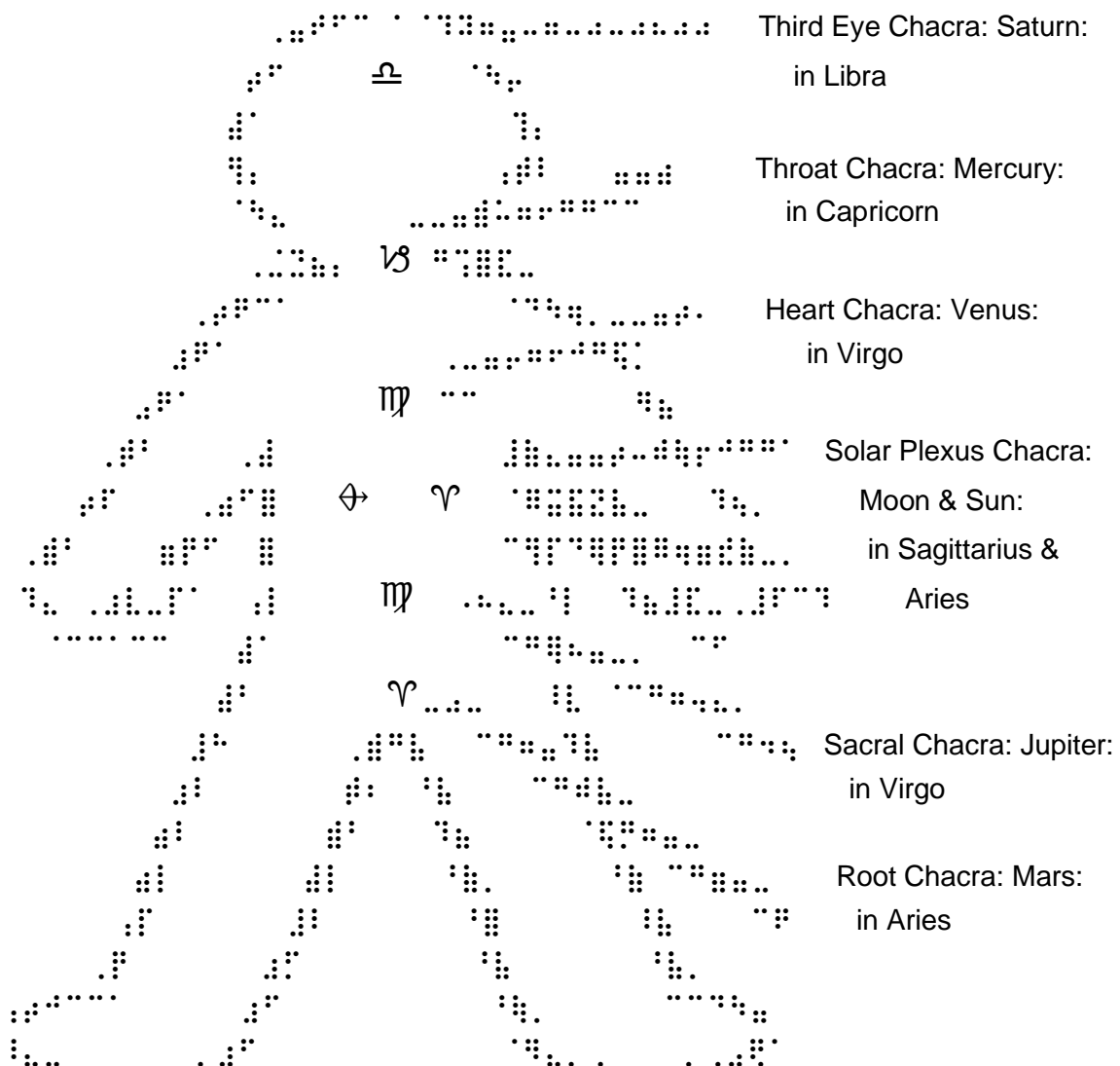


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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Aries Sun ☉ ♈ and ♎ ☾ Sagittarius Moon man**

([723] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A Decisive Personality - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Thoughtful, straightforward and determined;  
Negatives: Challenging, stubborn and impulsive;  
Perfect partner: Someone who is just as eager about life as them;  
Advice: They need to be careful about other perceiving them as arrogant sometimes.

## **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 X 10th House**

([881] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **They succeed no matter the obstacles - Summary:**

Strengths: Charismatic, dependable and caring;  
Challenges: Worrying and feeling overwhelmed;  
Advice: You should learn to let go of things that have changed.  
Neutral: Helpless when not loving

## **Moon ☾ in 19th Nakshatra: Mula**

### **Short Version [2]**

Strength: faces adversity with composure, skilled at persuading or manipulating people to serve their needs, good politicians, careful, clever, able to live a comfortable life, determined to succeed, learned, good speaking skills, spiritually inclined, generous, jovial, successful, determined, fortune in foreign lands, peace loving, adventurous, brave, explorers.

Weakness: creates own insecurities, lacks appreciation for others, overly focused on goals, not trustworthy, arrogant, self-destructive, stubborn, sabotages their own achievements, has many unsuccessful affairs and/or marriages, low tolerance for boredom, indecisive, fickle at relationships, arrogant, selfish, lust and anger, low boredom threshold, takes lot and gives very little back.

### **Pada [1]**

### ***Moon ☾ in first pada***

(0°00'-3°20' degrees Sagittarius): Aries navamsa. You are combative and competitive by nature, and you have a well-built, athletic body. You are ambitious, optimistic, and well-educated.

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

### ***Mercury ☿ in ♑ Capricorn man***

([902] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A man of strong principles - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Responsible and composed;

Negatives: Aloof and impulsive;

Soulmate: Someone who is just as perfectionistic;

Life lesson: Not feeling overwhelmed by certain challenges.

### ***Mercury ☿ in XI 11th House***

([918] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Endless ambition - Summary:**

Strengths: Eccentric, intelligent and curious;

Challenges: Dominating, picky and manipulative;

Advice: They shouldn't let themselves affected by others' opinions.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♍ Virgo man***

([931] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **In a nutshell:**

Positives: Ambitious and organised;

Negatives: Insecure and cynical;

Soulmate: Someone who has a happy and fulfilled life;

Life lesson: Should read less into others actions.

### ***Venus ♀ in VII 7th House***

([951] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Exaggeratedly attached to the person they have fallen for - Summary:**

Strengths: Peacemaker, balanced and diplomatic;

Challenges: Rushing into decisions and materialism;

Advice: Don't become addicted to the approval of those around.

Neutral: Wishing to be respected and appreciated

### ***Mars ♂ in ♈ Aries man***

([957] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A temperamental individual - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Dynamic and persistent;

Negatives: Domineering and procrastinating;

Soulmate: Someone who will fight for their desires;  
Life lesson: Focusing more on creative pursuits.  
Neutral: He wants someone who will fight

### **Mars ♂ in II 2nd House**

([982] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A tendency to be overprotective - Summary:**

Strengths: Diligent, methodical and elegant;  
Challenges: Materialistic and superficial;  
Advice: Being careful about the challenges they choose to pursue.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo man**

([998] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Understanding them - In a nutshell:**

Style: Productive and analytical;  
Top qualities: Grounded, discerning and rational;  
Weaknesses: Obsessive and excessively attentive to details;  
Advice: Boredom can also serve a purpose.

### **Jupiter ♃ in VII 7th House**

([1011] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Very connected with their own emotions - Summary:**

Strengths: Determined, cooperative and diplomatic;  
Challenges: Meddling, arrogant and stubborn;  
Advice: They need to learn how to rely only on themselves.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra man**

([1023] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **In a nutshell:**

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

### **Saturn ♄ in VIII 8th House**

([1036] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **One step ahead - Summary:**

Strengths: Hard-working, spontaneous and creative;  
Challenges: Aggressive, controlling and fearful;  
Advice: They need to be more calculated about life decisions.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♒ Aquarius man**

([1051] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Original and insightful;  
Top qualities: Aware and dependable;  
Challenges: Extremist and stubborn;  
Advice: Take your time to know people before drawing any conclusions.

***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 ♎ Libra man***

([1071] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Spiritual and ethical;  
Top qualities: Idealistic, justitiary and astute;  
Challenges: Grumpy and fixed;  
Advice: You should be more committed to personal goals.

***Neptune ♆ in VIII 8th House***

([1084] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Generous souls - Summary:**

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

***Pluto ♇ in ♉ Taurus man***

([1090] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Great taste and patience;  
Top qualities: Persistent, generous and resourceful;  
Challenges: Materialistic and possessive;  
Advice: Discover your secret talent.

***Pluto ♇ in III 3rd House***

([1103] i.thehoroscope.co)

**People of great intellectual depth - Summary:**

Strengths: Witty, curious and enthusiastic;  
Challenges: Impulsive, stubborn and indecisive;

Advice: They need to be careful with the risks they are taking.

**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 VIII 8th House (Scorpio)**

([1120] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Serious, appreciative and gentle;

Challenges: Unpredictable and dramatic

Meant to explore profound matters, Darkness and what is forbidden

**South Node ♋ in II 2nd House (Taurus)**

([1126] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

Challenges: Instinctual, arrogant and harsh;

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

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♎ in ♋ Cancer**

([1140] elsaelsa.com)

**Atlas**

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♎ in V 5th House**

([1153] elsaelsa.com)

**Dark Creation**

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♂ Mars - (0°20')** ♎8 | ♈2

([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

► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (0°57') ♋2 | ♎5

([631] astromatrix.org:) Self-Awareness unlocks empowerment

Opportunities: 1. Displaying your talents & brilliance 2. Increasing psychic awareness

Challenges: 1. Trusting instincts 2. Honouring your identity

► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (0°07') ♋8 | ♎5

([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

► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (8°58' A) ♋1 | ♋2

([56] astromatrix.org:) Short Fuse

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

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

► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (6°48' S) ♏7 | ♏7

([179] astromatrix.org:) Unconscious Needs

Opportunities: 1. Knowing Your Desires 2. Gaining Confidence

Challenges: 1. Developing Your Independence 2. Understanding Yourself Better

► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (9°00' A) ♋2 | ♋2

([150] astromatrix.org:) In Your Own World

Opportunities: 1. Embracing Your Journey of Self-Understanding 2. Judging Success on Your Terms

Challenges: 1. Finding Your Inner Security 2. Avoiding Co-Dependent Relationships

► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (3°23' A) ♏11 | ♎5

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

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Square ☿ Mercury** - (7°14' S) ♋8 | ♏11

([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

► **Saturn ♄ Square ♀ Lilith** - (1°45' S) ♋8 | ♎5

([658] astromatrix.org:) Becoming Yourself

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

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

► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°14' S)    ♄10 | ♃2

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

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

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



# 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** - (1°39') 001 | 8
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°20') 8 | 2
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (0°44') 8 | 12
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°08') 2 | 8
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°04') 2 | 8
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°50') 11 | 3
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°38') 7 | 7
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°04') 2 | 12
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°28') 2 | 8
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♁ **South-Node** - (0°16') 2 | 2
- 11) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°24') 12 | 8
- 12) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel** ♋ **North-Node** - (1°12') 8 | 8
- 13) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (8°58' A) 001 | 2
- 14) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°50' S) 8 | 8
- 15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (6°48' S) 7 | 7
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (7°55' A) 7 | 7
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♁ **South-Node** - (8°52' S) 2 | 2
- 18) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°18' S) 7 | 8
- 19) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (6°32' A) 8 | 8
- 20) ► **Neptune ♆ Conjunct** ♋ **North-Node** - (5°58' A) 8 | 8
- 21) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°23' S) 10 | 3
- 22) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°03' S) 2 | 7
- 23) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (6°15' A) 2 | 8
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°17' S) 10 | 7
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile** ♅ **Uranus** - (2°37' A) 10 | 12
- 26) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile** ♅ **Uranus** - (3°51' A) 2 | 12
- 27) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (3°09' S) 2 | 3

- 28) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Uranus** - (6°14' A) ♀2 | ♀12
- 29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **Saturn** - (5°08' S) ♀11 | ♀8
- 30) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°24' A) ♀11 | ♀8
- 31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°22' A) ♀11 | ♀8
- 32) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°14' S) ♀10 | ♀2
- 33) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (2°06' S) ♀7 | ♀3
- 34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (2°24' S) ♀8 | ♀12
- 35) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (7°00' S) ♀12 | ♀3

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♈ Aries 27° 45'

(Betty Lundsted)

The Aries type is the most personal of the Fire signs, and it is often seen as selfish. Aries people are not selfish on purpose, but they tend to be thoughtless. They pursue their own interests with enthusiasm and seldom realize that what they are doing might overwhelm or hurt another individual. If this is pointed out to Aries, they will be hurt and usually defensive. After giving some thought to the situation, they'll probably apologize. When Aries discover they have hurt or disregarded someone, they are often filled with remorse. It's a combination of idealism and enthusiasm. As Aries people mature, they begin out of necessity to cultivate patience in order to lessen the hurt feelings around them.

Aries usually say 'no' to anything suggested to them at the time the suggestion is made. But the saving grace of the Aries is that they do go away and think about what you've said, and eventually you'll see that they adopt your suggestions, if those suggestions are good. Aries are always in a hurry, rushing into the future looking to accomplish something - and they don't always know what that mysterious 'something' is. They are trained at an early age to react to accomplishment because Daddy thinks it's important. The father may not accomplish anything in the world's definition of the word, but it must be kept in mind that a child's perception of adult behavior may be very different from an adult's.

The Aries child may have a parent who either talks about accomplishment or feels guilty when enough isn't being done around the home; Aries may also have a parent who

actually is an accomplishment-oriented individual. These children tend to be born to parents who 'worry' about accomplishment. The father of the Aries child is a man who seems to be respected or idealized for his work. He may only be a laborer, but he is good at his job. He may also be unhappy; if he is a laborer and he wants to be a businessman, for example, he may retreat into the power plays that frustrated people choose in order to express his discomfort. When the Aries child is small, Daddy comes home either as a 'big deal' or as a tyrant; and, depending on the particular father type, the child will develop his own behavior pattern accordingly.

The mother is seen as a service figure - it isn't that the Aries child hates the mother, but the mother-figure is someone who provides a service. In the case of the father-tyrant, the Aries sees the mother as a 'poor, frightened creature' who stays in a difficult marriage because she doesn't know how to change her circumstances. The Aries child may be defensive of the mother; may take Mom's side in quarrels between Mom and Dad, and will try to help the mother as soon as Aries is old enough to provide emotional or financial support. However, the mother gets more pity and compassion than love from this child - and Aries will in some way, as an adult, emulate the father's position.

This is the way it works: the Aries male is often uncomfortable about his love for his mother - he may care for Mom more than the Aries female does. He may think that he's too close to Mom emotionally; perhaps too much like her as far as his emotional reactions are concerned. If this is the case, he may avoid her as he becomes an adult. He wants to be as much like his father as possible. Emotional closeness to his mother usually doesn't enhance his self-image. The Fire sign person has some natural confusion about sexuality - for them, sex includes ideals as well as action and feeling. The idealistic types feel a bit embarrassed about sexuality, so the Aries male tends to treat women like little girls or daughters - and he plays the father. It may be that when his personality was forming, he saw his father treat his mother like a little girl. It is not uncommon for the mother of an Aries child to call her husband 'Father' during the child's formative years.

The Aries male has an image of Woman that combines Lolita with the maids in King Arthur's court. He wants a genteel woman who doesn't swear, who presents herself like a little lady, who doesn't confront him; and he's generally a male chauvinist as a young man. The youthful innocent he is pursuing must also fit his anima image - a long-tressed damsel in distress. He gets easily disappointed in love situations because he tends to pick the Cancer type females for a partner. She often turns out to be much stronger than she looks; he then finds he has trouble running the relationship. He is not really sure of himself in romantic situations - or in relationship situations in general. His Fire sign idealism tries to maintain a courtship throughout a love relationship because that's what he thinks love is. As soon as he sees hair curlers or has to work through a problem that requires some kind of compromise, the 'romance' is not as wonderful as it once was.

The Aries female has compassion for her mother - but she vows never to put herself into

the same situation that her mother is on. She doesn't want her mother's career, or her mother's kind of marriage. She may be so father-dominated (through either love or hate) that she actually ends up being a 'better man' than most men. In other words, it's important to the Aries woman that she acts like a 'man' and not like a 'woman' - that she be 'rational' rather than 'emotional'. When she marries, she often marries a childish man so that she is, in essence, the head of the household... like Daddy.

She tries to prove herself by doing everything well; she therefore has difficulty letting her partner do anything. It's easy to fall into the trap, for the Aries female can't stand to watch a man do a chore the hard way - so she does it for him. Sooner or later she notices that he isn't doing anything - since she has done everything so well, why should he? Ultimately, some event occurs that is so stressful to her that she falls apart and has no one to help her out of her dilemma because her man doesn't realize that she really needs help. She can be so overpowering in her identification with 'fatherdom' that she runs away from all the mature folks and winds up loving people who need to be saved.

This is exemplified in the positive sign female who has an overdose of the masculine principle within her system and within her environment. When this principle is not understood, both the personal life and the career can be affected by this misunderstanding. The misunderstood masculine principle causes one to imitate culturally defined 'masculine' behavior. It is possible for an Aries female to develop a career, to develop her mind, and to find enjoyable and creative outlets for expression when she understands what kind of energy she is blessed with. Jung's definition of the 'animus' may give a better understanding of the problem. The positive sign female unconsciously lends more credence to the animus, and thereby loses a part of her sense of feminine values. When a woman has no real sense of the feminine within herself - that is, she doesn't think women are worth much - she often tries to be what she considers 'manly'. This has nothing to do with homosexuality; it merely indicates the kind of hardness that can be involved in developing the personality.

Aries women can be extremely competitive with their fathers later in life; they can unconsciously illustrate the strength of the mythic Father image. For example, when an Aries female is involved with family situations, she often tries to outdo her father. She may even try to take away her father's position in his marriage. A case in point is an Aries female who rushed into the middle of her parents' marriage at a time when the mother was critically ill. The father wanted to do one thing; the daughter wanted to do another. The daughter didn't ask her mother what she wanted in terms of therapy. Instead, Aries took over the solution of the problem. The moral of the story is that she was trying to be 'a better man' to her mother than her father was. Of course, this attitude alienated everyone in the family and poor Aries couldn't understand why.

When Aries don't understand their energy; when they don't understand what motivates them to action, their wonderful Aries ideas can be wasted because they may not be presented in an acceptable manner. The Aries female, in her quest for being helpful to

others, may push ideas on people when they aren't ready to accept those ideas, or when those ideas haven't been asked for.

The influence of the father on the Aries female turns her into the Scarlet O'Hara type - one who runs from strong men, who tends to approach males like another male because that's what Daddy would have done. When Aries examine their reactions to life, they'll find that they resemble the father in an uncomfortable fashion. Idealism has to be tempered, for too much idealism means that we are living in an unreal world. It means that we make unrealistic demands on our partners and then become wounded when these demands are unanswered. Aries people tend to ask for things that are selfish - in other words, they don't consider the needs of their partner. They often don't know how to voice their ideals; and when their feelings are hurt, they get buried deep inside and are not shared. When Aries people decide to abandon idealism, they tend to put themselves into strange types of relationships which can hurt them even more. For example, the Aries male (who is basically loyal and idealistic) may get into sexual relationships that have no meaning, therefore debasing his emotional and sexual needs. Or the Aries female may draw to her the type of men who have some unhealthy sexual habits. In order to participate with these men, she must turn off a part of her personality, for she is a romantic idealist.

(Haydn Paul)

The Aries personality tend to be an initiator and pioneer, expressing self-assertion and direct energy into the world. You should have ample creative energy and enthusiasms that can be exploited, allowing you to start a variety of activities. One problem can be a failure to complete them, due to losing interest and becoming bored; and you tend to leave several loose ends of uncompleted projects in your life. There are strong motivations to prove yourself through energetic activity; to be enterprising and ambitious, making your presence noted in the world. You can be animated by a desire to be 'number one', becoming competitively minded; and this will influence your career and social expression. You could become an effective leader, as fame, authority and superiority suits you, or so you believe.

You can be quite impatient, impulsive and spontaneous in your actions and decisions, yet often you can fail to devote enough time and attention to actually listening to the advice of others, or to considering the consequences of your choices; and this can create several problems later. You may need to consider your options more carefully before you rush into action; if you can do this, then you will find greater success. Associated with this is the need to discover more effective relationship with others, to be more considerate, and to think through the possible effects of any self-centred style of expression.

You will be attracted towards idealistic causes, seeing yourself as an opponent of social injustice. There can be a naive, innocent outlook on life at times, where you believe

wholeheartedly in high ideals; while this can be battered by reality, you are unlikely to become truly cynical, 'street-wise' or 'world-weary'. You try to speak the truth as much as possible, and can find it hard to lie; and even if you do try, it is rarely convincing. You have a quick mind with distinct philosophical tendencies, and a sensitivity towards higher thought, morals and ethics. You need independence and freedom, so that you can indulge in your impulsive decisions to act.

You can be quite secretive regarding your personal life, feelings and emotional experiences, and are often reluctant to reveal your plans to others, especially as you can be deeply hurt. There is an attraction towards the past and traditional ways, which can be reflected in your home environment and attitudes; and you value domestic and relationship security more than you may be willing to acknowledge. This need evokes a sentimental response from you to family life, and you can be vulnerable in that area.

Aries females:

This is not the kind of woman you can lead around in circles: she usually wants to know where you are taking her and she has some ideas of her own on how to get there! She can be temperamental, headstrong and independent, and exude a kind of charm and sex appeal based on a blending of arrogance and pride. She is quite a woman: you can't force or push her, but neither should you fear her. At least, never let her know you're afraid!

This woman wants to think, to analyze, to arrive at her own conclusions. Let her do so, but tell her when you think she's wrong. Remember, the Aries woman can stand criticism. In fact, she can stand almost anything except being ignored. She requires a fair exchange of ideas, emotions, reactions.

You can win your way with this woman by being diplomatic. She is conscious of appearance, her own as well as yours. She is Martian, fiery in nature, spirited to the point of being domineering - if you let her be! With her, it is all the way or nothing. She can be as cold as ice or as warm and comforting as any man could desire. It is up to you to bring out the best in this woman. She admires qualities of leadership, and is willing to follow once you gain her confidence. But if you disappoint her - look out! You will have to start your winning campaign all over - from the beginning. Never permit this lady to think you're an easy catch. Let her work for your approval - make her strive to please you. This takes great skill on your part - but the results will be worth the time and trouble.

Be wary when she becomes bossy. An Aries woman wants a man, not an individual who is looking for a mother. Nothing discourages her more than always being able to have things her own way.

The Aries woman often is striking in appearance; she appears aloof, but the fires of yearning and passion are there - if you are the right one for her.

Aries males:

The man born under Aries can be dominant, inventive and very impatient! He'll keep you hopping unless you teach him to wait. This man's bark is worse than his bite. But please do not get the idea that you can train him as you would a dog - he will rebel every time. He is constantly seeking new ways, new persons, new ideas. You'll have to keep up with the times if you want to keep the Aries man.

In dealing with this male, try to keep his chin up. Once he begins to sag, he is heading for defeat. See to it that he gets plenty of exercise and encouragement. Tell him he's good. The more he thinks you appreciate him, the more he will return the compliment.

Being interested in an Aries man is akin to taking on a new lease of life. His temperament is fiery, his drives are strong, his ambitions are great; his capacity for love is enormous. Knowing this, do not attempt halfway measures. Decide either that you want him and will fight to keep him - or forget him entirely.

An Aries man can be militant, determined and obstinate. Once he gets rolling - even down the wrong road - he tends to keep in motion and in the same direction. You will have to be tactful in order to make him change his ways and his motives. Otherwise, he will fight you every inch of the way.

