of career, and there is sometimes a feeling of an enormous weight on their shoulders because of this. Very often the background is a fairly conservative, middle-class one, or the family aspires in that direction. The choice of vocation often seems limited to Saturn conjunct MC especially, and to some extent it often is limited because the individual requires that his / her position in society be one of respectability and security.

I have seen this placement in the charts of those who have at least one very successful

parent in their field, although the success is usually very hard-won; but it's also a common placement in the charts of those whose parents didn't reach their aspirations - parents who feel a failure to themselves and their family in terms of their professional accomplishments. Thus the individual with Saturn conjunct MC carries more than his / her own fear around with him / her. There is often a fear of succeeding (for it might hurt the 'failed' parent) as well as a fear of not doing so.

Having a proper career and direction in life is often such a weighty issue that individuals with this placement often feel at a loss to decide what to do with their lives. Saturn conjunct MC are often late-developers. Classically, the type is frightened to take risks with their future, which is fair enough on one level, but on another, it is often by taking risks, by exploring first one kind of work and then another, and simply going where life and one's unconscious takes one, that an individual is able to find his / her particular niche in society and some sort of personal fulfilment. I have also known people who have spent their lives blaming their parents for work they happen to be doing. They feel that in their working life they are 'doing time'. Usually the parents are not to 'blame'; the problem lies with the individual who is too frightened to risk doing what he / she really wants to do.

Saturn conjunction MC is an ideal combination for vocations that involve skills that take a long time to learn, and careers concerned with age, tradition, time or structure. The conjunction and other aspects to the axis can be associated with hard work and slow, sure success.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Saturn conjunct Midheaven aspect characterizes those who rise to high stations through hard work and steady ambition. If the conjunction is well aspected, they are honest, responsible, and foresighted in their dealings. They make good executives and administrators. In politics they tend to be conservative, seeking policies which lead to stability and to the expansion of existing institutions along traditional lines.

If this conjunction is afflicted, disgrace and fall from a high position are possibilities.

3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°05') ♋7 | ♎12

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus opposition the Ascendant shows that relationships stand in the way of achieving the freedom you want. You attract people who demand their own freedom, even though it means you must curtail yours, and this annoys you. Attracted to people who are defiant of authority, you'd like to share the enthusiasm of their independence. You feel uncomfortable when anyone asks you to make a commitment, for you consider contracts and related obligations as too limiting and frustrating. Marriage in the traditional sense is

not for you. You prefer a more liberal association in which the only binding agent is your emotional attraction to your partner. You enjoy a wide circle of friends who share your views and with whom you feel safe and secure.

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

Rebellious by nature, you probably left home at an early age to seek your own goals. Although you have a mind of your own, you probably are not fully prepared to accept responsibility for your actions. You tend to avoid competition on the excuse that it is the trap of a regulated society.

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

Uranus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

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

With Uranus / Ascendant conflicts, we need an outlet for tension. If, for example, the

Ascendant has few other aspects, it is hard to be openly impulsive, and the tension can build up inside. When we finally let off steam, the effect is startling and possibly destructive.

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

(Sue Tompkins)

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

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

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

It is also through relationship that the Uranus conjunct Descendant person can rebel. The choice of partner may itself be an act of rebellion, as may the way the relationship is pursued. With this placement, the individual will insist on the freedom to pursue whatever kind of relationship he / she wants, and with whomever he / she chooses. With Uranus at either end of the Ascendant / Descendant axis, freedom within a relationship will also usually be insisted upon, and thus this combination might be associated with 'open' marriages and partnerships; and, in particular, with relationships which are essentially based on friendship. Individuals look to their partners and their relationships

for excitement, stimulation and personal awakening. If such exhilarating interchange becomes no longer possible, the individual will usually feel the need to look elsewhere for it.

4) ► **Imum-Coeli** IC **Parallel** ⌘ **Uranus** - (1°28') 0010 | ♃12

(Robert Hand)

This aspect signifies that you are an individualist and that you should go pretty much your own way in life. You especially need emotional freedom, and you don't enjoy being with people who are jealous or possessive. In fact, as a young child you probably did not like to be coddled by your mother, feeling that such emotions were smothering rather than reinforcing. This attitude probably resulted from an incident or series of incidents in earliest childhood that taught you that you couldn't count on the kind of nurturing children need from a mother. Therefore you understood that you must learn to do without it as much as possible. It is quite likely that your mother is very independent and has a busy life outside of being a mother. However, this aspect does not usually signal emotional inadequacy or difficulties, unless Uranus is otherwise poorly aspected. It often signifies a parent who, like yourself, is a very free spirit.

As you grow older, tradition and home life will mean relatively little to you, and in fact, you may regard them as elements that hamper your freedom of self-expression. As soon as you are able, you will try to break free of your family and your place of growing up. Even while you are quite young, you may enjoy the freedom of having no real roots; of fitting in, more or less, wherever you go. When you are older, you will keep your home simple and sparsely furnished, and you will try to have as few obligations as possible. If you ever have a family of your own, you will teach them to be as independent as possible, because you do not want anyone to depend on you.

(Sue Tompkins)

The inclination to rebel against the values or conditioning of a parental figure may occur even with Uranus conjunct IC, but its effects are not likely to be so obvious to the outside world as those of Uranus conjunct MC.

Uranus conjunct IC or even into the fourth house is sometimes indicative of great upheavals in the early home life. This placement is consistent with, for example, moving house in early childhood to a location that is radically different from that of one's forebears - perhaps being uprooted to a completely different country, culture or family, for example. Often the early upheaval is not that extreme, but in childhood may have seemed so. Sometimes a parent might have made a sudden exit or have been forced to do so. In any case, people with this placement often have to build their own roots, they often feel or are literally cut off from the roots of their family or their culture.

I know of one extreme case where a boy with Uranus exactly conjunct the IC, because he was born illegitimately, was placed in a children's home. He never knew who his father was, never saw his mother, and when aged about 11 was sent to Australia by the home as part of a Government scheme to help colonise that country. On all sorts of levels he was cut off from his roots, and has been looking for them ever since.

Sometimes, such early experiences result in the individual feeling unable to put down roots, for he or she cannot believe that he / she is ever going to feel safe. For some, depending on the other aspects, the lack of roots is exciting. Many others with this placement, though, often become very concerned with creating a permanent home and as much security as possible.

For all its difficulties, being cut off from one's roots, like most things, can have its advantages. Individuals with this placement have freedom at their foundation. They can do what they want without having to consider the pull of the past or the tradition of the family.

Whatever the exact scenario, those with Uranus on the IC are often thrown back on their own resources at an early age. Thus, the individual is usually deeply independent, not only in behaviour and choice of life-style but also in his / her ideas and opinions. Unlike Uranus conjunct MC, though, there is usually no felt need to be seen to be different. On the contrary, any unusual family background, eccentric family members, or unconventional views are usually kept well hidden from public view at least until the mid-life Uranus opposition. Like Uranus in the 12th house, the individual with this placement will often want to be seen as conventional in public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction creates an unusual and constantly changing domestic situation. The parents or the home itself may be out of the ordinary in some way. Natives may be forced to change residence suddenly. Their homes are filled with modern conveniences and electrical gadgets or else with artifacts of ancient or unusual origin.

Often the home is used for group activities such as clubs or occult organizations. Electronic or scientific hobbies are characteristic, with basement workshops or gadget rooms to accomodate them.

If the conjunction (to the Nadir) is afflicted, it can cause sudden disputes and separations in the family life, such as estrangements from parents. If it is well aspected, the natives are friendly with their families and share interests with their parents.

Uranus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the planet is in hard aspect to the Midheaven, the changeableness, uncertainty and brusqueness of Uranus are not so easy to channel productively. Inconstancy, the abandonment of what looked full of promise, tension, a restless longing for change, and rashness are the result. With these aspects we need to exercise caution; as creatures of impulse, we often forget to look before we leap.

Even when we are very young, we can be rebellious, hard to manage, and sometimes maladjusted. Given a propensity for trouble-making and rule-breaking, we can easily become revolutionaries in the literal sense of the word. When Uranus is powerfully placed in the horoscope there is always a great need to be ourselves; but, with these hard aspects, being ourselves can get in the way of social and business aspirations. We may decide to be ourselves at some unfortunate moment, striking others as unpredictable and even egotistic. What is more, we show resentment at interference.

Nevertheless, the hard aspects are particularly creative. True, we suffer from mental tension and restlessness, but we are seldom short of bright ideas. Making discoveries, small or large, often seems like child's play; and by following a path where there is room to try out various unusual options, we could go far.

5) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°32') ♄7 | ♀4

(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.

6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°26') ♀7 | ♀7

(Haydn Paul)

With the Mercury-Neptune contacts, it is the mind level that is primarily sensitised and activated, so that the imaginative quality is emphasised and the main focus of life appreciation is through mental receptivity. The conjunction indicates a channel between the conscious mind and the unconscious mind, and both the energy and information flowing through this conduit need to be carefully integrated if a variety of imbalances and distortions is not to be created.

The faculty of imagination will be highly stimulated and developed, and this will certainly require appropriate channels to be focused on so that other problems of perception are not created. The issue of mental realities is one which can make you unsettled, especially as you can tend to make mistakes in judgement based on misinterpreting facts and suggestive information. You have a mental process that can attempt to re-create experiences into more acceptable forms for personal absorption, a style of selective manipulation which excludes aspects of reality that you refuse to acknowledge. If this process becomes a regular pattern of mental behaviour, then you are liable to create a distinctly personal reality that is a fusion of the real and unreal which can pose additional challenges when it comes to disentangling them. This is often amplified by a tendency to be mentally escapist, avoiding the possibility of any painful experiences and situations by refusing to become involved in things.

Relationships are likely to be characterised by over-idealism of lovers, either through having the mental illusion of a perfect lover that is unlikely to exist, and comparing everyone to this perfect lover and so ensuring that they fail to match up, or by wrapping lovers in over-glamorised ideals, elevating them to a mental pedestal and so ensuring that at some time they will inevitably topple off. Your mental images will be shattered, yet this does not deny the real experiences of disappointment and disillusionment that you will suffer... and continue to suffer unless you become more realistic in your evaluations within intimate relationships. Part of this process can arise from the sense of personal inadequacy that you feel and which you try to alleviate by imitation of others you respect or sometimes through attempts to bask in the glow of reflected glamour by associating with publicly famous people, which allows inner fantasies to develop.

You are likely to have some creative and artistic talent, and your cultural appreciation will be developed. Your ideal type of employment will offer channels for such forms of personal expression, and it may be that you do develop towards writing, arts, photography or film as you have a gift for visual imagination which also has some inner content. Your approach will be intellectual and mentally resonant, rather than more emotionally evocative as with the Moon contacts. Training may be necessary to help draw out these talents, and your main talent may be related to giving an intellectual substance and context to artistic creations, as a critic does, although there you may need to be careful regarding a degree of intolerance in your attitudes.

Another area of life that could be very attractive to you is that of a mental fascination with mystery, romantic illusions, the worlds of psychics, mystics and psychology: the realms of the mind. Because of that close channel between the unconscious mind and conscious mind, you may experience serving as a conscious channel between the two, with information, such as personal examples of telepathic communication or prophetic dreams and visions, being transmitted to the rational mind. If you have properly come to terms with reforging reality into acceptable patterns and have broken free of that impulse, and have a real understanding of how your own psyche functions by integrating

the transpersonal planets into a functioning unified consciousness, then moving towards less tangible realms of the mind may be safe for you. However, if those initial steps have not been made, then following your own fascinations into the inner worlds may not be so wise owing to that uncontrolled active imagination, and you could retreat inward to inhabit a nebulous dream world of your own making. So ensure that you carefully evaluate any ideas, impulses and motivations that enter your mind to clarify whether or not they are self-delusory or actual inner guidance. Such discrimination can be difficult to achieve, but it is essential to avoid becoming lost on the inner pathless path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Neptune, your imagination often works overtime. When you state an opinion, your interpretation is likely to be as faulty as the 'facts' on which you base your judgement. Because you are uncomfortable with reality, you often bend the truth into a shape that you can accept. You are extremely sensitive to your environment and intolerant of painful experiences, which you try to escape or withdraw from. It is essential that you find a constructive means for expressing your highly developed and sensitive mentality.

Your profession must give you the opportunity to use your artistic talents. Your appreciation for art in all its forms may enable you to succeed in a field such as writing, acting, or dancing. In these professions, your imagination and rhythmic sense can be applied to advantage. Any occupation you choose will gain your complete devotion.

You must have training in order to fully capitalize on your creative potentials. An education is absolutely necessary for you to clearly understand the best use of your talents. Mystery, romance, and illusion fascinate you, but be careful that you are not overwhelmed by the desire to use them to escape from reality and responsibility.

Be especially cautious in your romantic relationships in order to avoid unnecessary disappointments. You idealize beyond attainable levels, overdramatizing other people's qualities and underestimating your own. You tend to be influenced by the illusion and glamour of famous or even notorious people. You often imitate the people you admire and may romantically 'cast' yourself in a personal role with them to vicariously enjoy a relationship you've created. You are quite responsive to suggestion and should therefore avoid artificial stimulants.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These people's manner of communicating and analyzing, of assimilating and arranging facts, is lined with a factor which blurs distinctions and boundaries. Neptune does not give a sharp eye for detail, but does form an entry into the realm of the invisible. In practical terms, this generally means rather chaotic and unsystematic thinking and data-handling; and, quite often, when this type tries to assimilate information, they suffer from

interference from unconsciously produced change and confusion. Without realizing it, they can misinterpret information and then garble it. Folk may think they are telling lies but, generally speaking, lapses are not deliberate. The trouble is compounded by the Neptunian love of fantasy, which tempts them to embellish or distort the truth.

The unconfined nature of Neptune enables these people to look behind appearances and to read between the lines. They can tell by the tone of voice if others are trying to hide anything from them. Indeed, with a Mercury / Neptune conjunction, people often know the answer to unspoken questions. Clairvoyance or, at the very least, powers of intuition are possible if the rest of the chart concurs.

With this conjunction, these people live in a separate reality and do not always distinguish between fact and fancy - something that in everyday life is often disadvantageous, but for such things as composing music or writing poetry or prose is very advantageous.

Neptune is not a stable planet; it continually undermines. In company with others, this type can feel very insecure, and runs the risk of identifying with others too readily. Constant changes of mind are a regular feature of the conjunction.

This type needs to beware of taking appearance for reality, and of flattering themselves with false hopes.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mercury indicates the state of mind, the natural interests on the mental plane; Neptune affects the mind with its fantasies, dreams, delusions, etc.. This can be a most creative aspect and it makes for an unusual type person. Neptune can represent the search for the truly spiritual, and Mercury tied to it indicates that the mind may be on some wonderful spiritual search that others don't understand.

Children with this aspect are born into families where a search for some sort of spiritual identity is going on. The search may not seem obvious to the outsider, or even to the child; but after a thorough investigation, it is discovered that one or both parents have some 'strange' ideas about religion - religious attitudes can be orthodox or unorthodox. Often, the spiritual philosophy is hidden.

The aspect indicates that the mind may be 'clouded'. This child may daydream into maturity. Communication between the parents is nebulous and vague; the child learns to communicate with others the same way. He may not know how to share himself or his ideas with others, for he may live in his mind. In the mundane aspects of day-to-day living, he will communicate strangely; he may start sentences and leave them unfinished, or he may start a sentence in the middle and leave you to figure out the beginning.

However, it is a tremendously creative aspect, for the mind is capable of reaching into the depths and heights of artistic endeavor. The aspect becomes dangerous when the child is born into an environment that doesn't encourage creative thought, for then the energy can use him - and may manifest in various forms of psychic phenomena that are not readily understood. Because of the spirituality of Neptune, this aspect can evince the religious fanatic, one who talks with God, one who hears voices, or one who has frightening prophetic dreams.

Once the energy is used creatively, once the intuitive energy common to the aspect is comprehended, it's a wonderful one to have. Misunderstood, it frightens the person who has it because he doesn't know how to use the energy effectively. The study of the occult, a pursuit of metaphysics, theosophy, religion in some form, will also help the owner to expend his energy constructively. It can be fun.

This appears to be an uncertain influence capable of acting in apparently diverse ways. I have known people with it who were kind, gentle, credulous and idealistic; on the other hand, there are several known cases wherein the native has committed terrible murders. It occurs in several clairvoyant investigators, as to the value of whose work each must form his own opinion.

Probably the root-effect is to sensitise the feelings abnormally, so that the native is subject to delusions and uncontrollable impulses, unless the chart is a strong one, in which case the mind may be of a very high order indeed.

There is often marked musical ability and also a love of, and aptitude for, aquatic pursuits.

7) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°58') ♀4 | ♀7

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction can pose several difficulties: in choice of actions, where you may struggle to establish what your real aims are; in making that final decision to attempt to achieve them, and in ensuring that sufficient and persistent effort is then made to guarantee success. An unintegrated Neptune can dissolve that focused will, making decisive clarity difficult to maintain. Additionally, you tend to avoid accepting the consequences of your choices, and there can be a refusal to acknowledge responsibility when such actions lead to failure or negative results.

Part of this derives from lack of prior consideration and a willingness to sometimes jump into action on impulse alone; yet this is often used as a spur to be decisive. 'I didn't know it would turn out like that...' is used as a defensive excuse, and is probably true because possible repercussions were not evaluated. Yet continuing with such an approach is

essentially avoiding personal responsibility. You may realise eventually that most actions you take on impulse go awry in some respect, rarely fulfilling your initial intention.

This issue related to choice and action is one which needs clarification and resolving. You may find that it is beneficial to pause before acting on impulse, and sensible to slow down and take time to consider the likely results of your decision. This may then show you alternative routes to take, or may even dissuade you from taking action at all. As Mars will influence you to be more dynamically assertive, you need to take into account your effects on other people too, especially any family and those closest to you. This may then modify your more self-centred tendencies and ensure that through insensitivity you do not then create unnecessary pain for anyone.

You can be quite attractive to others, as the Mars-Neptune energies combine to create a potentially dynamic glamour, yet this apparent combination of action and sensitivity can often be superficial when the Mars characteristics are dominating the more subtle Neptune ones, which is more often the situation. Neptunian qualities come through disguised as a flexibility of personality, a set of masks and images that you almost automatically assume in your relations with people and in social or work environments. You recognise that these lead to some inner confusion, especially in respect of decision-making; but they are also usable for self-projection. You quite enjoy playing with these masks and feeling that your real intentions are hidden within a secret persona; you do not really like others to know you too well.

This leads to the attraction of acting behind images, and there is often a dramatic side to your nature, perhaps through some creative expression or even theatre work, where imagination can flourish in an evocative situation and you can be hidden behind the mask, performing a role. Certainly you will develop a favourite image of yourself which is projected out for others to see you through. Some have affinities with medicine and healing abilities; even here, you may hide behind the image of nurse, doctor, consultant or psychic healer. Alternatively, your dreams and desires about yourself could be unrealistic; and whilst you aspire to great status and achievement, your lack of will or application and your impracticality defeat you. Ultimately, your image of self-elevation may only exist within your imagination.

Steps can be taken to improve matters though. Feeling able to release your blocked imagination into daily life is important, because whilst initially such a move may be glamorous and ineffective, you can learn to direct it towards deliberate intentions, and so use it as a powerful energy to achieve your aims. Techniques of creative visualisation are recommended to take advantage of this process of mental imagination, and can help to re-create your life. Future planning can help you to gain greater control too, so that there is less opportunity for something unconsidered to destroy your intention. And working hard to actually achieve viable skills is another way of helping yourself; if you do not do this, that unintegrated Neptune will serve only to dissolve those dreams instead of helping to fulfil them.