You can get around him by showering him with compliments, affection and common sense. Remember, if you go about it the right way, this man will listen to reason. Never dare him; he will take you up on it. On the other hand, don't try to outsmart him by daring him to do one thing because you really want him to do the opposite. He's very likely to see through the ruse!

An Aries man is an adventure seeker; it is not easy to harness his powers. His thinking, often brilliant, is just as often erratic. He will take a chance and worry about the outcome later. He is ambitious but once he finds a niche it is difficult to urge him on. He is more successful at fighting his way to the top than he is when it comes to securing his position through creative moves aimed at still greater success.

This man plays hard and works hard; often he runs himself down. For the woman who wants him, close attention to these hints can prevent many a heartache and numerous headaches as well!

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Aries are energetic, active, assertive and direct. You approach life eagerly and aggressively, and there is nothing subtle in your method, manner or motivation. Your only 'gear' is high; your only direction is forward. You know

what you want and go after it fervently, rarely taking 'no' for an answer, and often succeeding through sheer energy and force of will. You are enthusiastic and curious; and each day offers you new challenges - if it doesn't, you'll create some! You can't stand to have life go along smoothly, and you like to keep things stirred up. Activity, conflict and crisis nourish you, and you are at your best under pressure, when you must think and act quickly. You are always testing yourself, trying to jump over the next hurdle or to beat the next opponent. You need to keep defining yourself against something or someone else, to prove to yourself that you exist and have impact on your environment.

Athletics offer a clear-cut set of challenges and opponents against which you can pit yourself, and you probably have some athletic ability or at least an interest in sports. Sports also provide an outlet for your abundant energy.

Challenges in the business world can be just as invigorating and satisfying for you. You have an entrepreneurial nature, and are willing to take chances and risks that scare away more cautious people.

Your pioneering spirit is strong and you long to go where no-one has gone before, to break new ground and do the impossible. Always rushing in where angels fear to tread, you approach every endeavor with the same head-long, reckless, indefatigable abandon, and you either succeed gloriously or fail dismally. Failure doesn't discourage you, though, for you have a naive and irrepressible self-confidence that lets you go on believing in your ultimate success, regardless of the odds. Since you never look back and don't learn from your mistakes, however, you are likely to make the same ones again and again.

Your attention span is that of a young child, and you become bored easily. You are much better at starting things than finishing them, for you lose interest once the initial excitement has faded and routine, day-to-day operations are in place. Therefore, you probably begin lots of projects, jobs, relationships, etc., but rarely see them through to maturity. Goals that can be achieved quickly are better choices for you than ones that require years of planning and development.

In your chest beats the heart of an adventurer, and you are both courageous and daring. You want to keep the adrenalin rushing through your veins at all times. Although you never back down from a fight, you don't know how to walk away from one with dignity either. In fact, you are often the instigator. Aggressive and feisty, long on nerve and short on tact, you enjoy a good argument or even a fist fight now and again to clear the air. In a dangerous situation, anyone would like to have you on his / her side.

Strongly individualistic, you have trouble compromising or working as part of a team or group. You need to be free and independent to do things your own way, regardless of how iconoclastic or outrageous your methods may seem to others. Although you are usually quite self-sufficient, when you run into a problem you can't solve yourself, you



don't know where to run. Since you are basically unaware and unappreciative of others' strengths, you aren't able to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

A rebel at heart, you tend to see society as your adversary and thwart authority at every turn.

Your self-centeredness makes relationships difficult, for you can't seem to see another's point of view or to adjust your behavior to accommodate someone else's needs. Your sex drive is strong, but when it comes to tenderness and affection you fall short. You are inclined to think of your partners as conquests rather than lovers, and sex with you resembles hard rock music: fast, rough, adolescent and without much variation in mood, style or tempo.

Though you can be abrasive and annoying at times, you possess an endearing, childlike quality that makes people enjoy being around you. Your enthusiasm is infectious, and your unabashed, up-front, uncomplicated manner never leaves doubts about your motivations or intentions. You can be irresponsible and careless at times, but you are also honest, fun-loving and willing to stand up for what you believe. Your greatest failings are the result of your impatience, haste and self-centredness. Your greatest strengths are your optimism, courage, drive and vitality.

(Sasha Fenton)

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac and therefore represents the springtime of life. Arians are considered to be straightforward, honest and enthusiastic about life. However, I can't help thinking that there are so many successful Arian politicians and would-be politicians that, despite their straightforward manner and approach, they can also be pretty crafty. Of course, political leaders do come from all areas of the zodiac, but Arians or those who have very strong Aries features on their charts are well represented at or near the top of any organisation. This is odd in one way, because Arians lack confidence and need a strong and supportive partner if they are going to get anywhere. The more successful Arians seem to have the knack of picking just the right sort of partner to support their aims.

The strongest Arian trait is competitiveness, and this exists even among those who don't appear competitive at first glance. The Arian may compete in the usual manner, by trying to be the most successful in his career or in hobbies, sports and games. Others push their children to succeed or push themselves to pass examination in order to prove that they have intellectual superiority. On the subject of Arian competitiveness, I vividly remember an occasion where a group of psychics rented space at a 'psychic and mystic' exhibition. Plonked right at the front of the available space was the inevitable Arian, his table piled high with knick-knacks for sale, fake flowers flopping about everywhere, busily catching the eye of every passer-by who could be persuaded to have a consultation. At the end of the festival, the Arian, complete with the lion's share of the

takings, rushed off home only to lose the lot to a couple of overgrown, but not yet independent, children and a rapacious spouse.

Ariens are quick on the uptake and impulsive in small ways, but they are not so quick to make major changes, preferring the security of a marriage, a settled home and a secure job. If marriage doesn't work out for them, they can happily live alone, thereby avoiding the possibility of dealing with matters of dependence. Most Ariens have many friends and acquaintances because they have an open and non-hostile manner and genuinely enjoy helping others. However, some Ariens have such an overwhelming personality that they frighten less outgoing members of the zodiac. Some Ariens are quite aggressive, and even those who appear to be mild have an aggressive or demanding streak hidden away somewhere. One friend of mine who had divorced an apparently meek and gentle Arien on the grounds of unreasonable behaviour told me that the whole weight of Arien aggression, determination and overriding need to have his own way at all costs showed itself in the bedroom.

One thing which I have invariably found is that Ariens love words and language. They read extensively and usually have a large vocabulary. Their spelling is excellent and they have a precise way of writing and expressing themselves. They are conscious that they can express themselves well, and often use this as a weapon against less able people. Ariens have a very quick sense of humour and can range from enjoying a good joke and being very funny themselves to being unpleasantly cutting and sarcastic. Other factors on each individual chart will determine how considerate the Arien may be towards other people's feelings, because the pure Arien type is self-centred, selfish and apparently uncaring. This is the sign of the military leader who needs to 'get the job done without regard to the finer details such as who gets hurt or what gets destroyed. However, no sign is absolutely black and white, and Ariens are saved from inhumanity by their ability to empathise with the feelings of others and by their desire to help. There must be a few Aries wimps around somewhere although I, personally, haven't yet met any.

The typical Arien is short to middling in height, skinny when young but square or rounded in appearance later in life. Ariens who belong to white races have very pale skin and blonde, light-brown or red hair, while even those who belong to oriental, mediumcoloured or mixed races tend to have a fairer skin than their counterparts. Arien hands and feet are small and blunt. Some Ariens comment when buying new shoes that the boxes they are stored in fit better than the shoes themselves. They also have a prominent 'seat'. Aries subjects move and walk quickly, and often finish a job of work before others have even got around to starting.

There is another quite distinct Aries type. This one is tall and thin, with bony features and heavily rounded 'George Robey' eyebrows. This type of Aries subject seems to have a stronger and more awkward type of personality than the small, square ones.

Weak spots for health are the head, eyes, the upper jaw and upper teeth; all Ariens seem to get headaches when they are stressed. Ariens are a pretty healthy lot on the whole, but they can go down with sudden feverish ailments, and they are also prone to accidents, cuts and burns due to haste or carelessness. Ariens have little patience with illness either in themselves or in those around them, and they prefer to ignore it whenever possible.

The typical Arien likes to work among people in a large organisation which helps the public in some way. Many can, therefore, be found in the police, civil service, teaching and hospital administration. These subjects make good, if sometimes rather impatient, administrators, and can organise others without putting their backs up. Their cheerfulness and lack of jealousy towards others makes them good working colleagues, but their tendency to say or do things without thinking first can land them in trouble. Ariens are drawn to the military and paramilitary fields either as a career or as a parttime involvement. Oddly enough, many Ariens are attracted to religious or philosophical groups, and can work for the public in those areas too. Many find work in what were once considered to be the masculine worlds of engineering and technical drawing, as well as mining and ship-building. A quick round-up of some Arien acquaintances offers one who is a head in a large college of adult education, a policeman, an insurance administrator, an engineer-draftsman, the manager of a communications business, an executive of an electricity generating organisation, and a gifted medium who is the secretary of the British Astrological and Psychic Society. One of these is also a part-time soldier, while another is involved with the Salvation Army. If the Arien has planets in nearby Taurus, he could work in the building trade or as an architect, and he will also be keen on music and the arts.

Aries hobbies include quasi-military interests such as serving in the territorial army and various other forms of 'dad's' army, navy or air force. They can also be found in the scout movement and similar organisations. Many Ariens love music or the arts; and they may collect artistic goods of one kind or another. Most of them are energetic people who need to be out of doors at least once a week, and who, therefore, may take up a sporting activity, or boating or gardening as a hobby. Ariens are impulsive and adventurous people who will take off at a moment's notice when offered an opportunity of having fun.

Ariens seem to have a strange attitude to money because, while they love the stuff to death, they seem to find it hard to deal with. Some Ariens feel so uncomfortable with budgetary matters that they leave these entirely to their spouses. Others prefer to take this out of their spouse's hands altogether and deal with the whole of the family's finances on their own. Most Ariens work hard and actually manage to make good money, but they may then lose a good deal of this to mendacious relatives or ex-spouses. Others are incredibly mean and penny-pinching; there seem to be no half-measures here. Anyone who finds themselves married to an Aries should either not think too much about money, or keep their finances completely separate.

All Ariens love to shop, and will buy any amount of goods for their homes, their hobbies and themselves. They love new clothes, and they often have wardrobes bulging with every kind of fashion. This is not helped by the fact that they hate to throw anything away or to waste time organising their wardrobes. I have one Arien friend who is a devotee of garage sales, boot sales, jumble sales and second-hand shops, and he has thus cleverly managed to fit his house out in the 'contemporary' style of the 1950s which is now highly chic. Some Ariens are more interested in cars than houses, and they may own more than one vehicle.

There are many Ariends who buy every kind of sports equipment known to man - and then never use any of it. Others spend a fortune on gadgets, equipping themselves with food processors, personal stereos, mobile telephones, novelties for the car, yoghurt makers and every other kind of new gismo which comes on the market. Musical Ariens buy the best sound systems that they can afford for their homes and cars, while many spend a good deal of time and money on creating gardens and growing indoor plants. Most Ariens are practical and capable when it comes to do-it-yourself jobs, dressmaking and the like, and they won't hesitate to tackle quite large tasks, even if these really are beyond their capabilities.

Ariens are relaters who would rather be part of a family than on their own. However, a good many of them do seem to live alone, either because they have difficulty in finding or keeping a partner or because they have been hurt in the past and are worried about getting hurt again in the future. The vast majority of Ariens are surrounded by their families and will take care of their parents, children, in-laws and anyone else towards whom they feel a responsibility. However, these subjects are saved from being latter-day saints by their tiresome, impatient natures. Ariens are energetic and restless, always looking for something to do when they are at home, which means that on any reasonable weekend they can be found tearing down walls, building boats in the front garden, scattering tools around, and stamping about in fits of rage. An Aries man will use his wife's best vegetable knife and newest tea towel when servicing the car, and, for an encore, take the dishwasher to pieces half an hour before dinner guests arrive. Many Ariens are desperately untidy but, of course, there are many exceptions to this rule.

Aries women cannot help running the lives of everyone around them, giving orders like an army general and expecting everyone around to jump to their commands. Even exhusbands and wives are 'looked after' in this way. Ariens love to sit down a visiting friend in a comfortable chair with a nice cup of coffee and a biscuit in hand, start an interesting conversation, and then walk out of the room leaving their visitor talking to himself.

Ariens have strong allegiances to their chosen political views, often being strongly left- or right-wing. Some have violent racial or religious prejudices, while others genuinely love people of all creeds, colours and classes. Their strong political feelings probably account for the large number of Ariends who do actually go into politics and subsequently reach

high office. When these subjects take up some specific kind of belief, philosophy or ideology, they embrace it wholeheartedly without being able to see the weaknesses or drawbacks in it. They may become so deeply involved in such interests that it becomes impossible to have any kind of discussion with them, without their chosen point of view being dragged into it. This is fine if their partner shares their views, or if he / she can go deaf whenever these subjects creep into the conversation, but if the partner cannot cope with this, the relationship hasn't much of a chance. It is not a good idea to live with an Arien if one cannot drive and does not own a car, because Aries subjects either drive like maniacs, shouting insults at other drivers, or sit resolutely in the middle lane, travelling at a steady 30 mph.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

Ariens are honest, straightforward and somewhat naive; their motto is 'Goodness, I hadn't thought of that!' However, their partners always know where they stand, because the Arien is incapable of deviousness or manipulative behaviour. To some extent, what you see is what you get. It is not a good idea to compete with an Arien, and it is better for their partners to be in a different line of work from them. Aries partners need quite a bit of support themselves because, despite their pomposity, they don't have much confidence in their own abilities.

Anyone contemplating taking up with an Arien had better give a bit of thought to the subject of sex. If your personal pattern runs to a quick fumble on birthdays and anniversaries interspersed with late night bible readings and a cup of hot cocoa at bedtime, you had better think again. A friend of mine who had a lengthy affair with an Arien told me that she could only recall four occasions when they spent time together without actually making love. Aries women are either highly sexed or absolutely uninterested in the whole business. This is, of course, an all-or-nothing sign. Aries men, however, seem to be very ardent. Ariens can and do experience love in a purely poetic way, mooning about some dream lover from a distance, but they are more likely to put themselves in touch with their own feelings and also to express those feelings in a horizontal position!

If an Arien fancies someone, he / she will make their feelings plain and will manoeuvre the object of their desire out of their clothes as soon as possible. Bed, in the case of Ariens, is more of an image or an idea than a necessity, because they will happily make love in the car, up against a tree in the local park, in a lift which is stranded between floors, or any of a thousand other unlikely places. A particularly favourite spot is the office, because there is something particularly delicious about enjoying an illicit session on such 'hallowed ground'. Sexually experimental and very oral, these subjects like nothing better than a tumble under the dining-room table. Whatever does or doesn't happen, even when the love-making stops, Ariens have the most wonderful sense of humour. However, Ariens can be surprisingly jealous and possessive, especially if they have planets in nearby Taurus; and, while they may 'play' away from home if they can

get away with it, they cannot really cope with this being done to them.

The Arien may be impatient with his parents or in-laws but he won't abandon them in times of trouble, and he can always be relied upon to help out financially. When the Arien becomes a parent, he puts his heart into the job. He will provide every kind of educational material for his children and will go to endless trouble and expense to see them enter the best possible schools and colleges. His competitiveness most certainly extends to his children and, if they don't or can't make the grade, he may lose all interest in them. Aries parents have no time for a timid, fussy or awkward child. As the parent or in-law to adult children, the Arien will either leave them alone to live their lives as they wish or, more-likely, will try to control and dictate to them.

As a child, the Arien can be a demanding handful because he is full of energy and is easily bored. Some Arien children, especially girls, are studious and clever, but many of them are disinclined to study. To some extent, parents should insist on school attendance and homework being completed, but if the Aries child is not really keen, then too much parental pressure will turn him off study altogether. An Aries boy may be better at coping with something practical such as construction tasks or making objects out of clay.

These children need a physical outlet such as karate, dancing, sailing, or anything else which has a physical and a competitive slant to it. The Aries child needs to be encouraged to share, and to be shown that there are times and places where competitive behaviour are not appropriate. He may also need to be kept under control and prevented from being ill-mannered and selfish. However, these children are not too difficult to raise because they are usually happy, healthy and self-sufficient. Honest and decent by nature whilst also being very loving, Aries children make friends easily and need the love and approval of parents, teachers and friends.

The Arien youngster may find it hard to get along with his siblings. In some cases, the Aries child may get on with one sibling but be contemptuous of another. There is no point in making him try to like the other child; if he can't, he can't, and that's that. He is far too straightforward to be nice to the sibling in front of others and spiteful behind his back.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Sun sign Arians want to stand out from the crowd, and have the will to succeed. They are basically uncomplicated, direct in their approach, and able to cope in a straightforward way with the day-to-day problems of life. They strip away everything that is not necessary to the achievement of their goals, whether these are immediate or long-term - for example, the menu for tonight's dinner or the details of a contract. Their ability to see clearly the essential elements of important decisions is both enviable and convincing.

Deep resources of determination help Arians when reacting to challenge, although a tendency to rush in regardless can cause problems. Observing these sometimes overquick reactions, one reflects that some Arians learn the hard way (some, of course, do not!)

Achievement is vital; if it is lacking, either in the career or in an all-important hobby, Arians can become physically or psychologically sick and extremely difficult to live with. This is often because of their worst Arian fault, selfishness, which is almost certain to appear to some extent during every Arian's life. Arian children must be made aware of this tendency; it is then much easier for them to recognize and counter it in later life.

Arians are extremely passionate. Just as they need fulfillment at work and at play, so they also need it sexually - probably more so than most other people. Their partners must be lively and capable of reacting well to the crackling flash of Arian sparks; joyous sexual romps with a permanent partner should not only be the prerogative of Arian youth, but also of middle and old age; otherwise, both they and their partners will suffer.

The Arian child will display the typical lively enthusiasm of all fire sign children. That enthusiasm (which will cover the widest variety of interests) can tend to fade quickly, however, and before spending much money on some new craze, parents should be aware that their Arian child may soon lose patience with the new and expensive piece of equipment and push it out of sight, ready for the next enthusiasm.

Patience is not an Arian strong point, so progress at school may be patchy. One hopes that surges of enthusiasm for study will come at the right time - just before important tests or examinations. Happily, the Arian has only to fail one examination and see friends moving ahead before becoming extremely concerned about catching up and reestablishing a lead; such a disaster will not happen twice.

Restrictive discipline doesn't suit young Arians. Sensible rules will be accepted provided they are explained, but the Arian spirit will refuse to be dampened by silly regularions which have no apparent justification.

Arians make very lively parents. They have delightfully simple, almost child-like, natures which are never entirely suppressed - seen, for instance, in the way a subject assesses a situation or faces up to a problem. Arian parents should find no difficulty in tuning in to the real emotions of their children. They will also be happy to encourage them in any number of enterprises and out-of-school activities: every hour will be packed with incident. However, not all children necessarily share their parents' enthusiasms, and an Arian should not drag a child off to a ball game simply because he wants to go. The child might be happier at home with a good book, or - if the abundant Arian energy has been inherited - at ballet class. Such a situation can reflect Arian selfishness: doing what Aries wants, rather than what the child wants.

Just as an Arian schoolchild must be given his or her head, so a certain freedom of expression is necessary in the career. A boring and routine job may have to be tolerated but, in that case, stimulating outside hobbies must also be established.

A noisy, busy environment is meat and drink to an Arian - a stuffy, claustrophobic office is not. In choosing careers, the Arian could consider engineering or the electronics industries, the armed services or perhaps psychiatry or dentistry. But above all, the Arian should make for fields that enable him or her to move out in front of the crowd and become a successful pioneer of some kind. Arians are ambitious, but the achievement of that ambition is just as important as what is achieved. And the Arian will then be asking 'What next?'

A good head for business is usual, and Arians can be very enterprising; many enjoy organizing their lives so that they have two sources of income. If enterprise and caution can be combined, a lot of money can be made, but a steadying influence is sometimes needed if it is not to be frittered away.

Change is usually taken in the Arian stride, especially if progress can be seen to depend upon it. These people's lively spirits will accept challenge and, while many will look forward to relaxing once they have retired, after a week or two they will revive an old interest or establish a new one. By then, they may have cultivated more patience and can even end up with a new career rather than merely a new hobby. In any case, they will not want their standard of living to drop when they retire.

Arians need plenty of exercise to keep their systems in good condition. This is necessary for everyone, of course, but for Arians it is as vital as breathing. They will, in general, be so enthusiastic that you may have to remind them to modify exercise routines and sporting interests as time passes, if their systems are not to be overstrained.

The head is vulnerable; a tendency to knock and bump the head when young will probably result in early visits from the Tooth Fairy. Arians' natural tendency to rush about carelessly may result in cuts, bruises and even minor burns. The motto 'More haste, less speed' is a valuable one for these people; they enjoy working with all kinds of tools, and again carelessness may court disaster. Arians enjoy spicy food, but it is not usually good for them. They have hearty appetites, and thrive on traditional, rather than elaborate, dishes.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

Aries, the first sign of the Zodiac, is the sign of new beginnings. The Arian's present life indicates a new cycle in his personal evolutionary development. Arians are aggressive and direct in expressing themselves. The key phrase for Aries is 'I am'.



Arians are full of creative energy and enthusiasm (because Aries is a fire sign ruled by Mars and Pluto); and, because Aries is a cardinal sign, Arians initiate new activities, which keep them occupied until the novelty wears off.

These people have a tremendous psychological drive to prove themselves through action. Arians are not satisfied merely to intellectualize about their concerns; they are impatient to do something about them.

If Arians can learn to think before taking action, their energetic natures will enable them to accomplish much. However, their impulsiveness and inability to listen to the advice of others tend to involve them in difficulties. Arians are likely also to be impatient, and do not always finish what they start, leaving follow-up activities to those with fixed and mutable signs.

Since they are highly competitive, Arians seek to be first and best in whatever they do. They make good leaders, seeking fame and recognition more than wealth and comfort. However, because of their desire for authority and superiority, they are sometimes overly aggressive and prone to use force rather than reason and diplomacy in dealing with others. If they do not possess the necessary wisdom and experience to back up their craving for leadership, they can appear foolish. Arians must be first! But much of their strength arises out of their refusal to admit defeat. They are never daunted by failure, and will always seek new avenues of expression.

Arians need to learn the lesson of love, so that they can relate to others and reach out to them with consideration. By reflecting on the overall consequences of their actions, they can learn this lesson.

The more highly evolved Arian types possess great willpower, spiritual self-confidence, and regenerative ability, due to the Sun's exaltation in this sign.

(Robert Hand)

You are very energetic and spirited. It is difficult for you to wait for other people, even your parents, and you tend to be impatient if events don't move as quickly as you would like. For this reason, you prefer to work by yourself, if you find that others aren't moving as quickly as you do. This may cause you to become totally wrapped up in yourself, simply because you aren't relating to others enough and are not paying enough attention when you do. You have a mind of your own, and you do not care if anyone else agrees with you. You resent it fiercely when people try to impose their thinking or their methods on you.

You like to be the first to do everything, and often you take risks that others consider unwise, because you want to be known for doing something that no-one else will do. Just be careful to avoid real trouble, and try to listen to what others have to say. They

are not always trying to get in your way; in fact they may be trying to help you.

You are rather quick to anger, but you do not hold grudges. As soon as your angry mood passes, which is usually quite quickly, you are willing to forget and forgive. However, while you are angry you act rashly and may say things that you will regret.

In talking with other people, you prefer to be simple and direct; and whenever possible you are honest, simply because it makes life easier and simpler. Just be careful not to be so blunt that you hurt people's feelings, since some people are emotionally hurt more easily than others. You may also be rather competitive, which may alienate some people; but most will realize that your competitiveness is good-natured and not intended to harm.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a brave and impatient heart. You have the will to show a way forward - boldly and assertively, without being arrogant or pushy. Your life should be led in a spirit of championing the underdog, as opposed to always wanting to win. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is honest and direct, and / or blunt and hard.

You generate a bright spontaneity that encourages Other to be more aware of simply being, and to live in and for the moment. You have an independence and straightforwardness that is refreshing and makes Other want to know where you are going. You have an air of heroism as you protect the weak and fight for the oppressed.

You can alienate Other with a childish naiveté that is tiresome and short-sighted; with a simplistic attitude that overlooks the subtleties and sensitivities of Other, causing him / her to avoid what is boring, annoying or upsetting about you; and by being arrogant and boastful, or coming on tough.

You overemphasize your air of independence in order to be seen as you'd like to actually feel. You exaggerate how soon you'll be able to achieve an objective, and so you fall short and appear ridiculous. You present a desire to win at all costs, rather than simply doing your best.

You can feel weak when it is made only to clear what or who you depend upon, for whatever reason; when it seems that you are not getting anywhere; and because you feel you have lost, when you could simply be learning a lesson.

When alone, it is probably for one of two reasons, but they both come under the heading of 'enforced independence'. The first one is that you have never allowed Other to see the 'Little Lamb' inside you, and have only shown the forceful, independent Ram. People tire of such a seemingly two-dimensional nature, and ultimately let you be as alone as you like to be thought independent. If you think you have 'chosen' to be on your own

because of Other's failings, then you will have only your ego for company for some time. The second reason is the converse of the first one - too much Lamb and not enough Ram. Failing to assert yourself and act independently, without approval from Other, becomes very unstimulating and burdensome for Other. He or she will be forced to look elsewhere for this, while still possibly maintaining a guilt-motivated link with you.

(Grant Lewi)

Aries's great independence is a symptom of vitality and physical energy, and becomes intellectuallized later in life, if at all. The highest type of Arian becomes capable of idealizing and universalizing his love of independence, which has its source in egocentricity. The first ambition of the Arian is to be first. He is an inveterate contestant, a professional competitor. His object is not so much the material stake as the glory of winning. He will never boast about coming in sensong; the also-rans he beats impress him less than the one fellow who beats him and thus steals his rightful place at the head of the profession. Literally as well as figuratively, this first-ness shows. Your Arian walks one step ahead of his companions, goes through doors first, and has the first word (and often the last) in any argument. He loves arguments, not as a means of arriving at truth so much as a means of demonstrating that he can come out in front. He often wins by sheer noise and vitality - that is, he makes the other fellow cry uncle. Aries is frequently original in his efforts to be first; and, when not original, is sure to be novel. Any Arian who doesn't understand the difference between originality and novelty should study the two words till he does. When and Arian is original he is a pioneer, an inventor, a great thinker. When he is only novel, he is putting first his ego ideal to be first and neglecting to make his ideas sound and his methods practical. He thus loses the benefit of his energy, his genius and his ambition. All the bugaboos of the ego beset the Arian, and he must beware of self-centredness. This can make him arrogant, conceited, self-pitying, selfassertive; and, in the face of opposition or restraint, can lead to delusions of persecution in mild or acute form. To forget self, to become absorbed in mental matters, to put ideas first, and to make sure that originality (or novelties) rest on a sound basis of fact; to see the other fellow's point of view, and to regard the other fellow's needs, wishes and desires just as seriously as his own,... are the means by which Aries may emphasize his great good points and ensure that his desire to be first shall actually cause him to be first.

(John Townley)

Your fiery inner drive makes you the motivating force in any relationship. You tend to have so much physical and sexual energy that you can awaken all sorts of feelings in your partner, even feelings that have long been dormant.

It would be a good idea, however, to bank your fires a bit. Even though you may be overflowing with energy, your partner may tire more quickly, both physically and emotionally, which you must take into consideration. A calmer approach would be good

for you personally as well, because your appetite for experience is voracious; overindulgence prevents you from savoring each valuable moment of a love affair.

It is wise to read about sexual technique or learn the ins and outs of lovemaking with a highly skilled lover, because in your eager enthusiasm, you often brush past many of the finer points of sex. You will find a wealth of pleasure in lovemaking if you slow down and linger over each step, even though your high energies are pushing you to go faster. That inner high-intensity flame can heighten the details of love if you govern it. Few people have your ability to etch every experience into your mind and body

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Aries individuals feel they have the right to do as they please; to display independent action and thought; to act on a whim without regard for protocol, timing, or the wishes or opinions of others.

Static:

When your attention focuses on gaining recognition for your independence from others, you may unknowingly act in ways that result in disruption and alienation. Wanting to be recognized as your own person, you can resist co-operating in team efforts. When you behave with rashness and lack of consideration, you experience other people blocking your path of action. Thus, using your natural independence in a way that dominates by insisting that others put you first can result in a lack of confidence when they fail to respond.

Dynamic:

When your attention is on sharing your talents and abilities with others, you notice how your independent action can be an inspiration to them. By being aware of this natural leadership, you can encourage those around you to express their independence and thus eliminate the need for constant battle. Recognizing your own talents in contributing a quick, courageous assertion of your positive spirit enables you to inspire others. This leaves you free to exit on the desired positive note. Awareness of this impact allows you to express your exuberance in ways that endear you to others. Then you will find others responding with love and appreciation for your dynamic energy.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: the power of individuality manifests through personal initiative.

Symbol: rays of a rising Sun splash the sky with streaks of red and gold.

Aries is the springtime sign of the zodiac. People born at this rosy dawning of the year are set to spring into activity. They glory in launching new enterprises, even while

leaving previous projects for others to finish. They are direct, headstrong, and aggressive. like the fabled prince who mounted his charger and dashed off in all directions, the Arian must be ever on the go. His main problem is to control his impulses and avoid scattering his forces.

Mars, as ruler of Aries, intensifies its hotheaded disposition. The exalted Sun adds executive power, energy, vitality, and optimism. Since the effects of an exalted planet are as favorable as those of the ruler of a sign, the placement of the Sun in Aries, at the head of the zodiacal procession, is conducive to individual accomplishment. Arians may not achieve the fame of Librans and Aquarians (signs in which the Sun is less strongly placed) because they refuse the curry favors from others and may be downright undiplomatic in the pursuit of their aims. However, they have the boldness to assert their own ideas and are known as the pioneers of the zodiac.

The Sun shines regally from the center of the solar system, while Mars, its marshal, issues commands and enforces its will. Careful attention should be paid to the aspects of Mars in the horoscopes of persons born with the Sun in Aries in order to ascertain the direction their drive for objective self-expression is likely to take.

'Solarians' have a fervent longing for independence and like to fancy themselves to be free souls. As leaders, they sway the destiny of others but soon grow impatient with the restraints imposed by mundane responsibilities. They aspire to know the truth, yet contrive to avoid becoming burdened by the consequences of their truth-seeking endeavors. When their affairs become too complex they wield the cutting edge of Mars as a sword to sever knots of bureaucratic red tape. Then, oblivious to the havoc in their wake, they march forward fearlessly in search of new fields to conquer.

The Arian moves people to action through the heat of his personal enthusiasm. He is an idea man, but frequently someone else must do the groundwork if his concepts are to take route in the material world. He may also be a rolling stone who, if permitted to go first, will clear a path on which others may walk. However, if relegated to the rear, he may roll on heedlessly mowing down all who are so foolish as to impede his progress. There is nothing rancorous about this flattening of obstructing objects. He is what he is, and that is all there is to it.

Aries people suffer from their own carelessness, recklessness, and immoderate behavior - qualities which may, in turn, inflict suffering on others. Theirs can be the unwitting selfishness that results from excessive impulsiveness. Utterly spontaneous and moved by the mood of the moment, immature types may be so blithely unaware of their adolescent self-centeredness that it is impossible to resent them, especially since their intentions are nearly always honorable. Although seldom deliberately unkind, they may fail to consider the effects of their words or the far-reaching implications of their casual conduct.

The more evolved Arians will never say 'die', but are ever ready to rise to new and more adventurous challenges. Their feeling is that the whole day lies ahead and they are eager to be up and doing.

(Myrna Loftus)

Aries is the point of all beginning. The person with his Sun in Aries is in the process of building a new personality. All the energies are self-centred and self-directed. Before one can give oneself away, there must be something to give.

The Arian assumes authority quickly, but must resist the impulse to 'ram' ahead, pushing whoever is there out of the way. It is natural for the Arians to assume authority and responsibility. They can be inspired forces within a group. There is a joyousness and enthusiasm about the Arians. Thus, they are an inspiration to others. Ideas and creative projects seem to flow from them in a never-ending stream. They are full of energy and never lack courage.

However, they can, also, project the negative traits of their Sun sign. Because of this, you will find Arians who are self-centered. They are apt to forget that other people may have good ideas and can assume responsibility, too. This makes it difficult to form a partnership with an Arian. It is, also, difficult for an Arian to be an employee. Their natural instinct is to be the employer. They have a tendency to start a project then to suddenly lose interest in it if the progress is too slow or things have become too complicated.

These people have a gift for waking up in an environment they find themselves in. They do not sit quietly in a corner waiting for someone to speak to them.

They are not subtle or devious. If they want something, they go after it. Both sexes enjoy having a career as well as being attracted to community or political activities where they can use their talent for leadership.

They like people, but they may drop out of orbit while pursuing new interests. In six months, they may be back again as if no time had elapsed.

In love, they are passionate, with strong sexual feelings.

They are usually healthy, because they move around enough to exercise their bodies. This produces good circulation. They rarely overeat. Their head is the most vulnerable spot. They are prone to headaches due to tension. They almost always end up with some type of injury to their head. You will find a number of small scars on their head from running into things or from accidents.

Aries is a positive, masculine sign. Women who are Aries have some difficulties in

relationships, because they are likely to be far too positive, opinionated, and masculine. They have to learn to build in their feminine side and be willing to be quiet and receptive.

Fire, the element of Aries, is symbolic of Aries' burning desire to keep pushing onward against all obstacles. They react similarly to a horse with blinders on, looking neither to the right nor to the left, but straight ahead to their destination.

Arian parents tend to push their children too hard in school. Their lack of patience doesn't help, either. Even so, they make good parents.

As children, Arians are noisy and full of energy. They must be doing something every minute. Firm discipline is needed, but it shouldn't be too strict, either. They like games and sports, for they have a large amount of energy. There is a tendency to run high fevers.

The three things an Arian should learn are: (1) patience, (2) conservation of energy, and (3) completion.

## 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 ♐ Sagittarius 1° 22'**

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

Static

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

You may unconsciously search for the elusive ideal of the perfect solution that gives you

proof of your righteousness. In the absence of an ultimate ideal, you may feel unable to act, and can become lost and confused, lacking confidence in your perspective.

### Dynamic

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

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

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

### General

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

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

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

with others in a way they can accept and appreciate.

(Tracy Marks)

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

He has much imagination - which on the positive side leads to solid, creative expression. On the negative side, this leads to daydreaming, and unorthodoxy merely for the sake of being different. The native is frank, expresses himself clearly, and is able to combine irony with humor - he loves to tell stories and to recall past events; and he is attracted to history both as a hobby and as a profession.

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

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

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

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

If inner barriers are continually erected against contacting those agitating feelings, the higher Sagittarian qualities may become distorted. You may impose a rigid belief system on your worldview; you may physically seek escape from the situation, running away from commitment to your decisions and to people. You may avoid confronting issues by adopting the ostrich position, putting your head in the sand and hoping that problems will

go away. You may dream about long-term plans, instead of applying your efforts in the present to achieve them. You may evade making decisions, defer your actions, absorb yourself in idealistic fancies rather than accept a less glamorous reality, or amplify your intellectualism at the expense of your repressed feelings.

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

Your love relationships probably are romantic friendships rather than deep emotional



commitments. You can be affectionate and enthusiastic, but your emotions are somewhat shallow and you are probably happiest with a partner who will play, socialize and go places with you. One of your deepest, most fundamental needs is to be free and unfettered; and intimacy is a bit frightening to you. As soon as you start to care about someone you begin to feel trapped. When this happens, you usually end the relationship or simply keep your emotional distance. Obviously, this can cause serious problems if you are involved with someone who is more serious and intense emotionally, such as a Scorpio- or Cancer-Moon individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Sasha Fenton)

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

Any physical problems which you may experience are more than made up for by the

excellence of your mind. Everything interests you, but you accept nothing at face value. You enjoy reading and, on the rare occasions when you watch the TV, you enjoy programs which have something to say. Some of you are deeply philosophic in your manner of thinking. You may have been brought up in a religious family, rejected their ideas, and later on found others which suited you better. There are many solar and lunar Sagittarians in the spiritualist movement and also in the psychic world, all trying to make life that bit more meaningful for others. You are intuitive, exceptionally clairvoyant, and probably a good healer as well, although you may not yet have discovered that you have these gifts.

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

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

The Moon is associated with the home, and Sagittarius is a dextrous sign; therefore, you should be good at do-it-yourself jobs and also cooking. This might at first seem a

peculiar thing to say, as the vast majority of you will spend as much time away from the home as you can, and would hate to spend your lives decorating and cooking. However, I have noticed that all lunar Sagittarians are absolutely inspired when it comes to cooking for guests; and, even if you don't actually do the decorating yourself, your tastes and choices in materials and décor would be perfect. If there is some Cancer on your chart, you would definitely go in for home carpentry work. Whatever you do, you don't like mess and dirt, and cannot stand living in chaotic surroundings. You need peace and calm in the home, as you expend a lot of energy in your career, and need to refresh yourself in a peaceful, loving atmosphere at home in order to rest your delicate nervous system.

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

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

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

deliver anything at all! Very strange. You couldn't cope with someone who lays the law down to you: under those circumstances, you would assert your independence.

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

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

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

You don't give up on a relationship at the first hurdle; you try to do all that you can to make it work. You will adapt your own nature and your own needs to that of the partner

as far as you can in order to make the relationship work. There is a possibility that you could find yourself stuck with a partner who suffers from some kind of mental illness. I discovered while researching this book that lunar Sagittarians have many connections with mental illness, whether through senile parents, a schizophrenic child or a dotty spouse. There are times when you are so busy trying to adapt to their unrealistic behaviour that you begin to wonder just who is the dotty one!

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

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

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

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

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

surroundings. You are stubborn enough to finish what you start, but you may start too many projects and then become worn out from trying to do them all at once.

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

The urge to move forward physically and intellectually is very strong - impatience when waiting in traffic jams, for instance, is common! These individuals will enjoy feeling that

their intellect is being stretched, but can sometimes give the impression of knowing and understanding much more than is really the case.

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

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

You gravitate towards expansive, cosmopolitan Others where travel, abundance and sophistication are the style; towards Others who are outgoing and exciting, often with



strong opinions and beliefs; and Others who are easy going and fun to be with.

You can get caught up in relationships which promise far more than they deliver, showing you that indulgence or a want of ease makes for being a poor judge; in situations that have no meaning and drive you to despair until you discover what you believe in for yourself; and in a relationship with an unstable Other.

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

## **Moon ☾ in 10th House**

(Haydn Paul)

You may feel a need to achieve recognition, public status, and success; and these high expectations are influential and motivating forces which determine many of your eventual choices and decisions.

The primary source of this may come from childhood experiences, where your parents held high ambitions for your future, whether realistically or not. This may be related to your 'social class', and to parental aspirations. You may have received projections of parental wish-fulfillment, especially from your mother, who may have wanted you to achieve or experience something that she was unable to reach. It may be that the life you have been living is a reflection of parental desires rather than resulting from your own needs and desires. One way of determining this is to evaluate how satisfying your life-style feels. If it does not satisfy, first define your attitudes and try to establish if they are actually yours or have been absorbed unconsciously from others. If they are conditioned attitudes, consider if they are still suitable or should be changed. If they are your attitudes, reconsider your objectives and aims, or refocus with greater determination to achieve them.

You seek approval from others, as if you were a child wanting reassurance from parents. In so doing, you conform to others' expectations of you, and often deny your feelings, instincts, and freedom. If social approval is achieved, you feel more secure, developing a sense of community and belonging; you need to feel wanted and safe, and may gravitate toward careers that have a high social profile or status. Becoming an authority in some sphere is attractive, and having others rely on you also appeals. You are extremely concerned about what others think about you. By trying to ensure that only good opinions are formed, you create a persona that reflects a social image appropriate to your role. If taken to extremes, this can cause severe personality repression of characteristics that fail to match this ideal. This can also create personality fragmentation, and should be avoided.

Become a whole person; acknowledge your totality and do not condemn any part as failing to meet expectations, your own or those of others. You need greater selfinsight, identifying deeper needs which demand satisfaction and nurture, and taking time to fulfill them. The result will be extremely beneficial and will allow integration through defining your identity. Self-denial is a route toward fragmentation, and is an unwise action which sows seeds for eventual suffering. You need to accept and love yourself, becoming less dependent on the transient or inaccurate opinions of others; living from your own light is more revealing than living through reflected light.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for success, prestige, and renown. People with the Moon at the top of the chart often have most success working with or for women. A woman - whether their mother or someone else - may influence their choice of a career and help them get started.

Women with this position rarely remain financially dependent on their husbands. Usually they start early to earn their own living, and even with children, generally keep on working, often managing a full-time career. They are usually good at organizing and managing others, especially other women. Often, they marry men who depend on them, at least the first time, as it is a pleasure, at first, to be looked up to as the organizer and protector. Later, they usually want to escape from such a relationship; not to one where they are dependent on a man, but to a wider sphere for their managerial talents. They don't relish dependency, and have little respect for those who do. With the Moon in a Water sign, they may understand emotional dependency - but they will still want out.

Men with the Moon in the tenth often marry women with more drive and ambition for them than they have for themselves. Often, they will go into business as a team, with her providing the ideas and drive. In any case, she generally 'wears the pants'. Such men often have strong-minded and ambitious mothers as well. It is usually best for men with this lunar position to wait until their careers are established before they marry. This way, they will meet their mates working in their own career field, and the working relationship

will be the foundation of their emotional lives. Whatever their relationships with women, they will find it hard to keep them private. Somehow the spotlight always finds them.

People with the Moon in the tenth house have a feeling for the public. They know instinctively what 'the people' need and want, and are clever at molding themselves into an image that will arouse public enthusiasm. The public gives its heart to those who somehow can express what it feels but cannot express for itself.

This placement is a very strong testimonial to a public career, although supportive aspects are necessary to make it permanent and successful because there are facets other than popularity that must be present. With just a tenth house Moon, there may be too great a hunger for popularity for its own sake. If so, they may appear to have no strong will of their own.

With squares, oppositions, or inconjuncts to the Moon, there is a tendency to a loss of self-control under pressure that can bring unfortunate results.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Maternal energy is quite powerful in your personality, although you may not always recognize it in operation, since it's so natural for you to express. Taking care of others is a deep imprint, a responsibility you took on early, usually in reaction to your mother. In moderation, she may have been a constant presence, an unflagging model of dignified, receptive strength. In the extremes, she might have been strong and overly protective, or she could have been missing, weak, or inadequate to your needs. In any condition, you learned that it was your job to take care of others. Your protection is not limited to those in your personal life; it goes much further. It is a need to be responsive to the troubles of the world. You draw out the child within everyone, and this can be heartwarming or tragic, depending on how you do it. Your challenge is to be responsive and nurturing in ways that foster strength, and to do so spontaneously without conscious effort.

Professional ambition: Your orientation toward social status will typically be somewhat conservative, since safety is very important here. Any you may be subject to worry or greater than ordinary day-to-day concern with keeping your career world in smooth running order, since regular maintenance is at the heart of this placement. As for the actual profession you might choose, it's more natural to provide a service than to produce a product, since you're more oriented toward people than toward things. You could succeed in any profession where protection, survival, or the fulfillment of personal needs is involved. Ambition is linked with personal security.

Missions and messages: The combination of vulnerable softness under a strong, defensive surface is so radiant in your personality that others receive a universal message. Your personal emotions are sometimes downplayed to near-invisibility; but

your continual concern for the care of others' feelings is very visible. Our awareness of the basic human need for protection is stimulated when we're in your presence. We learn about mothering from you, either how to do it well, or how not to do it. In either case, your mission is to show us the meaning, process, and effects of maternal influence, the power of early imprints, and the importance of security, for better or worse.

'Outer-link' parent: The classical parental roles may have been reversed in your family. It's likely that your mother played the dominant role in your external conditioning, in the imprint of beliefs about the outside world. It's possible that your father was a feminine figure, more of a warm nurturer than a firm structuring force; but this is somewhat less likely than the first condition. The reversal itself does not present any particular problems, although it does tend to unify what are ordinarily differentiated roles of fathering and mothering.

Authority: You believe that the correct role of authority is to protect, to make secure, and to provide strength in emergencies. Your own need to be in an authoritative position is strong, but not totally conscious. In fact, you may experience conflict when you have to make a conscious choice about authority or power, since you're more comfortable just responding instinctively to what you see as others' needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong need to be involved with the public in your career; but you are easily distressed when people react unfavorably to your efforts. You sincerely want to be helpful, so don't worry if others criticize your methods. That happens to anyone who works with the public, so don't feel you are being singled out in this regard. When you see human suffering, you react instinctively to get the wheels turning right away to provide whatever help is needed. It makes you happy to know that you have provided a valuable service when it was needed most. Since you are devoted to the demands of your career, it should be spiritually uplifting to know that many people consider you indispensable.

No one understands people as well as you do; and your sympathetic concern makes you qualified to help them with their problems. Because of this faculty, people seek your advice, for they know you will do everything you can for them. All your life you will have to cope with this kind of situation. You may dream of the day when you can think only of yourself; but probably there will always be someone who needs your help, and you won't have the heart to refuse. For your own protection, however, it is imperative that you insulate yourself somewhat to avoid the crisis of becoming so overburdened that you lose contact with reality. You have to learn to allow yourself time and energy to use in the way you want; you need to reserve space for yourself. You should not feel guilty when you say 'no' to people who always expect you to agree to help them - it's a matter of personal survival.

You face the dilemma of trying to accommodate the demands of your career with your family's needs. You are bothered by the fact that your career sometimes intrudes on your close relationships and causes distress to your partner. If your partner is understanding, this situation should not cause too much tension between you. It is important not to lose your own identity while helping others. While it is good that you consider other people's needs as most urgent, it may mean that your own priorities will have to come second. But don't feel guilty for not doing all you can under the circumstances.

With your skill in management, you will find a way to satisfy your responsibilities to your children and family and still remain active in the career that you have chosen, which is commendable. But don't forget that you are important, too, and that you have an obligation to develop your ideas so they will serve your goals and ambitions. You shouldn't sacrifice your objectives simply because others feel they deserve your attention.

You are probably more qualified than you know; and you will receive deserved recognition for your accomplishments. Because of your natural feelings of inadequacy, you will always try harder than others to live up to the public's expectations. You have a vast storehouse of valuable information that will help you when you need it most and expect it least. Don't forget to put aside time and space for yourself; and don't let people talk you into indulging them. You deserve some time to indulge yourself without feeling guilty about it.

(Howard Sasportas)

As children, our well-being depends on our mother loving us. Those with the Moon in the 10th project the 'mother' onto the world: their safety and security needs are linked to issues of profession and status. They are extremely sensitive about their reputations, standing before the public, and what people think about them in general. No matter how mature and self-sufficient they appear, inside is a little boy or girl looking up to the mother / world and asking to be loved. Squares and oppositions to the Moon in the 10th denote other parts of the person which frustrate or do not necessarily gel with what winning that approval requires.

The person with the Moon in the 10th often exhibits, through gestures and movements, a close identification with the mother. As children, they are exceptionally responsive to her physical and emotional life. Later on, some people with this placement may even become like mothers to their own mothers. At some point, they need to sort out just where mother ends and they begin, by defining their own space and physical reality.