In intimate relationships, more awareness will probably be needed. A combination of impulsive Mars and the self-deluding tendency of Neptune may conspire to show you the pain of disappointing illusions in love. Mars can encourage you into sudden passionate affairs, caught within the glammers of a new lover, but when you are directed by purely unconscious motivations the likelihood is that suffering will result, as a prompt to make you more aware the next time. Be wary of any personal tendencies toward self-deception and deceiving others or being deceived; these may be likely, and can be associated with the sphere of the conjunction's natal house. Try to remain honest and frank, as communication is vital in relationships, and you have a tendency both to be emotionally vulnerable and to have unusual emotional needs, so the quality of your intimate relationships should ideally be high.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have the planet Mars conjunct Neptune, indicating some conflict between your impulses to act and your willingness to accept responsibility for the results of your actions. You may not deliberately avoid the consequences, but it is often difficult for you to clearly see the burden of guilt. Your imagination is sometimes blocked because you are unable to plan ahead well enough, and you allow chance to determine the results. Almost everything you do on impulse will prove disappointing. Before you act, you must realistically weigh the energy you are investing against the probable effects. You are inclined to ignore reality and the feelings of others when you assert yourself.

People are drawn by your magnetic appeal. You easily take on characteristics that will please others and not appear threatening to them. The theatre and related fields are especially suited to your active imagination and great creative potential. With your acting talent, you can also successfully 'play the role' in many professional activities. To gain acceptance in your field of interest, you may have to resort to subterfuge. However, honestly developed skills must soon replace the act, if you expect to retain your position. If other factors of your chart indicate caution, reserve, and responsibility, medicine may be the best field for your sensitive nature.

Be extremely careful in your romantic relationships. What may seem to be true love could turn out to be merely an escapade for you or your partner. Such a disappointment would be very painful. It is easy for you to become entrapped in an alliance that would be embarrassing if it were revealed. Don't deceive others, or you risk being deceived by them too. Any contacts you make must be made honestly.

Be wary of medication unless a physician advises it. Good hygiene is essential, for you are more susceptible to infection than others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the desire for self-preservation, executive ability and energy (Mars) conjuncts a need to blur the borders and thus to refine, to idealize or to make things fluid (Neptune), very divergent and apparently conflicting elements may be expected. The background of the signs plays an important role in this, however.

If Mars has few or no dignities, Neptune may drain the energy of Mars, leaving less resilience, less self-assertion, and less pugnacity than one would normally expect. Even if Mars is well-fortified, Neptune will still undermine, and the Martian influence will be rather impersonal and idealistic, yet will work in such a way that we can throw glamor around ourselves and we appeal to others as very lovable. For film stars and models, this aspect is ideal. Incompatible as the two factors may seem, they do interact. That is to say, Neptune transforms the manifestation of Mars: either the energy is reduced, or else the attitude is relatively free from Martian egotism and so indefinite that others read into it what they will.

The conjunction also makes us a trifle woolly-minded but idealistic. We want to help humanity and can work hard for a social cause. We regard Martian energy as something to be used for the group rather than for personal ends: the collective within us takes precedence over the individual. Therefore a Mars / Neptune conjunction can cause a certain amount of trouble with relationships. Neptune is a planet capable of producing glamorous, shimmering illusions, whereas Mars gives a need for down-to-earth activity. Therefore we can be very romantic, but are liable to deception by an internal dream-world, which we may also project on the things we see around us. A plus point here is that, for the professional artist, this is a fine aspect which enhances his or her powers of expression.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars symbolizes the action principle; Neptune adds fantasy, illusion or delusion to any facet of the action principle. In one sense, this conjunction can indicate inspired action; it conveys creative activity. It may also indicate a person who doesn't know what he's doing.

Since Mars rules sexuality, the Neptune influence indicates one full of fantasy and delusion; and that fantasy can manifest in myriad ways. It can indicate the person who must have a spiritual and inspired sexual relationship; it may reflect the person who wants to live out all his sexual fantasies. To determine whether or not the conjunction suggests those who may have unprofitable or strange sexual relationships, one must check the other aspects in the chart to see if sex is viewed as something abnormal. If so, the conjunction will support that abnormality; if not, the conjunction will reflect a person who may be at least an interesting sex partner. Sexual dysfunctions will be indicated by other aspects to Mars, Moon or Venus. If the Sun is afflicted, the person may have an unhealthy self-image and therefore take sexual action that reflects his self-image.

This particular conjunction must be interpreted according to the additional aspects to it, for the energy will syncretize all the planets involved. If the individual develops a sense of self-worth and becomes trained in metaphysical principles, the energy can be indicative of brilliance.

(Charles Carter)

This is a very potent feature in any chart. The temperament is often fond of romance, colourful things, painting, ritual, music, dancing, and similar expressions of the emotions. There may be vanity and much self-approbation, with lofty aspirations which tend beyond the possible and desirable. The enthusiasms are not always wise or well-controlled. There may be an analytic tendency, a desire to plumb the depths, or there may be a soaring ambition, but the native seldom seeks ordinary or merely routine things.

With respect to externalities, things ruled by the house wherein the conjunction falls are likely to present intricate and important problems; and perhaps ill-will and cunning will be aimed at the native from those directions. Sometimes there may be great apparent success and power in regard to the matters denoted by the houseposition and rulerships, but often this proves illusory or is marred by treachery. Bitter disappointment and disillusionment may follow on bright beginnings. As a typical example, in the 5th house, still-born children may occur.

8) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (0°23') ♎6 | ♏9

(Haydn Paul)

This is a favourable aspect, which should allow you the opportunity to unfold your natural talents relatively easily, applying them in a concentrated and determined approach towards achieving your ambitions. You have the fortunate ability to evoke a response from your 'inner storehouse' of gifts, and create an open channel enabling you to manifest these in an objective context. Those who are close to you or who work daily with you may be inspired by this ability; and you are likely to display certain leadership qualities.

You will approach life with zest and vitality, pouring your energy wholeheartedly into satisfying your aims and your need for success. You seem to feel that your success is guaranteed; and whilst you may often feel impatient, or temporarily frustrated in your purpose, you have too much self-confidence and determination to believe that you could fail. The opportunities are certainly there for you; and your inner gifts are there to be actively expressed and exploited by you to achieve success.

You may find that you express and explore your talents in several potentially lucrative areas, as your gifts can be applicable in a variety of ways. This can mean that you are

likely to change direction several times throughout your life, possibly in a radical style, or just to find new areas to experience. You may not have a specific goal in mind - such as a senior managerial position in one company - but could become influenced by 'the inner storehouse' of innate talents to search for new directions in order to find suitable channels of release for as yet latent gifts; you may even find a problem arising out of the very multiplicity of choices available to you.

Ideally, you should look for a ways of life which actually offers you a variety of channels through which to express yourself, where there is a potential for a renewal of challenges and for a demand of personal growth. Working closely with people is likely to attract you, and interpersonal relationships can be a constant sphere of creativity and growth; much can be shared and transmitted even in creating and maintaining positive human relations at work.

In an intimate relationship, you should ensure that equality is developed, building a balance, as you may have a tendency to play the role of dominating leader too often. Development of each partner is also important; and you partner's needs and abilities should be clearly recognised and valued, helping each other to actualise hidden potentials. Change in the relationship and in your partner should arise naturally and easily; never attempt to force any process, as a natural evolution is safest, especially when in truth you cannot really understand the inner process and life experience / perception of another.

The best use of your abilities will be towards benefiting others in some way. Whilst Pluto is likely to 'co-operate' with you using this energy for personal success, if you tend to apply it in a way that exploits or abuses others through your becoming obsessed with self-satisfaction and desires, you may find that Pluto becomes more subversive and undermines your purposes, stimulating failure as a natural result of your own distorted form of expression, thus creating your own downfall as Pluto forces you to look at the need for transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct Pluto, you seek to enjoy life at the fullest. You have enormous drive and ambition to achieve your goals as soon as possible, and are impatient with anything that delays you. To others, your goals may be unrealistic, but you strive for them with amazing determination. It rarely occurs to you that you may fail, for you do not accept defeat. You are driven by an insatiable appetite to get the most out of your potential. Your success at seemingly impossible tasks is almost inspired. Behind your ambition lies a powerful faith in your ability to rise above external limitations. Your accomplishments are acclaimed and envied by many.

Your professional interests are extremely varied, and you can excel in many fields. Even though successful, however, you will be uncomfortable until you find a life work that

offers unlimited growth potential. Essentially you are attracted to professions in which you must work closely with people, such as law, medicine, psychology, or religion. On the other hand, your preoccupation with self may lead you to seek recognition in fields such as sports, research and exploration, or even gambling, in which the risks are high and the dangers tantalizing. You will become involved in financial enterprises of vast scope which will generate significant returns for you.

In your personal affairs, your inclination for success will attract you to other successful persons. You will seek a mate whose strength of character, accomplishments and recognition you admire. You will understand your partner's motives and enthusiastically stimulate your mate to achieve. Be careful, however, not to overemphasize your partner's earning ability and the resulting 'good life', thus downgrading the fine personal attributes that make it possible.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two planets, each of which is expansive in its own way - one through seeking a synthesis of a wide range of phenomena, the other through spreading its roots in the all-embracing consciousness - can have serious and far-reaching consequences. Pluto could carry us unexpectedly out of our depths, and with Jupiter we must always be on guard not to bite off more than we can chew. The danger of exaggeration and of overreaching ourselves is always present.

Whenever we are engaged in philosophizing, forming opinions, studying or any other Jovian activity, Pluto intensifies our efforts. It encourages depth; and in making a synthesis we are never satisfied that everything has been included. Therefore the combination leads to intense searching. Where our philosophical outlook is concerned, we do not rest until we are able to penetrate to the core of life itself; preferably, we want to be in control of our lives. We do not form opinions until we have thoroughly researched the background information; the corollary being that, when our minds are finally made up, nothing and nobody can shake us. Our opinions become part of us, and we promote them with passionate intensity. So this aspect gives inflexibility, conceit and unreachability, but is outstanding for study and research.

The expansiveness of Jupiter stimulates Pluto's striving for power and urge to control and get to the bottom of situations. So this is a likely aspect to find in the charts of great leaders and demagogues (provided it is linked with personal points in the horoscope). Its drawback is that charismatic leadership ability may not be accompanied by responsible insights. And once these natives are captivated by some ideal (Jupiter), they can pursue it with such fanaticism that they have no time for non-supporters. Power struggles and differences of opinion are commonplace with this aspect.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because Pluto is one of the slow-moving outer planets, many people born in any given year when Jupiter is transiting the same sign as Pluto will have this aspect. It creates a mini-generation of people who will have choices to make as to how they pursue relationships. If the conjunction is unafflicted by other planets, it can be diagnosed by the sign and house placement.

It indicates that relationships will be affected by the unconscious motivation caused by the conjunction to Pluto. It can indicate a person who may need to control all his relationships; a person who needs to stay on top, and needs to manage those around him. He may reach out for new experience with great care and caution because he doesn't want to feel out of control. This person may be extremely sensitive about relationships in general, for a chance word overheard can send his subconscious self on a trip that will analyze and re-analyze anything that bothers him because of certain kinds of early childhood experience.

9) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ☊ **South-Node** - (1°56') ♎6 | ♍11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) is similar to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. The endeavors of the natives may be blocked because of bad timing. Their social and ethical aims may clash with prevailing societal customs, creating conflicts of interest. At the same time, the natives can give a detailed and honest appraisal of commonly accepted values. They can encounter obstacles in obtaining higher education and find themselves in disagreement with prevailing religious institutions. There can be difficulties and delays in foreign lands, and problems connected with all these matters.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect often forces the people to swallow their own philosophies. This makes it quite easy for them to abide by any of their own philosophies. There is nothing wrong with coping with your own philosophies, provided you know beforehand that they may not be used against you. As a normal human being, one will always like to have general philosophy for others with reservations for oneself. This aspect does not give that individual any discriminating rights or choices in that respect. Their own environment and structure often expands within, giving the person internal satisfaction. This expansion of inner dimensions is noticeable by others. As a result, others feel sorry for these individuals. In terms of esoteric or spiritual growth, this is considerably strong as an opposition. When one with this aspect brings down the universal consciousness to cure and heal the internal structure of his soul, the results are always helpful to him in most of the worldly senses. These people often learn to overcome the materialistic barrier either by choice or by heavenly force. On a mundane level, it creates problems with a child, or its conception. Based upon the rest of the chart, happiness from children might be a void issue to these people. Glandular function in the body is also distorted by

this aspect.

(Donna van Toen)

Misguided religious, expansive, or revolutionary tendencies can impede growth. Sociability sometimes detracts from the growth process. Growth can be attained by consciously working on it; but often inner growth is confused with status or material progress.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, we can find the extreme pessimist instead of the extreme optimist: someone with absolutely no belief in the good in people or in the progress of humanity. At the Descending Node, the forces of Saturn are especially active, and they hamper Jupiter with its awareness of what is meaningful. Depending on the sign, the native can always find an excuse for personal weakness, and can believe, 'That is not really me'. Many are 'doubting Thomases'. They throw up the sponge as soon as difficulties arise. It is hard for them to look on the bright side.

Jupiter square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of good fellowship, the tendency to look out for one's own gain first. Disharmonious or anti-social conduct in associations.

(Bernice Grebner)

Here there is a lack of temperance; this person is at one extreme or another, never down the middle of the road. He can be overly religious or extravagant with possessions, and that can lead to catastrophe. He can be revolutionary and reckless. It gives great love of adventure, always seeking new experiences of some kind. Optimism is difficult to maintain at a steady level. It can give legal problems, especially in affairs of the Nodes. Example: third house, or Gemini, with brothers and sisters, people in the immediate environment.

10) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (0°17') ♀10 | ♃12

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Saturn to Uranus indicates that you have a problem in relating to others. You relate, but in a competitive way for no particular reason. There are times

when you are right and should maintain your position, but not so that you jeopardize the co-operation of those closest to you. You do need others to help stabilize you when you disregard the most basic logic in handling your affairs. Learn to respect and value those who are genuinely concerned about you. First, you must learn the lesson of compromise. Later, when you've acquired the wisdom of experience, you may have earned the freedom you seek.

There are a number of professions for which you are qualified. Among them are science, research, logistics, statistics, mathematics, and industrial management. When you gain a position of authority, be careful not to subvert it by being officious. You tend to arouse the resentment of your subordinates, who will do their best to 'sandbag' you, and you will be defenceless against this. But you will also feel aggressive toward your superiors, who will prey on you.

You must make many adjustments if you want your life to function in an orderly way. First, resist the desire to start at the top. There isn't much room there even for those who haven't earned it. With this planetary combination you have a terrific opportunity to meet people who will teach you lessons the best schools cannot. But you must be willing to learn. Put your 'know-it-all' attitude on the shelf until you do know what's what; then you will use your knowledge with humility.

As time goes on, you will become less fascinated with the physical and more interested in human values that can enrich you in the future. You will appreciate those who helped you become successful, and you will share your knowledge and wisdom as others shared theirs with you.

Your partner probably deserves more credit than you know for sustaining you when you have had doubts about your potential.

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.

11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (1°08') 0010 | 5

(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.

12) ► **Pluto** ☿ **Parallel** ☾ **South-Node** - (1°33') ♍9 | ♎11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) creates a condition in which the native's will is out of harmony with prevailing social trends. The tendency to initiate things at the wrong time and place generates resentment and misunderstanding. The natives are forced to regenerate their lives without the help of others. Very often, large social events which are beyond their personal control endanger or destroy their work and personal security. On the positive side, this conjunction fosters self-reliance, resourcefulness, and the ability to survive under hardships. According to some astrological philosophers, this conjunction indicates a past life condition in which the natives initiated large-scale changes without regard to their effect on others' lives. Now they must learn how it feels to be the victim of circumstances beyond their control.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect brings about a generation which is anti-establishment. Keeping the peace and harmony will be their motto. They will not hesitate to use destruction for the sake of construction, but only as a last resort. Basically, their ideality is to put a curb on destruction or regeneration in order to elevate the individual soul. Some of their significant work consists of redistribution of Karma by taking the esoteric law in their hands.

(Donna van Toen)

This person is often affected by violence, which hinders growth. Mass destiny, upheavals, destructive or self-destructive behavior can be stumbling blocks. Separation of some sort, violence, and, less frequently, escapism may impede growth. Circumstances beyond control or perhaps karma could make it necessary to constantly fight against stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

With Pluto at the point of Saturn, the native can insist on old rights, and can lay arrogant and aggressive claims to authority. Vandalism and acts of violence perpetrated with a show of legality are other manifestations.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

13) ► **Midheaven MC Conjoint** ♂ **Mars** - (6°19' S) 1174 | 1174

(Robert Hand)

Very early in life, you will develop a firm determination to do everything your own way. You decide upon a course of action quite quickly, and you usually know just what you want to accomplish. If someone tries to stop you, you get very angry, feeling that you are the only one who really knows what is right for you and what isn't. Eventually this will be true, but while you are young you should be a little less headstrong and listen to what others say. You won't always follow their advice, but at least give it a hearing.

However, you are not merely strong-willed; you also identify yourself very strongly with whatever you intend to do. If someone questions your moves, you take it very personally. You must realize that you are more than the sum of your actions, and that when someone challenges your decisions, that person is not challenging you personally.

This aspect indicates that when you are older you should choose a career in which you can have a great deal of independence and expend a lot of physical energy. If you work for someone else, you will frequently feel more like a competitor than an employee, and if you don't like the pace set by your employer, you will feel very angry and hostile. You would not be at your best working in a team situation, with the possible exception of an athletic team. This placement of Mars is very common among athletes; but even in a team sport you need to have opportunities to shine on your own in order to be happy.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The urge to engage in social activity is great. We feel a need to make ourselves felt in the community, and strike others as very enterprising, not to say militant. We can shift endless mountains of work - but may have to face the snarls of others due to our lack of tact. It is important to learn to be more considerate and less impetuous. We seem enterprising because of the ease with which we address problems or stand up for ourselves. We prefer to clear obstacles from the path by exerting ourselves to push them aside. When an appeal is made to our fighting spirit and resistance, we are generally at our best. While still young, we show signs of willfulness, and make it plain that we prefer to follow our own inclinations. This conjunction definitely has something recalcitrant about it.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the MC is suggestive of a real sense of direction in life and great ambition. Conjunctions and hard contacts to this axis often indicate a vocation that involves either fighting to get to the top or fighting to remain there. This is the kind of combination that one might expect in the armed forces, the police force, sales, sports or politics. It is also

very commonly found in careers in various trades; work that involves a skill using tools or calling for decisive action. As always, the sign and its ruler are very important in determining the type of work.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect makes the natives highly ambitious. They desire importance and prominence in the world and in their professional lives. Their energy is directed toward definite purposes that will further their long-range goals. They are highly competitive where position is concerned, and will fight to get to the top.

They are often found in politics, whether in a corporate structure or in government. The conjunct favors those in industrial professions and jobs connected with machinery and engineering. It also disposes the natives toward a military career.

14) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♀ **Neptune** - (2°58' A) ♄7 | ♄7

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune opposition the Ascendant shows that you are greatly influenced by the people with whom you associate. But it is difficult for you to distinguish between those who are your friends and those who are not. Because of this, some people may take advantage of your emotional sensitivity to make you feel obligated to them. Your opinions of the people you deal with are too idealistic, and you are hurt when they disappoint you.

When you volunteer to help people, you must protect yourself. Offer to help only when you know positively that someone needs your assistance. You tend to love everybody and overburden yourself with concern for their welfare. Actually you are trying to compensate for your inability to stand on your own; you need someone who needs you in order to have a feeling of belonging. Being alone makes you feel helpless, so you seek out obligations to others.

Since you are imaginative and creatively inspired in expressing yourself, you should direct your talents to writing, music, or the arts. Avoid competition until you gain the expertise to meet challenges without being crushed by failure.

You depend on others to provide the opportunities you need to earn a living. Because you feel that you don't deserve to be happy and contented, you overemphasize your negative qualities. But you are more loved than you realize, and your friends are deeply concerned for your welfare. Seek their advice before making a commitment so you won't regret it later. When superiors make a promise to you, get it in writing or have someone present who can back you up when they don't fulfill it.

In a romantic alliance you are easily mesmerized by a stronger personality. You should

never agree to a permanent relationship until you know the person well and know that the feelings between you are sincere.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct Descendant suggests that saving others or being rescued by them is a central feature in relationship and all one-to-one encounters. Those with Neptune on the Descendant may be looking for a God or a Saviour in their close personal relationships; or they may play that role to others. Individuals with this placement often have difficulty in seeing others clearly, either idealising or distorting their true nature. Whilst there may be confusion about what is wanted in a relationship, there is usually also often great idealism and romanticism. Boundaries in relating to others are often quite weak, and the individual can enter into others' lives, and allow them into their own lives, with the ease of a ghost walking through walls. The problem with Neptune on either end of this axis can be a tendency to live the life vicariously. On the one hand, this is a splendid combination for anyone who legitimately and consciously needs to dissolve boundaries and be able to empathise with others' suffering. There is a talent for mirroring others, which also might find outlet in a variety of creative fields.

Neptune square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The square and opposition between Neptune and the Ascendant can make us particularly insecure. Sensitivity to environment would be great whatever the aspect between these two factors, but with the hard ones we are almost completely at a loss in it. Others have no idea what is going on inside us; all they know is that we are continually reacting to them.

Owing to this combination of uncertainty and impressionability, our attitude is evasive: we do not tackle problems straightforwardly, and we tend to sidestep anyone seeking a rapprochement with us. Sometimes fantasy or a false impression leads us to get hold of the wrong end of the stick and to react badly; not in a direct way, of course - insecurity prevents us from doing that - but in such a way as to lay ourselves open to charges of dishonesty, prevarication or misrepresentation. However, all reactions are expressions of sensitivity and vulnerability. We are quickly moved, even to tears, although we do not always show it. Others may interpret this as emotional instability.

The Ascendant also represents the body and, with a Neptune conflict, we could be physically below par - mostly due to uncertainty. When we are going through a difficult patch we may need to sleep on our problems, and we can suffer from tiredness without obvious physical cause. Flight into a private fantasy world is another possibility with the

hard aspects but, because the latter are also energetic, creative talents can be wonderfully stimulated if we take up artistic or mystical pursuits.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a square or opposition aspect is formed, it indicates a difficulty assimilating the world of fantasy into the persona or in the beginnings of new life experiences. In plain English, the hard aspect can signify people who don't know what they are doing for they can't see themselves or the impression that they make on others.

When the square aspect occurs, the tendency is to pursue one end of the square for a while and then give it up to pursue the other. In order to accomplish anything worthwhile, both ends of the square have to function comfortably at the same time.

The opposition between the Ascendant and Neptune will involve a compromise. The Neptunian dream might not bring pleasure; and people with this aspect may have to learn that any misery they encounter in relationships may be caused by the fact that they have not understood what they are doing; that they are pursuing a dream or fantasy that doesn't provide satisfaction for their needs.

15) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (9°15' A) ♏4 | ♏4

(Donna van Toen)

Your relationship with your parents will determine your attitudes towards the opposite sex and marriage for better or worse. Normally, this gives a harmonious blending of active and passive energies and makes you sensitive and loving unless both planets are under severe stress. Drive is generally expressed constructively. This aspect is an asset when it comes to relating to the public, and is said to give luck in financial matters.

This conjunction can vary dramatically from sign to sign, and tends to give you valuable insights into your earliest dealing with the opposite sex - including dealings with your opposite-sex parent, siblings, and peers.

You have very strong emotions. Because of their intensity, you find it hard to treat relationships lightly; everything, even the smallest gesture, has importance to you. This is true in almost all relationships; it's especially true when it comes to sex and romance. If there are problems in your love life, it could be because you're being too pushy or coming on too strong.

This aspect stimulates affections in a way that causes you to want an all-consuming, 'forever' type of relationship; but, funnily enough, it also gives a flirtatious streak that continues even after you've entered into a satisfying relationship. I think that people with this aspect feel that it's especially important to remain desirable - not just to a mate or

lover, but to the opposite sex in general.

As the conjunction is a uniting aspect, and Venus and Mars are the male and female principles, respectively, you might think, as I once did, that it's a portent of a lasting marriage. From my studies, I've learned that this isn't the case. While people with this aspect want a lasting relationship very badly, they suffer their fair share of squabbles and separations. There's a difference between this aspect and the square and opposition though, in that there seems to be greater reluctance to make the first break. Jealousy - sometimes justified, sometimes not - on one side or another seems to be the primary cause of discord.

If you have Venus and Mars in the same sign but not conjunct, the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less pushy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus conjunct Mars shows that you have a strong desire nature which you need to express at all times. You may prefer to satisfy your desires through relationships, but you are willing to satisfy them through other alternatives, so that you don't have to endure frustration. These alternatives include artistic endeavors or social functions that can prove very rewarding to you in themselves and may additionally provide you with opportunities to meet persons with whom you can identify and relate. Your emotional warmth and generous nature attract people to you, but you may not be aware that you communicate physical suggestions both to groups and to individuals. Your intentions may be easily misunderstood because of this, and you will experience some difficulties, which will force you to bring your defences into play.

In your eagerness to make social contact, you tend to be indiscriminate about the kinds of people with whom you associate. Generally the aggressor in relationships with the opposite sex, you may be resented for being 'pushy'. But your aggressiveness increases your chances of success in meeting competition, because you don't give up without making every attempt to demonstrate your abilities. This planetary pairing does not of itself signify a specific professional interest, but you will gain attention for your determination to be given the same opportunities as others. You would probably work best in a job that requires you to meet and deal with the public. Working alone or without contact with the public and co-workers would deprive you of the fulfillment you need and would probably lead to boredom. You are too much of a 'live wire' to be happy away from the busyness and crises of close human encounter.

You are attracted to individuals who are active, aggressive, and amorous, but they must not try to exercise control over you. You consider yourself a free person and will not tolerate anyone who tries to restrict you. You don't make concessions without a lot of thought, although you expect the other person to compromise. You demand a great deal from the person you love, and may make demands that are difficult to comply with.

Because of your 'love 'em and leave 'em' attitude, many potential mates will look elsewhere when seeking a binding relationship.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction between Venus and Mars joins together passive and active instincts for self-preservation: that is to say, the desire for the security of harmonious and agreeable contacts goes hand in hand with a need to stand up for ourselves and to make our presence felt. How this will work out in practice depends on the rest of the chart. When we are deeply attached to someone (Venus) we are prepared to go through fire and water for them (Mars), but at the same time we make heavy demands because Mars has a selfish streak. We are very emotional and very sensual, too.

Mars conjunct Venus can make us inclined to indulge in all sorts of amorous adventures and hedonism. But although infidelity does occur with these aspects, it is not irrefrangible law of the Medes and Persians. We look for a partner with whom we can share our emotions and enjoy sexual fulfillment, and, if we succeed, our intense union is not easily disturbed.

The abrasive side of Mars is softened by Venus; but something of Mars tends to rub off on Venus, too, so that tact is not always a strong point. We are a trifle inconsiderate, a bit too sharp-tongued, and quicker off the mark than the situation requires.

With a Mars/Venus conjunction, the opposite sex always plays an important part, and even in childhood this can reveal itself in a strong attachment to the father or mother as the case may be.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Venus represents the concept of love and Mars represents the way we sex someone, then one may rationally assume that this conjunction is an easy one to live with. However, it has been noted that many people who own it have trouble opening up sexually. There may be difficulty with sexual expression; either it is taken too seriously or there is a need for total commitment before getting involved. It seems that the sex drive is tied up with some subconscious mother influence. Other aspects to this conjunction and the Sun sign needs for expression may give a clue as to how the conjunction is working. The aspect indicates that the individual receives sex with difficulty. As a result, the sex partner becomes apprehensive about the relationship and begins to wonder if he or she is loved. The partner becomes insecure; the person with the Venus-Mars conjunction absorbs that insecurity and becomes insecure too. It can be a difficult aspect to work out because even more tension is caused by any serious discussion of sexuality.

This conjunction is often the mark of individuals who have fantastic crushes on people they admire; and in the midst of a yet untried love affair, they are thinking of marriage

and commitment. They fall in love quite often - men sometimes propose before they have even necked with the lady. In some instances, it represents people who are so tied to Mother that they may express love only homosexually or maybe not at all.

At any rate, the two planets influence each other in a difficult manner, for the Mars heats up the Venus and makes it harsh, while the mother's influence softens the Mars expression. Various Sun signs react to this aspect differently, depending on the influence of the dominant parent. In order to relieve the tension caused by the aspect, the mother's effect on the psyche must be explored. A double standard may have been evoked, for there is sexual confusion. A culture may rule that commitment (or marriage) must be coordinated with sexual involvements, but Mother Nature does not. The individual may have responded to the mother on some forgotten sexual level, therefore creating a subconscious guilt complex that confuses loyalty, mother love and sexuality.

(Charles Carter)

The native is likely to be sensitive and easily angered in a superficial manner; on the other hand, the sympathies are equally active and the annoyance is easily appeased.

The sensuous nature is strong, and there is a love of good living, fun, adventure, and amusement. It has something of a coarse effect, and the native, if a man, is generally lacking in delicacy in his attitude towards women and may be something of a Rabelais; the language and humour are often not of a drawing-room kind.

Nevertheless, if this conjunction takes some of the bloom from Venus it likewise greatly softens Mars, making the action of the planet more gentle and sympathetic at heart, if not in manner. If the conjunction receives good aspects from other bodies, it may be valuable, indicating an harmonious blending of two opposite influences, the charm of Venus and the energy of Mars.

16) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♁ **North-Node** - (3°55' S) ♀6 | ♄5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect gives the natives unusual ability to harmonize with prevailing social, cultural, and religious attitudes. Popularity and good fortune are likely to follow. At the same time, there is a tendency unquestioningly to accept traditional values without subjecting them to critical analysis. There is also the danger of fast and too easy expansion that creates the possibility of a future fall or collapse. That which is attained too easily is not always valued or properly used. These natives tend to take too much for granted.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Good relationships and connections, an agreeable or pleasant contact. Good fellowship,

sociableness. Communities of people, common-interest groups.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, higher philosophies and excellent wisdom flow through these people. Whether they use philosophy for their own good or not is of no great significance. Often this acts as a medium or channel for the higher consciousness to descend upon the earthly matters. This aspect does provide good material possessions or often financial self-sufficiency. In general, the fate makes it very easy for these people to do whatever they are doing in this life... without too much side-tracking and anxiety for other things. Very quiet and optimistic nature is bestowed upon them, which is one of their strong points. Substantial good deeds in the recent past life have brought about this stage in this reincarnation. On a mundane level, they have a difficult time controlling their weight as this is quite an expansive conjunction.

(Donna van Toen)

good companionship is conducive to growth. Often growth is linked to teaching, community work or some kind of adventuring.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the sensory awareness of Jupiter lends an increased perceptiveness to the personal ascent. The natives have a 'good nose' for favorable opportunities, find themselves in the right place at the right time, and make good use of it. They keep meeting people who are helpful to their development. Jupiter also imparts an optimistic outlook on life, and an inclination to see the good in people and to believe that the formative forces of evolution are at work in all. Making upward progress is relatively easy. It was not without reason that the Ascending Node was called the 'Point of Jupiter' in the classical literature of the subject.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

17) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°41' S) ☾2 | ♃7

(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.

18) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ☿ Pluto** - (7°32' S) ♀4 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

The challenging aspects of square and opposition invariably display the dark face of the distorted Pluto energy, and require considerable individual transformation and selfunderstanding to mitigate the potentially negative impact on life that they will otherwise influence a person to experience. It is important to remember that this influence to confront the darker side of the psyche is inherently positive and creatively beneficial if it is used to reorientate the inner life, and that this is the hidden purpose of the Pluto impulses.

It is likely that you will experience a repetitive pattern of sexual love and emotional affairs which either do not seem to satisfy and fulfil you, or collapse into failure, acrimony and suffering. This can lead to a jaded, cynical attitude founded upon a frustrated, demoralised emotionally battered perception of love.

Your emotional intensity and passion is likely to cause difficulties for you, as it often seems to run away out of your control, and can take you into situations and encounters

which from a clearer perspective you would consider to be undesirable. Certainly you are looking for something; but your sexual and emotional desires can be too strong, creating distortions of inner energy and leading to compulsive behaviour on your part - followed by an attempt at justification in the vein of 'I couldn't help myself...'. Either you will feel driven to experiment in various relationships on a continuous basis, or, as a reaction, you may attempt to avoid entering any emotional affair as you are afraid of experiencing the old established pattern again.

Problems can arise in your intimate relationships due to your tendency to introduce the element of domination. You tend to demand your own way or assume a dominating role, sometimes played out in potentially damaging sexual and emotional contexts, sometimes obvious, sometimes more subtle. Even if you assume a submissive role, it is only as a hidden way to manipulate and achieve your intentions through a subtle route; it is not your natural approach. Usually, you want your partners to change to suit you, and you can put intense pressure upon them, especially sexually and emotionally.

You will need to learn the necessity for mutual compromise in relationships, to understand your inner underlying desires and impulses which are conditioning and controlling you from the depths of your unconscious. It may be appropriate to study humanistic psychology, or take part in a course or therapy designed to bring about safe release of hidden impulses into the light of conscious awareness. Such impulses, and unconscious inner fantasy lives, are present to some degree in everyone; but with this aspect they will stimulate problems for you, which are resolvable if you are willing to confront them in an act of personal reintegration and transformation. This will also serve to balance out your erratic flow of emotional desires, which often seems to confuse you and your partner, as you appear to 'blow very hot and very cold' in your responses to them; this is when your inner impulses arise and fall in some hidden rhythmic cycle, leading to uncontrollable emotional and sexual needs and intensity, or to a lack of response and to coldness.

Always, the choice is yours; potentially you can defuse many of the difficulties that usually face you in relationships, or you can continue hoping that they will lift of their own accord. Pluto is influencing you to take the positive approach, by facing you with the results of being passive to the inner forces and by remaining unconscious of their hidden promptings.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition Pluto, your intense emotional nature may create many problems for you, as you strive to force your demands on others. On the other hand, you may avoid involvement with others, fearing the responsibility of an emotional attachment. In either case, you will alienate yourself from those who may be dearest to you.

In any permanent relationship, money is often seen as the cause of disharmony. The

real problem, however, is usually the excessive demands you make of your partner, or your partner's possessive attitude toward you. You must appraise your feelings realistically to see if the two of you have simply grown apart, or if you have tried to remake your partner to fit your ideal image.

Before making any contractual commitment to someone, you should try to examine your prospective mate's potentials carefully. This means realistically evaluating his or her capacity to fulfil your needs, both as a partner and as a parent of your children. The best physical mate does not necessarily make a good parent. There may be an inability to accept the responsibility of a family and the restraints to personal freedom and mobility.

Any problems you may have, however, can be resolved if you are willing to compromise. The freedom you can enjoy together may be greater than any freedom you could have separately.

Early in your professional career, as you are trying to become established, you will encounter certain difficulties. Some individuals may try to take advantage of your naivety to create trouble between you and your superiors. You are sure to encounter severe competition from your co-workers, who will feel threatened by you.

Avoid forming a close alliance with anyone until you are sure that person can be trusted with your confidences. This is especially true of your boss. Being friendly with him may give you job security, but it will certainly disrupt comfortable working conditions with your fellow employees, and these are the people you have to live with each day.

To be truly effective, try to maintain a purely social attitude in your professional endeavors. Any emotional involvement will unnecessarily complicate your goals. It is easy to be victimized by a person for whom you feel an emotional attachment because it is so difficult to say 'no', even to excessive demands. If you allow yourself to be used, you will increase the chances of being abused.

19) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°20' A) ♏4 | ♏10

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mars and Saturn indicates some conflict between your desires and your sense of responsibility. You alternate between moments of intense activity and periods when you cannot seem to gather the energy to accomplish anything. Your temperament is either aggressive or completely apathetic. You find it difficult to maintain a moderate position that would allow you to achieve your goals without 'highs' and 'lows'. You are the only obstacle in your path to achievement. You need to become self-disciplined in using your energy constructively, and you must establish goals within your reach. Resolve firmly that you will not let feelings of futility keep you from reaching them.

You tend to be awed by the accomplishments of your associates or competitors, probably because you give them greater credit than they deserve. You desperately need competition so you can evaluate your own worth; ignorance of your capabilities is your greatest liability. The chances are that others will always have a higher opinion of your potential than you, and you will need to be reassured that your talents are genuine.

Once you get over the idea of your unworthiness, you can go far. You must like yourself enough to feel that you deserve the success you can achieve, but you will have to assert yourself. You could find some expression in law enforcement, industrial engineering, military service, conservation, or physical therapy. Initially, you would probably work best alone, until you can convince yourself that you could make a significant contribution in your field. Later, you could work satisfactorily with others without feeling threatened by their competence. You tend to establish goals somewhat out of reach, which makes you unhappy with your accomplishments. It would be better for you to grow into higher levels of responsibility by taking one step at a time. In that way, your current security is never jeopardized.

Your personal and romantic relationships never measure up to your expectations. Your desires always seem to be frustrated or to encounter great difficulties. The phrase 'After you get what you want, you don't want it' is descriptive of your feelings in these relationships. In any case, it is doubtful that your desires will be fulfilled to your satisfaction, and some denial is to be expected.

Moderation is necessary in all your affairs, or physical depletion can result. Rest is very important in order to maintain physical well-being. Accidents resulting in fractures are common with this planetary combination, as are problems affecting the joints, such as arthritis and bursitis. Moderate exercise is helpful if you get sufficient rest.

(Betty Lundsted)

This tie between sexuality and responsibility is one that is difficult, for it involves a compromise regarding either sexual expression or action taken, or both. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle and Saturn indicates the restriction is caused by the image of the father in the psyche. Mars is 'I sex' and Saturn is the restricting influence from the father because of views he had about sex when this individual was young.

It can seem that Father Time, or the Wise Old Man, is universally against any action attempted, for every action is tested for merit. The individual who lives with this energy may become resentful and feel that too much is asked of him. He may rebel against society, authority or his father. If this energy is used constructively, the rebellion against the father can establish a personal ethic that causes the individual to become involved in changing cultural conditions that need it. If not, it can indicate an individual who may be harsh, who wishes to become a law unto himself.