The career or profession may reflect mothering qualities: serving and catering to other people's needs, feeding them, housing them, nursing them, etc.. Career issues will elicit and expose their feelings and emotions. Bosses or authority figures may be the target

for unresolved problems with the mother or parents in general.

Some may look to the world to mother them via the welfare state. There will be a sensitivity to the moods of the public, and a potential to sway the feelings of the masses.

## Mercury ♀ in ♎ Capricorn 11° 31'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

When you indulge in Capricorn fears of losing status by not knowing the answers to everything, you can develop a pretence of being the final intellectual authority in all fields. You may use every opportunity to gather knowledge and impress others, always assuming an authoritarian attitude. This can result in alienation and a breakdown of your credibility with other people. A pretentious manner when speaking may disenchant others, provoking them to withhold information. This can lead to a constant disruption of any attempted communication.

### Dynamic

When you focus on the informational needs of others, you can effortlessly share ideas relevant to the situation. When your motive in giving information is to support others, you automatically communicate true knowledge and eliminate pretence. Relinquishing the Capricorn need to maintain authority allows others to share the information necessary for further mutual advancement.

You can cease to take yourself so seriously by paying attention to the sensitivities of others. Then you can organize the situation effectively and share authority. This opens the door for others to show appreciation and respect for your abilities.

(Grant Lewi)

You never miss a trick. You can hear the grass grow, see out of the back of your head, smell garlic three blocks off, taste the faintest suggestion of flavoring, and feel the difference in the diameter of two hairs. Your sense impressions are right down to earth: you see things for what they are, without any ifs, buts or ands. You don't intrude any judgement, any moral or aesthetic or social code, between yourself and reality. Morals and judgement may exist in your life, but they have no bearing, in your mind, on things. A sofa is a sofa. A bed is a bed. The moral aspect of these pieces of useful furniture will not occur to you till someone else thinks of it. Your practical reaction to sense impressions makes your viewpoint sanest and most authentic in the world; and you can

often help others to get down to cases by calling them back from irrelevant details to a contemplation of the real thing under discussion.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind works in a logical, orderly manner. Each thought follows upon the foundation laid by its predecessor, step-by-step. Before speaking, you carefully examine and edit your words so that what you say is sensible, clear and concise. You rarely say something you don't mean or will be sorry for later. If your Sun is also in Capricorn, you won't be very talkative, speaking only when necessary or when spoken to. You prefer to communicate only with people you know well, and are shy and self-conscious when you have to speak to strangers or before a group. (If your Sun is in Aquarius or Sagittarius, however, you'll be more open, talkative and sociable.)

Mentally practical and down-to-earth, your attention is focused on the here-and-now rather than some distant horizon. Though you may not be very creative or imaginative, you are capable of deep concentration, have a good memory, and excel at planning and organization; you get things done while others are still dreaming. Determined and persevering, you are able to focus your thoughts on a single project or idea for long periods of time; and once you put your mind to something you usually accomplish it. You are ambitious, have a good head for business, and believe in the work ethic. Your pragmatic, no-nonsense attitude can help you to succeed in the corporate world or in any field that requires common sense and clear thinking.

Your ideas and attitudes are generally conservative and traditional, and you are more inclined to look to the past for answers than to try something new or different. Cautious and sceptical, you often demand 'proof' before you'll believe something.

Although you may not learn as quickly and easily as others, you retain what you learn and find ways to apply it. It is most likely that you were a good student because you worked hard at your studies and took them seriously. You are most interested in subjects that can be used in some practical way, especially those which will benefit you professionally. Abstract ideas, philosophy, metaphysics or the arts probably don't appeal to you very much; you are more comfortable with facts and figures that you can put to work in the physical world.

Serious and rather pessimistic, you are prone to negative thinking and can be terribly critical of yourself and others. You tend to be a worrier, pensive, contemplative, and at times fearful and morbid, thinking and expecting the worst of people and situations. Such negativity can block you from achieving your goals since you sometimes believe things are worse than they are and give up before you even try.

You are a bit insecure about your mental abilities. Consequently, you work very hard to develop your intellect and want to be respected for your knowledge. Perhaps you believe

that others think you are intellectually inferior; and thus you are defensive and rather touchy in this area. In truth, you aren't as witty and quick as your Mercury in Sagittarius or Aquarius counterparts. However, this doesn't mean you aren't as bright as they are. As a child, you may have been stifled intellectually or denied a good education and opportunities to expand your knowledge. To compensate, you might go back to school as an adult, work doggedly to acquire advanced degrees, or go to great lengths to demonstrate your intelligence. Or, you might attempt to prove to others (and yourself) that you don't need a degree or intelligence to succeed, and strive to become successful and wealthy despite your 'deficiency'.

If Uranus aspects your Mercury, or if your Sun is in Aquarius, you'll be more progressive, unconventional, quick and abstract in your thinking. If Jupiter or Mars aspects Mercury in your chart, or if your Sun is in Sagittarius, you'll be more outspoken, talkative, optimistic and friendly.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Capricorn indicates a mind that is ambitious, shrewd, practical, organized, and concerned with attaining status through material accomplishments. People with Mercury in Capricorn are capable of extended concentration and good organization. They are methodical in thought and procedure, possessing the ability to take things a step at a time; and their reasoning process is thorough, but not necessarily original. Their patience and discipline can result in mathematical ability, which can be used in business or science. Mercury in this sign also gives good managerial ability, and it belongs to many successful executives.

People with this sign position will go through traditional educational procedures as a means of reaching professional goals and improving their financial and social status. In political and social ideas, they are generally conservative, and uphold the established order. They respect those beliefs that have proved their usefulness through the test of time. Since Capricorn, like Virgo, is an Earth sign, Mercury in this sign regards ideas as important only if they are of practical value.

These people are realistic rather than idealistic in their approach to their goals; they see everything for what it is, and are not to be deluded or taken in by false idealism. Since they have a keen sense of awareness, little of practical consequence escapes their notice. However, there is a danger that their seriousness and mental discipline will lead to a stern manner and a lack of humor.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, material ambition may lead to avarice and the tendency to use people to attain material goals, without regard for human values. Material status may become an end in itself, overriding human values and all other considerations.

(Julia and Derek Parker)



Although the mind usually works fairly slowly, the subject thinks in a constructive and practical way, able to form a rational and cool view of every situation. Mathematical ability is likely; but he or she will be slow when studying; and progress may be more steady than rapid. What is said is meant, and there is usually no time for idle gossip, with the subject seeming the strong and silent type. Pessimism is likely, especially if the Moon and Saturn form negative aspects, but there is often strong ambition and achievement. The approach is very matter-of-fact, and long-term planning presents few problems. Determination and decisiveness will be present unless other natal influences make the outlook bleak and depressed, when excuses may be made to cover up procrastination or lack of self-confidence. In any case, every move is calculated and made with great caution. A liking for quality and tradition is common. Achievements are often underestimated.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, Sagittarian over-enthusiasm and blind optimism are steadied. Common sense and a practical, cautious streak are added, plus the ability to cope with details. The broad Sagittarian sense of humor is spiced with the off-beat Capricorn slant, making the subject very funny at times. Sagittarian restlessness will be less of a problem, but versatility may be reduced.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, lively ambition and often a positive outlook is added by the Mercury placement. The subject enjoys coping with rivals, and careful planning and forethought come easily. The mind works in a very calculated and careful way, with plenty of common sense and usually excellent mathematical and scientific potential. Sometimes there is also musical ability. A measured, steady yet slow pace is common, but what is learned is done so very thoroughly indeed.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, Aquarian originality and perversity are steadied by the ability to think in a practical way, and stubbornness can be less of a problem. However, some conventionality will be added to Aquarian unconventionality, so the subject's opinions may swing between the two extremes. Some caution will be a counter to the Aquarian need for individuality and independence. A flair for science is present; and imagination will be shown in all intellectual pursuits.

(Syndey Omarr)

Mercury in Capricorn can be earthy, warm, giving, trusting, and capable of seeing only the best in others. This can lead to some situations which are sad, costly and enervating.

The astrologer's job is to help the native to use his abilities, including intuitive intellect. Perhaps, on the other hand, the real task is to have the native heed the message his common sense sends rather than disregarding facts and hoping for the best. He is industrious and works toward his goal, but doesn't always know in which direction the goal lies. He must be more discriminating and suspicious, and call upon personal

resources rather than trusting those who perhaps are not trustworthy.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a methodical, though potentially rigid, mind.

You see life in terms of tried and true procedures, thereby enabling you to grasp the essential facts of an issue and discuss things in a step-by-step, logical fashion that creates order. You see things as being efficient or inefficient, useful or useless - and so you put across to Other what you set out to put across, as well as achieving an objective that you always have in mind.

You tend not to see issues and factors concerning Other that fall outside your rigidly set view of things; Other will ultimately take advantage of this if you fail to listen and learn from him / her. You also tend not to see that Other may have plans that will include you only if you alter your agenda and criteria. So take time out to see someone who can help you achieve this.

(John Townley)

When it comes to sex, you are not overly verbal, but you are fairly clear and firm in your opinions about it. That is an advantage, in that one can suffer from too much uncertainty about sex. But don't let your set ideas cause you to become too conservative or unwilling to try something new. You could miss out on a lot that way. It is a good idea to ask your partner about what pleases him or her most in bed, because with your direct approach to lovemaking you could easily pass over something that is very important to your lover. Once you know your lover's tastes, you will take care to fulfil them in a thoughtful fashion. Be sure to ask again from time to time, for your lover's needs may change; and the more aware you are of them, the better.

It is very likely that you agree with the common views of what is normal and abnormal in a sexual relationship. But you can enjoy unusual sexual expression precisely because it is unusual and therefore exciting. If you avoid different experiences without question, your sex life will be less interesting.

Because of your self-assurance, it may seem natural to you to dominate your partner sexually. But you should try not to do this, even though it seems easiest and best for both of you at first. Instead, seek out your lover's thoughts and fantasies, and give them equal weight with yours. That kind of true interplay will always enrich your relationship.

(Robert Hand)

You like to think and plan very carefully, for you have a cautious mind, and you don't want to jump to conclusions. Your mind does not work very quickly, but your carefulness

makes up for that. You are good at organizing yourself and others, so you can direct activities if necessary. These talents may be useful in business when you grow up. You are a practical thinker, and you want to learn skills that will be useful in life.

You do not like to study abstract subjects for their own sake. You want to know about life as it really is; and unlike many people of your age when young, you don't spend times in dreams and fantasies. But be careful not to become too narrow. Many aspects of the world may not seem interesting to you at first, and your practical mind may reject them as unimportant. However, if you ignore these ideas, you may miss out on something.

Inwardly, you are a serious person, and your thoughts are serious. As a result, you may seem older than most people your age in youth, because adults feel they can rely on you. However, even though you are basically serious, you can be quite funny. You take the world so seriously that you have to make jokes about the things that bother you, in order to deal with them. Mercury in this sign is often associated with comedians.

(Freda Edis)

Ambitious and practical organizers, people with Mercury placed in Capricorn tend to a realistic mode of thought, and may be wary of any ideas which seem nebulous or unconcerned with achieving some materially secure status. Hard-working and with patient if somewhat plodding minds, these people think conventionally and methodically, one step at a time, often dismissing the joys of speculative thought as unproductive time-wasting. They value a disciplined and serious form of mental expression, and can seem to be of a humourless turn of mind as they struggle to achieve professional and material goals - there was nothing very humourless about Saturn devouring his own children through fear of being usurped. Steady and logical, though perhaps unoriginal thinkers, people with this placement incline to a thorough knowledge of practical affairs and established institutions. Some practical idealism and an acceptance of human inconsistency would help to counterbalance the depressing effects of the more negative qualities of this combination.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and rationally.

Symbol: A librarian arranges books according to a master plan.

Saturn-ruled Capricorn tinctures the Mercurial mind with patience, prudence, and practicality. People subject to this combination expedite their plans in a thorough and systematic manner, and can generally be counted on to carry out their stated intentions. Their ability to present well-timed and clearly reasoned ideas gives them a dignified and sensible demeanor. Even if they happen to be wrong, they command respect, for they seldom indulge in foolish or silly chatter.

Mercury and Saturn maintain their friendly relations with each other throughout the zodiac. Saturn issues orders which Mercury, the servant of the gods, willingly obeys. The heavy vibrations of Capricorn endow this quicksilver planet with the stability it inherently lacks, while Mercury contributes wit and skill to the Capricornian determination to succeed. A child of the happy marriage of Mercury and Saturn is the dictionary which serves as a final authority on words. While this planetary union is not inherently creative, it can, like a dictionary, serve as an invaluable aid in giving proper expression to talents shown elsewhere in the chart.

Just as the cohesiveness of the body (Saturn) is co-ordinated by the nervous system (Mercury), so is the cohesiveness of a nation derived from its system of internal communications. Ancient Rome was able to achieve greatness because of the efficiency of the communications network linking the central government with the far-flung reaches of the empire. Even after the empire collapsed, Roman writings, laws, and administrative procedures endured through the centuries. Words enabled the dead to rule the living and perpetuate the power of the past. Thus, Mercury and Capricorn co-operate to form lasting structures bound together by words and ideas.

Although this combination may give a wry humor, it is not really lighthearted since pessimism is the price Mercury must pay for Saturn's mature judgement. There is too realistic an assessment of the foibles and limitations of human nature to feel particularly cheerful about the prospects for humanity in general.

When the Sun is in Sagittarius and Mercury is in Capricorn, the mind has a longer tether. There may be greater optimism and religious idealism, but less single-minded concentration on the task at hand. As a manager, supervisor, guide, or teacher this individual may do better training others in practical skills than carrying them out himself.

Ther person whose Sun and Mercury are both in Capricorn seldom changes his mind, and should beware of becoming stiff and opinionated. Respect for tradition can impede progress as conservative Saturn freezes the Mercurial intellect into static patterns of thought. On the positive side, these individuals have the courage of their convictions, and will struggle dauntlessly to make their ideas accepted.

If the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into Aquarius, the mind is more original and independent. This is a helpful blend for organized research. It facilitates the translation of progressive concepts into the type of laboratory oratory sanctioned by the arbiters of scientific orthodoxy.

Mercury in Capricorn can be serious or censorious, exact or exacting, dogged or dogmatic. The mind concentrates and directs thought with deliberate intent, but the purposes for which this gift will be used are still contingent on the age of the soul.

(Isabel Hickey)

Good concentrative power. Dignity and earnestness. Good memory and attention to detail. Tendency to lack of humor; and can be 'heavy' because of it. Can be bored due to their lack of empathy. Down-to-earth type, which can be wonderful if they don't forget their branches reach to the sky. Old head on young shoulders. Tendency toward moodiness and sulking. Apt to be 'earthbound' and need to learn joy. Fear strong where material things are concerned. Needs to cultivate faith and optimism. School-teacher type. Makes excellent teachers and excellent diplomats if they do not overdo on intolerance and sternness.

## Mercury ♿ in 11th House

(Freda Edis)

Mercury's placement in the eleventh house can indicate the type of person who needs to exercise his intellect as part of the larger human family. This house is often where people look for intellectual friendship and companionship. It indicates the kinds of associations they join and where they find or reject group identity. People with this placement may develop an interest in gathering knowledge by promoting groups with a common purpose. They may or may not be vociferous in their interests, depending on how they use the aspects made to natal Mercury. Often they can be intellectually engaged in formulating ideas of their ideal society, which may reflect both their hopes and their social objectives.

Mercury is anyway known for his friendliness, so he is likely to feel at home in the eleventh house. Aquarius has the ability to strengthen the bonds of humanity between people; and Mercury's connective principle helps that process. We see the more realistic extension of this principle in the myth of Prometheus. Prometheus, the light-bringer, was not to be entirely divorced from his shadow side; Hermes, the god of duality, sees to that.

Aspects made by Mercury in this house to other planets will indicate how socially skilful people with this placement are.

The sign on the house cusp will also influence the way in which the thinking qualities of this Mercury placement are expressed in group or friendly activities. Mercury with Scorpio on the cusp may have a tendency to keep its thoughts to itself unless it can be sure it will be really effective in any joint activities undertaken. Mercury with Aries on the cusp may produce many original ideas in groups, but dislike the slowness of the decision-making process. Mercury's real function in any group activities is to recognize what has been left aside and to attempt to incorporate it, where possible.

People with an eleventh house Mercury may come to a realization that their effectiveness in groups and friendly activities is based on their own ability to communicate well. They then see that they need not project these qualities onto other people. There may be a desire to be open to the ideas put forward in groups which have a common and humanitarian purpose; but they may have to learn to integrate individual thought with feeling and action - otherwise, there could be a tendency to emphasize group ideas only.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Mercury strengthens the ego, making it easy to set long-term goals and stick to them. These people generally appear to be flexible and easy to get along with to those with whom they interact briefly; but over a length of time or from a distance it is apparent that they have been working inexorably towards personal goals all along. This says nothing of what kinds of goals they will choose; they may be the best possible or they may be totally irrational, linked to childhood fears, etc., but in either case these people will go after what they want until they get it, whether it is good for them or not. They will go through any number of horrific experiences, if necessary, in order to get what they want.

They are usually attractive, often with an electric quality to the personality that attracts others to them. Sometimes this electric quality is out in the open, blazing directly from their eyes; sometimes there is a veiled quality, as though masked, but waiting to blaze out.

Whatever their financial circumstances may be, they usually appear to others to be well-off and to be able to get whatever they need whenever they want it.

They appear to be unconcerned with their own image, but actually they do care immensely how they look to others. They generally think quite well of themselves, and thus it is easy for them to create an exciting style.

They may be somewhat callous toward those nearest to them. They are more interested in their own feelings than they are in the feelings of others, and more interested in those who are interested in them than they are in those who aren't. However, much as they like others to be attracted to them, they are not deceived by flattery. They like to measure their effect on others by how many they can attract, yet they themselves will also be subject to powerful attractions to individuals or groups.

They are the busy bees of ideas, carrying them from one group to another, buzzing with excitement, pollinating the mind of humanity. Yet it is not really ideas that excite them; it is the people who have the ideas; or perhaps, in their eyes, these are one and the same.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You're very curious about what other people think, and, even more than that, about what's in the 'collective mind' of the group. You're crosscultural in approach, with an ever-increasing pattern of organizational affiliations. Whether you are a joiner or not depends upon the placement of other factors (such as the Sun and Venus), but in any case, the breadth of your associations is what's important. The challenge is to extend your network until you've been exposed to every kind of cultural group, so that your mind has the broadest possible base of information.

Appropriate behavior: You're fascinated by the spectrum of conventions in social interaction. Which fork to use first, how to address a business letter, what clothes to wear to a cocktail party - these small details of social living are endlessly interesting to your mind. Most important of all are the conventions around communication: how to talk to a certain person, what is all right to say and what isn't. You love to interview others, to find out what they're thinking. It doesn't matter so much whether you follow your own or others' rules of correct behavior, but be sure to learn them all. The pitfall is gossip, while the challenge is to master the politics of information.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship is based on intelligence and the willingness to communicate. Your friends need not be the deepest thinkers in the world, but it helps if they have quick and facile minds, and are interested in a wide range of subjects. If they don't enjoy talking, they're not really your friends. You like having numerous people from whom to choose companionship, so your social circle is large and diversified. Touching base with friends is a primary interest; you want to keep up with current events in their lives. Sensitivity is not your long suit socially, so keep an eye on your tendency to gossip without regard for the truth. Based on this placement alone, friendship could be superficial. There is, of course, nothing whatsoever wrong with that leaning, since your challenge as a friend is to keep life well-stirred, to expand the mental connections between people. Be active in friendship. Go somewhere, do something together. But most of all, have a good time.

Shared creativity: Shared creativity is a mental event. It's not that you're necessarily the brains of the group, but rather that you take off from and expand the thoughts that float around the group head. Your presence encourages the free flow of ideas as well as debate over their relative merits. Your creative role is to disseminate ideas and provide constructive criticism to help perfect the group's expression.

Receiving love: You want expressions of love in verbal form. Even ordinary conversation, if sufficiently engaging, can be interpreted to contain the stamp of love. You're susceptible to a good line. What's important is a sense of stimulation, the massage of the nervous system. Love can be a delightful game of hide-and-seek. It's quite possible for you to feel loved by one person, but be enamored with the possibility of affection from another. You're an acrobat, able to juggle numerous light romances at once. The challenge is to understand that love is expressed through the mind, but that it

emanates from the heart.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are a progressive thinker with your sights set on your future goals and objectives. You have a flair for defining your goals, and you know how to solve the problems you will face. You want to be free from the demands of your career so that you may pursue personally satisfying hobbies. Luckily, you probably chose a partner who shares your dreams and who is eager to become involved in enterprises that will enrich your life together. You have always had a strong urge to be free from financial obligations. You have always known that once you satisfied your material needs, you would embark on a more exciting course, doing all those things that you couldn't do earlier because of your responsibilities.

You are valuable to your superiors because you stay informed, and you are always qualified for a higher level of responsibility. You will probably be promoted quite often during your career, and your efforts will bring you the recognition you deserve and considerable appreciation from the public. People are impressed by your genuine concern, for you show them how they can solve their problems. The public is warmly disposed toward you; and you probably have a wide circle of friends from whom you can expect favors if you need them. But you would rather not be obligated to them, preferring to use your own talents to get through any difficulties.

You feel it is critically important to continually demonstrate your creative ability. Your loved ones enhance your potentials by indulging you in your need to prove yourself. It is to satisfy your family's needs that you work so hard to exploit your potentials. You sometimes doubt whether you can satisfy the needs of the people around you, and you aren't really comfortable unless you know you've been helpful. It is especially heartwarming to know that your efforts have helped people become more self-sufficient in handling their own resources. You suffer some anxiety when lack of money delays your plans. Being financially embarrassed is particularly painful to you, for it slows you down and dampens your usual enthusiasm.

You focus on achieving financial independence, and you apply yourself energetically to that objective. You seem unusually competent in your work, and you deserve to retire early if that is what you want. Probably you won't truly retire, however, for you have many outside interests that give you much personal satisfaction. You are willing to make sacrifices while you are working to achieve your goals, because you know that you have to establish your own roots. Family obligations may have delayed the time when you could accomplish this.

It is important to you to make a substantial contribution to society, either in your career or as a private citizen. You've always felt some apprehension about your ability to carry out your plans as originally defined, although the public may never be aware of this



secret anxiety. The chances are that you more than compensate for any subtle fears about your qualifications. You should be reassured by your superiors' approval of your effectiveness.

(Howard Sasportas)

Awareness of the self and life in general is expanded through friendships and group contacts if Mercury is in the 11th. Rather than just pursuing something alone, Mercury here enhances its knowledge by seeking other people who share a similar interest. For instance, you can study astrology on your own at home with some books, or you can gather together with other people interested in it. Through your doing so, other people's attitudes, points of view and experiences of the topic enlarge your own scope and appreciation. Helpful hints can be shared, and your own opinions aired: 'Oh yes, I hadn't seen that before, but did you ever consider...'. Problems with Mercury in this house could indicate trouble communicating or being understood in groups.

Mercury in the 11th also joins organizations which promote a common belief, concept or cause. One voice becomes many: a group of people thinking something is more powerful than just one person thinking the same thing. Mercury's thoughts might dwell on the ways in which society can be improved or advanced. Mercury in the 11th feels a kinship with like minds or with other group members, and sometimes acts as the group spokesperson. Then again, they may be the one that everyone else tells to shut up so that other people can get a word in. The nature of the group itself may be 'mercurial' - debating clubs, writing societies, or networking groups which link or refer one person or group to another.

Much of the same applies to friendship. If Mercury is projected onto companions, then those with this placement may seek a friend to do their thinking and decisionmaking for them. Or a friend may turn out to be unreliable, gossiping, or the type who says one thing and then does another. An actual brother or sister may be their best friend, or a friend is sought who can be like a brother or sister to them.

## Venus ♀ in ♍ Virgo 14° 22'

(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 for 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 slobbs or at least an absence of common ground with regard to work and ways of doing things; and by sordidness, or, strangely, punctiliousness.

When you are alone, it is because no-one can live up to your rather exacting standards. And by the very nature of such fastidiousness, you can be alone more often than most - even to the point of being left on the shelf. Such bachelor- / spinsterhood may be very much to your liking, suiting your sense of purity and keeping yourself to yourself. However, if you do not think you are ready for such abstinence, then you are going to have to adjust those standards. This does not mean you have to become wanton - although occasionally you can be by way of relief from your own restraints. It is a case of being more exacting as to what those standards are rather than thm 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) the 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 7th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Relationship-orientated, co-operative, diplomatic, objective, dependent.

Traditionally signifying marriage, partnership, contracts and lawsuits, the seventh house reveals the social self - namely, how we behave in a close personal or professional relationship. Because the descendant, which commences the seventh house, is directly opposed to the ascendant, the qualities inherent in this region of the chart - as defined by its occupying and / or ruling planet(s) - are not necessarily advantageous for developing an ability to function autonomously. Corresponding to the seventh sign of Libra, the seventh house represents any situation or circumstance - marriage being the exemplar - where diplomacy, sharing and co-operation must apply.

While the planet occupying or ruling the seventh house describes our behaviour towards a personal and / or professional partner, it also demonstrates how we relate one-on-one as opposed to within a group or the community at large. Towards this end, Venus in its natural seventh house, especially if it is conjunct the descendant, accentuates the necessity for teamwork - that is, the belief that it is only through another person - whether it be friendship, business or marriage - that best efforts can be made. Possessing objectivity, or the ability to view the self through another's eyes, those with Venus in the seventh house are keenly aware that individuals or situations will elicit their best qualities and / or supply them with the kind of lifestyle they lack and may not be able to achieve themselves. Given their Venusian charm, beauty, sensuality and ability to cooperate, listen and even manipulate others, they know how to win other people over and achieve the union they so desire.

The placement of Venus in the seventh house emphasises the planet's cerebral qualities and confers an approach to life dominated by the need for harmony, romance and social acceptance. Because the self-esteem of those with this placement depends almost entirely upon the adulation of others, these individuals have carefully cultivated poised, charming personalities, agreeable dispositions and pleasing, stylish demeanours. Frequently espousing ideas that endear them to others, these beguiling and seductive individuals are loving, supportive and sexually desirable partners whose devotional strength and loyalty are the key factors in the success of any relationship.

In the professional sphere, those born with Venus in the seventh house have creative vision, diplomatic skills and keen marketing abilities - all qualities that make them desirable colleagues. Completely attuned to the needs of others, they are well-suited for careers in sales, public relations or advertising, and have an affinity for supportive roles such as receptionist, secretary or administrative assistant. Intent listeners, they also possess the potential, like Librans, to become excellent mediators, therapists,

counsellors and psychologists or, if their charts display a powerful Martian influence, attorneys with commanding presence and persuasive abilities. (Although people with seventh house emphases are fascinated with legal principles, it is a strongly placed Mars that makes them eminently suitable for the courtroom arena.) Rather than ambitiously pursue a career of their own, these individuals may simply choose to enable their spouse or partner to fulfil his or her professional obligations by providing a supporting but none the less vital role. For these individuals, the accolades and monetary rewards epitomise the success of their collaboration.

If Venus is well-aspected, these people strive toward interdependence, and know instinctively how to be supportive without compromising their own needs. Individuals with an afflicted Venus in the seventh house, however, may be motivated by their insecurity and craving for companionship to seek partners who are then given the impossible task of elevating their self-esteem. Such relationships are inevitably one-sided, dependent and unhealthy, based only on passion, sexual attraction or financial gain - activated during transits and progressions through the seventh house. It is during these stressful times that these individuals must, as the quintessential Libran Venus, focus on healing and transforming the self in order to recapture the spirit of interdependence (rather than dependence) that makes for a healthy relationship.

Although the position of Venus in its natural house has traditionally been considered propitious in creating a loving, prosperous family life, it often produces a relentless obsession with wealth and glamour rather than with strength of character. While those with this placement may find that their relationships are not necessarily philosophically or intellectually motivated (as when the outer planets appear in the seventh house), these individuals crave a loving, creative and nurturing partnership, and will stop at nothing to preserve their union. Because they are, at times, consumed with social standing and public image, Venus in the seventh house people strive to present a picture of marital bliss and contentment even during times of emotional and / or financial stress and obvious discord. If Venus is conjunct the descendant, sensuality, co-operation, sharing ideas and friendliness are especially evident in the way these people relate to others.

The positive application of this relationship-orientated Venus is perfectly exemplified by my creative and well-educated client Mara, who has four planets (including Venus) situated in the seventh house. She confided to me that her greatest self-fulfilment was derived not from the attainment of professional goals but from her marriage to a loving, successful doctor. In fact, she could not even imagine actively pursuing a career without a partner to support her efforts and share her success. Not only did domestic happiness far outweigh professional aspirations, but also she was convinced that her financial goals would not have been met had she been left to her own devices. In her opinion, mutual cooperation is often mistakenly viewed by many goal-orientated people as dependency. She was not living her husband's dreams but fulfilling her own. Moreover, she defines a committed relationship as a source of strength - not a sign of weakness.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

For someone with Venus in the seventh house, a love relationship will be of paramount importance, as it is within a partnership that they expect to find happiness. They will prioritize love relationships within their life, and will offer a lot to a potential partner. Their well-being depends on finding happiness and affection within a relationship. They will go to considerable lengths to secure this for themselves, using the maxim 'What you give, so you receive'.

With friends as well as lovers, they tend to give a tremendous amount. The well-being and happiness of others affects their own, so they need those around them to feel good so that they can feel good themselves. This can make them overly dependent on how others feel, and very vulnerable to other people's inconsistencies.

They need peace and harmony in all their relating with others, and may find it hard to deal with conflict or to make a stand when necessary. They will do well when an issue can be resolved through negotiation. While diplomacy is their strength, confrontation is something in which they are weak. Relationships may flounder when confrontation is called for, as they seek a peaceful solution which cannot always be applied. This is very much a pacifist.

They have strong needs for companionship. There is an emphasis in all their relating on establishing common ground - their similarities and what is shared. They are good at getting on with others.

They will usually benefit through their social connections, and they can use their links with others to get on in life. Friends may provide them with useful contacts. They may be very aware of this level of life, and may cultivate useful friends. They may also receive more direct financial benefit from friendships, and in a partnership they might expect this.

While they enjoy friendships, they expect the main source of their happiness to be found in a love union. Provided Venus does not receive difficult aspects, they will be drawn to affectionate and loving types. These are people who have a strong romantic side to their nature. They will want a partner who also appreciates romance and can participate in romantic exchanges.

This is a classic signifier of someone who 'marries well', simply because these people expect to find their greatest happiness in a personal relationship. They may form a partnership where they do everything together. The people with Venus in the seventh may want a partner who is involved in all areas of their life. They may not want their partner to do anything without them, and find it difficult to have any separate activities of their own. They will want to share everything in their world with their partner - they will pull him or her into their personal arena.

For someone occupying a public position, this placement can indicate popularity, with a gift for attracting love from others. This can be someone onto whom others often project love. Within a profession that relies on public popularity, this would be beneficial, but in their personal relationships this could be a source of difficulty, particularly if they valued their public love more than the personal love they received.

They have the gift of making others feel attractive and at their best; as a result, others can easily misinterpret their intentions. This may be wishful thinking on the part of others. People with Venus in the seventh will find it easy to solicit love, so could collect a few broken hearts along the way. However, they can be out-and-out flirts. These are people with considerable charm, and this placement could describe people who use their charm to exploit others. This is a rather negative manifestation of a placement that usually indicates someone who is genuinely kind and brings considerable happiness to others.

(Martin Schulman)

In this house, Venus finds its rulership. Through the experiences of this placement, the individual's higher cosmic self finds its first initiation into the light. The love nature is centred in the non-egoic part of man which is devoted to sharing life's beauty with another through partnership, close association and marriage. As such, the individual finds that all of his true feelings come from his ability to open himself to others, through which he fulfills a harmonious 'we' identity. Yet, in his most intimate relationship with life, his ability to feel himself, he is dependent upon another for the confirmation of his beliefs and the balancing of his judgement. It is exactly for this reason that until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, the individual tends to experience difficulty balancing his own love nature.

He gives much of himself through a helpful, altruistic and often sacrificial manner. Nevertheless, his tendency to be in love with love makes him a difficult person to understand; for his feelings are usually linked to a noble yet unrealistic aspiration that only he seems to be in touch with, rather than the true circumstances in his life. Thus, he can put his partner on a pedestal woven from fantasies which are in harmony with his dreams while avoiding the intimacy of relating to another on an equal level. When he does this, he experiences the idealization of love in his mind and the frustration of being unable to personalize its true beauty.

Many with this placement experience an early marriage. For some it is an escape from parental disharmony. There is a tendency for the individual to wrap his life around his partner. He can be so devoted, so giving and yet so overwhelmed by his blissful fantasies that unless he picks a mate who is going to bring out his higher essence, he can easily lose himself in a dissipating partnership.

Due to a basic insecure nature, his affections can be hidden by an aloof exterior when



his partner appears insensitive to his spiritual aspirations.

If the individual marries before learning the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign, he tends to experience an unfulfilling partnership, fraught with false security, superficial flattery, avoidance, and a lazy outlook towards life which drains his energies. There can be difficulty making decisions or establishing priorities; and the marriage can suffer from wasteful indulgence. Usually, the partner does not realize how much the individual with Venus in the Seventh House depends upon a co-operative and fruitful union to provide the very core of all of his or her feelings towards life.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, this individual begins to reap the full benefits of this ruling Venus placement. He overcomes his sense of incompleteness by realizing that instead of having to imagine his relationships or marriage as being the way he would like, he has only to feel the real beauty in others. From this he learns how to see beyond the fantasy images, insecurities and feelings of self-doubt into the cherished treasure of sharing one's life with another.

In essence, he discovers how the fantastic power of love conquers all things. Thus, he is able to set aside lesser thoughts as he begins to speak and act only from what he feels in his heart. When he learns this, his relationships prosper, for he is opening himself to the higher cosmic forces, so that he is as a vessel through which the beauty of love is being poured into the world.

Thus, he becomes conscious of love's awakened essence, realizing that his selflessness is the source of all goodness that manifests in his life. And, it is this realization coupled with his sincere instinct for humility that brings to him the true beauty of fulfillment.

His very special Gift of Love comes from a selfless willingness to be the source of harmony for others, through his ability to tolerate, compromise, and mediate without judgement or comparison, from the beautiful quality of cosmically balanced fairness which is the very center of his being.

## Mars in Aries 0° 8'

(Donna Van Toen)

Your energy levels are all high. Your energy type is primarily physical, raw and spontaneous. Your energy is often channeled into leading, starting things, and pioneering. You are courageous, independent and enterprising. You lack humility, patience and self-control.

This is a powerful Mars in that it provides a great deal of energy, but unfortunately there's often a lack of stick-to-it-iveness. You're inclined to leap before you look, with the

result that you often find you've got too many irons in the fire to successfully control. There's a hot temper here, although normally there's no tendency to violence. However, if Mars is under heavy stress - in a Grand Cross for example - you could be a heavy drinker or a brawler. This Mars gives a slight tendency to attract cuts and burns, which of course would be more likely if Mars is under stress.

You have a healthy ego and a strong but rather hair-triggered sex drive. You are spontaneous and easily aroused as a rule. Men with this placement are often incorrigible woman-watchers regardless of their romantic status and their happiness (or lack of happiness) with same. They find the female body a turn-on. Alas, they sometimes at close range forget that love is not a ninety-yard dash, but rather a cooperative event, and there is generally no applause for coming in first! Women with this placement generally enjoy and are active participants in sex. They are also relatively creative sexually.

You want to be the dominant partner in the relationship, and you want enough challenge to keep the relationship interesting. You want a courageous but not too headstrong mate / lover. You're a spontaneous lover, eager to be involved. If your love life isn't satisfactory to you, and if relationships start well only to fizzle shortly thereafter, it could be that you're coming on a bit too strong. Some men and women will tend to be overwhelmed by your ardor or even suspicious of it; they may mistake it for plain old lust or even desperation.

You'd probably be happiest with a mate with Venus in a Fire sign, Venus in the 1st house, or a Venus / Mars conjunction. A mate whose Venus conjoins your Ascendant might also be able to provide the kind of love you want.

You have initiative and a high energy level, although to be at your best you must enjoy what you're doing. You also have executive ability, although at times you can be a trifle domineering, which can hold you back. You fall down on repetitive jobs - when the challenge goes, so does your motivation! Some good career choices for you would be: construction in general, mechanical engineering, highway planning, sheep farming, wool processing, politics, or psychology.

You're highly motivated in the intellectual area - particularly in the field of psychology. Electronics and home computers also intrigue you, although in these fields a lot depends on your available funds. Being curious, you tend to be an avid reader; and at times books you read simply because nothing else is handy later come to your aid by providing you with knowledge you need in order to take advantage of some lucky break. Conversations and meetings - both planned and spontaneous - tend to alert you to opportunities that excite you. Speculative topics such as religion, politics, and astrology are particularly apt to motivate you to pursue them. You may get lucky breaks as a result of writing to newspapers or magazines; in fact, the field of publishing in general can be a source of good opportunities.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by aggressively refusing to accept demands placed upon you. By acting on the Aries premise that 'everyone looks out for himself', your behavior may appear rash, abrasive in exaggerated independence, and inconsiderate to others. You can lose energy and acceptance by fiercely maintaining your right to absolute independence.

### Dynamic

You can constructively interact by using independence in ways that inspire others to take the initiative. As you view your impact on them objectively, you can naturally assert your courage and initiative in ways that lead to freedom for all concerned. You can gain physical energy by considering the other person and giving that person confidence in his or her ability to follow destiny.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Mars at home in its own sign is very sure about its desires. Its passions burn brightly, and it knows exactly who and what it wants. Being cardinal, Mars in Aries likes to take the initiative, and does tend to rush at people in a way that can be quite intimidating to those who like to make decisions more slowly. The person with Mars in Aries is excited by the pursuit, however, so rejections and evasions only serve to fuel the fire. Finding it hard to admit defeat, they cannot believe that they won't get what they want, and will see the slightest ambiguity as grounds for optimism. The Mars in Aries does have a tendency to enjoy the chase more than the end result, so that they often lose interest in people once they have caught them. They are then likely to run away just as fast as they were pursuing before! Someone who wants to retain the interest of this person will need to remain always a little elusive.

People with Mars in Aries feel energized by sexual desire - even if it is not fulfilled, it will make them feel more vital and alive. Very intuitive and trusting to instinct and gut reactions, they know exactly what is right for them, and will not compromise. They either desire people or not, the second they meet them: there is no uncertainty or doubt with Mars in Aries.

The person with Mars in Aries often appears much more confident than he / she feels, and may tend to look for an identity through his / her lovers, and try to prove him- / herself through sex. These people may go to great lengths to prove how independent they are, when they are really trying to define themselves through sex. Sex, therefore, to these people can assume huge symbolic significance; and they may invest the object of

their desire with almost mystical status. They are searching for a hero to fire and inspire them, to help them discover the hero within. To this end, they may have to go on a long and lonely journey, facing many difficulties and rejections before they become the truly independent individual they need to be. Life holds many hard lessons for people with Mars in Aries. They step into each new sexual involvement with careless impulsiveness, naively believing that this one will be much easier than the last, and forgetting that Aries must pit itself against adversity in order to develop strength and self-reliance.

Mars in Aries people are attracted to sharply defined individuals of strong character. They enjoy a certain amount of combativeness and competition with their sexual partners, and are often quite sharp and argumentative with those they find attractive. Sexual desire stirs up anger for them; and they often feel safer expressing anger to lovers than to anyone else. It is important to them that the other person is strong enough to handle this, and can give as good as he / she gets. There is a need for the lover to be of equal strength, and they will feel irritated by someone who gives in to them all the time, and will soon lose interest in such a person. They cannot be pushed into things themselves, and tend to despise those who can. Although they may be critical of their lovers themselves, they will fight ferociously to defend them against anyone else who dares to attack them.

Honest, open and direct, the Mars in Aries person likes to let his / her potential lovers know exactly how he / she feels. It is important to Mars in Aries people that things are straight-forward and that there is no confusion. They in turn like to know exactly where they stand, and cannot bear any form of deception. They have romantic ideals about sex, and need to be true to themselves, so that the pretence involved in having sex with someone that they do not really want or when they do not want it can be very undermining to them.

Mars in Aries is not really looking for physical sensation, but rather for some kind of spiritual fulfillment through sex. These people seek spiritual unity, a fusing and oneness with their lover which transcends the physical act. Through it, they hope to experience a moment of bliss in which separateness has been abandoned and they have become one with their lover.

(Skye Alexander)

You are energetic, aggressive and highly competitive, a combination that strongly suggests athletic potential. However, you also have a 'short fuse' and may tend to let your temper get in your way. You also might have difficulty disciplining yourself and focusing your abundant energy and desire, unless you also have some stabilizing factor (such as a prominent Saturn) in your chart.

Impulsive and overly confident, you usually leap before you look. Action is your middle name, and you rarely think about the consequences of your actions before you do

something. You never let an obstacle stand in your way. You charge ahead, undaunted by risks; in fact, the more dangerous a venture is, the more eagerly you tackle it - whether you're speculating in the stock market or sailing single-handed across the Atlantic. Sometimes you accomplish tremendous feats of daring and courage; other times, you are simply reckless and foolhardy. You love challenges, even conflict, and want to keep things stirred up; peace and harmony bore you.

You have a strong sense of self, but little understanding of others. Assertive to the point of being pushy, you don't know how to go easy or be patient. Your impetuosity can cause you to be accident-prone. At times, you seem rather like an exuberant, roughneck kid, unaware of your own strength or of your effect on others. Subtlety and tact are unknown to you. Blustering and blunt, you have a way of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time, and can offend others with your coarseness or brute force.

The ultimate individualist, you can't bear to have anyone else tell you what to do or how to do it. The word 'compromise' isn't in your vocabulary; and since you rarely value others' opinions you are likely to have trouble in situations that require teamwork. If you can't do it on your own, you are at a loss. Fortunately, you have the drive and vitality to accomplish more than a dozen people, and usually function best when you can do everything yourself. Once you get going, it's hard to keep up with you; but your attention span is short, and you tend to run out of steam and interest rather quickly. You are better at starting things than completing them; and your life may be littered with half-finished projects.

Your sex drive is strong, but you lack true sensuality. Sex, to you, is a contest and a form of physical release - sort of an intimate boxing match - and your romantic quotient is zero. You also tend to be a bit rough, pushy and concerned only with your own satisfaction. Unless Libra or Taurus is prominent in your chart, you are probably more interested in adding notches to your bedpost than with having a meaningful relationship.

Men with this position can be the ultimate 'macho men'. A 'man's man', you love hanging around the gym with the other guys, hunting, and going out drinking with your buddies. You'll stand up to anyone about anything, and never walk away from a fight. In fact, you are often the instigator. You particularly enjoy provoking authorities; and there is a rebellious, individualistic spirit in you that won't bend to the powers that be. The feistiness and violence inherent in this planetary position can indicate lack of feeling and compassion; and you can be cruel at times.

Some women with this position are just as assertive and competitive as their male counterparts; others project this part of themselves onto the men in their lives. You may be attracted mostly to strong, aggressive men, athletes, 'muscle men' or 'macho men'.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mars in Aries is characterized by uncontainable energy that must find an outlet. This is the basic position of the initial impulse to action and self-expression leading to evolutionary experience. Mars in this sign indicates energy, initiative, courage, and impulsiveness. The drive to get things accomplished leads to creativity and the starting of many new projects. There is leadership ability in the sense that people with Mars in Aries can take the initiative and spark enthusiasm in others. They have a great desire to be first. However, they may lack the organizational ability of Capricorn and the staying power of Leo; hence they may not sustain their interest and enthusiasm long enough to see a project through to its conclusion. Children with this position should be taught to finish useful tasks.

This Mars position makes people headstrong and independent. They will not tolerate opposition or interference. The position can lead to success if the natives can learn to think before they act; otherwise, blind action may lead to danger and mistakes.

People with this position are highly competitive; they enjoy sports and physical games in which they can pit their strength and courage against those of their opponents. The star football player or racer, for instance, is likely to have Mars in Aries. They also have an ability or liking for work involving machinery. Many sports car and hot rod enthusiasts have Mars in this sign.

These people often receive injuries to their heads. When they are ill, they run high fevers, but they are also capable of surviving fevers that would kill others.

If Mars is afflicted in Aries, there can be egotism, aggressiveness, and anger. Although these people can have violent tempers, their anger is short-lived, unlike that of those with Mars in Scorpio. They need to learn to express more love and patience.

Dane Rudhyar points out that the aggressiveness of Mars in Aries is a psychological reaction against the muddle and confusion of Pisces, which was the previous evolutionary experience of the soul. Consequently, these people have a great need to reassure themselves of their own worth through overt expressions of strength and courage.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Aries is the sign that Mars rules; and when in this sign, the planet becomes a strong focal point of a chart. As a result, when interpreting this placing, Mars should be considered second in importance to the influence of the ruling planet. It will bestow a powerful physical energy level which must be positively expressed. If there is not outlet through sports or another physically demanding activity, the system will stagnate, with the individual becoming restless and unfulfilled. The need to win, to be first, will be very important; and there should be no lack of drive. However, if Mars makes any aspect to Saturn or negative aspects to Uranus or Pluto, these should be studied with particular

care, since they will inhibit the flow of energy.

These possibilities aside, the influence of Mars from its own sign is very pure, and will powerfully invigorate the individual, making him or her very much a 'get up and go' type who will encourage loved ones also to take bold, assertive action. If they do not respond, the subject is likely to take the upper hand and force issues. There will, however, be a strong tendency to lack consideration for others' feelings and needs, forcing others (and especially the partner, if he or she lacks confidence and assertiveness) to take what is believed to be the right action. If tact, diplomacy and sensitivity to the needs of others are present elsewhere in the chart, they will help counter the overzealous pushiness of this placing. If not, there can be problems, sometimes causing considerable embarrassment to others. So, encouragement is needed to be tactful and thoughtful.

The sex drive is powerfully increased by this placing, which also adds a strong emotional passion - but one that is simple and straightforward rather than seething, smoldering, intense or distorted by psychological twists and turns. The desire for motherhood can also be increased. The individual is usually uncomplicated, reducing apparently complex problems to a few simple components.

When the energy from Mars in Aries is flowing, and the individual is happily occupied with plenty of varied interests, all will be well; but the stagnating effect mentioned above will provoke health problems if it is allowed to persist. Usually, however, the subject will not allow this to happen.

Headaches will occur all too often, as will outbursts of Martian anger - a rapid loss of temper and a sudden raging storm that is over as quickly as it began. Resentfulness is not usual.

(Grant Lewi)

Your usually abundant energies are directed primarily along lines of ego assertion. You feel best and act best when you are not limited or restricted by elders, superiors or authority of any kind. You are swift to anger at any intrusion on your personal rights; you are quick on the trigger - the adrenal gland, controlling fight or flight, is sensitive, reacting sharply and generally on the aggressive side. You are a formidable adversary, for all your vitality is brought at once to bear on anyone who challenges your preminence. Even in the chart of an otherwise timid soul, this will lend scrappiness to the nature. If your life aim is more detached, and if you are ambitious for worldly success, popularity, or any of the things that require self-control, your Mars will periodically trip you by directing your energies toward self-assertion at times when you ought to be thinking of something else. The abrupt, aggressive speech, the sharp retort when your independence is assailed (or when you imagine it to be), can stand between you and the rewards of self-control. To serve the deeper ends of life that frequently require forgetfulness of self, you must continuously stand guard over the tendency of your

energies to flow through the millrace of the ego into strife and disharmony.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, Mars makes the native restless, dynamic; it is indicative of originality, daring, a healthy ego, but one which, if permitted full play, could indicate a native who feels that only his thoughts, feelings and comforts are of any importance. He is independent and enterprising, and has a keen appreciation for his own best interests.