In the sexual sense, it may be that the Saturn opposition controls the sex life, that there are losses connected with sexual expression; it may be difficult to establish long-lasting relationships. It may be difficult to find an enjoyable sexual partner. In this case, check out Venus and Moon aspects as well, for that may tell the story more completely.

As far as career is concerned, the Mars-Saturn opposition can cause restrictions on any action taken; so movement may be stagnated, or the individual worries too much about what he does. The aspect may indicate a person who doesn't handle crises well, for any crisis demands immediate decisions and immediate action. He may be restricted because of ideas and concepts learned from the father. As this energy is worked with, it can develop a slow and careful decision-maker, a steady worker, one who is precise and deliberate.

Mars square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the hard aspects between Mars and Saturn, the incompatibility of the planets comes more to the fore. Usually, we are ill-at-ease as a result of inferiority feelings which, as in the conjunction, can make us very reserved and even passive on the one hand, and full of (overcompensating) ambition on the other; consequently, we strive hard to reach goals, and are not to be deterred by any obstacles in the path. These aspects are often associated with intermittent bursts of energy; either we are taking things easy or we are being intensely active - there is no thought in our minds of a happy medium.

Because we feel so vulnerable, bearing is poised and stiff, and the impression we make on others is of someone hard and even forbidding. People can find us intimidating, and so a vicious spiral is set up. They in turn behave coolly toward us, or refrain from responding to us at all, and so our inward hurt increases and we become even more withdrawn. Although aloofness may look like egotism, it is really a form of shyness and sensitivity.

Perseverance comes hard to us; aims (Saturn) and actions (Mars) are always in conflict. Sometimes we attract circumstances in which we are unable to get enough of our own work done; as if, here again, aim and action are out of balance. Generally, our own attitude is to blame, but we can correct this as we grow older. For, even with the active tense aspects, we can set our sights on responsible long-term goals.

(Charles Carter)

These are frequently stated in text books to be of a violent character, indicating brutality, cruelty, and blood-lust. It may at once be said that this is by no means invariably the

case; in fact, the writer has at least two friends with this combination (the square) who are conspicuously kind and gentle, there being of course other indications of this nature in their charts.

It may be said that it may incline to a certain hardness or sternness, but if the rest of the horoscope is good this may be necessary to the native by reason of his occupation and the tempers of those with whom he has to deal. Again, the severity may be turned inward and there may be an inner austerity and self-discipline.

Its chief effect on character appears to be of a quite different kind. The Saturnian influence acts as a brake on the Martian energies, and I have certainly often noticed a sort of erraticity in these people, so that their enthusiasms are sudden and violent, but short-lasting, with alternations of 'blowing hot' and 'blowing cold'. Sometimes there are spells of laziness, due to the inhibition of the Mars action; sometimes there is a restless energy without good directing common sense when Mars overcomes Saturn. Definite purpose often seems lacking, as if the native regarded life as something of a child's game, passing from one interest to another lightly and inconsequentially. However much in earnest such people are (and they often seem very much so), I have noticed that they commonly forget their pursuits as soon as they cease to amuse them. True depth is generally deficient. In one case there was great love of starting fresh enterprises and considerable ability in this way; but the natives soon lost interest in them when the initial difficulties had been surmounted, and left them to another; here Mars was also square Uranus.

There is usually a certain amount of selfishness or egoism. Thus, even when there is real kindness of heart, the native likes to go his own way, and will not readily turn aside from what interests him personally in order to minister to others. There is an inclination to impatience with those who do not readily agree.

Exteriorly, Mars-Saturn tends to a life of hardship and suffering, as well as to the undergoing of physical violence. The former may occur in the way of health. There is a danger of strain and excess; and this may be followed by the need for prolonged rest, rigid attention to dietetic and other restrictions, and otherwise 'paying the price'. The aspects seem to have a distinct affinity with enteric fever. There is also a liability to burns and scaldings.

The square is not uncommon in the victims of murdering. But in all such cases other potent factors will occur in addition, for the bad aspect of two planets (as apart from Sun, Moon and Angles) cannot, however serious, destroy the life prematurely or violently. General Charles Gordon had the two planets in trine, but Mars was debilitated by sign. The same occurs in the case of Alexander II of Russia (killed by a bomb).

These aspects do not by any means forbid success, though this will come late and after severe struggles.

20) ► **Jupiter** ☌ **Opposition** ⌘ **Uranus** - (2°14' S) ♀6 | ♃12

(Haydn Paul)

Most of the challenges that are likely to face the individual with this aspect will be centred on personal beliefs and expression, and relationships with others.

You are likely to have a bright, alert, intellectual mind, and a sense of self-assurance which can be expressed with enthusiasm and dynamic energy. Over time you will amass a large storehouse of knowledge, which you can use in your efforts to become successful and creative. What is likely to disrupt the results of such natural assets is the influence of the Uranian opposition, which essentially distorts the outer expression.

It is in the spheres of judgement and sensitivity that you may find difficulties occurring. Under the expansionist tendencies of both Jupiter and Uranus, you can easily become over-enthusiastic about ideas, business schemes or unconventional beliefs. Allied to an erratic, restless tendency, this can lead you to become involved in highly speculative business ventures where your obsession with the project idea can override any real rational analysis of financial feasibility. Often your attachment to ideas veers towards investing them with elements of fantasy and imagination, which can lack a real applicability within daily life, also adding a distorting factor.

There is likely to be some conflict with established traditional beliefs and social attitudes, especially in the areas of religion and politics; and you may become involved with radical politics or more unusual religious and spiritual beliefs. These will hold considerable personal meaning for you; and you will feel impelled to share these with others. Often despite that clever mind, there is an element of simplicity and faith in you, which can become naivety at times. If a belief resonates with that point of imagination within, you can accept it then with little questioning, because really you are looking for a sense of centre and security; and a belief structure appears to offer this.

You may need to be wary of an urge to convert others to your beliefs which, whilst genuinely held, may not be suitable for everyone. If others oppose you, this serves to reinforce your support of your beliefs against any odds; you can feel that this often validates them. There can be a tendency to be too domineering in expression, founded on that strong self-assurance; and in relating there is often a lack of tact and sensitivity to the feelings and abilities of others. Not everyone has your ability to be so focused on achieving important objectives; many vacillate, or sit on the fence, instead of choosing to be on one side or the other. Also, others have different requirements for life experience from yours, different challenges; and they may be following their path as much as you are following yours.

Eventually, you may find that the Uranus action causes you to revolt against any belief

structures to which you have bound yourself. At least for a period, you may have to stand alone and adrift from security in beliefs; this can occur as a result of disillusionment and a collapse in your faith in a specific belief. Yet this can be liberating, since in the experience of such a phase of inner darkness, your own light may be perceived and contacted, enabling you to live more freely and attuned to your own life pattern through later life. Identification with outer belief structures can be personally inimical and restrictive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Uranus indicates a high degree of enthusiasm and intellectual development. From your earliest years, you have encountered many challenges to your incredible gift of knowledge. This has given you the ability to meet competition with assurance and courage. You are afraid of no-one, especially in a battle of wits. Your intuitive ability is a decided asset in gaining victory over others, regardless of their degree of education or skill.

The world is yours for the taking, and there is virtually no field of endeavor in which you can't succeed. Your best interests would be served in occupations related to law, politics, education, travel, religion, or the occult. In any of these, you can exploit your potentials to their highest level of development and creative expression. Your fund of information is too precious to keep to yourself, and your dynamic expressive ability should be used to stimulate and benefit others. No-one else can more dramatically demonstrate that only education provides freedom. You can take on enormous burdens without weakening under pressure.

You must be conscious, though, of the danger of becoming authoritarian and despotic in using your power. you will alienate many of your closest allies and friends as you pursue your goals in life. You may wonder why they can't see the future as clearly as you, and you may hold them in disdain for this. It is your responsibility to understand other people's limitations and make allowances for them.

Throughout your life, you will be severely challenged. Remembering this may guide you when your ego gets inflated with your own self-importance.

Exercise moderation at all times. Face the mirror honestly, and accept the truth about yourself. Realize that with your intellectual advantage, you have a greater burden of responsibility than lesser minds.

Jupiter square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranian aspects are full of unrest and tension.

Jupiter, the planet of expansion and increase, often has a stimulating (or overstimulating) effect on restless and irascible Uranus, which makes these natives very vacillating.

We can suddenly do something tactless, or make a desperate bid for independence. Public or private friction (arising from the fact that we follow new, unaccepted ways and do not fit in easily with others) never deters us. We want to be ourselves, are hard to influence, and do not readily change our minds. With these aspects, we like to adopt an independent line, but need to be careful not to take it too far.

Because of their impulsiveness, irrational suddenness and restlessness, Jupiter / Uranus aspects can lead to broken relationships. The breaks can occur in public as well as in private life; perhaps because we champion social reforms that give more freedom to the individual. We obstinately stick to our guns, but do not always take a balanced view. And, although we sense a great deal intuitively, our interpretation, evaluation, and presentation of what we see leave something to be desired.

Conflicts between Uranus and Jupiter are quite likely to be present in the charts of intrepid explorers such as Stanley (famous for his travels in Africa). The new, the undiscovered, and the reconstructive attract us under these aspects, and we are prepared to devote a great deal of energy to such things.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♅ **Uranus** - (2°33' A) ☿2 | ♃12

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun sextile Uranus, it is important for you to maintain communication with other people at all times. You are eager to share your experiences with others and impatient with those who are unwilling to include you in theirs. Your opinions are willful and outspoken, but you can usually justify them in such a way that they are accepted. Your attitudes are relatively uninhibited and not bound by tradition. You find life exciting, and you live every moment of every day. Boredom is something you never have to cope with because your mind is so active. In your philosophical view of life, everything has meaning. You take even negative incidents positively, so that you are rarely 'down in the dumps'.

Your original thinking and strong will are suited to the fields of politics, science, or education. You can adapt to any profession that clearly has the objective of improving the masses. You are able to project your ideas and opinions without demanding that others yield to them unquestioningly. But you are impatient with dawdlers who continually put off making decisions. Your development is accelerated, and your intuition is so finely honed that you can instantly evaluate facts and render a judgement.

Teaching others is probably your best avenue of expression. You can effectively dramatize knowledge to make learning easy for your students. Truth is something you insist on, and you deal harshly with those who distort it in their dealings with you.

Your restless mind and eager disposition contribute significantly to your romantic relationships. You are broad-minded and understanding of human nature. Although you will tolerate failure, you do not accept dishonesty from anyone with whom you are emotionally involved. You can easily detach yourself from an insincere or dishonest individual, as though you had never had any feelings for that person.

(Haydn Paul)

The more radical use of the conjunction energies are potentially easier to express in both the sextile and the trine. Whereas an important shift may need to occur in the individual with the conjunction aspect - in order to renew and redirect any overflowing, insistent Uranian energy through the unifying Sun centre - these other two dynamic, harmonious aspects are ripe for exploitation and unfoldment.

You should have a progressive outlook, and a sense of social affinity which is directed towards affirming its positive side and potential for future improvements in the quality of life. The assertive and possibly aggressive rebellious stance is already transformed within you into a reformist tendency. 'Change from within' is more your keynote, rather than a direct destructive attack or negative attempts to withdraw from participation in society.

Your mind will be very active, searching, questioning, and naturally explorative, allied with an intuitive creative need for self-expression. It will be important to be personally assertive, but undue eccentricity is not your style. Due to that positive solar relationship, you will feel more centred, forming a stable inner character and extending an ability to direct your life and make wiser choices. Tolerance and understanding of others will be more evident, especially an intellectually derived tolerance based on your innate humanitarian instincts, although often your emotional affinity with others can be a little cold or withdrawn. You do not feel at one with this world, yet intellectually your mind is; perhaps more empathy is required.

You are likely to contribute to groups which support social reform, and have an attitude of 'changing the world to be a better place for everyone to live in'. Probably you could rise to important positions in such groups, transmitting your enthusiasms and positivity by becoming a spokesperson for their visions and ideals. Your opinions are usually forthright, and you try to stay true and committed to your beliefs. Honesty and straightforwardness are high on your list of essential values, and you have little tolerance for lies and deceptions and those who perpetrate them. This can easily lead you towards opposing a national government or establishment groups who are 'economical with the truth' on orders from their 'superiors'. Equally, it could lead you to break away from

groups that you are associated with, if they - in your opinion - fall to such low levels or compromise and fail to live up to the high ideals which they may offer to the public.

You believe that life has an inner meaning of great value, and continually search for the threads of this throughout your life, trusting in the belief that life is good, often despite appearances. This is part of your quest for the spiritual dimension of your solar centre, and will draw you increasingly closer to that integrative heart of your nature. However, you are aware of the darker sides of existence, and feel inspired to try to improve the quality of life for those who suffer or for the following generations. At times, especially perhaps after any disappointments on your path, you may coolly withdraw from relationships or social involvement. See this only as a temporary phase for re-evaluation. You need to communicate with like minds, sharing experiences, insight and knowledge. This may easily develop over time into forms of teaching where through sharing you can contribute towards progress for others, and this could become a fulfilling route for you to follow to embody a higher solar purpose.

Sun trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, the harmonious aspects between Uranus and the Sun indicate an individual who wants to live his or her own life without any restrictions. He or she will be alert, restless, highly strung, and full of scintillating insights. We should realize, however, that remarkably brilliant as some of these ideas and insights may be, there is no guarantee that they will be usable or true.

Sun / Uranus aspects promise new and stimulating ideas which just keep popping up every so often. With the easy aspects, the native is able to integrate such ideas into his or her daily life in a less traumatic fashion than we would do with the hard aspects. To be sure, the easy aspects also produce dissatisfaction with the status quo, but they enable the native to build the new on the foundation of the old, and this willingness to preserve some links with the past often brings the support he or she needs from others.

In many instances, people with Sun / Uranus aspects take an interest in all things technical. They are fascinated by whatever breaks new ground, such as aeronautics (including aeromodeling), radar, radiotechnology, electrotechnology, or indeed anything requiring insight, intuition and skill. The resourcefulness bestowed by the harmonious Sun / Uranus aspects is great.

Because they are so intent on personal development, these people are unlikely to tolerate having someone over them to tell them what to do, but they are not averse to good advice. They need a partner who is an equal, neither above nor below them.

However, in many cases, they act as a kind of informal leader by setting the tone and direction of the partnership and by acting in an inspiring manner, all the while making sure that their own freedom and that of their partner is preserved.

However, they should be on their guard against losing touch with reality, because they are apt to venture down strange, impassable byways and to end up going nowhere.

(Charles Carter)

This is pre-eminently a contact of leadership, for the will, in all Sun-Uranus aspects, is strong and independent, and the native will, either naturally or by his own conscious efforts, obtain a position of some authority and independence. Moreover, it is a very popular configuration, and the native is readily liked and obeyed, sometimes by reason of his mental or other powers, but more often by his personality, which appears to emanate some kind of magnetism that attracts and holds. It is not always tactful; but there is breadth of vision and stability of purpose; the native is often identified with some cause or movement; he does not waver or fluctuate in his aims and opinions; there is nothing in him of the opportunist (unless other aspects bestow this), and as a result people feel that he stands for something definite, and can be depended on. But, while not of a time-serving temper, the Sun-Uranus man has a keen and true sense of the dramatic, and may often be a most convincing and powerful orator, there being great reserves of nervous and emotional strength, and a burning zeal.

As a ruler it makes the native efficient, scientific, despotic, but not unbending or automatic; he has feeling, and can be appealed to on the emotional side, especially if the cause that is pleaded has a dramatic aspect.

So far as feeling goes, Uranus tends to a rough-and-ready, careless good-nature. Uranus rising is usually kind but rather casual and off-hand. It differs diametrically from Sun-Neptune in its love of power, responsibility, and publicity.

This aspect occurs constantly in the nativities of statesmen, generals, municipal officials, civil servants, and, to a lesser extent and in combination with other planets, in those of eminent thinkers. In the nativities of girls it often indicates a 'good' marriage to one in authority.

22) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ☿ **Mercury** - (3°26' A) ♅5 | ♃7

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, the Mercury qualities are often more emphasized, as this aspect is associated with the mind, information, understanding, and communication.

The lunar personality foundations are usually well established and not disruptive or

unduly intrusive. You should be able to express your Moon's qualities in ways which also enhance Mercury qualities. Information and knowledge will be especially appealing; and perhaps you will have an almost insatiable curiosity and need for wide and extensive intellectual exploration. For you, the world is like an immense storehouse of fascinations, your mind lighting up with interest as every new one comes into view. You could become a 'perpetual student', loving to explore each topic to the greatest possible depth, and perhaps becoming expert in limited areas of knowledge. Alternatively, this could result in a dilettantish tendency, sampling many varieties of knowledge but rarely exploring deeply. Both memory and comprehension are likely to be above average, thus creating a well-stocked intellect.

What can emerge as a motivation is a need to be socially useful by contributing to your community. To achieve this, you hope to discover ways to transform thoughts and ideas into practical results. The sense of value and pleasure this gives serves to encourage increasing your knowledge. The issue of right direction may arise in this context; and you may decide to become involved with civic and social groups, pooling your assets and abilities with those of others to achieve group objectives. Generally, you look at ideas as sources for practical action and possibly personal profit, as you possess an effective business and organizational ability which could also be successfully exploited.

You can be an effective communicator, conveying ideas and presenting them in a clear and persuasive manner, being articulate and literate, entertaining and interesting. This can manifest in writing and lecturing, and can be beneficial in social communication, especially in activities which increase contact with groups. This can extend your influence and increase friendships; your personality is sufficiently flexible and tolerant to relate to many types of people. You may possess a sensitivity to others' thoughts and feelings, almost like a psychic intuition, but which operates through a Moon affinity of sensitivity and emotional rapport. This can act as an 'early warning system', indicating when people or situations are less genuine than they appear; so trust these inner sensations and feelings whenever they arise.

This sensitivity helps you to be tactful and diplomatic, whether in social contexts or within the family. Others can recognize your thoughtful and caring nature; and, provided that you do not become obsessive about manifesting your ideas, you should be able to co-operate and harmonize well with partners and family. Fortunately, your emotions rarely enter into direct conflict with your mind and ideas, but usually work with them in tandem, so that positive attitudes assist optimistic plans to become productive. This emotional and mental accord minimizes distracting inner conflicts and enables problem resolution to be achieved more smoothly.

Your Moon's emotional warmth and protective concern is an asset for family members and intimate relationships; and domesticity will be well organized, founded on close and effective communication. Home is important; but wider social involvement will be equally so, as this is often the environment in which you intend to apply your ideas practically.

Both emotions and mind are recognized as offering valid messages; but ensure that neither becomes imbalanced through overemphasis, as each performs an important role in different circumstances. Intimate partnerships, marriage, or love affairs will involve a high level of mutual communication and sharing; enriching both participants' lives and contributing to achieving personal aims.

You will be attracted to similarly intelligent and optimistic partners who are able to exploit innate talents, especially those who conceive ambitions and then strive to achieve them. A danger is that, if two people are chasing individual goals and dreams, then conflict may occur if their paths begin to diverge rather than run parallel.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile Mercury gives you a sensitive and thoughtful disposition. You absorb information almost greedily, your level of comprehension is highly developed, and your ability to recall is above average. You have a strong desire to be useful to the people you deal with, which motivates you to continually broaden your knowledge. Because your emotions are rarely in conflict with your intellect, you can successfully deal with your problems without complicating them further. You enjoy the friendship of many kinds of people because you are flexible enough to make allowances for them. Fascinated by anything that arouses your curiosity, you aren't satisfied until you have explored it thoroughly. You are well read on many subjects. A delightful conversationalist, you inject charm and humor into any discussion and never fail to keep your listener's attention. You are so sensitive to the thoughts of those around you that you can 'feel' it when they are dishonest or insincere. Your positive and happy disposition seems to spread to everyone around you.