He must learn to control his temper and impulses. Though inventive, he is sometimes in so much of a hurry that he neglects details, leaves himself open to ridicule, and can be prone to accidents. The astrologer's job is to help him gain a broader scope, envision new horizons, channel his energy and be more patient.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a bold, though potentially impetuous, suitor. Energy is created and maintained through honest and direct means that breed quick results, rather than through complex strategies and convoluted agendas. Decisions are best made impulsively; and if proved wrong, swiftly proceed with whatever's next, without looking back. Although lack of forethought can create problems, it is best to use these manners of assertion, or energy can remain as, or devolve into, anger.

You attract with a self-assured and energetic manner that comes right to the point and gets things started; with a direct sexual approach that excites because it leaves no room for mistaking your desires; and by a fearless, independent streak that puts you way out in front of competition.

You repel with an arrogance and pushiness that completely overlooks finer points and feelings; with a coarse and unsubtle, even violent, way which sets out to make sexual conquests; and with an inability to share and co-operate.

You are attracted to heroic types, or situations where the competition is stiff and you therefore stand to make the most heroic impression; to sexual objectives that can be swiftly achieved, or those who can swiftly achieve sexual objectives; and to athletic, adventurous, leader types.

You are repelled by faintheartedness and low-key situations where there is no competition or prize worth fighting for; by being treated as a sexual object - or not being treated as one, depending on your mood or gender; and by limp types with no get-up-and-go.

When you are alone, it can be for reasons which are as complex as you usually like to keep or have things straightforward. In other words, your direct, even pushy, sexual



nature can be a problem in that it turns people off; or if you do not recognize this go-for-it side of your personality, then you can be consistently put off by it in others to the point of there being no corners, or at least none that you find attractive. This second point is far more likely to be the case if you are female. And so the remedy here is to be a bit more softly-softly if you are the former, and to swallow your finer feelings and be more to the point and honest with yourself if you are the latter. Your problem could of course be a combination of the two, in which case be more circumspect, but not so much that the object of your desires is not clear about your feelings or intentions.

(John Townley)

Although you are not particularly forward in your social manner, when it comes to physical affection you are usually the initiator and in some ways the aggressor. Therefore you are happiest with a partner who lets you play that role most of the time and who will not conflict or compete with you.

You are spontaneous and eager; and you like to participate actively in lovemaking. But in your eagerness, take care not to get carried away and leave your lover emotionally behind in an earlier stage of lovemaking. The lessons you must learn are those of restraint and staying power. You will get more sustained pleasure out of love if you bank your fires a bit, even letting your lover carry the load so you can relax.

Because you become physically intense within a rather short period, you can gain more satisfaction from a brief affair than most people. You can pack a full relationship into a lightning affair that would leave others unfulfilled.

Do not let your impulsiveness lead you to make premature commitments or act rashly from either love or anger. You may take the opposite view just as intensely a short time later, so always leave yourself plenty of room to manoeuvre.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very independent and self-assertive person. Since you have a great deal of physical energy, you should try to get outdoors and let off steam in some active sport fairly often. You get very restless and fidgety if you are cooped up for any length of time.

You prefer to act on your own and set your own pace without waiting for people who work more slowly. Also, you like to be the first to take up a new activity. Although you are not at all a follower, you are perfectly willing to let others go their own way. You have no desire to impose your will on your friends, as long as they don't try to force their ways on you. However, you enjoy competition when someone offers a challenge. If pressed, you will fight for your beliefs. You get angry quite quickly, but you also cool off quickly and don't hold a grudge.

Obviously your greatest problem is learning to co-operate with others. It isn't that you want to create a fuss; but if the people you are with won't do something your way, you do it alone. But that is not always the most efficient way to attack a problem. You must learn how to give in now and then. Don't worry about having to compromise on anything important, for it isn't in your nature to do so.

You are also inclined to be rash and impulsive and to act without thinking, which can get you into trouble or even accidents. Accidents don't just happen; you create them through being careless. If you take time to be careful, you will have little difficulty.

## Mars in 2nd House

(Donna van Toen)

You're efficient, acquisitive, and fairly possessive. But you're not tight with your money. You spend freely, and can at times be very extravagant. You could have a loud voice. If this Mars is under heavy stress - such as in a Grand Cross or T-square - there can be losses resulting from fire or theft.

Mars here says you want stability and want a mate / lover who wants to be possessed or wants to defer to you.

You're motivated to be somebody special in some way and to own nice things. This can be good or bad, depending on whether you equate luck solely with money and prestige or whether you're willing to settle for less tangible sorts of luck. You're willing to work to establish yourself so that opportunity doesn't overlook you in any case, which is good. However, if money is your only goal, you may pass up some potentially worthwhile activities and thus short-change yourself.

Planets in the second house tell you what you need to possess and what you need to lose. They tell you both how you can make money and what you should do with it. If Mars is here, it may or may not imply involvement with a Mars-ruled profession. Mainly it gives you the ability to apply yourself to your work and do whatever is necessary in order to earn enough to live on. However, Mars here under stress from an outer planet would suggest that you'll have to be on the go a lot in order to satisfy your material needs and may have a harder time than other people in 2nd house matters due to certain karmic debts or irresponsible past-life actions.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

A person with Mars in the second is going to have very strong physical desires. These people are very sensual and get great pleasure from using their bodies, so they have a natural talent for giving pleasure. They are in tune with the physical and are comfortable

with their sexuality.

They have a strong desire for material security. To be without money feels like a threat to their survival, so they direct a great deal of energy into obtaining it. In fact, they may subvert their sexual energy into the pursuit of wealth. Money and sex are likely to be bound together for them, so they tend to be attracted to wealthy partners. On the other hand, they may find themselves on the receiving end of other people's projections, so that they become sexually involved with people who want them to earn money for them. In this way, money can become a big issue in their relationships, with both partners wanting to take control and many battles being fought over who spent what.

People with Mars in the second can be extremely possessive. They cannot tolerate infidelity, which feels much too threatening to their security. The person they desire is thought of as a prized possession and is not to be shared. These people may lavish expensive gifts on their partners in order to bind them, and they may then feel that they are 'owed' sex.

Sex can be a huge issue to these people, as their value as a person is bound up with their sexuality. Because of this, there can be an overemphasis on performance and technique - there is too much at stake to leave things to chance. To them, sexual prowess means security, and in order to feel secure they need to have an active and successful sex life. Because sex is so important to them, they do not enter into sexual relationships lightly. Their sexuality is of great value to them, and they do not give it away easily. There is also a tendency to use sex as a bargaining counter.

Loyalty and commitment are very important to people with a second-house Mars; and they are not comfortable with promiscuity. These people have a solidity and depth which feels reassuring to others. They offer security and stability, and do not change their desires easily. There is a tendency for them to be very cautious about becoming involved - sex is a serious and long-term proposition to them, and they like to build solid foundations, to know a person well before they embark on a sexual relationship. They will want to know that they are going to get a good return on their investment!

People with Mars in the second need a lot of physical contact, and will enjoy being caressed and massaged by their lover. They will need to be touched a lot in order to feel desired, and will, in turn, show their own desire in a very physical way. Because they are so tactile, they get great pleasure from sensuous luxuries like silk sheets; and it will be important to them that their surroundings are comfortable and pleasing.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people don't want to deny themselves any sexual experiences if Mars is in Fire or Water. They are more likely to accept restraint in Air or Earth. This makes for a hectic emotional life. Out of forty-seven celebrity charts with this Mars, only four were those of

women (and one of them took a man's name). Women with this Mars usually have too exciting or time-consuming an emotional life to have anything to spare for a career.

In other ways, it can be a conservative position, reinforcing basic values: home, family, mother, mate, church, and so on, although the drive for sex experience can act as an undertow. If there isn't frequent sex, there is the desire for it; or, in Air, a great deal of thought about it. These people usually have an aura of sexual power, machismo, or seductive femininity. With other factors that indicate the same thing, it can testify to homosexuality, or at least to some homosexual or bisexual experiences. With very severe bad aspects, there can be serious sex deviations and problems.

There is a lot of drive and energy in this location; but, unless there are strong humanitarian testimonies, it will be primarily motivated by a desire for selfgratification. They are usually well aware of what side their bread is buttered on, and will rarely act so as to endanger income, property, or social status. If social determinants prevent them from gratifying their sexual desires, it will set up a terrific conflict within them, and they will try hard to find a way to have it both ways.

They are apt to be rather cynical and not terribly idealistic, unless other aspects show that strongly. They are also apt to be loners, and to stand apart from the rest of society in some way. They may feel somewhat misunderstood or isolated. With bad aspects, this can become paranoia, wife-beating, bar-brawling, or such; even (with other testimony) the total isolation of madness.

There is the danger of an early removal from the action; exile, loss of power in a coup, or something of the sort that keeps them on the sidelines for a long period. This position of Mars requires good supportive aspects and the utmost patience to bering anything to fruition.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: With Mars in the 2nd house, self-judgement is both a desire and a struggle. You must assert yourself to gain personal value. You must push for it, and often fight for it. There can be inner arguments, pitched battles surrounding the issue. Inverted anger directed at yourself is the pitfall; and the challenge is to aggressively destroy negative feelings you may discover yourself to believe, to consume them in the flame of desire for good feeling and the kinetic movement of productive action.

Possession: You exert considerable energy around the issue of ownership. There are territorial battles; you must fight for what belongs to you. Conquest is emphasized in the desire to prove your mettle through territorial expansion. The focus is usually on acquisition rather than preservation or maintenance. The challenge is to keep moving forward, moving through possessions, not looking back, and to regard the issue of ownership as a field of honor.

Money: Both the acquisition and the use of monetary resources are experienced as issues of considerable heat within your personality. At times this is felt and expressed as passionate interest, at other times as angry aggression. Money is often a battleground for proving the courage and assertiveness of the self. There is great desire for personal resources and the power they provide, for wealth is symbolic of victory, and it is occasionally used as a weapon in the struggle for personal success, although its primary use is acceleration - to enable you to move with speed. The challenge is to compete with full power, but by the rules. Be sure that competition is primarily with yourself rather than against others.

Self-exertion: You are like a racehorse that loves to run. Long, complicated work rituals are not your forte; you are more sprinter than long-distance runner. The natural orientation is to race flat-out for a clearly visible finish-line. Nor are you a craftsman, for precision, polishing, and detail work are uninteresting. Mistakes are inevitable, and often overlooked, necessitating that some jobs be done over. Physical effort with a strong emotional component is ideal for this placement; and there is a strong crisis orientation, a 'rising to the occasion'. Don't go around obstacles; push through them instead, tackling each problem one at a time. The challenge is to keep your motivation high, and confront problems directly.

Sensuality: Sensation and desire come together. There is not nearly the emphasis on pleasure that Venus experiences, but instead a passionate fire aroused through touch. This fire builds from a spark into a flame, and can explode into a conflagration of activity and kinetic urgency. Similarly, desire and emotional heat are experienced more in the body than in the psyche, for physicality is the natural area of aggression. The pitfall is that such explosive energies can sometimes be disrespectful to your body when touch is made into a field of combat rather than a source of pleasure. The challenge is to use sensuality in an assertive way, as the cutting edge of the psyche, but to remember also that full sexuality involves a great deal more than simple physicality. It can begin with the body, but it must end with the soul.

(Robert Pelletier)

You capitalize on all your resources to get what you want when you want it. A free spender, you will always need a good income to maintain stability, but sometimes you are careless in handling money. You are wary about forming close ties until you know the other person's motives, and you are cautious about contacts that might prove costly in the long run. You should be equally cautious in the way you handle your assets. You are quite clever in cultivating good relationships with your superiors, who are impressed with your ability to help them achieve their job objectives. Your skill in winning support in your profession will pay dividends when you are considered for promotion. In addition to knowing how to put your best foot forward, you also have some insight into your competitors' weaknesses, which gives you an advantage over them. Because you are

reasonably ambitious, you could use this information to make substantial gains in your career.

In general, you understand your feelings, but you also are aware of other people's failings. You know how to be helpful to those who genuinely need assistance; but when you provide professional services, you expect to be well paid. You don't want to be obligated to others, for fear that this will indicate weakness on your part. You consider yourself quite self-sufficient. Your early environment gave you ample opportunities to learn to make your own way and earn security and independence. You are grateful for your parents' foresight in stimulating you to be self-reliant; and you know that they wanted you to realize your goals.

You are intimidated when you observe others, especially competitors, making gains from endeavors that you could have been involved in. You judge others by their professional accomplishments and resultant assets. It might be better to develop your own attributes. Others will admire you for your accomplishments if you put forth the energy to exploit your creative talents and if you are willing to forego some of life's pleasures while you pursue that goal. This is the only way you can achieve the stability in your affairs that will give you greater financial independence in your later years. Perhaps your children will provide the stimulus you need to succeed for yourself and to give them opportunities you might have missed.

In your search for ways to increase your earnings, you might overlook getting an education, which could simplify your problems. You must be willing to extend yourself, no matter how difficult it seems, to improve your skills through suitable training, either in formal, academic schooling or as an apprentice. It will be exciting when people seek your services, because they trust your ability to handle their affairs as though they were your own. This course will involve sacrifices, but the eventual dividends will make the sacrifices seem unimportant.

If you take enough time to plan your moves carefully, you will be abundantly rewarded for your efforts. Learn all you can about a situation before expressing your opinion. This will win people's respect and admiration for your rational attitude and incline them to request your services. Your drive and ambition attract notice, but you will have to control your easy-come, easy-go temperament, which might make some people apprehensive about putting their trust in you.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we understand a planet in a house to define the way in which a person can best approach that area of life to unfold the potentiality, then Mars in the 2nd calls for aggressive, assertive and daring action in the pursuit of money and possessions. They may have to take risks and chances to attain what they so desperately want. Unfortunately, this 'go out and get it' quality may prove counter-productive if their manner

is too rash, impatient and abrupt.

More generally, this placement describes a strong desire nature, with an urgency to enjoy the material world and the realm of the senses. While Venus in the 2nd turns on her seductive charms to allure and entice others to give her what she wants, Mars in this position operates more on the premise that 'I want what I want and I want it now'. If those with Mars in the 2nd don't take the initiative to go after what they want themselves, then they reach in the cupboard for their favourite whine: 'Give me, bring me, buy me, take me!' They also might take out their aggression on objects, smashing a prized vase to underline a point during an argument.

On a more positive note, their innate inner resources are characterized by courage and initiative, and they could excel at any work which required these qualities. They will defend and fight for what they value, although they could also force what they value onto others.

For them, money and possessions are concrete symbols of their power and strength. In fact, we can understand these people better if we realize that they are basically trying to assert and affirm their individual existence, 'alive-ness' and vitality (Mars) by showing the world just how effectively they can go out and get what they want (2nd). (Even so, I would still keep my distance from them on the first day of the Harrods sale.)

## Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo 29° 5'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you fear never being 'perfect enough' to serve, you may postpone and thus lose the opportunity to serve others. This can result in a general lack of self-trust in your abilities. Using analytical talents to find fault with your service may leave you lacking confidence and afraid to contribute. Withholding actual assistance and instead substituting righteous beliefs about service may submerge you in unnecessary behavioral details. An exaggerated self-critical attitude can lead to feelings of insufficiency, necessitating constant preparation that is never complete enough to contribute.

### Dynamic

If you trust the purity of your motives and are willing to make some mistakes in your desire to serve other people, you can experience the freedom of finding social situations in which you serve and develop yourself. Thus, by taking the leap of faith and consciously putting your desire to assist before your personal concept of how you think

you should serve, you can expand your arena and attract many vocational and social opportunities. Self-trust increases as you use your finely honed analytical abilities to actively support others.

(Marilyn Waram)

The individual with Jupiter in Virgo has quite a pull between her outgoing, expansive and future-focused Jupiter side and the reserved, work- and detail-focused Virgo part of her nature. If she combines the two, Jupiter can add great value to - and quite possibly overvalue - the importance of procedure, detail, day-to-day work and competency in function. She may therefore be a valuable worker who catches the little mistakes others miss, or the office fussbudget who cannot tolerate a pencil out of place and thinks the janitors don't do a decent job. She may be a tremendous help, given the right environment and job, or a nonstop critic who applies her skill to not only her work, but her co-workers as well, alienating them and causing much friction. Naturally, if this placement is projected, she will think her co-workers are too critical of her or far too fussy and picky in their work.

If she remains caught in the pull, she may vacillate back and forth between precision and carelessness, often doing each at exactly the wrong time. It can be a frustrating combination, because the cavalier attitude represented by Jupiter may undermine all the careful attention to detail symbolized by Virgo. The Jupiter side will live frustrated and feel impatient, tied down, and held back, while the Virgo side will live dismayed and distressed that all those important details have been overlooked yet again, and the mistakes seem legion. Her ability to discriminate between what should be treated with care and what does not need much attention often seems to be entirely backward, and she can treat an inconsequential matter with intense caution and meticulousness. She can also feel very critical of her periodic tendency to break free and overlook minutiae. She may judge these lapses of attention as laziness or a deficient part of her character, and be very harsh with herself over them.

She may also find herself in a chronic battle with enthusiasm - taking on more than she can adequately handle, then having to put in tremendous amounts of extra work and cope to cope with the load. This can happen in her hobbies and private life as well as at work, where there simply aren't enough hours in the day for her to follow all her interests, but she tries! She may start each year signed up for several evening classes which fascinate her, only to find out that each requires many hours of homework and the cumulative burden threatens to crush her. She may pull up her socks, get fully organized and tackle the work, but tends to schedule herself too finely, to not leave enough time for each project. Since she also is likely to suffer embarrassment if the project isn't done to her very high standards, she may spend the extra time to do it properly but then feel under tremendous pressure because she gets behind schedule.

With Jupiter in Virgo, the individual tends to value work, productivity, and practical



attitudes. She may place a lot of faith in her ability to work, and expect a great deal of fulfillment from her job, perhaps more than it can provide. She may consider that personal reserve and proper behavior are godly, and she may expect herself to act this way regardless of outer provocation. She will usually find practical ways to express her values, either living them at work or through work, or working hard to develop the values she holds. Her approach to philosophy tends to be thoughtful, but may be too cautious and too reserved, too pragmatic, and not visionary enough to grow. She wants philosophy to be useful, not just a group of pretty ideas.

Jupiter placed in Virgo is a sign that problems with faith, values and expectations may be related to having too much trust in hard work and the 'realities' of life, and not enough respect for vision and imagination. An individual with Jupiter in Virgo, however, often reconfirms the tremendous intrinsic value of what might be called the Spartan values: commitment to productivity, willingness to use whatever works in a situation (resourcefulness), pure and simple diet, frugality, prudence and sincerity. She has the practical skills necessary to make something which begins with a vision into a substantial reality. She reminds us that nothing lasting gets accomplished unless somebody takes care of details, one step at a time.

(Skye Alexander)

Through helping others, you expand your knowledge and awareness of yourself and the world in which you live. You achieve personal growth by providing others with some sort of service, and you might excel in fields such as medicine, nutrition and animal welfare, or through assisting the underprivileged or the handicapped. Menial work that others may find unpleasant offers you a sense of satisfaction, and you enjoy knowing that what you do benefits humanity. Perhaps you will even achieve recognition for your efforts, even though fame and fortune are not what you seek.

When exaggerated, however, your concern for the health and well-being of all turns into excessive worrying, even paranoia. You spend a good deal of time and energy fretting over your diet and trying to defend yourself against germs. Perhaps you are a fanatic about cleanliness, immunization or health foods; and the 'god' you worship might be medicine.

You have a penchant for detail, and are extremely orderly and precise in all you do. However, you sometimes carry your meticulousness to extremes, over-refining or overworking everything and wasting time and energy on insignificant details.

You enjoy facts, figures and organizing information, and could use your analytical abilities to great advantage in fields like accounting, statistics, medical research or computer programming. Be careful not to over-analyze situations or focus so intently on specifics that you miss the big picture.

Virgo is associated with work. You probably derive much satisfaction from working - you need to be busy constantly, and would not be content living a life of leisure. However, you are inclined to overdo it in this area and become a workaholic, unable to relax and enjoy other things in life.

This is one of the most modest and unassuming positions for Jupiter. You aren't looking for glory or prestige (unless Leo is prominent in your chart) and are content to work efficiently behind the scenes. Rather than bringing you public acclaim and notoriety, Jupiter may give you good fortune in a more personal and private way.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in Virgo is in the sign of its detriment, because it is opposite Pisces, of which Jupiter is co-ruler. This is not an unfavorable position, since natives value work and will offer practical service to others.

However, the Virgo concern with detail and precision can conflict with the Jupiterian tendency to expansiveness. It is not possible for one person to give detailed consideration to every aspect of a large project. This conflict can result either in overwork or in the improper treatment of some aspect of a project. Consequently, the individual must learn to enlist the co-operation of others and to delegate responsibilities, or else scale down the scope of his endeavors.

People with this position demand integrity in detail, and are able to sift truth from error when confronted with a large amount of information. But they may have a moralistic concern for detailed perfection which many people will find difficult to deal with. If this concern is carried too far, they make mountains out of molehills; they may lose a sense of the relative importance of various factors involved in work and service, especially the human factor.

If Jupiter is well-aspected in this sign, honesty and integrity characterize work and business, making for congenial relationships with co-workers, employers, and employees. These people usually enjoy pleasant working conditions, and are appreciated and well paid for the services they perform.

Natives regard cleanliness and order as being of utmost importance; these values are a cornerstone of their moral integrity. They disapprove of sloppy, bohemian habits of dress or housekeeping, unless Jupiter is heavily afflicted. In that case, as a psychological reaction, there can be a reversion to the opposite behavior, similar to that of a person with an afflicted Venus in Virgo.

Their religious and moral beliefs are based on the concept of service, and they regard high ideas as of little value unless they receive practical application. This sense of realism makes them conservative and somewhat orthodox in their social and religious

outlook, as with Jupiter in Taurus or Capricorn.

There can be an interest in service and charitable pursuits related to physical and mental health: in hospitals and educational institutions, for example. Wealthy people with Jupiter in Virgo often contribute to the support of such institutions, or to medical missions.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Virgo, employment may be unstable because of a tendency to drift from job to job. There may be laziness where work is concerned, and dissatisfaction with working conditions, co-workers, and employers.

These people must learn that spiritual attainment calls for more than the mere expounding of beautiful ideas.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

There is something of a contradiction in terms about this placing, for while Jupiter encourages expansion of the intellect in particular, Virgo is related to small, narrow detail and critical acumen. Sometimes as a result there is conflict and apprehension when the individual is confronted with a situation or project that demands a broad sweeping approach. He or she will want to take it, but may feel a lack of self-confidence and fail to commit him- or herself as boldly as might be wished. The outlook will definitely be matter-of- fact, and it is to this characteristic that the subject should appeal at such times. You must also encourage reflection on past achievements and successes, for it is in that way that confidence will be gained and a broader perspective taken.

Considerable literary skill often accompanies this placing. Here is the patience and dedication of a meticulous writer with the intelligence to develop the technique necessary if he is to put down on paper precisely and directly just what is in his mind. This placing also contributes technical and scientific ability, along with tremendous practical flair for working with machinery. Healthy scepticism and critical acumen are also present.