Your talent for communication can be useful in many professional applications. Public relations would be ideal for you, but you could succeed in any endeavor that brings you before large or small groups of people. You make others feel comfortable with your genuine concern for them, as you imply that they are the most important people you have ever dealt with. Your tact and diplomacy are so great that even your competitors have to admire you for these qualities. You are never too busy to take care of the endless details that most people find obnoxious.

Emotionally drawn to persons who are educated, bright, and cheerful, you can relate best to an individual who has defined a goal and has laid a plan for achieving it. You always insist on total communication and believe that silence is dull rather than golden. You want to share in your mate's plans for the future and participate in making the memories you will some day look back on together.

You can enrich your life with many interests. Although you seem attracted to hobbies you can pursue at home, you would enjoy the added social factor of outside interests. Perhaps you are a joiner and will find time for civic activities, or you might prefer

functions that involve active participation by the whole family. In any case, you impart a broadening quality to those you love and to the environment you create for them.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon in sextile to Mercury indicates a person who can develop talents that combine the art of communication with feeling, subjective experience. Emotional reactions can easily be discussed, for the mother teaches this child how to communicate feelings early on. In the area of relationships, this aspect is obviously helpful. As far as career is concerned, the tie between the intuitive-feeling process, represented by the Moon, and the mental processes and ability to communicate, represented by Mercury, can help this individual communicate in a nurturing, responsive manner. This aspect may be wasted in pleasant conversation if not trained properly.

Moon trine or sextile Mercury

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Despite the harmonious nature of this link between the Moon and Mercury, the restlessness inherent in each easily shows itself. This can make it hard to concentrate on something until the individual becomes emotionally involved in it. When this happens, thinking is both animated and intense.

With harmonious Moon / Mercury aspects, the individual often has the ability to express fluently; he or she gets meaning across well and very quickly grasps what others mean; and this can make for rapier-like sharpness in debates. The individual is very quick at picking up facts and figures, and at putting two and two together. And with the harmonious aspects between Mercury and the formative principle (Moon) descriptions are clear and explicit. The individual has an innate gift for the spoken or written word, so this is a fine aspect for writers and journalists.

The Moon and Mercury are both very mobile. When combined harmoniously, they impart great flexibility of mind and body. But because they both tend to lack a sense of direction even their harmonious aspects may cause one to blow with the wind. Memory and assimilation are very often outstanding with these aspects. The Moon, which has so much to do with the past, with the tried and trusted, and with the way in which one is conditioned by upbringing, naturally builds up a store of impressions, a store that is constantly being enriched through the inquisitiveness of Mercury. Therefore this individual is well suited to work involving data processing and the general handling of information.

(Charles Carter)

These configurations indicate a happy relationship between brain and common-sense, two things by no means always found in unison. There is usually a shrewd, careful, understanding mind, with a good deal of sense and a kindly disposition, the benevolence of the Moon tempering the Mercurial matter-of-fact tendencies.

Often there is nothing strikingly brilliant in the mentality, but it is sound, logical, and judicious. Usually it is honest and straight-dealing. The contacts are excellent for all mental matters and for affairs of the 3rd house, such as writing, lecturing, and all ways and means of communicating ideas, news, and information.

Further, the 4th house benefits through the lunar influence; the mind is fitted to deal with all domestic things; with land, house-property, furniture, and so forth. It is good for an architect, builder, brick-maker, carpenter, plumber, or dealer in furnishings of any sort.

The speech and literary style are usually plain, direct, and matter-of-fact. In monarchs, officials, and governors it seems to make for popularity and a good press. The configuration also benefits health, gives healthful habits, prudence in care of the body, and sound nerves.

To a man the marriage is usually beneficial, unless other factors, such as the 7th house, contradict this. The wife is often clever, entertaining, astute, and helpful in business matters.

23) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♀ **Jupiter** - (1°11' S) ♀4 | ♀6

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Venus to Jupiter shows that you have an outgoing personality. Your ease in expressing yourself endears you to everyone with whom you deal. You know how to say the right thing at the right time for the results you want. You are generous with praise when it is deserved, and sometimes even when it isn't. Others think of you as a kind, sympathetic, and understanding person who can always find the time for someone who needs assistance. Even people who are inclined to pessimism come away with hope because you can always visualize a solution to their problems. You don't generally interfere in the affairs of others, but you will make yourself available if necessary. Your attitude is, 'If they need me, I'm as close as the telephone'. You are popular because you don't make excessive demands on people, being tolerant of their frailties.

You can apply your talents in many diverse directions, for this planetary combination does not of itself give a specific talent. It does give a personable quality that is a distinct asset in certain professions and fields. Any occupation involving public contact is far easier with this kind of temperament. It would be especially beneficial, both to you and to

others, to work with the public in some capacity, perhaps as social director of some large organization, as a teacher, or as a travelers' guide. Writing would be another avenue of expression for your creative ability. You are not patient enough to submit to the rigorous discipline required for writing lengthy stories, but essays or magazine articles would certainly be suitable.

The 'good life', with comfortable surroundings, a lavishly furnished home, good friends, and plenty of social activity, is what you desire. You would find it difficult to accept a life of austerity that allowed only the barest essentials.

You round out your daily living with a variety of avocational interests. Reading, travel, social activities, music, art, and theatre are some of the many interests that enrich you and give you pleasure. You not only enjoy these interests as a spectator, but you also participate in them when you can.

You expect honesty and sincerity from anyone with whom you have more than a casual relationship. Even among your casual acquaintances, you are 'turned off' if you discover them to be deceptive, indifferent, insensitive, or coarse. You identify with people who are not content to stand still in their development and are always eager to improve themselves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates a person whose psyche is constructively affected by his mother, for she shows him that relationships can take place, that one can reach out and be favorably received. Metaphysically speaking, we all get what we expect. Some people are naturally able to reach out - to respond to others, to ask for what is needed - because the early childhood environment was encouraging. This individual will have an inner sense of security that will enable him to have the confidence he needs to pursue his goals.

For a woman, this aspect indicates a predilection for comfortable emotional relationships, and she will pass her responsiveness on to her children. For a man, the aspect indicates an interest in relating to his children; he can encourage them to respond and relate. The trine aspect will also encourage this kind of attitude.

Venus trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the natal horoscope has Venus and Jupiter in harmony, we stroke people as being very charming and friendly. We mingle social graces and geniality, and

instinctively know how to be popular. With a kindly word, a friendly gesture or the latest joke, we get people on our side. No wonder these aspects are reckoned to be among the most useful to own.

The ease with which we sail through life is based largely on the way in which we inspire confidence. These are really beautiful aspects for forming secure relationships and for success in love and in material things - provided we can rule ourselves. The harmony of the aspects should keep us relatively free from marital problems. However, Jupiter increases the demands of Venus and may leave us continually wanting more emotional satisfaction and more material possessions. Therefore, we do not always find permanently happy marriages under these aspects. Nevertheless, there will certainly be a high degree of stability in a relationship.

Loyalty, cheerfulness, affability and a fondness for amusements and luxuries are characteristic.

(Charles Carter)

Nearly all, or perhaps quite all, of the persons known to me with this combination are by no means placid or tranquil by nature, as might be expected from a good configuration of the benefics. The great gift of the combination seems to be grace of expression, although this may be expressed in some forms only. A case like that of Tennyson shows that the grace of expression may be expressed only through writing, for he was often gruff in his behavior. Sometimes there are oratorical abilities. As a rule, the grace is verbal, but sometimes it would be more true to say that there is an attractive grace of demeanour. I have occasionally noticed this even in persons with Venus and Jupiter in bad aspect, provided they are in congenial signs.

Often the feelings are capricious and restless, so that connubial happiness does not always accompany this contact, nor is the native always happy in disposition: its chief influence seems certainly to be in the direction of art and literature.

It promotes popularity and affection, so benefitting anyone who has to do with the public, especially in the way of amusing or pleasing them. It is less good for those who must correct or instruct.

The effects of this combination on the health are considerable, and it seems to promote longevity, perhaps because the influence of Venus tempers and moderates the Jovian tendency towards excess and hazardous conduct.

24) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♄ **Neptune** - (4°00' A) ♎6 | ♏7

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile includes several of the themes of the conjunction, but often develops and defines them more clearly within the individual, and so they are probably more easy to deal with and apply in daily life.

In personal relationships, that tendency towards gullibility is still present, aided and abetted by powerful sensitive feelings and emotions that encourage you to believe in the commitment of your partner who satisfies your needs and desires. Your evaluation of the status of your intimate relationships may be unrealistic, and there are bound to be times when your belief in the aptness of your choices is later seen to be merely self-deception; wherever your emotions are involved, they are the source for many illusions and much vulnerability. Standing beside you in the shadows of love is always the prospect of disappointment. Take more time to know someone, be more cautious and check with them how they feel about the relationships too; do not just assume that because you feel in love and happy they feel the same. They may... but the rising divorce rate seems to indicate that the reverse is, regrettably, often the real situation.

The theme that is more defined in the sextile is that of optimism, imagination and idealism. The likelihood is that this will be more focused within your mind, and that your lifestyle will reflect this more clearly. In you, faith and trust becomes a more optimistic spirit looking towards future prospects and opportunities. The sphere of expansion is in that direction, and much attention is likely to be paid to contemporary social problems.

This vision is probably radical in nature, and often veering to the 'New Age' perspective. You are alert and aware enough of social conditions, desires and needs, yet you also add a broader perspective to what is currently occurring and what needs to occur in order to build a brighter future. You are capable of an analysis of modern social problems, seeing intrinsic dangers there, and can be articulate in raising these issues. You may become involved in groups that are public voices for such concerns, those minority pressure groups that perform such an essential public service in the Western world. The failings of established political, religious and social power blocs should be recognised, although you may choose to work within them as an influence for inner change.

You value individualism highly, and see how others can be unconsciously swept along by powerful ideologies and socially acceptable ways of behaving. This can encourage you to make your own stand against any negative social ideologies that are currently powerful, even those emanating from governments and the churches. You may become a publicist for your ideas and those of affinity groups in an attempt to alert public attention to what is occurring. Idealism will be vitally important to you, and you will feel quite passionate about those ideals.

Yet what can let you down is the fact that you are essentially a theorist, in that activity is via a mental perspective, and the ability to ground your vision is often lacking in basic common sense and practicality. At worst, you may recognise social problems, acknowledging that you do have a social responsibility and then fail to take any action

about it. Your innate altruistic and humanitarian nature can remain inhibited.

If this is happening, and it is partly a symptom of an unintegrated Neptune which dissolves the will to act, then you may need to give yourself a shake. Certainly social change does need visions and theories, but ultimately these have to be anchored on this level, and that inevitably involves a transformation of their nature, often compromising the initial pristine vision. They never come through pure; and they often come through channels and areas of life that are surprising and unexpected. There are 'thinkers and doers', and ideally the two need to work together, but even the thinkers can become more practical, even if thinking is their real task and not just an excuse for doing nothing. One simple step is to transfer money towards those who are 'doing' and support them in that way. Or you can evaluate your skills and resources; you should have an articulate imagination, which could be positively applied in the publicising of vital issues, be inspirational, or express positive social ideals. These are possible channels for you to work along which will be beneficial to yourself and others and will avoid any tendency to retreat into isolated reactive theories, a private monastery of the mind. We can all complain about aspects of life; but the issue is 'what are we doing about them?' We can all do something, and even if our contribution is apparently small and insignificant, collectively we can make a difference.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Jupiter and Neptune shows that you are imaginative, articulate, and extremely hopeful about the future. You study human nature, trying to learn the lessons of the past for guidance in solving the problems of tomorrow. Since you are mainly a theorist, some of your solutions may be realistically impractical. you recognize your social obligations but often dwell on them without taking any action. However, you will help publicize important social problems in order to arouse public response.

You are especially sensitive to negative political conditions, and will offer your services to a candidate who promises to correct them. You are similarly sensitive to religious and social ideologies that don't seem to serve the public interest. An idealist, you are a champion for people who are too timid to voice their objections.

You are ideally suited to work in religious, social or political enterprises, because you are not afraid to stand and be counted. With your imaginative understanding, you can be inspiring in your efforts to bring about social order by uniting its chaotic elements. You would also succeed at writing for the official magazine of an organization. You have the broad perspective to visualize how the individual can unwittingly be swept along by the tide of social, religious, or political concepts. Your sensitive delivery could help avert this kind of totalitarian effect.

Though you recognize the dangers inherent in social structures, you are still personally vulnerable to deception. You assign qualities to your personal relationships that may be

unrealistic. Because you want so much to believe you have made a good choice, you may be unprepared for deception and disillusionment. If you really want to know how someone feels about you, ask and find out. Be cautious and evasive when declaring your love for another; don't get yourself out on an embarrassing limb. Your best development will come through self-discipline and practical action.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile energy is easier to use than that of the conjunction, square or opposition. The energy doesn't really manifest until the middle thirties, for it is a latent talent that needs development. The individual is taught to accept his own creativity when he reaches out to relate to his childhood environment, and that encouragement develops certain unconscious ideas about creativity and relating that can be used in later life.

This aspect will be outweighed by any hard aspect involving Jupiter, because the hard aspects need to be taken care of, reassessed and rechannelled before the Neptune sextile can take effect. The conjunction indicates the possibility of sugar addictions; the sextile does not because it isn't strong enough or threatening enough.

The sign and house placements are important in diagnosis, for they show the qualities and the areas of life that will be affected or improved by the conscious direction of the energy implied by the aspect.

Jupiter trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Neptune make us just as idealistic and dreamy as the conjunction does, but there is a fair chance that we shall be able to express ourselves more easily with the former in our charts than with the latter. However, this ease of expression can be accompanied by passivity; we have definite artistic and musical talents but may fail to develop them.

In general, we display considerable interest in religious and metaphysical topics and problems, but sometimes have difficulty in keeping both feet on the ground and tackling problems in a sensible way. We try to make things out to be more beautiful and ideal than they are, and can stray for a long time in a world of illusion. All the same, just like people who have the conjunction in their charts, we may feel impelled to undertake social work. It is quite likely that we shall have a great love for people and animals; but we need to take care not to impoverish ourselves so much in helping others that we become part of the problem we are trying to solve. Even with the harmonious Jupiter / Neptune aspects, excessive generosity and unworkable idealistic schemes for helping

others can set us on a collision course with hard facts. Addictions are another possibility. In aspects of this kind, particular attention should be paid to the personal planets, through which the aspects can readily make their presence felt.

Usually we are deeply religious: perhaps as traditional church-goers (never dogmatic in a rigid sense but sometimes extremely fanatical), perhaps as a follower of some system of metaphysics or spiritual science. The need for a sense of personal (Jupiter) and universal (Neptune) integration is very strong, but the actual form in which this need will express itself is not too crucial.

(Charles Carter)

One of the commonest and most marked results of this influence is hospitality, and this is but one aspect of the quick sympathy which it is usually ready to bestow upon all who are in need. Sometimes this is directed towards the animal world, sometimes towards the slum-dweller and outcast. The lower the position and the worse the circumstances of the applicant, the more willing it is to succour.

There is considerable emotional content, and, besides philanthropy, this is often discharged in the form of art, especially music. The sensitivity is very great.

The Jovian part of the combination also inclines to metaphysical speculation or psychic investigations, and thus we get many spiritists, students of New Thought, Christian Scientists, and followers of other sects of this description.

Like Mars-Neptune, it inclines to make the native seek the grandiose and the seeming impossible, but its action is milder, gentler, and more subtle. It is idealistic, and may easily tend to drift away from the actual world, or to deny or ignore its importance. It is other-worldly, and its sense of values is at variance with that of the ordinary man or woman. It is often unable to develop properly in mundane conditions, and may seek the shelter of some form of retirement.

Whereas Jupiter-Uranus seeks power, this influence is much more concerned with service, even of a lowly kind; in less practical charts, there may be a proneness to a life of fantasy. It does not notice barriers, either between the classes, sexes, or nationalities, or between spiritual and mundane things; the whole range of the senses and the emotions is indefinitely enlarged.

It is good for receiving help from others without having directly merited it. Thus the native may himself minister to others in connection with a charitable organisation, and may be successful in obtaining funds for that purpose. Or he may find that he is himself the recipient of kindnesses from friends or strangers without having rendered them any particular services; he is often benefited by a 'helping hand'. Sometimes there is relief and happiness through religious retreat, and it is always an influence through which

spiritual help and strength may come to the native abundantly.

However, here, as in all cases, much attention must be paid to the general strength of the two planets, especially by sign. Cases occur in which. Jupiter being out of dignity, even the technically good aspects carry with them some troublesome limitation, such as nervous debility, bad eyesight, family misfortunes due to fraud or imprudence, or scandal. In the charts of women, it may incline to faithlessness, indifference, or some form of 'Neptunianism'. Among examples of technically good aspects between these bodies I find: a woman whose husband was passionately fond of the sea and was frequently in danger on the sea; another whose fiancé belonged to a family with an insane taint; another whose husband died directly after marriage; one who contracted disease owing to the husband's loose living; one whose husband was lame; and another whose husband's chief fault was incurable unpunctuality.

Perhaps the chief effects of this configuration can best be described as anti-Saturnian - it tends to deprive the native of the virtues associated with the greater malefic, making them slack, kindly, apt to lend and borrow without regard to strict merits, Bohemian, free-and-easy, and changeful. But in the case of women it is clear that these characteristics are often exhibited through the husband, the native herself sometimes being very strict and conscientious, according to the tenor of the ascendant.

25) ► **Neptune** ♄ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°21' S) ♄7 | ♇9

(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.

26) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°05' A) ♄7 | ♄5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates the intuitive ability to harmonize with and subtly influence existing social customs and institutions. The natives instinctively ride the currents of public mood, opinion, and action. Their understanding of cultural trends allows them to circumvent this influence on their lives if they so desire - always by subtle evasion rather than open confrontation.

(Donna van Toen)

A readiness to sacrifice can contribute to stagnation. Plans are carried out in a more methodical way, with less striving for new heights. Growth is a slow process, sometimes involving intense suffering or guilt pangs about leaving the comfortable rut behind; rejecting opportunities for growth may hold the person back.

Neptune trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Peculiar or strange conduct in communal life; occasional unreliability. The inclination to expect more than is possible from a community or from an association of people.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet Neptune.

27) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♌ **Moon** - (7°05' S) ☿2 | ♁5

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to the moon means that you will have some difficulty in using your resources to satisfy your desires. You bitterly resent that you must make enormous adjustments in order to get what you want from life. It seems as if you never have quite the right training for what you want to do, but you make only halfhearted attempts to acquire the training you need to succeed. Although you want the 'good life', you aren't willing to discipline yourself to get it. You are at odds with important people who will not accept you unless you can prove yourself by demonstrating a willingness to work. Your negative response distorts the information you receive, which makes it more difficult to learn from your experiences. Generally you react to stimuli in a way that is not consistent with achieving the recognition you want. The frustration you feel has inhibited your character development and is a problem in other areas, including domestic matters, social relationships, emotional interests, and professional affairs. Your lack of success in these areas shows that you have a lot to learn before you can expect to reap any rewards.