If Jupiter is afflicted by the Moon or Neptune, there can be considerable absentmindedness. This will infuriate the individual, who will consider it stupid and annoyingly time-consuming when he or she leaves the keys in the wrong place, for instance, or mislays a vitally important piece of paper or book! Sometimes there can be constipation, especially if rich food is enjoyed; and digestive problems are also common.

(Grant Lewi)

This position enables you to find the opportunity in small beginnings, to take infinite pains with the little things that underlie success, and to plug along at a hopeless ause until - lo and behold! - it amounts to something. The effect you give is of care, caution, and routine perfection of details; and because of this, you are often able to win support

from financial interests who value these traits and consider them good credit reference. You will generally be able to get backing for your business; you believe in putting all your eggs in one basket and watching the basket, with the result that you frequently hatch quite a brood. Spectacular or risky ventures don't appeal to you. If this position limits the imagination somewhat, it is also likely to get you farther in the long run than the dashing fellow who has been through several fortunes, or jobs, while you have been studiously cultivating your own garden and raising a fine crop of security and possessions.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Virgo, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through spontaneous helpfulness, dutiful service, and a disciplined approach to self-development. One humbly stays open to grace from a higher power, and naturally trusts the value of regular work and self-discipline. One's expansive need for perfection motivates openness to self-improvement. Over-attention to detail can inhibit connection with a larger order, but one usually has a well-developed critical faculty without excessive pettiness. One has an innate understanding of the appropriate use of one's analytical and discriminative abilities.

Although Jupiter in Virgo (being a sign opposite one which it rules - Pisces) is known as being in 'detriment', I personally find that it is far more common to see Jupiter elevating and expanding the critical, analytical, linguistic, and intellectual faculties of Virgo than to witness Virgo dominating Jupiter, thus theoretically squeezing out all personal expansiveness and generosity. Attention to detail is certainly present in abundance in these people, but excessive pettiness is in my experience rather rare. They do, however, need periodically to clarify their larger vision of the future so that they know toward what goal they are working, and so they do not become lost in details and short-sighted concerns.

There is usually a technical attunement, if not intellectual; and craftsmanship is usually evident in whatever field they pursue, sometimes with a remarkable attention to minute detail. Self-confidence is rarely excessive (unless perhaps the person's Jupiter is conjunct the Sun in Virgo), and these people gain self-esteem over time through their work and practical accomplishment. Self-improvement is a lifelong mission for those with Jupiter in Virgo.

Those with Jupiter here have an analytical outlook on life and a tendency not to put themselves forward aggressively nor to try to be especially prominent. Unlike Jupiter in many other signs, they rarely promise others more than they can deliver. If anything, they understate their abilities and underestimate their talents. Because of such an orientation, it should be emphasized that, in pursuing personal and professional progress and all levels of prosperity, they should be careful not to sell themselves short. They seem to feel that their worth will manifest and prove itself through practical accomplishments and result, not through boasting; and this innate humility and

eagerness to be useful is often expressed in the helping and health professions, service vocations such as teaching, or civil service. In virtually every arena of life, Jupiter in Virgo doesn't like risk, but - after systematic analysis - they will take risks deemed to be prudent.

Coleman wrote of this placement: 'This indicates that opportunities will come to you throughout life as a result of your willingness to render practical service to others. However, you demand extraordinary integrity of detail and often exhibit a moralistic concern for perfection which annoys colleagues. Carter wrote 'Kind, but narrow in the affections'. Ebertin wrote: 'The urge to learn, the ability to teach'. Hickey wrote 'Strong discrimination; but if afflicted, critical, irritable and petty'.

Moore & Douglas seem to describe Jupiter in Virgo at its worst, those people who can always find a reason not to believe in anything transcendent. I personally have seen few people with Virgo Jupiter who are this sort; but it is evident to me that this quotation concisely sums up an almost archetypal attitude among certain people in Western technocratic culture: 'This pseudo-expansive outlook is typified by the science fiction writer who considers himself to be extremely imaginative in conjuring fantastic visions of life as it might be on stars, light years removed from Earth, yet who cannot conceive of anything beyond the strictly mechanistic view of the cosmos left over from nineteenth century materialism. By projecting his own small shadow upon the backdrop of the universe, he creates bigger and better monsters, but little that touches the heart or uplifts the mind'.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Virgo, Jupiter paints a picture of one who is discriminating when it comes to friends and pleasures. This often results in a bottling up of emotions. The astrologer's task is to help the native become less rigid, to help him remove some of his armor. He is philosophical; his critical tastes are finely honed. He is not so fortunate when it comes to speculation - he can 'figure things out', but this does not apply to the racing form!

He is especially fortunate when it comes to developing his hobbies into professions. He is able to start with a little and make it grow. The astrologer should encourage him to be patient and confident - and to laugh at his own foibles.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a helpful, though potentially critical, giver. You have the goodness to make the most out of the least - yet should pledge to avoid bitter complaining. You have the morality to be upright and pure in your relationships - but should pledge to avoid being puritanical. You have the reverence for personal space and solitude - yet should pledge to avoid being antisocial.

You can be trusted to help Other to develop his / her potential through study and attention to detail; to live a reasonably healthy and moderate life, with possibly only occasional, compensatory binges; and to live up to your responsibilities - for the sake of your love of order, not necessarily for the love of Other.

You may be excessively demanding that Others do things / work exactly your way, with the consequence that you are inclined to attract either narrow-minded sycophants or wanton rebels; excessively orderly, so that by way of balance Other is correspondingly chaotic; and excessively envious of others that appear (not surprisingly) to have an easier lifestyle.

You believe that life is based upon reason, so you hold that good thoughts and deeds will eventually attract good fortune, and bad thoughts and deeds will ultimately result in bad fortune. Through appealing to this philosophy - your sense of reason, Other can get you to accept, enthuse over or forgive most things.

You disagree with Other leading a life that does not appear to have a pure and welldefined set of goals and principles. Be aware that how you 'define' is limited by what you know - or rather by what you don't know. Other could be aware of things which your closely constructed beliefs overlook.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you really need or actually want to be. Virgo is the sign of the Hermit; so, with the planet of growth here, it is during times of being on your own that you can get to do what you want or have to do. Everyday or incidental patches of being alone with yourself for relatively short periods of time should be cherished and made good use of. Actually being alone, in the sense of being without a mate or companion, could mean that you are being forced to get down to that project or task you have been putting off. or possibly to consider in solitude the meaning for your existence, especially in terms of the work you do or are supposed to be doing, and what kind of relationship you would wish to be in. Fate is utterly intelligent; it does not leave you all on your own just for the hell of it. A darker reason for your being alone, which we have to consider, is that you are simply a misanthrope, that you dislike people generally. If so, you are alone to see the error of your ways - for you too are a person, one of the people.

(John Townley)

You can design and carry out an infinite variety of detailed settings for love, so you should find a lover who can join in the pleasures of playing out these detailed fantasies. For you, the initial performance of an imagined scene is the most pleasurable; with repetition it becomes tedious. Once you have fulfilled a fantasy, it is best to move on to something else, so that you can replay the same scenario another night.

Take care to make your fantasy role-playing simple and undemanding, so that it may be

carried out physically with ease and concentration. The mind can accomplish great feats that are much too difficult or distracting to enjoy in reality. A little prudent judgement will help you avoid taking on more than you can handle. Don't be too demanding of yourself or your lover, so that love games stay creative and pleasurable rather than work.

You must make an attempt to separate fantasy from the everyday reality of a relationship. If they are too closely entwined, you and your lover may drift apart because you mistake your fantasy roles for the real ones. With a little care, however, you should be able to have a more satisfying sex life than most, if you have chosen a partner of similar desires.

(Robert Hand)

You will grow and achieve maturity by developing a constructive sense of duty, by knowing that what you do is useful to the world, and by living up to your responsibilities. In some respects, your attitude about the world and other people is very mature for someone your age. But to get the most out of life, you must overcome your timidity, for that affects your expectations of yourself. You are inclined to accept too little and not demand enough of life. You see reality so clearly that you let it get you down. The danger is that you may seriously underestimate your abilities and the possibilities of what can be done in your life. Being practical is fine, but a little idealism wouldn't hurt. Don't always accept matters as they are, either about yourself and others or about circumstances in general.

On the other hand, you can be very helpful to others, and you feel best when you have something important to do. You respect work, even if you do not enjoy it; and when you neglect to do something you are supposed to you feel guilty. In fact, you often tend to feel guilty about indulging yourself. You have to justify your activities by knowing that they are important on a larger scale, apart from yourself. You cannot justify doing something simply because you want to. But this may lead you to become very good at rationalizing, believing that some activity is socially useful, when you are really doing it only because you want to. It is better to recognize that you do want it yourself and not blame your actions on some 'higher purpose'.

## **Jupiter ♃ in 7th House**

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Action on the social and intellectual level.

Although much influenced by other people, especially close partners, those with Jupiter in the seventh house themselves usually express a strong optimism and confidence in

all their actions. Their confidence, however, does rise noticeably when supported by an enthusiastic partner or when approved of by the public. This position gives a sensitivity to the trends of society and to what will appeal to the public taste. Note that this is the house corresponding with Libra, and although intellectual activities are indicated by Jupiter here, they often bear an artistic coloration as well.

Charles Carter point out how placements in the seventh house can lead to personal publicity; and the number of famous Jupiter in the seventh people who have enjoyed unusually high and sustained levels of popularity is virtually endless. Some such public figures have not only been extraordinarily popular but also projected an aura of classiness and dignity.

One should not lose sight of the fact that, as the keywords indicate, there is a strong urge toward various sorts of intellectual activity, often focused toward key issues in society and one's culture. There is also often a strong desire to promote ideas that they believe in, whether through communications media or through politics.

Moore and Douglas use the keywords 'profitable partnerships' for this placement; and it is an accurate designation in more ways than merely the narrow traditional notion that one will gain wealth through the partner. Those with Jupiter here have an enthusiasm for sharing life and concepts with others. They gain from close associations not only materially but also intellectually, philosophically, and in character development. These folks seek mutual understanding in human associations, and they are often adept at encouraging others to express themselves and to grow from self-discovery. The nobility of Jupiter shines through in many cases, often expressed as dependable honesty in relationships, and as an ever-expanding broadmindedness as the understanding of human nature develops. As Moore and Douglas wrote, 'these people tend to give people the benefit of the doubt'.

One-to-one interaction comes so instinctively to these individuals that they are often natural counselors to whom others go for advice. They are good listeners, and they are often so adept at understanding the other person's point of view that they may also achieve notoriety as speakers or writers, since they will be able to express what others are thinking.

I suspect that Jupiter in the seventh is often found in the charts of the spouses of famous and extraordinarily prominent people, even if the spouse keeps quite a low profile. In other cases, one will experience a launch into more prominence through the partner. Just as old traditions suggest, if Jupiter is in one's seventh house, the life partner will most probably reflect various Jupiterian qualities. At best, he or she will be inspiring, encouraging, tolerant, and generous; I will leave it to the reader's imagination what a Jupiterian partner (or partners!) might express in his or her less attractive manifestations.

One last dimension of the relationship field of experience must be mentioned. Although



Jupiter in the seventh is considered generally to be a 'fortunate' position in any chart, it should be recognized that Jupiter's scope of action and arena of exploration tends to be much broader than the more intimate, personal Venusian domain of the seventh house. There may be extensive social interests and involvements for those with Jupiter here; much depends on Jupiter's sign, but in most cases, those with Jupiter in the seventh need to have a broadminded partner who is not particularly demanding or controlling.

(Marilyn Waram)

When Jupiter is in the seventh house, the person may search for ultimate fulfillment in the love relationship or from close friends. He may expect that love will make him feel whole, fulfilled and complete. He may hope that love (or at least companionship, being with other people) will help him cope with an inner restlessness, an inner expectation that something great is about to happen, soon! He may find someone to love and put her up on a pedestal, thinking that she is absolutely perfect. Or he may find someone who thinks he is perfect and adores him for that. After a while, however, the imperfections begin to show, and the disappointment sets in. They begin to tell each other that they should be better; and each feels criticized, unaccepted, and let down.

With Jupiter in the seventh, it is possible to hold marriage and close friendships as ultimate values, to hold them with a sense of great reverence and importance. This can be a wonderful quality if not taken too far. When it is, the people can have outrageous expectations of themselves, the mate, or the relationship. They can expect themselves to have all the answers, expect that mate to be a wise teacher, or find a mate who expects them to play guru. Jupiter needs to seek, however, to keep moving. If the expectations get too high, or the disappointment too great, then the individual may just leave and look elsewhere. Ideally he will realize that he is expecting himself or his partner to be God, to provide complete perfection and fulfillment. It works better when the partners agree to share the search for truth and God instead of looking to each other to be either.

Since Jupiter is a key to where we place our faith, in the seventh it indicates a tendency to place a lot of faith in other people, especially those to whom we are close.

This may be just a positive trust in and regard for the other, or it can be sheer gullibility. The individual may simply assume that others have his best interests at heart, whether the evidence is to the contrary or not.

This is another very restless combination, and a double emphasis on intellectual ability. A person can take a philosophical attitude toward close relationships, or go to extremes and intellectualize all the closeness and feeling out of marriage. There may also be a strong value on socializing together, as the couple who do a great deal of entertaining.

Handled positively, Jupiter in the seventh is expressed as a healthy level of trust in

others, positive regard and general goodwill toward them - without wholesale gullibility. The individual can be generous with friends, and they reciprocate. He may share wideranging intellectual interests with those to whom he is close. He may find a mate with whom to share an ongoing pursuit of more knowledge, more insight and more understanding. In fact, this is one of the placements which has the capacity to turn a relationship into a path of spiritual growth, if the couple is mature and honest enough. As Jupiter is a freedom planet, however, the relationship will need to be developed in such a way that both individuals have a lot of freedom. They will not thrive if tied down by rules and expectations, or expected to remain static. If this situation arises, either partner may back out and may leave altogether. Don't fence Jupiter in!

(Eve Jackson)

The notion that this is a fortunate position for marriage does not in my experience hold very much water; Jupiter here seems if anything less stable than Uranus; the institution of marriage is ill-equipped to satisfy Jupiter's insatiable appetite for new experience. How a person handles this placement will depend greatly on whether the implied restlessness is acknowledged as a part of him- or herself, or whether it is always seen as an attribute of the partner.

Expectations are usually high regarding long-term relationships, but can be rather unrealistic, as is the case with Neptune in the seventh; and while a permanent bond may be consciously sought, a partner who will shortly sabotage this praiseworthy plan is frequently chosen. In a surprising number of cases, I have come across marriage or marriage-type relationships literally with a foreigner who represents all sorts of romantic and unfamiliar possibilities but never becomes much more than a stranger. In one case, a woman married a foreign national she had only known for a few weeks. After she had been living with (and supporting) him for a year or two, he vanished, to reappear occasionally over the next twenty years. That she never got round to divorcing him in all this time suggests a certain investment in a formal tie with an unreliable figure; and it is probably that he lived out her fantasies of a footloose existence which did not tally with the values with which she identified.

Where the roving Jupiterian quality is experienced as part of oneself, relationships can soon lose their sap. They do not, however, usually leave a lasting bitter taste, for the old expectations soon assert themselves again. Obviously, it is possible to find a relationship in which both partners move on together; but this means a felicitous choice of a travelling companion. It involves living a little dangerously; but Jupiter can thrive on danger.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Rather than looking directly into yourself, you gain the knowledge you seek through relatedness. It is the source of wisdom, since each encounter offers

unique perspectives. The pitfall is that you may be so oriented toward relating as a 'learning experience' that you forget to truly interact with your partners. As with Venus, your tendency is to skim along the surface, often barely penetrating the emotional depths below. This can rob you of the greatest insights relationships offer. Relatedness itself provides the opportunity; but the person with whom you are relating is sacred, not merely to be taken for granted. The challenge is to take full advantage of the bounty waiting for you.

Equal partnerships: Relationships are like wildflowers, beautiful and free, to be enjoyed but not possessed. You flow into partnerships easily, encountering little resistance, and it's natural for you to regard others as equals. Unlike Mars here, relationships are not a battleground, but a chance to learn about the human condition. The pitfall involves your tendency to be loyal but very freedom-loving, so that your fidelity is truthful in principle more than in fact. The challenge is to experience as much as you can in each partnership you create, to drink fully from the cup of sharing, becoming wise in the ways of humanity.

Contracts, commitments: You are fascinated by contracts, eager to discover the ethical principles that govern their success or failure. Your own commitments in partnership are a laboratory for experimentation with ideal principles. This abstract interest is so high that you commit yourself on many levels and in many relationships, often simultaneously. Your sense of opportunism is so strong, however, that while you recognize the importance of commitments, you may fail to see the necessity of fulfilling them. Partnerships for you are more in the mind than in the heart, so remember that others of a less philosophical bent may be seduced by your enthusiasm. The challenge is to balance commitment and freedom, in order that you fulfill your spirit as well as your mind.

Co-operation: Co-operation is easy for you, a path of least resistance. Your natural optimism makes negotiations flow smoothly. However, there are potential pitfalls. You are sometimes so bluntly honest that you offend others without realizing why. It may not occur to you that they could be vulnerable or sensitive. You are also very proud, and may respond to ego wounds with misplaced haughtiness. Maintaining a sense of humility is crucial if your relationships are to remain bountiful and happy. The challenge is to develop your natural love for socialization into tactful statesmanship. Protection of the emotions is as necessary as enthusiasm of the spirit.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a person whose nature is generous and noble, whose actions are optimistic and spontaneous. Your mate is a very special person, one who loves the expansive sense of relatedness with many different individuals. There is a persistent wanderlust to see the world; and he or she wants to share that experience with you.

A natural partnership is one that broadens your horizons and opens you to the bounty of

life. It contains open and joyful exploration; and you feel enriched by its effect. It has lightness and buoyancy, a sense of flying rather than staying firmly on the ground. You feel the intangible presence of something wise and good, and it makes you feel more care for all of humanity. The image is a hot air balloon, floating majestically in clear skies high above the earth, from which the horizon extends forever.

## Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra 6° 23'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

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

### Dynamic

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

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

### General

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

(Zipporah Dobyns)

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Perhaps you will be denied a meaningful relationship, at least until you are mature enough to balance your needs and desires with another person's. Indeed, one of your tests in life might be finding this delicate balance and learning to compromise without sacrificing yourself. Although relationships are very important to you, it may seem as though you are unlucky in love. External or internal obstacles - cultural, ethnic or religious barriers, age differences, poverty, work or family obligations - might stand in the

way of your happiness. Your relationships could develop very slowly, or you might have to wait a long time for a lover to become available. Physical problems, such as illness, handicaps or ugliness, could make it hard for you to attract partners.

You may feel you are unlovable; and your inferiority complex could repel prospective partners. Or, you might be so desperate for love that you cling to any likely candidate, and thus drive him / her away with your expectations. Because you believe you are inadequate and undesirable, you tend to be quite defensive and sensitive about love and relationships. Afraid of being rejected, you might shut yourself off from other people and refuse to get involved because you don't want to be hurt. You are cautious and conservative in love; and your cold, aloof, disinterested demeanor can cause potential partners to give up on you and go looking for someone more accessible.

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

human relationships entail mutual commitment, as in marriage, business partnerships, and close friendships. The reason is that Saturn is exalted in Libra, the sign ruling relationships.

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

To a large extent, Saturn in Libra rules contracts, including marriage contracts. These Saturn agreements often are of a karmic nature, arising as they do out of interactions with people who have incurred past responsibilities and moral debts.

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

You appear to have little need to defend yourself, because your justification comes directly through others. You are capable of being one of the best adjusted of mortals, living easily with your associates, in getting along with whom your deepest ego is vindicated. This position of Saturn is bound to take you out of yourself and turn a major portion of your attention to the outer world and the people in it. If you're a naturally aggressive and extroverted person, this gives you great tact and charm, because of

which you get what you want with a minimum of struggle. You don't have to fight your way along because your deepest intuitions tell you how to win friends and influence people graciously. If your nature is passive or tends to be introverted, you devote your life wholeheartedly to service of others and satisfy your tendency to inwardness by selffulfilment through sacrifice. In any case, and along whatever lines the total personality leads, this position of Saturn is one of the best insurances of usefulness, and will tend to strengthen and lend significance to an otherwise undistinguished chart.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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



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

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a just rock, but may potentially suffer a decision block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to fulfil your loving duty to Other - but not just be bound by convention; taking / allowing the time to establish right relations - thus avoiding untenable relationships; and building relationships that are true to themselves - and are not just relationships in name only.

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

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

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

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

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

to be hoped, realizing that any partner is entirely to do with what you see there. What is honest and real will attract just that, in the same way that what is denied and bound up in fantasy will conjure up frustration, deceit and disillusionment.

(John Townley)

You tend to be balanced and stable in settling difficulties within a relationship; and you aren't flustered by temporary turmoil. Generally you can patiently wait out an emotional storm or take steps to calm it down, even to your own disadvantage if you are at fault. You have the foresight to see that the situation will balance out in the end and that you will reach that equilibrium only by keeping your present relationship on an even keel.

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

If you are not encouraged to encounter other people and to believe in yourself, you may

prefer to be alone, unburdened by the necessity of relating to others. Or you may feel that others do not understand you. As you get older, this should diminish.

## Saturn ♄ in 8th House

(Liz Greene)

The first sign or house belonging to each element is generally the clearest and most direct in meaning, and relates to the development of the individual personality and its integration. The second sign of that element denotes a point of crisis, for here the individual must take his own experience and integrate it into the group of which he is a part. This is rarely done without struggle, for this too is an expansion of consciousness from the personal to the universal. The third and last sign or house refers to the larger unit of the group and infers the final purpose of the particular level of consciousness symbolised by that element.

The watery signs and houses do not contradict this. In the fourth house a man is subjected to an isolated unit to emotional forces and pressures from the environment which shape his future growth as a personality. He has the opportunity of building a base within himself so that the projection into circumstance is withdrawn and inner security on the feeling level becomes a permanent possession of his character. In the eighth house, the man must take his feeling nature as a channel of expression and contact and begin to function in personal relationships with others. The flow of feeling is not between him and another. Finally, in the twelfth house he has the opportunity of taking the wisdom he has acquired from his experiences and offering it to the group in service for the group development. He is no longer an isolated unit but part of a larger evolving life. This is a helpful way of viewing things which is useful to remember in considering Saturn in the eighth house, for this house is probably the most misunderstood and maligned of all the houses in the horoscope.

This house is primarily described as either the house of physical death - which suggests that it has no value or activity outside that brief moment when we take leave of the physical sheath - or as 'money received from others', a description which is an insult to the complexity and power of the sign and planet associated with the house. Both interpretations are valid as far as they go, but they do not help in an understanding of Saturn placed in the eighth beyond the reading of a death in old age and the denial of inheritance; and both of these readings are frequently mistaken. The interchange of finances between two people in partnership may be one of the by-products of the house; but it is only when the meaning of money as a symbol of emotional values is understood that the more complex meaning of 'money received from others' becomes clear. Death itself does indeed come under this house; but there are many kinds of death, and most of them are not physical; and every death is followed inevitably by a rebirth because it is

only the form, and not the life which inherits the form, that dies.

As a watery house, the eighth deals primarily with emotional exchange. As opposite from the second house, that which has physical value and meaning and which constitutes stability and self-sustenance becomes that which has emotional value and which constitutes stability of feeling. It is in the eighth sign, Scorpio, that we may find a clue to the significance of this house in matters of sex, emotional curses, and the death and rebirth of the instincts as purified desire.

This is primarily a house of crisis, and refers to those points in life where the emotional ties to others force a man to the realisation of some vital area of his own feeling nature which must be recognised, examined, and purified. Here money becomes a symbol of emotional dependence or freedom, for in our society it buys freedom or bondage in marriage, and our sexual values are largely coloured by our finances. So often in the eighth house there exists the enactment of a struggle which appears purely material and which is really emotional in origin. It is no wonder that Freud attributed such significance to money in dreams and why psychology continues to recognise the relationship between monetary and emotional generosity or tightness.