You must learn to bring your emotions and your will into line and subdue them with intellect and organization. You seem to think that any response will satisfy the will to achieve significance, but you will have to realize that only hard work and self-control can get you what you want. What you gain from your habitual actions is inadequate to your needs, as can be easily demonstrated. For one thing, you haven't progressed from obscure positions to position of increased responsibility. Also, you either haven't been able to win favor with people in high places, or you've done so by making concessions to them. If you get your ego out of the way, you can accomplish many things.

You may have some problem in relating to the opposite sex. Comfortable domestic conditions may be impossible unless you can get that chip off your shoulder. You are

argumentative and defensive, probably because of your emotional insecurity. This can be reversed if you will change your fighting attitude and become more compromising. You have a serious misalignment between what you want and what you are willing to do to get it. The possibility of realizing your dreams is in direct proportion to the investment you make.

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests the existence of considerable inner stress and tension within the personality, where solar will is in conflict with deep-rooted feelings, emotions and instincts, and where the conscious and evolutionary self may be trying to move in a direction which is contrary to certain habit patterns, especially those connected with security and protection of self boundaries.

The ongoing struggle is in resolving contradictory inner messages, a psychological tendency which may have its roots deep within childhood perceptions of the parental relationship and your sense of emotional contact with your parents. As the Moon signifies the mother, and the Sun the father, in this context, there is the implication that there was a crucial problem inherent in that parental relationship, perhaps incompatibility on some vital level, or a lack of communication which may have led to a marriage breakdown in some respect. This may not have been evident on the surface of that relationship, but existed as an underlying current within the domestic psychic atmosphere which you registered. There may have been a partial identification with one parent to the exclusion of the other, perhaps because one parent had little time to spend with you. Somehow the inner dynamics have been distorted, resulting in personal frustration and difficulties in joining will and feelings in co-operation together.

Unless steps are taken to achieve individual integration, you are liable to suffer from emotional insecurity founded on a resistance to fully accepting the nature of your habitual feeling responses. A probable action that you take is inner denial and repression, and this will have eventual consequences of intensifying those inner tensions and possible personality splits. Yet because these powerful emotions seem to burn within you, you try to control their release through expressing them in daily life, and because of the pressures that can accumulate you may display argumentative, provocative and belligerent tendencies in your relationships at times.

The danger is falling victim to your own powerful desire nature, and being perpetually frustrated through aiming high and losing an appreciation of what exists in the present. There can be a restless, searching quality to this aspect which results from the need to resolve deep inner conflicts; the problem is finding the way to achieve those desires. This need stimulates inner questioning, especially related to 'What's it all about?' and 'What is the meaning of life?' These become promptings from your inner Sun, encouraging you to start on your heroic quest to discover the solar centre and the spiritual dimension of life.

Yet you can often act as your own worst enemy, reacting in ways that diminish any likelihood of success. You may fail to see how you can utilise existing resources to deepen life enjoyment or reach aims; you may refuse to make necessary compromises; you may consciously devalue your potential and abilities, eroding away self-confidence; you may clash with others who could have been supportive to your efforts. These unconscious patterns of unresolved frustrations interfere between your conscious will and deeper needs, tending to negate satisfaction for either. Sometimes, as a result of this inner stress, all you feel like doing is being very destructive, liberating the repressed energies by either verbal or physical expressions of bad temper.

The problem facing you is the movement from 'here' to 'there'. That abyss stares you in the face and will not go away, and apparently, try as you might, you still cannot cross over to the promised land. Being 'here' feels wrong, and you believe that you should be 'there', but how can it be achieved? The only way to gain your aims is through a radical transformation, so that the 'old you' remains on this side, and the 'new you' appears there to claim your ambition. This is the challenge confronting the hero at every stage of his quest, and each step forward on his path represents difficulties overcome on the journey towards the magnetic light that he senses and follows.

How may this be done? The honest answer has to be 'with difficulty' and with much hard work. Your promised land will not be gained without great perseverance and struggle, proving your capabilities, transcending any obstacles on the way and never accepting defeat. You may need to pursue additional training or study to qualify for a specialist skill, or to help unfold latent qualities and talents. You may need to apply self-discipline to maintain your efforts, and to display your intention to work until success happens.

Relationships may need improving through compromise, to avoid unnecessary conflicts resulting from your frustrations. Lessons need to be learned from previous experiences, and applied in daily living. Clarity may be required between what you desire and what you are prepared to do to achieve it, and trying to ensure that your aims will actually be emotionally satisfying when achieved. Integration between your conscious will and those underlying emotions is vitally necessary, and the best way for this is to allow the emotions to rise to the surface of your mind, so that you can look at their nature and develop an understanding of their needs, and then attempt to fuse will and emotions via the medium of the intellectual mind, through imposing a more powerful light upon that emotional sea. Investing great effort should result in steps towards realising those desires. It is not an easy path, although viewing that inner stress as motivation is at least a positive perception of what personal frustration can provide as a transformative spur.

Otherwise, what options are left to you? Living with personal disharmony; experiencing lack of success and frustration of aims; a restriction of personal potential; problems spilling over into your domestic life, career and social relationships; dissatisfaction in intimate affairs with the opposite sex; domestic responsibilities and duties limiting your

freedom to reach your ambitions, and possible ill health (digestive problems) stimulated by emotional and psychosomatic tensions.

If you take the challenge to resolve the conflicts and contradictions of this square, then finding constructive outlets for your powerful energies may help to form your new path. Learning how to listen to those agitating feelings, and managing to integrate them into your life instead of ignoring them, will help to restore a sense of balance and well-being.

Sun square or opposition Moon

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty generated by the square arises from the fact that the conscious behavior (Sun) conflicts with the behavior needed to give a sense of security (Moon). Therefore a square between Sun and Moon can make the native very unsettled, especially if the background of the elements is tense.

In the opposition, the kind of uncertainty is different. This opposition makes us painfully aware of our duality. Conscious behavior and unconscious reaction patterns clash with one another, yet always have something in common because the signs in which they are posited lie on the same axis. Therefore, when they are in opposition, the Sun and Moon can complement one another well once they make common cause. Until such time as they do (and this may take quite a while), the native will suffer from a nagging sense of discomfort and insecurity.

In either case, the native is inclined to adopt a certain form of behavior to the virtual exclusion of its alternative, and so the latter seeks to express itself indirectly. But if he does give both forms of behavior a chance, he generally ends up feeling like 'two individuals rolled into one' with first one, then the other in the forefront. Those around him never know what to expect, and the native feels plagued by inner instability. Usually he has an identity problem and often wonders which character is the real him, to which the answer is 'both of you'.

The uncertainty can result in many things being left half done, or in perpetual changes of opinion, or in general dissatisfaction with one's performance; in short, a great deal of energy has to be expended on tackling inner insecurity before the native can begin to solve external problems.

Nevertheless, hard Sun-Moon aspects do have considerable energy at their disposal. The uncertainties and the obstacles produced by their tension compel the native, sooner or later, to start sorting things out. The tension between the Sun and Moon send him in

search of answers to such questions as 'Who am I?', 'What is really implied by the difference between male and female?' and 'What is significant in a relationship?'

It is not uncommon for conflicts between the Sun and Moon to present problems with the life partner. Since, among other things, the Moon represents what a man is looking for in a woman, and the Sun represents what a woman is looking for in a man, the native tends to fall in love with somebody who jars him or her in some way. At the same time, the hard aspects provide sufficient energy to deal with any problems that may arise. The latter are usually caught in time because, being so insecure, the native is quite sensitive to them and is prepared to work hard to stop them escalating. Therefore it is entirely possible for people with a square between the Sun and the Moon to make happy marriages.

28) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°14' A) ☿7 | ♀4

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Mars gives you enormous mental energy for tackling arduous tasks, but you may lack the determination to persist and complete them. You are strongly opinionated, and get angry when your views are not accepted. People may avoid getting into a conversation with you because you will start an argument at the slightest provocation. You are not a good listener if the opinions being expressed are different from yours. You find fault with just about everything, and no situation is too insignificant to escape your notice. Your rudeness to others is tactless and abusive, and you don't even realize it. You should learn to be silent when you are not fully informed on a subject, or you risk being ridiculed by those who know what they're talking about.

Your imagination is highly developed, and you only need to apply it constructively. You will have to make many concessions to others before you can succeed in any profession. Other people need to express themselves just as much as you do; until you learn to adjust to their needs, you will encounter severe obstacles to your desires. You will meet a lot of competition in seeking your goals, but most people are willing to compromise if you give them the opportunity. If you are wrong, admit it. If you are right, say so diplomatically. By doing so, you will come through with flying colors. No one likes a braggart, and everyone admires a person with the strength of character to admit human failing.

When you have dealt with the need to concede to the rights of others, you can achieve success in such fields as law, management, teaching, writing, drama, public relations, or any other communicative endeavor. You could also find satisfaction in sports, either as a performer or in related functions. You will win sometimes, but you must learn to be a good sport when you lose.

Many of the points mentioned in relation to social contacts can also be applied to your

romantic interests. You tend to be bitter and vindictive when your attentions are not welcomed. Try to be gracious and shrug off the disappointment. Although you may think you want your partner to be submissive, you would lose respect if that were the case. You need someone who will challenge you to demonstrate your maturity and character.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is the symbol of a quick mind that is often improperly used. The square brings tremendous creative ability, but the creativity won't manifest until the anger and tendency toward being judgemental is channeled. The mind functions on several levels at once. People with the Mars-Mercury square see a lack of communication in childhood between the parents, and much in the family situation is not discussed. There are endless misunderstandings, and the child thinks that misunderstandings are normal aspects of adult behavior.

These individuals grow up jumping to conclusions. When knowledge or information is presented to them in a manner they disapprove of, they won't listen. They judge the veracity and capability of others on how they look; if one doesn't have the right credentials, they won't listen to more than three words of conversation. These people would put down 'God' if it wasn't dressed right. They can go off half-cocked before they have heard the whole case for the opposition. They cause problems in their relationships and careers because they don't listen. The problem can be overcome, if they learn to develop a sense of humor and a bit of humility.

Mercury square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the tense aspects, greater care is required, because it may be difficult to coordinate Mercury's outgoingness with the combative egoism of Mars.

When this individual is conversing with others, he or she strikes them not only as very alert and very subtle, but also as rather too sharp and aggressive, and this can arouse antagonism. It is hard for this person to exercise restraint during discussions and, when attacked, he or she easily loses the temper; so these aspects present one or two problems, but the latter can be solved if the individual will accept that there is usually something to be said for the other person's point of view.

Mentally, this individual can perform outstandingly well under high pressure, but runs the risk of overstrain during more peaceful periods because he or she seems unable to switch off. The tension makes the person cross and irritable, or even rude. He or she is also tempted to think a lot of self and to put self in the foreground in thought and deed.

by thrusting others to one side (often quite unintentionally), he or she creates awkward situations. For example, this type easily adopts what others have said or written, if it happens to appeal to him or her; the material may be presented as if it emanated from him- or herself.

The biggest problem in the hard aspects is the lack of balance between quicksilver Mercury and hasty, hot-headed Mars. Not only can this encourage one to behave unwisely in dealings with others; it can also make one rash and prone to accidents or near-accidents.

(Charles Carter)

These contacts have a bad name among astrologers. They are certainly very frequently found in cases of crime and of insanity - indeed, it is probably that they are more frequently present in these classes of nativity than they are absent. But in judging their effects care must be taken to consider the other factors that may modify these evil results. For example, good sign-position or the intermingled rays of benefic planets. In regard to the latter, even bad aspects are better than none.

The general effect of the combination is to increase the mental energies, sometimes to the extent of causing danger of mental or nervous breakdown. With their exercise much of the Martian influence is mixed, so that the native is either combative, faultfinding, and self-opiniated himself, or he encounters the opposition of others who possess that character. It must be agreed that usually the former condition is the nearer to actuality, for aspects of Mercury seldom fail to affect the native's own disposition.

If the chart as a whole is benevolent, then the native will attack what he conceives to be abuses, but if it is of a malevolent type, then he will assail others out of either greed or ill-nature. As a rule, the combination is not acquisitive in the way that Mercury-Saturn can be, but it has the name of being a thief, and writers with it are sometimes plagiarists.

In some cases it attacks the nerves, and makes a person irritable in the way that nervous people commonly are. The temper is seldom of the best, and the native is rarely a favourite, for the tongue is sharp and not always controlled. There is an element of ill-nature and a tendency to backbite. In children, there is often impertinence and rudeness. Adults are sometimes unnecessarily outspoken and rough-tongued; sometimes it goes with the type that affects to consider politeness a form of hypocrisy, a vice to which this combination is but little prone. In low types of charts, it may indicate 'pure cussedness' or the spirit of unvarying contrariety.

It is rarely if ever lacking in intelligence, but rather tends to fail in using its brains sensibly and advantageously.

It is not good for the native's children, who are usually few in number and subject to

dangers. Very often there is childlessness.

From the standpoint of moral character, the most needful lesson is, as a rule, to learn to appreciate the values of opinions and types of character different from one's own; and to realise that we are all sometimes mistaken.

29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♅ **Saturn** - (3°34' A) ⚡7 | 0010

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Saturn indicates that your early conditioning has inhibited you from using your imagination in exploiting your potentials. Somewhat traditional in your thinking, you find it difficult to stay in the mainstream of current ideas or develop new ideas. You may be narrow-minded in your opinions because you fear change and the insecurity it represents to you.

In school, you were slow to learn because it required so much effort. You felt you were being punished because you were expected to maintain your grades. It's not that you are incapable, but rather indolent and mentally lazy. When you don't succeed with a minimum of effort, you quickly become depressed. The result is a lack of enthusiasm in developing your creative potentials. Your conservative attitude is a liability, because today's society demands personal assertion in order to succeed. Your fear of competition means you cannot prove to yourself that you are capable of meeting challenges. Unless you adjust your thinking to the rapid changes taking place in the world, you will greatly limit your progress.

Once you get over feeling negative about everything, you can make plans to see that your ideas are acted on. This planetary combination gives many advantages. Instead of fear, have courage to accept the obvious. Replace negative thinking with plans which allow you to face your obligations with optimism. Look to the past, of which you are so fond, for the lessons you need to adequately cope with problems of the present and future. You don't really have any alternative if you want to achieve your objectives in life.

You could achieve success in education, science, politics, conservation of natural resources, government science, industrial management, or architecture. As you can see, some of these fields, especially science and education, require that you be willing to accept change. You need only the determination to succeed and the ability to capitalize on your creative potentials in order to rise to prominence in any of these occupations.

Be careful not to sign legal documents without reading the fine print, and avail yourself of legal counsel. You can be vindictive if someone tries to take advantage of you. In your job, you are resentful of authority and complain bitterly when someone else gets the promotion you feel you deserve. You must demonstrate your superiority in order to attract attention. You may just have to try harder than others to succeed or gain

recognition.

Try to look at the bright side of life and admit that, if you are having difficulty, perhaps you haven't made as much of a contribution as you could have.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is similar to the conjunction, but with the square the quality of excessiveness is added. The psychological influence of the father (Saturn) impedes the ability to communicate and, therefore, produces adults who find words difficult. They have problems communicating what they want to those around them. During childhood, somehow the father created some block or fear that the child responded to. It brings apprehension regarding self-expression. In order to overcome the aspect, this person will have to work through the block set up years ago because of the relationship with the father. Once that has been accomplished, this person can teach himself to communicate in a sturdy and diplomatic manner. Until the aspect is understood, however, the words may come harshly, or in some authoritarian manner that seems designed to offend the very people he wants to talk with.

This aspect can restrict relationships, for the core of any relationship is the sharing of one's thoughts and feelings. Mercury rules the mind, the thoughts, the ability to express one's thoughts to others, the ability to hear what is being said. When a father feels that a child should be seen and not heard, he may have no idea of the limitations to creative expression that he places on the child born with this aspect. He may have other children whom he raises the same way, but, without this aspect, the other children will not react in the same manner.

Along with turning this energy into constructive expression, this person will have to develop a sense of self-worth. If other aspects in the chart also indicate self-worth problems, he may need to seek therapy in order to transform the energy. Before one can confront authority figures in life, the inner self has to decide it is worth something.

Mercury square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between these two planets give a fairly gloomy cast to the mind. When we start considering anything (mercury), we come into conflict with the need to qualify, limit and define. In the worst case, this can mean narrow-mindedness, and mistrust of everything we meet. But there are other possibilities. Anxiety, caution, careful verification and even timidity are almost bound to play a part in ordinary contacts and also in our thinking. One thing is certain: we are never going to rush things. We are

serious, prudent, calm and collected, and will often reflect on what others say - not to be guided by it, but in order to work out what lies behind it. We want to know every detail so that we do not have to reveal how uncertain we are over relationships and contacts. Others do not find us easy to get on with. We are not spontaneous but rather inhibited and, sometimes by way of overcompensation, argumentative and domineering in our talk. Sometimes we seem like an immovable block of concrete and seem determined to look on the dark side of everything.

Although these two planets are at cross-purposes here, the confrontations they cause can be instructive to us. The energy of the square or opposition helps us to come to terms with them, and, even though the aspects are hard, we can develop many valuable characteristics associated with the combination of Mercury and Saturn: willingness to work hard, a serious and studious nature, practicality, economy, sobriety, and good powers of concentration.

30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♊ **Jupiter** - (6°58' A) ♀1 | ♀6

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter trine the Ascendant means that you always expect to succeed. You find it possible to make grandiose plans for the future, because you know how to capitalize on your creative abilities as tools with which to seek your goals in life. Knowing how is not the same as actually doing something, however, and your success may be delayed by the delusion that you can succeed without a lot of hard work. You like the good life and all its comforts, which can be yours if you are willing to make an enormous investment of personal effort.

Although you have high expectations, you secretly fear you won't succeed in winning over your competitors. You overestimate other people's skills and underestimate your own, which can lead you to have a defeatist attitude. Concentrate your efforts on gaining excellence in what you do, so that you can dismiss these anxieties.

The people you work for regard you more highly than you think. Hoping to gain their respect, you attempt to do more than your share in the tasks assigned to you. You admire those who achieve distinction and realize that you must be fully informed if you hope to win similar honors. However, you tend to dawdle when you should discipline yourself in working toward your goals. By indulging in personal pleasures to excess, you waste energy and time that could be used more constructively. Because you are careless about managing your financial affairs, you sometimes can't avail yourself of opportunities when they arise.

Your talents are needed in many fields, but unless you learn to establish your priorities, you will waste your gifts in non-productive enterprises. You are too generous in sharing your ideas with others when you should develop them for your own benefit. Avoid

borrowing money if you can; because of your self-indulgent nature, it may be painful to repay unless you learn to have greater self-control.

Jupiter trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Ascendant have much the same effects as the conjunction. We radiate cheerfulness, optimism and cordiality, and cultivate a wide circle of acquaintances. When Jupiter, with its gift for improving and remedying, is in easy relationship with the Ascendant, we like to be helpful to others - not in a subservient way, but out of simple kindness. 'People are entitled to be themselves' is our motto. Love of freedom and the need to be able to develop freely are two of our prominent characteristics.

Although, even with the easy aspects, we have a tendency to lecture and moralize, we generally manage to do it in a manner that others can accept without being offended. We enjoy propagating ideals and a vision of the future, and like talking about the things that enthuse us - particularly those that widen our horizons, either literally by travel, or metaphorically by immersion in philosophical or general human concerns.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with the sextile or trine relate to others by using a similar energy to that of the Ascendant. They tend to open up (Jupiter) in a manner complementary to the persona they have put forth.

31) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♅ Pluto - (0°37' A)** ♀1 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto trine the Ascendant shows that you have an enormous source of energy to draw on in using your creative abilities. There is literally nothing you can't do if you set your mind to it. You have the strength and self-confidence to project your ideas and win the full support you need. Tolerating the past only for the lessons it teaches, you look eagerly to a future made more secure from the lessons you have learned. You are eager to communicate what you know to others; but you will not force it on them, preferring to wait for an indication that your suggestions are welcome. Lack of funds is no excuse for inaction in your view, for you feel that there is always a way if one wants something desperately enough. You are clever in converting all your resources into the tangible assets you need to implement your projects.

Knowing your failings, you work hard to transform your negative qualities so they do not limit you. Even more important, you understand your capabilities and emphasize them in seeking your goals. The task of making the future secure challenges you to use every resource you have. You know what you're worth, and you expect to be fully rewarded for the contributions you make in your career. You admire people who seek an education, if they are motivated by a desire to be the best in what they do. Ignorance is no defence for a lack of accomplishment, you believe, because you know that being well-informed is as accessible as the nearest library.

You know how to get along both with competitors and with associates; and you strive especially to be worthy of the people you deal with. You want to know that you have made an important contribution in stimulating them to reach their goals. But don't assume that without you these people would not be able to succeed. You must realize that many people are quite capable of transforming their own lives, and may not need your self-righteous assistance. Be available when they need you, but don't be a nuisance when they don't.

Pluto trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The easy aspects between Pluto and the Ascendant possess the same intensity as the conjunction. As in the conjunction, we give the impression of being purposeful and filled with an unfathomable sort of strength. We do not open up to others readily, but probe deeply in their psychological make-up and motivations in order to discover what is going on.

We have a great craving for power, and give others a taste of our strong will. Quite often we are able to take the reins in our own hands without having to fight for them. There is something compelling about our personality; and, since these aspects are harmonious, we know how to avoid stirring up opposition. In any case, people with Pluto / Ascendant aspects are often born leaders.

Because outwardly we appear to be so forceful, self-assertive and independent (although inwardly we may not be feeling any of these things), but do not show the 'real us', others may regard us as more open and friendly than we are. For this reason, we often attract individuals who look for some advantage from us, or whom we can mother or father in some way. But this state of affairs is quite different from that brought when it is the Moon that is on the Ascendant. The caring of Pluto is more impersonal and all-embracing, and is like that of a possessive, heavy-handed mother from whom one is unable to escape.

So, with these Pluto / Ascendant aspects, we have a hold on people that is firmer than we may imagine. Others will frequently pour out their troubles to us, ask advice, seek protection, or just tag along. In dealing with them, we acquire a fair knowledge of psychology. Nor are we averse to delving into human relationships and so on, as long as we ourselves are out of range and untouchable. This attitude stops us from making ordinary, simple emotional contacts with peers. First, we invite everybody to put us on a pedestal, and if they hesitate we put ourselves on one; second, we do not wish to be known intimately; third, we make big emotional demands on those we allow to come near us. Sooner or later, therefore, even with harmonious aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we shall be brought face to face with these problems. Once we see where we have been going wrong, we are quite capable of making a radical improvement.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile or trine between Pluto and the Ascendant reflects a childhood environment that was encouraging of group participation and co-operation. It sometimes indicates an individual who may be totally involved in the needs of the generation; an individual who strives for the peer group goals without questioning why the goals are important.

32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°19' A) ☿2 | ♀6

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between the Sun and Jupiter gives you abundant creative potential, but in order to benefit from this potential you must use it. You are inclined to be pathetic so that you don't take advantage of your assets. Although you are intelligent, optimistic, responsive, articulate, and well informed on many subjects, you don't seek challenges. It never seems important to assert yourself toward a specific goal. You prefer to live outside the painful pressures that characterize the 'rat race'. You like to play a comfortable role that doesn't cut too deeply into your freedom and makes only moderate demands. This is a lazy planetary combination, requiring the stimulus of a strong Saturn relationship to either your Sun or Jupiter. This would fortify you with the courage and faith to take on massive burdens, knowing you have the intellectual skill to handle them.

Many fields of endeavor are suited to your creative talents, although there is no way you can be forced to apply them. Suggested fields include medicine, law, philosophy, writing, education, theater, working with large animals (animal husbandry), or any field in which you could set your own level of application. This aspect inclines you to seek less demanding occupations, but you could still pursue your destiny in any of the above fields. You are not a trailblazer, because you lack the necessary incentive to take on arduous tasks.

You are indulgent to yourself and similarly generous toward others. Your air of selfassurance is comforting to those nearest you in their times of stress or difficulty.

Young people and children are drawn to you because you don't expect a lot from them and don't challenge them. You are doting rather than stimulating.

Relating to people is relatively easy for you because you are not selective in your circle of associations. Since you tend to give everyone the benefit of the doubt, you are vulnerable to those who capitalize on your good will. You are especially fond of individuals who are psychologically uncomplicated and live simply.

You are direct and forthright in seeking your mate. Your partner must be reasonably polished, have good moral fiber, and uphold good taste in conduct. A person's level of educational accomplishments is less important to you than the degree of good common sense and understanding.

(Haydn Paul)

There is the indication that your life is 'protected and guided' and that 'luck' can lead you on the path to good fortune. However, the challenge is that you must fully use your qualities, talents and natural gifts as the means to activate this 'inner blessing'. While the trine offers a reconciliation of these planetary energies, the result may be an inclination to relax into a comfortable lifestyle, coasting along modestly and reasonably, failing really to apply and exert yourself. Growth and self-development does not necessarily occur naturally through life experience, and to some degree requires a conscious search and deliberate effort to stimulate the process.

Do you recognise your assets, your potential creativity and qualities or talents that could be positively used? Do you know what you really want to do, or what your aims and ambitions are? Are such goals meaningful to you? Or are you content to pass through life without making much effort or exertion, failing to manifest your latent potential? Only you can answer such questions, and only you can choose how to live your life. Yet considering some of the astrological indication of these aspects may help you view yourself from an alternative perspective.

You are likely to be optimistic, enthusiastic and self-confident, and to hold a positive, constructive and altruistic attitude to life and people. You can be very generous and supportive to others, finding social contacts easy to make and enjoying company. Your attitude is relaxed and easy-going, and you refuse to feel pressurised to conform to others' expectations. Freedom and personal indulgence appeal more, and apart from creating that comfortable lifestyle you may evade more demanding endeavours. You may fall into the category of 'under-achiever' often applied by schools. Yet you also develop your own philosophy, founded by ideals, honesty, morals or religious teachings which underpin your life actions and choices.

The issue which may require confronting is that of application and use of resources. You are intelligent and reasonably articulate, but how far do you intend to actually apply that

intelligence, and in what directions? Are there ways to exert yourself more that offer greater life fulfillment, but do not either compromise your philosophical ideals or demand that you enter a competitive rat-race situation? Are there opportunities within areas that may interest you - like medicine, law, writing, education, study, the community, communication - through which you could grow, expanding your potential without constraining your freedom too much? How could your enjoyment of study, knowledge and inner contemplation be used to create a compatible career? Or could this be linked to an ability to see future trends, perhaps as a 'future analyst' and a predictive social commentator in some capacity? Discovering alternative ways to perceive the uses of talents, qualities and interests can be crucial in forming uniquely individual life paths, and yet often there is a lack of social encouragement to learn the means and techniques of achieving these. You have the responsibility to determine your own degree of ambition and effort, but look first to see if an alternative path could open for you by a shift of perception and self-evaluation.

Your social relationships can be quite varied, and your level of tolerance is high, preferring to open to people, accepting them as they are, and not imposing expectations on them to conform to any inwardly preconceived impressions. You can enjoy the vitality and fresh minds of children, and skills in this direction could be usefully applied, providing you are not seeking to evade challenges and growth in other areas. You prefer simplicity in life, and may not be too attracted to people who offer greater intellectual challenges and complexity. It isn't that you cannot cope with them, but it's the effort that you may resist.

You will look for a high-quality partner, one who also has their own moral standards in life and possesses a compatible philosophy to your own. Practical abilities will be prized, as will stability of personality and genuine tolerance and understanding; your partner will be someone with whom you can easily relax and enjoy life, and ideally one who will also stimulate you rather than stultify you.

33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (3°36' S) ☾ 2 | ♀ 5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This trine to the Sun includes a sextile of the South Node to the Sun. Interpretation of the aspect must take that factor into consideration.

This aspect has almost the same meaning as Sun sextile North Node, except that a different house is emphasized. However, these natives are more intellectually directed.

There will be dramatic creativity, expressed within the bounds of the traditional social customs and patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides good popularity, personal elevation and execution of proper ego for that individual. Circumstantial assistance in getting recognized in the world is noticed. Strong foundation and establishment of identity is done by the help of the 'father-figure' in life. Success in the public life or even in politics is seen. During your recent life, you have been well recognized for your assistance to others. As a result, in this life repayment is done to you to get somewhere, no matter where you start in life. Optimistic attitudes and open goals are quite common for them.

(Donna Van Toen)

A motivation to grow. A search for growth that involves seeking out people who'll encourage physical, creative or emotional development. A need to progress socially, monetarily or creatively stimulates the desire to grow.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptation, preference for associations and for team-work, the search for intellectual contacts. Physical associations, intellectual cooperation, union with the husband. Shared experiences. Relationship with the public. Sun square or opposition North Node: A disharmonious attitude towards living or working together with others. The termination of associations.

34) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°03' A) ♀4 | ♀12

(Haydn Paul)

The expression of the trine has several similarities to that of the sextile, and usually enables these two planetary energies to work well together.

The social sphere of life will be of considerable importance to you, both as a personal need for contact with others, and in the enjoyment that you derive from it. Whilst you develop your own individuality and style, you have a 'community attitude'; your ideal is to live in a way that both succeeds in satisfying your needs and has a beneficial effect upon the wider world. Your personal values are founded within a social perspective; and you feel that your concerns embrace the world. As a planetary citizen, you may feel attracted towards involvement with those groups which share this attitude, so that through either personal or financial support you are able to contribute towards creating a better world.

The ability to have positive relationships with people may be used through work which brings you into broader contact with the public. This can be through teaching or communication in some way. Possibly your talents can be expressed via artistic creations or music, which embody your Venusian sense of harmony and beauty.

In your intimate partnerships, you find it easy to express your feelings, and these will remain more consistent than with the conjunction aspect. With these Venus-Uranus aspects, though, there is the tendency to be affectionate and sympathetic with the majority of people, a form of diffused love which is universal rather than individually orientated. This can cause some unease and confusion within a partner who fails to be convinced of your specific love for him or her.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Uranus shows that you are usually optimistic and cheerful and thoroughly enjoy life. You express your love for people without great fanfare, and can usually detect insincerity in others. You make necessary adjustments to people, which endears you to them, but you are quick to see when others are abusing your affable nature.

Because of your sense of values, you strive to enrich the lives of others by sharing your good fortune with them. In the past, you accepted your responsibilities, and now you can enjoy the rewards. You realize that what you give is returned in abundance by others, to your mutual benefit.

Your well-developed sense of harmony and appreciation of beauty may be expressed through the arts, music, design, or drama. You radiate warmth in everything you do, and are rarely negative in your social contacts. You can work effectively in occupations that involve the public, because people feel comfortable with you.

Children are especially appreciative of your truthfulness in dealing with them. As a teacher, you would instantly capture your students' imagination because you have a talent for making a subject come alive. Your unique talents could prove rewarding in financial work. Your intuition would be an asset in speculating on the stock market.

Because of your innate self-control, you will probably marry well. You can look forward to satisfying romantic experiences based on mutual trust and understanding. You expect a lot from your partner, and you are willing to do whatever is expected of you. You have high hopes for a future rich with inner contentment. Your excitement and joy in living are the keys to much happiness.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a lovely aspect; it is much like the sextile. Venus indicates our ability to appreciate love, our 'druthers', our 'I want to be's; and Uranus indicates our behavior pattern. The Venus placement shows how the mother influences the individual from a psychological point. The trine to Uranus denotes that she is a broad-minded woman who is receptive to growth, change, and ideas from the younger generation, and that she is able to give the child a similar image to imitate. This individual will enjoy exploring

humanitarian or newage interests, sharing with others and supporting future generations and their ideas. If the chart warrants, this may be a person who will make an excellent teacher or counsellor, for he can be supportive of his students or clients; it can indicate someone involved in the art world, for he is looking for new forms of expression.

As far as love is concerned, relationships may be unusual or unorthodox but meaningful. The elements will express this energy differently; for instance, this trine in Water signs will indicate a much different person than the trine in Fire. The Water trine will be extremely sensitive and intuitive, looking for a very special relationship. The Fire trine will be looking for ultra-idealism. The energy is best used when the needs of the signs and elements are incorporated into what is looked for in life, and those needs should be tied into the qualities described by the Sun.

Venus trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The option of remaining free to lead one's own life, and of developing within a relationship as one thinks best, is a must for those who have harmonious aspects between Uranus and Venus. As soon as friends or the partner start tying this person down, Uranus incites him or her to kick over the traces. He or she is attracted by anything unusual or capricious in others and is quite likely to copy this behavior. A woman with ones of these aspects is often very independent and has a mind of her own. A man with one of these aspects usually looks for a strong-willed woman who knows how to get what she wants.

People with these aspects are fully alive to the individuality of themselves and others, and, with their taste for the unusual, they keep an open mind on everything, no matter how strange. Nothing much disturbs them; instead, the unusual may even be found stimulating. Sometimes, they even go looking for change (at work, for example). The chance that the emotional life will be fairly unstable is therefore present even in the harmonious aspects.

(Charles Carter)

This is a combination which usually signifies unusual taste and some degree of artistic ability. There may be talent for music, literature, or the drama; it is often witty, fascinating, humorous, or charming. With a prominent Mars, there may be ability for work in metals.

It tends somewhat to eccentricity, sentiment, and romance, the passions being very sensitive. In many cases, it seems to be rather a dumb note, and goes no further than a

mild liking for music.

So far as externals are concerned, if favours popularity, easy circumstances, and enjoyable, though not always steadfast, relations with the other sex. Very much depends upon the ability of the native to find an adequate outlet for the emotional nature, for there is a proclivity towards adventures in love, and the romantic part of the nature may lead to looseness of conduct unless it can be 'sublimated' in some harmless way. For example, Petrarch expressed his romantic nature by writing sonnets to Laura, while living a perfectly comfortable and respectable life with a wife and several children, being plump and well-fed at a time when, according to his writings, love denied him food, sleep, and most other necessities. Or, again, romance may be sought in stranger directions, as in the case of William Blake, who was most happily married, but allowed the eccentricity of Uranus to find vent for itself in such peculiar habits as insisting on receiving and entertaining his guests in a completely unclothed condition, by way of demonstrating beyond all argument the fact of his having regained man's pristine 'innocence of childhood pure'. Another eccentric, but (so far as I know) perfectly moral Venus-Uranus man was Joseph Smith, the Mormon, who 'rationalised' the inner cravings of the aspect by producing a polygamous religion, miraculously revealed.

35) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (5°11' S) ♎4 | ♏7

(Haydn Paul)

There are several similarities between the trine and the sextile, based on the fluid sensitivity and creative imagination that is the potential of this aspect. The trine has a reconciling function between planets, and with both Neptune and Venus there is an essential fusion of affinitive qualities and characteristics. The challenge here may be actually applying your innate potential, as there may be relatively little inner pressure to resolve personal conflicts through releasing the energy in creative expressions. There should be artistic cultural appreciation, plus an artistic talent that can be exploited, especially through such areas as music, art, writing, dance and drama. As you are responsive to the more subtle dimensions of life, and prefer more elevated ideals, your artistic creations are likely to reflect such perception and sensitivity and involve a high level of purified emotion and intellectual content. This quality of idealism and romance that can pervade your creations can be at odds with the real world, perhaps even a denial of those harsher experiences, yet if successfully expressed can indicate a future direction for people to aspire towards: a vision of beauty and harmony. You believe that much of value in life is found within a sensitive and sophisticated awareness, and that such cultural development deepens that sense of meaning and purpose for the individual.

You enjoy the company of others, and are usually an enjoyable companion, although due to your soothing and positive presence, you may find yourself placed in positions of having to support friends who are passing through times of crisis. You listen well, and

can offer valid advice; friends feel that you do not condemn them for any failings and that spirit of acceptance of human nature is a healing power in itself. You express emotional empathy and understanding, and others feel safe and secure in your company, often confiding troubles and confidential problems to you. If anything, your permissive attitudes offered to others can be misused as an excuse to continue the path that they are taking; acknowledging human failings is compassionate and realistic, but helping others to become free from problems may often require advice that is more direct and confrontational in essence, mirroring back the answer that personally they may not want to hear, yet which is the real answer to their problem. True compassion is not soft; sometimes the solution involves taking a hard position.

The type of social company that you prefer to be associated with is that of similarly artistic and sophisticated individuals, those who are involved with personal development and expression and who express a dissatisfaction with much of contemporary society. There can be a preference for discussing the resolution of social issues, yet a lack of direct involvement in transforming them. Finding more appropriate channels to turn your responses into constructive means may be more satisfying. Sometimes complacency may rule, especially if your own lifestyle is basically fulfilling and immune from being touched by the more negative consequences of social decline and decay.

Becoming more practical is an ongoing challenge, and you need to link your inspired creativity towards that; otherwise your imagination may be wasted and rarely anchored in objective form. Your romantic life may be unusual at times, often with a feeling of 'inevitability' about partners and lovers.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Neptune means that you use your creative imagination in an inspired way. Through your sensitive and romantic nature, you respond to the highest ideals of others, and you are enriched by them. You have artistic talents and a deep appreciation for all that is refined in art, music and literature. Generous in your judgement of others, you are kind even when they disappoint you. You are reasonably permissive with anyone who fails, as long as he is earnestly trying to succeed. When you become aware of the negative elements in your environment, you may look the other way, for you can be complacent about such conditions, not wanting to get involved.

There are many ways you can express your creative talents, although you are particularly suited to artistic endeavors. In the performing arts, you could succeed in drama, dance, or in choral groups. You might dramatize your abilities by teaching young people to appreciate the finer things of life. You have a refined and personable nature that makes your company soothing and enjoyable. People are often hypnotized by a kind of mystical quality in you. Because you generate trust, you may be given a great responsibility that others cannot be depended upon to fulfill. Your delicacy and charm endear you to your superiors, and yet co-workers rarely feel threatened by competition

for favors.

You easily form attachments with individuals who strive to improve themselves and who voice displeasure for anything unclean, sordid, or coarse. An idealist, you have welldefined spiritual convictions, which make life truly meaningful for you.

You may choose to assert yourself creatively or elect not to involve yourself, but it would be a waste of talent if you didn't.

Venus trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The idealizing and the search for a paragon of a partner are also a feature of the harmonious Venus / Neptune aspects. We seek perfect love and heavenly inspiration in a partner, and dream of an elevated spiritual passion; but, as with the other aspects between these planets, we are liable to run into the brick wall of hard reality while chasing the soap bubbles of the imagination.

Owing to the relative inertia of the easy aspects, we can remain a long time in a dream world, and this may distort our sense of reality. Nevertheless, we can give first-rate artistic expression to this dream world, because any aspect between Venus and Neptune produces creativity. Unfortunately, when the aspect is easy, we tend to neglect talents, unless we are stirred up by influences from elsewhere in the horoscope.

We like to get on well with our friends and acquaintances, and seldom upset them. Our attitude is sympathetic, warm and cordial, but rather impersonal where deeper feelings are concerned. Here we encounter difficulties similar to those encountered by people with the conjunction.

With the square, there can be difficulties with the inhibition of emotions, creativity and relationships with others. Part of this difficulty arises from an extreme sensitivity of feelings which have never been properly integrated. The other main source is that of an unrealistic imagination which has a tendency to create escapist private realities, where you can avoid facing those aspects of life that you dislike or which are too painful.

The square is one of the Neptune aspects that stimulates those emotional-level fogs and mists, creating a consequence of being unable to see clearly and of being liable to make misjudgements; and which fuels tendencies of self-deception and mental distortion. Sometimes you even 'rely' on these inner fogs to prevent you from seeing the real and true situations regarding yourself and your relationships. Often these emotionally rooted problems are associated with impulses from the unconscious mind, and there can be a

pattern of guilt, self-sacrifice and martyrdom operating within you at a deep unconscious level.

These factors tend to make you vulnerable to deception, prone to suffer from your own reality projections and filters, and from the choices and actions of others who may be similarly psychologically influenced. Due to this unease within your emotions, you can be almost belligerently defensive at times when you believe that others are opposing you; relationship or employment disputations are probable. There can be inner reactions against too much social or work company, often caused by that passive and unconscious empathy which can intensify the level of stress and tension in you. Such psychic currents seep into your 'aura' and mind at an unconscious level, and these will influence your state of well-being unless you recognise what may be occurring and then take action to release these intrusive energies from your body-emotions-mind system.

Intimate relationships can be a source of challenges, especially when you have made some form of emotional commitment, as often your choice of lover or partner results from misjudgement. Unless you have psychologically cleansed your distorting emotional level, you may discover that marriage may reveal a lack of honesty and direct relationship, and the impulse of attraction was founded solely on transient passions, illusions and the personal need to rely on another. It can be that a preoccupation with those inner emotional flaws makes you less adept at dealing with the material world, and this can translate into unwise financial and business decisions, which can then have a negative impact on the economic foundations of a family and marriage.

Often there is a need to rely on others, or on an ideology or religion. You are basically idealistic, yet this is likely to attract you towards involvement with minority cults or foreign religions because of their glammers and strange fascinations. These can be a seed bed for additional confusions and distortions if not carefully approached, and you may discover that you have been too indiscriminate in your choices. In several ways, these are symptomatic of an inner need of transformation, of the need to redeem negative patterns dominating your life. Sexuality as a powerful aspect of the impulse for relationships can be a prime area in which such dilemmas can be expressed. This can be revealed through needs for multiple partners, searching for a perfect though unattainable lover, yet being unprepared and unwilling to actually commit yourself to a real flesh-and-blood person. It may emerge through excessive sexual imagination, where unfulfilled sexual imagery and desires may be intertwined with underlying and repressed emotionally based complexes, or are practised secretly and conspire to build an area of denial in your life.

Changes are probably needed in order to integrate the Neptune energy into your life, so that it ceases to display its more negative face of irresolution. Your attitudes to others through relationships need to be redefined, so that any paranoia is dropped, as well as any tendencies toward exploitation by yourself or against yourself. Standing free and independent is preferable, at least as an initial cleansing process. Facing reality, and

turning experience into wisdom and insight, is an essential step to move towards, so that your basic perception of your own nature and of others is reconstructed. Turning within through meditation or forms of self-therapy is an ideal path to take, so that you begin to release the old patterns, discover a new centre by cleaning out old illusions, and see through new eyes. Meditation is a deconditioning technique, sequentially liberating through practice, and redirecting the energy flow of the mind not inwards instead of outwards, so the energy acts as a penetrating disperser of restrictive psychological patterns. This will strengthen self-discipline, which, as energy is released through the resolution of inner conflicts and frictions, can free those channels of blocked creativity, and so enable you to take control and direction of your life back into your own hands. Accepting personal responsibility for your choices, decisions and actions will create a firm foundation to deal with the more complex sphere of the emotional sensitivities which, whilst it may take time and effort to clarify, is the point of resolution for the majority of conflicts in your life, and so is the key to a meaningful and satisfying future experience.

36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (8°12' S) ♀4 | ♃12

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, the Mars and Uranus energies should be reconciled and capable of working well together. In several respects there is similarity with the sextile, although there will be less emphasis upon the level of mind as a dominating factor.

There will be a multiplicity of interests and fascinating areas of knowledge that will attract you; and you will demand that you have sufficient freedom to be able to explore them. Building upon the results of your studies and skills that you have developed, you will feel attracted towards ways of creativity which demonstrate your capacity for self-expression. Being creative is important to you; and once stimulated you may have the problem of choosing what idea to work with out of the many that appeal to you. Discipline can be necessary at such a point, once you decide to follow a creative project, so that you succeed in completing it, before diverting yourself into others.

Independence seems necessary for you; and that impatient, restless nature often makes you soon tire of any enclosing intimate relationships. You need a broader scope, with the stimulation of more people to offer more expansive horizons. Group involvements can help to satisfy such needs, as well as providing a focus for your energies. Potentially, you can become a leader of such groups; but if you do so, you may find that your independence becomes constrained and the accompanying duties and responsibilities are onerous. Organisational routines and predictability would limit your freedom - which you would hate. A routine life and employment will not suit you. A greater degree of mobility and choice of activity can be aimed towards building a lifestyle that satisfies your needs, rather than frustrating them. Otherwise, those nervous tensions will grow, and can lead to psychosomatic illness.

If your creative spirit is released, and you enter into a less conventional life, you will find that more unorthodox relationships are appropriate and liberating. A traditional marriage may feel limiting, assuming that this tends to imply a traditional lifestyle as well. Under social pressures to conform, people often find that they are being forced to live in certain ways that are inimical to their natural needs and desires as evolving individuals. Nonconformism is usually penalised, and demands a strong personality to oppose these pressures and so create a life that is appropriate for them. Most societies favour a predictable 'greyneess' of population, rather than welcoming a multi-coloured richness that is harder to control.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mars to Uranus shows that you act with originality and creative enthusiasm. There is a feeling of drama in the way you express yourself. Although you are impatient, it is only because you are always excited about what interests you. You demand freedom in order to exploit your creative potentials and to indulge yourself when you choose. Your energy is boundless, and you have innumerable projects to keep you busy. You feel sorry for people who are trapped in limiting circumstances, because you realize how these can destroy creative development.

You are best suited for occupations that give you mobility and self-determination. The nine-to-five scene is just too routine and full of restrictions. You should become involved with group activities, where your leadership qualities can be used to best advantage. Exploratory enterprises, research, invention, travel, industrial sales, and engineering are some of the occupations that could provide you with the kind of incentive you need.

Even politics could be fascinating for your abundant creative talents. You enjoy being with people who are exciting, progressive, and interested primarily in the developments of tomorrow.

You do need to learn greater moderation, though, and you must be patient if others don't act with your decisiveness. Occasionally you need to unwind to ease the nervous tension that frequently builds up. You may not realize how abusive this can be to your physical condition, for you pride yourself on getting along with no let-up and little rest.

In your romantic affairs, you are impulsive and restless. It goes without saying that you have strong sexual needs. You don't tolerate rejection with grace. The limiting ties of marriage are not of much interest to you, and you disdainfully view the conventional life as a relic from the past. You prefer to enjoy a wide circle of friends who can give you a variety of pleasures. Others may envy you for your exciting lifestyle.

(Betty Lundsted)

An astrology teacher once described this aspect as the mark of genius. Uranus indicates erratic, unconventional behavior; Mars indicates action. If the action taken is unorthodox or unconventional and constructively applied, this individual can bring new ideas into his generation. However, if the ideas or behavioral attitudes are merely unconventional, the aspect may reflect a person who thinks he is creative only because he is 'different'.

In order to determine whether or not the aspect is functioning creatively, the rest of the chart must be synthesized, for the creative energy expresses better when action is taken because we like ourselves. If either the Sun or the Moon is afflicted, perhaps the creative energy will not manifest until this person becomes conscious of the need to bring body and soul into context. Once the Sun and Moon energy find appropriate expression, this individual has creative energy at his disposal.

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 tends 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 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.

37) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (6°21' A) ♀6 | ♁9

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, the trine indicates the potential of releasing a powerful creative energy emerging from a humanistic and spiritual perspective, which will be of positive use to yourself and the world.

Your innate optimism and belief in the essential goodness of life will turn your inner faith into an effective ability to manifest your creative vision, especially as you are able to channel your will into constructive forms of expression.

Your contribution to society may well be in working closely with people; and you have the gift of being able to inspire others to discover how to experience life more intensely and creatively and to release their own latent talents. This can involve you in the expression of a sort of life philosophy which can be adopted by others on their path to self-understanding. Obviously, any such influence must be carefully handled by you, both in how your own self-perception is changed and in what you offer to others or share with them. There is a great responsibility to be assumed when presenting yourself in a way that can have considerable influence on others' lives; and awareness must be shown and applied to ensure integrity is maintained, that the 'teaching' is as honest and valid as possible, that there is freedom for disagreement or new thinking to occur, and that it is understood that 'your way' is not the only or most appropriate way for everyone. In fact, even direct opposition from another may be the right way for them to unfold themselves or to discover new insights, and could be right for you as a stimulus to re-evaluate your own path and attitudes.

Primarily, you seem to function in a role of 'educator', and you are likely to develop into an effective speaker, clearly expounding your beliefs, ideas and attitudes, and being quite persuasive in that way. You tend to need personal freedom, and dislike being tied down into predictable patterns of behaviour, as you may feel that you need to be relatively free in order to be able to respond to what you consider to be insights and intuitions. You support social transformation, and will reflect the unified vision as the direction for the future, offering a meaning and inspiring purpose for people to aim towards. You may find that a personal transformation is required of you prior to you fulfilling your potential role and function. Initially, this could involve considerable challenges facing you which require overcoming, or elements in your personal life that lead to periodic crises which lead eventually to wisdom and insight as a result of personal suffering.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Jupiter to Pluto indicates your interest in stimulating individuals and groups to creatively exploit their own potentials. Your optimistic response to social change inspires others to view the future with greater expectation and hope. You can awaken those around you to an acceptable philosophy for pursuing their destinies. You arouse them to establish constructive motivations that will sustain them through the bitter and the sweet, the highs and the lows, the successes and the failures in their lives. You are able to grasp the essential meaning behind any of life's mysteries and to dramatize it effectively enough to convince the most determined sceptic. Your words, often seemingly inspired, carry such an impact that they are seldom questioned. Because you

are geared to become intimately involved in the affairs of others, you should choose a profession that will serve the public interest. Education would give you a broad yet intimate scope to demonstrate truths as you understand them and to shatter the illusions that restrict expansion of consciousness. It may be that you are a free soul, whose destiny is to serve others.

Your personal relationships must allow you mobility and creative expression. You have the power to move from a life of apathy and indolence to one in which you offer your insight for the benefit of society. You instinctively know right from wrong, and can assist others to recognize the difference. The young are especially responsive to you, for you understand the drama of their lives. Even elderly and mature people gain inspiration from your fresh and invigorating life-force. You can stimulate lives that could have become stagnant and without purpose.

You can restore your own life-force by contemplating your experiences and by meditating on the universal energy sources that grant you vision to know the truth. These precious moments will give you guidelines for applying the knowledge you gain.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle, and Pluto symbolizes the unconscious motivation within an individual. When these two planets are in trine aspect, it indicates a person who enjoys relating to the masses, who enjoys the generation into which he is born, and who enjoys reaching out to others in a co-operative venture. When the trine is in effect, the more unhealthy qualities of Pluto (like control or manipulation) don't manifest.

These individuals are more apt to become involved in traditional relationships, and tend to marry, raise a family, and participate in the more accepted cycles of adult behavior. They may be victims of the 'fad' of their day, subscribing to the faddy kinds of behavior that are popular from moment to moment. They may over-relate to the value system of their generation. For example, when it became fashionable to have a swimming pool and a color television set, these people could relate to those values, and may not understand that there is more to a relationship than having what the Joneses have.

Because the symbolism of Jupiter involves a changing perspective, and because Pluto symbolizes the needs of the collective unconscious, these individuals need to analyze their relationships more thoroughly than they want to when they are younger. Age and maturity help their drives, for they have the capability of combining archetypal images and patterns into their relationships, if they so desire.

Jupiter trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Pluto, there are power plays in many areas; the need to be important can make itself felt both on the physical and on the mental plane. Willpower is unusually strong, and we stand by our points of view. We hammer opinions home, and are not easily dissuaded. When linked with the personal planets, these aspects give great powers of persuasion. The obstinacy typical of the conjunction is typical of these aspects, too; but, because they are easy, it shows itself in a different way and causes less offence.

Expansive and improving Jupiter, in combination with taboo-breaking Pluto, sometimes gives social reformers who try to dethrone current moralities in order to replace them by others that seem more tolerant. Certainly freedom is promoted by Jupiter, but Pluto does not readily release its grip and will encourage the setting up of fresh power-structures which deny freedom in other areas. Although these are harmonious aspects, the Jupiter / Pluto combination is intrinsically so powerful that these people, though well-meaning, seldom give others a fair chance.

The desire to explore and investigate is well-developed in this combination. In professional life, this is excellent for scientific pursuits; in domestic life, it signals the housewife who is not taken in by sales patter but checks carefully before she buys.

We are inclined to moralize because we have a strong sense of right and wrong, which also encourages us to work actively in support of progress - whether material, social or religious. We can do things on a large scale and are good organizers, but we must be careful not to attempt too much at one time.

38) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (6°14' S) ♃12 | ♎7

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect was made roughly during the period 1941-6, and features in the birth charts of a generation born during war time. This tends to condition their perception of life and people, which in effect can sometimes veer towards pessimism and cynicism, especially if they were born in the early years of the trine when the world war was at its height and the result still hung in the balance.

Underlying this is still the idealism of these planets, but with possibly insufficient personal faith in their actual manifestation, together with an ambiguity about their own personal role and responsibility in society. There can be a tendency to follow personal goals irrespective of social needs and obligations, and a preference for personal gain and ambitions. Yet this too can be a source of personal development, and it is still perhaps too early yet to be sure how such individuals will use any social power and influence that they may have acquired.

As the trine is a reconciling factor, this generation could be seen as a 'briding group' where both the past and future tendencies co-exist, probably uncomfortably at times. They have grown up in a rapidly changing world, though childhood conditioning would still reflect pre-war attitudes; they are thus able to serve as mediators in society, knowing the older world and yet attuned enough to the dawning of the new world.

There should be sufficient intellectual capacity for them to evaluate the implications of ideological belief structures for themselves, without the imposition of authority; this should result in the development of genuinely held personal views irrespective of their nature and content. If they don't feel convinced, after careful consideration of the validity of an idea or belief, they will usually be unable to give whole-hearted support for it - unless they compromise themselves for personal gain.

They are aware of the dangers of gullibility and a lack of public discrimination regarding leaders - as the German people in World War II demonstrated - yet are not fully convinced by the intent of any leaders who use truth as an expedient to be employed only when it suits them. In many ways, this generation is faced with a need to resolve certain inner conflicts and opposite world views, almost as a 'trial run' for the way in which society can achieve this on a larger scale. There are paradoxes on both mental and emotional levels that should be resolved and integrated, because too often such people are caught in the cleft stick of their own indecision and confusion over which 'face' to present - the face of the older ways, or the face reflecting the emerging changes in the world.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of Uranus and Neptune indicates that you resent being told what to believe. You prefer to decide for yourself whether you will accept or reject the ideas that have satisfied previous generations of believers. Your intellectual awareness requires that you are logically evaluate all ideologies, dogmas, or theories, whether they are political, philosophical, or religious. You feel that you cannot support a particular belief until you understand thoroughly how and why it was established. Seeking truth rather than illusions, you are suspicious of ideas that may seriously alter your life and destiny. You observe how the masses of humanity in the past have been dominated by individuals who forced their ideologies on their subjects, mesmerizing them to accept those ideas blindly and obediently.

To illustrate how these planets produced mass hysteria, we must examine the period between 1938 and 1944, when they occupied this relationship. Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, and Emperor Hirohito hypnotically dominated millions of people and produced an awesome machine that destroyed even more millions and altered forever the destinies of countless others. The planetary combination indicates the indolence and apathy present among people throughout the world, which allowed this

destruction to take place.

You and many others who were born during these years can help prevent a repetition of history by refusing to support any individual in power until you know everything possible about him / her. Because you have the ability to see through illusion and dishonesty, it is your responsibility to communicate what you know for the benefit of humanity. You must arouse the public to challenge any public official who will not keep open the lines of communication to the people he represents.

(Betty Lundsted)

Compassion, understanding, creative expression or inspiration (Neptune) blend with the expression of new-age ideas (Uranus), so that theory and feeling meld together to express a form of universal love and understanding. This trine has occurred in people born around 1940 in the past century.

These are the people who have taken courses in meditation, inner awareness, spiritual development, etc.. They are searching for the inner self. This generation may produce new philosophies that will be emerging now at the turn of the 21st century.

The trine can also foster the great dreamer - the energy from the Uranus - Neptune combination can produce highly individualistic ideas that may not be put into practice unless there is an aspect in the chart that indicates the potential to take action.

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 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.

39) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Trine** ♊ **North-Node** - (2°26' A) ♍9 | ♎5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives the ability to be leaders in transforming social and political institutions and in helping them attain a higher level of expression. The natives know how to influence mass thought. The configuration favors people in public life, politicians, and social reformers.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Strong authority of power is associated with this individual or at least bestowed upon him in this aspect. They often have excellent connections to get things done, and others are aware of their favors. Barter or exchange on a larger scale always happens throughout their life as a result of this combination. They often become an instigator in projects to be done or fulfilled. Balancing of temperaments and aggression is needed by these people. Their temper, when not in control, is quite destructive, not only to them, but to their surroundings as well.

(Donna van Toen)

This person generally feels a need to seek people or experiences that will aid growth. Sometimes there's a desire to be a public figure of some sort; this can spur the person onwards towards growth. Again relationships seem to play a major role in growth. Often

the person instinctively knows which relationship will provide growth opportunities and which will offer stagnation.

Pluto trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The urge to seek contacts or associations with many people, the wish to become a public figure or to exercise an influence upon other people. The beginning of new associations which may possibly be important with regard to one's future.

(Bernice Grebner)

Even the good aspects to Pluto can be separative, but the separation is for the good of the nodal axis growth, and this can be interpreted by sign and house. It denotes force and depth. There can be great success in the occult and in delving into the mysteries of life after death. Here, too, is the person who has a great awareness of the rejuvenating power of sex; one who can deal with the beauty of sex in a positive way.

40) ► **Mars** ♂ **Octile** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°39' A) ♀4 | ♄5

(Donna van Toen)

Bad news, mourning of some sort, or destructive behavior on the part of the person or someone in his or her circle may inhibit growth at times.

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