It is common to find the individual with afflicted planets here tied to a difficult financial situation following upon a broken marriage or to chronic problems with partners who take advantage of him financially. This is particularly characteristic of an eighth house Saturn. When investigated, it will often be found that on the sexual and emotional levels there was difficulty in expression; and there is no sweeter revenge for many people than to air their disappointment and frustration in the face of an unresponsive Saturnian partner through material demands.

The area into which this discussion takes us is a prickly one; and this is usual for Scorpio and the eighth house; however, although the previous statement may seem inordinately hard, it is ironic that in our society the prostitute, who is at least honest about the wares that she sells, is despised and generally ends up in jail, while the wife who fundamentally plays the same role and buys her security with her body is glorified because society condones this mask. There are a great many women who trade their sexual favours for a legal tie which promises them financial security; and a great many men who buy these favours in exchange for what have been euphemistically termed 'a husband's rights'.

There is much rubble which must be dug through where our present attitudes toward sex in relation to money are concerned, for we are still following the feudal concepts of family financial structure. In spite of the efforts of more enlightened souls, it will take another generation (as of 1976!) before we can begin to understand that the real nature of sex has nothing to do with the physical world at all but is the reflection of emotional and mental energies - which are in turn the reflection of still more complex energies. Money and sex are still too complex for the average man to understand except in a literal way; and consequently, we have a tremendous amount of confusion to wade

through before the alchemical union of two people into one is understood.

The three watery houses and signs represent three aspects of the feeling nature of man. The fourth house symbolises the nurturing forces which shape his early life. The eighth symbolises the creative and procreative forces which he wields and through which he contacts others. The twelfth symbolises the dissipating forces which eventually break down his sense of separateness and release him into group life.

The eighth house is a battleground, the primary purpose of which is self-understanding and self-mastery through constant crises. There is no greater battleground or stimulus to crisis than the energies which are released through the apparently wholly physical act of sex. The union which occurs on the level of the feeling nature produces a flow of energy which takes a man, for a brief moment, 'out of himself' - it is virtually the only time that he can feel himself to be at one with another human being. It is this intimate emotional oneness to which the sexual aspect of the eighth house refers; there is a death of the individual awareness and the birth of a mutual awareness for which reason the Elizabethans called the sexual act 'the little death'. Unfortunately there are many people who are as frightened of the apparent emotional vulnerability inherent in this as they are of death itself. What they do not recognise is that the union takes place whether it is recognised or not, and that on the feeling level it is not possible to totally shut out the partner; it is only possible to believe that he has been shut out.

To consider this point of view is to recognise the real responsibility in a sexual union. This has nothing to do with morality. We have had many centuries of moral teachings which have done absolutely nothing to help us understand the real nature of the mystery. The currents of this great creative force or 'serpent power' - whose cousins we may see as the serpent in the garden, the ouroboros of alchemy, and the plumed serpent of the Aztecs - may be released in other ways, but these belong to the sphere of the occultist and the magician, and the average individual knows only one - physical sex. Once set in motion, these currents bind and alter both souls involved. All states of consciousness which involve the 'death' of the personality - ranging from those induced by drugs to certain kinds of religious ecstasy and trances of varying sorts - come under the rulership of the eighth house, for they all refer to this same energy which can separate the self from its vehicles. Physical death is only the last in a series of deaths which begin with birth.

We understand very little about both sex and death at the present time; and this ignorance is more than slightly owed to the confusion of the Piscean era with its pronouncement of sex as evil and of death as the gateway to never-ending heaven or hell. This kind of conditioning runs deep, as it has been with us for two thousand years; and even the more liberal-minded and scientifically-inclined have the same collective heritage of fear, superstition, and fascination about this area of human experience. The individual with Saturn in the eighth house has a double burden on his hands, for he must not only come to terms with Saturn - who is evasive enough on his own - but he must

also be willing to make the descent into Pluto's realm if he is to find the treasure hard to attain. It may be said, however, and with no attempt at poetry, that the person who accomplishes this possesses the key to his own immortality.

In a great many cases with Saturn in Scorpio or in the eighth house, the individual's fears or feelings of inadequacy are in the area of sexual expression. This is undoubtedly a symbol for an even deeper fear; but here the symbol is powerful enough in its own right to create great pain in the person's life. The average man who has to deal with this situation will not, however, take kindly to being told this fact bluntly by an astrological consultant. People are as prickly about sex now, when it comes to overt discussion, as they were during Victoria's time. Moreover, the man's inadequacy is not a physical one but rather an emotional one; this is a watery, not an earthy, house. Saturn in the eighth is often linked with impotence or frigidity; but these are also not physical problems, and the physician who attempts to cure these problems through hormones alone is committing a grave error. The difficulty here lies in the fear of submission, or violation, of the control of the partner, and of emotional rejection, for it is the psychic rather than the physical exchange which contains the threat.

It is fairly common to find an individual with Saturn in the eighth who may be affectionate and loving but who, when the last output of separateness is passed in the bedroom, shies like a frightened horse and cannot perform. Or he may overcompensate for his inner fears by becoming the 'perfect lover' on a purely physical level; and he may try to block the flow of energy and emotion to his partner so that he is, somehow, not really there. However subtle this mechanism is, it can be deeply frustrating and disturbing to the partner although it may not be recognised on a conscious level by either person. The individual may not be aware that anything is wrong except that somehow it is always faintly disappointing; and he is never able to achieve the satisfaction his fantasies tell him is possible. It takes an unusual degree of honesty to look directly at the subtle patterns which surround an eighth house Saturn, for there is, at the same time as fear, the overcompensation of great value placed on performance, in our present era. No wonder that these people have such trouble with money during and after marriage; they may easily find themselves under financial obligations concurrent with the amount of frustration they have unconsciously inflicted on their partners.

As with all Saturn positions, two extremes of behaviour are possible. The effects of overcompensation can help to produce the overtly promiscuous person who is not truly motivated by physical pleasure but who is truly particularly hard to be 'sexy' because he or she is dimly aware of a fundamental problem in relating emotionally to another person. Here Saturn again tries to make an emotional value into a physical one with little success. This kind of behaviour is prevalent now because there is great emphasis on sexual freedom as the reaction to too much restriction in the past. Both are extremes which are part of the natural process of evolution, but which are unpleasant in themselves, for fear permeates them both.

It is naturally wise for the consultant astrologer to express diplomacy when dealing with eighth house matters, for he may be inviting a punch in the mouth otherwise. But with this kind of eighth house Saturn, we are reminded of that wonderful Shakespearean line, 'Methinks thou dost protest too much!' This is reminiscent of the fourth house Saturn who 'adores' his family, who had a 'wonderful' childhood, who had 'no problems whatsoever' with either parent.

On the other hand, the person with Saturn in the eighth may cloak his fears with the garment of strong religious or moral convictions of a particularly intolerant sort, thereby declaring as sinful that of which he is essentially afraid. In these cases Saturn is a prompter toward celibacy, but for all the wrong reasons. The devil, unfortunately, is not vanquished by being told to go away; it is the light of consciousness that he cannot endure.

We may also find that rare individual who is honest enough with himself to understand that there is something within himself that needs development - as there is in everyone - and who makes the effort not only to discipline but to comprehend his sexual nature as well so that he can express it in the most positive way. In all cases, however, the fascination with death and with sex is very great although there may be fear or disgust at the same time.

It seems that a characteristic pattern of the person with an eighth house Saturn is to be let down emotionally by others and often in the most intimate and painful way; and it is in this pattern that a clue to the larger purpose of the placement may be found. There is frequently a denial of deep emotional contact in childhood; and as Saturn has some connection with the father, this placement often occurs where the father dies or is emotionally cold. Often the individual grows up in an environment where very little physical expression occurs or where the sexual problems existent between the parents have filled the atmosphere with hostility and fear. There is some link between the father and the sexual energies although this may be very subtle. Often it is not subtle; and beatings or assault occur. The effect, whatever the actual circumstance, is a feeling of isolation and loneliness that no-one can share and whose scars no-one can alleviate. For Saturn in the eighth house carries deeper emotional scars than any other Saturnian placement; and the wounds are slower to heal.

People with Saturn in the eighth have a deep insight into nature and human nature and a fascination with death and other states of being. They often have a strong desire to save humanity, or at least some part of it. This position attracts effective advisors. It also tends to be politically conservative.

They can have a certain blindness about themselves and the things or people they believe in, with a set of fixed ideas that can sometimes get in their way. Their usual refusal to see their own stubbornness brings them many losses in life, until they face themselves and can accept the truth about themselves.

They tend to wear well and often gain in attractiveness as they age. They usually have a brush with death at some point that changes their lives - either their own death or that of someone else. They may deal with death, or after-death states, in their work in some way, if there are other factors that confirm it.

These people are often very concerned with money, security, and position, due to a great lack of one or all of these in youth, and will probably gain a great deal of the first two at least, though possibly never enough to satisfy. They are capable of giving gracefully, effectively, and thoroughly, when needed, whether of time, services, or material things. The sorrows of their lives can be transformed into humor; they are usually very amusing people. In youth they are often very attractive to older people who can be helpful to them. With other factors, this guarantees charisma; yet in spite of it they are often lonely. They attract others, but often not the ones they'd like to attract.

(Howard Sasportas)

Saturn in the 8th gives apprehensions and difficulties in the area of intimacy, sharing and joint resources. They may feel insecure about what they have to give or experience some difficulty receiving what another is offering. More generally, there is the fear of letting go, of merging and blending with another person. To truly merge with someone else means the death of the self as a separate individual. This is a frightening prospect for those with Saturn in the 8th who want to hold onto what they value and possess. In addition, letting themselves go in a relationship entails the possibility of being overtaken by feelings that they have attempted to keep under rigid control - rage, jealousy, envy and passions of a primitive and instinctive nature. They desperately crave a close union and yet withdraw from it for fear of being overwhelmed by such eruptions. Subsequently they may have difficulty relaxing and being open and trusting with others, all of which could give rise to sexual problems. (In mythology, Eros and Thanatos were brothers, and the sexual union is a kind of death of one's individuality.) Investigating the root causes of inhibitions in this area deepens and enriches their self-knowledge and understanding.

Besides possible sexual hang-ups, there are conflicts pooling resources and making personal adjustments in relationships. The partner's beliefs or values may differ from and contradict their or they may choose a mate who is a burden in some way. And yet, helping out with the welfare of others may be precisely what Saturn in the 8th needs for his or her own personal development. There can be trouble over inheritance, taxation and business contracts, and the possibility of drawn-out divorce proceedings. Some will make a career dealing with other people's money - bankers, investment consultants, stockbrokers and accountants may have this position of Saturn.

Generally, they hesitate to probe beneath the surface of life and yet this is what is needed for greater depth and maturity. Obviously, people who attempt to maintain rigid controls over themselves are likely to be very frightened by the prospect of physical



death and what looms in the hereafter. These apprehensions could provoke them to a serious pursuit of more knowledge in these areas.

(Robert Pelletier)

In the struggle to gain control over your life circumstances, you are forced to be obligated to and dependent upon others, although it bothers you. When you compare your accomplishments and resources with those of your contemporaries, your self-image suffers needlessly. Gaining personal security is so important that it has forced you to work with others as the one way to become more financially independent. Secretly, though, you aren't always sure that you measure up to the public's expectations, so you extend yourself to remove that doubt. You would be better off working for yourself in your own business, which would eliminate that problem. You are better equipped to deal with the public's needs than you realize, as should be proved by what you get for your services.

After repeatedly hearing how competent you are from those who appreciate your skills, you will finally realize that they are right. Perhaps then you will place a higher premium on your talents, thus letting the public know that you will do what they require but that your services are costly. They also know that they will get all or more than they expect. Once established in your occupation, you invest heavily in time and energy to achieve your goals and objectives. You learn to mobilize your skills and resources efficiently to derive the most benefit with the least effort. Luckily, when you need favors, you can always turn to those whom you have helped in the past.

You might neglect developing the kind of human values that are so essential in your career, especially since you will probably deal with the general public. Don't put all your values in material considerations, because if you do, many people cannot relate to you on a personal level. While you have greater sexual self-discipline than most people, the reason you are conservative in indulging your appetite is because of the cost involved. The chances are you will prefer having a small family that you can manage without being under enormous demands. You are willing to do without some of life's pleasures and direct your efforts toward your career. Because you are easily intimidated by your competitors' high performance, you strive to increase your skills and improve your position in relation to them. You want a career that allows you to grow and expand so you can increase your earnings and public status.

Your wealth of valuable ideas amounts to little unless you work at developing them so they can be utilized in the marketplace. This means that you will have to invest a lot of time and energy to increase your value to the buying public or, if you work for someone else, to achieve greater recognition from your superiors. With your organizational ability, you should be able to mobilize your resources so effectively that you won't have to be concerned about how to earn a living.

Look around for people whose needs or situations require your skills to improve them. You are definitely tied to working with and for the general public. Your partner admires and respects your efforts, although you may think that you can be accepted only to the extent that you provide every possible material benefit. Keep a sharp eye out for clever individuals who try to con you into schemes that aren't within the bounds of legality. You are sufficiently afraid of the consequences that you are unlikely to resort to lax moral behavior or questionable ethical standards.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: Saturn in the 8th indicates a strong sense of responsibility surrounding intimacy. This can indicate a working dedication to achieve lasting intimacy. But it may also reveal anxieties. You could fear being held responsible for every failure in sharing, not only blame for the shortcomings of your partnerships, but for any problems your partners have in their personalities. You may mistrust others' motives, believing that they will reject you once they're close enough to expose your flaws. These worries are not groundless - it's necessary to approach with caution. Make a long-term commitment to union, and move one step at a time. Even when you feel the onrush of intimacy, remind yourself to slow down. The pitfall is wanting from others what you have not given yourself. The challenge is careful selection of partners followed by persevering effort.

Transformation: Temper your sensitivity to others' reactions, your fears that you will be criticized or humiliated for not changing fast or well enough. You know very well not only what must change, but how those changes must be expressed. Do not adhere to schedules or rules imposed from outside; forcing change out of fear of rejection achieves nothing. At the same time, do not refuse to work on changing simply because others seem to be pushing you. The challenge is to take responsibility for where you are, not where you feel you should be. Do so calmly, without protest, while you continue gaining strength through measured steps forward. Your fears of ego death have only the power you give them, so celebrate even tiny victories over inertia. Most of all, be gentle and forgiving with yourself. You can change; time is on your side.

Sexual merging: You want sex to be tangible, not ethereal, but this focus is so demanding that you may overwhelm your own capacity for the experience. You fear that if you truly let go, you will obliterate yourself, so you hold back. The closer you come, the more your own gravity holds you down. Sometimes you can't achieve release, and you regard this as a personal failure. It's not. It's the result of pushing too hard, of carrying too much seriousness. You regard your beloved's desires toward you with suspicion. This is protection against your rejection anxieties. The challenge is to patiently develop sexual relaxation. Remember, the trek up the mountain is long, to be achieved slowly. Only then will you appreciate the view from the summit.

Focused intuition: You feel it's not enough to merely have intuition; you often demand perfect knowing. This is too much to expect. Also, you fear the repercussions of intuition,

believing that others will kill the messenger. Finally, you fear that you may actually be crazy, that intuition is not real, and that you are succumbing to a form of self-delusion. Each pitfall warrants real concern, but none is true. Your challenge is to work persistently to develop your intuitive faculties, constantly checking and double-checking the accuracy of your perceptions, and slowly developing faith that invisible worlds do indeed exist, and can be of great pragmatic value.

Shared assets: Money means responsibility, whether there is too little or too much. There is often delay or disappointment - your reward for patience is not as high as you hoped it would be. Happily, Saturn improves with age, like fine wine, and maturity can bring great common sense. But this is achieved only if you carefully manage the resources available through relationships. Easy money is counterfeit for you, and you must reject it. The challenge is to be like the little piggy who built his house out of bricks.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the eighth house is, like Saturn in the seventh, usually working on issues of power versus equality. As part of our desire for deep lasting peer relationships, but with the added intensity of water, the eighth house can be more challenging than the seventh, where we are usually more consciously aware of both sides of situations and more willing to compromise. Water instinctively seeks fusion, but in the eighth house, as with Scorpio and Pluto, we also want control. It is not easy to be passionately involved with a mate but able to release to allow equality, to control ourselves but not anyone else, to realize we cannot possess another person. Complicating the situation is the Water need for dependend the Letter Eight fear of loss of control. The prize for success is shared power and shared pleasure with possessions and appetites. We learn self-knowledge partly through the mirror of the mate and self-mastery partly out of respect for the rights of the mate.

In an interview with a female client who had Saturn in the eighth house I was delicately trying to get across the issue of sharing power with her husband without suggesting that there was something 'wrong' with her. She just looked at me and said "Yes, my husband and I do fight a lot. We enjoy it. Then we kiss and make up." So I said "Fine". Usually I advise competing with members of the other team rather than our own. But if you are doing it consciously as a game, it is not a problem. When something is happening in our lives which distrubs us and we are not sure why it is there or how to deal with it, then we need to do some analysis.

An eighth house father may be possessive and dominating if his family is his main or only place where he can feel in control. Or he may be so busy seeking security in the material world that he is rarely home. This combination can also indicate the death of a parent or other important authority figure in teh early life, teaching us how to let go. Unless the father is unusually secure, he may feel deeply but seldom express his emotions.

Emotional manipulation is a sign of too much insecurity to seek what we want openly. There may be sexual issues, especially if the relationship between the parents is poor. If the father tends to repress his emotions, they may periodically come out explosively or they may lead to illness. He is likely to be trying to learn moderation, when is enough, and how to let go. If the child can learn from the father's example, he or she will be ahead of the game.

We can direct the saturn drive for power in the world into a career with teamwork. It could deal with joint resources in banking, investment, taxes, insurance, or public funds in government work. Or it could deal with the search for hidden answers through depth psychology, archaeology, detective work, or any type of research. Saturn and the eighth house bring together two of the 'obsessive-compulsive' sides of life, so individuals with this combination are often very good at detail and organization, with phenomenal memories and a strong will. If they possibly can, such people keep on going until they get there.

## Uranus ♅ in ♒ Aquarius 3° 59'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having this placement have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ideas to link humanity beyond the level of traditional social order into an integrated whole that is in alignment with humanitarian ideals and standards for relating. A creative form of disorder occurs when Uranus in Aquarius operates on its highest, most inventive and original level. A form of disruption occurs through the awareness of obsolete social systems.

(Joan Negus)

The shift in attitude toward the Mexican government that took place in 1914 concerned matters of principle rather than finance. The incident that triggered the change was the arrest of several sailors and officers from the American barge Dolphin in Tampico. The men were released, but Admiral Henry Mayo demanded an apology and a 'salute to the American flag'. The Mexican dictator, Victoriano Huerta, refused, and broke off diplomatic relations with the United States.

European countries with vested financial interests in Mexico urged US President Woodrow Wilson to recognize Huerta, stating that he was strong enough to keep the status quo in this country where rebels were again threatening to challenge the government. Instead, the usually peace-oriented Wilson asked for and received permission from Congress to send troops to control the city of Veracruz. The reason given for this action was that Germany was sending arms to Huerta through this port.

The incident might have triggered a war had not Argentina, Brazil and Chile entered the picture as mediators. By the shipment of supplies being stopped, however, Huerta's power diminished; and eventually he resigned and left the country.

This series of events points up two important differences between Uranus in Capricorn and Uranus in Aquarius. The first is that financial and other material considerations that are foremost in the minds of people with Uranus in Capricorn fade into the background when freedom and individuality are threatened. With Uranus in Aquarius, the words 'personal dignity' or 'personal integrity' are mentioned as being an essential ingredient in one's personal make-up and a prime reason to rebel.

The mediation that took place illustrates the second difference. The dictatorial, paternalistic approach of Capricorn is replaced by the objectivity of Aquarius. There is no longer the necessity of being the authority figure. We are dealing with the sign of equality, where opinions and alternatives can be discussed. With Uranus in Aquarius, you will believe that you have an open mind when it comes to change and freedom, and you are capable of adjusting. You just may not do it as quickly as you think you can (or do). But at least compromise is possible. And what others have to say regarding Uranian matters can eventually be accepted if the arguments make sense and humanitarian reasons are offered.

Capricorn is a black-and-white sign. Things are right or wrong, and tangible actions must be taken to reinforce what is right and eliminate what is wrong. There is usually 'one way' to resolve issues, and this is dependent upon who is in charge.

With Uranus in Aquarius, the approach to Uranian issues is more abstract. 'Principles' outweigh specifics. There is an awareness of the possibility of choice, and recognition that there are alternative courses of action. Decisions are based on intellect, not on feelings of concrete facts. And if you try to influence a Uranus in Aquarius person with a sad story or fifty practical reasons for starting a revolution, you will probably experience a cool response. When emotions or too much practicality are brought into the picture, the Uranus in Aquarius person has the ability to detach from the situation and withdraw. The best way to reach the Uranus in Aquarius person is to be impersonal and objective.

An excellent example of the difference between the two signs was evidenced at the time of the passage of Uranus from Capricorn to Aquarius in 1912. That was the year in which Woodrow Wilson was elected president in a landslide victory over both Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. The events that took place in each of their terms of office which were mentioned earlier illustrate clearly the mood of the country during those times; and a look at the general character of the three men reaffirms the information - but most particularly the contrast between Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, as Taft worked under Roosevelt and really rose from his shadow.

Roosevelt's motto was 'speak softly but carry a big stick'. This evokes the image of the stern father whose authority is felt without it being spoken. It was time to make concrete changes materialize with Uranus in Capricorn. Therefore, a man with the character of Roosevelt would appeal to the populace during that period.

When Uranus moved into Aquarius, different types of changes were desired. The people wanted to work toward their hopes and wishes - to aspire more highly - and perhaps improve conditions for all of mankind. Using physical force was no longer enough. The mind needed to be exercised as well. Therefore, it is not surprising that Woodrow Wilson, a former professor and president of Princeton University, would be elected President of the United States. Nor is it surprising that he would be considered a visionary and noted for his intellect.

Although these years of Uranus in Aquarius (1912-1920) coincided with using the mind to institute change and to work toward higher ideals, it also included World War I (1914-1918), thus demonstrating that the intellect alone may not be enough to alter conditions. In fact, it suggests that if the mind cannot make the difference, any feasible means can be used. With Uranus in the sign of its rulership, we have a principle associated with both the planet and the sign Aquarius, strongly expressed through World War I. With this Air combination, neither feelings nor practicality plays an essential role in actions taken to bring about change or freedom. The end justifies the means - no matter how unorthodox or, in this case, how bloody - it may be.

This example can add more information to our interpretation of Uranus in Aquarius for the individual. If you have this placement, you may view alternatives for change first through the intellect. Yet, you may be willing to defend your own right to freedom and equality in any way that is expedient. The same holds true if you become involved in a humanitarian cause that does not involve you personally. You would probably join such a cause for idealistic reasons. There need be no close connection between you and others defending or affected by the project. In fact, you can probably start and continue revolutionary activities in an impersonal, detached manner. It is easier to embrace principles than people; and sentimentality is probably not a consideration in Uranian matters.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Aquarius last century from February 1912 until March 1919, and again from August 1919 until January 1920. In April 1995, it entered Aquarius again, and will remain there until January 2003. In its own sign, Uranus's energy is amplified, so that such periods usually are racked with turmoil, sudden and explosive change, revolts and conflicts that involve issues of independence and equality. Both Uranus and Aquarius are associated with progressive social change, freedom, human rights, unconventional attitudes and behavior, new and revolutionary discoveries and ideas, modern technology and scientific advances; therefore, your Uranus-group will be involved with and

instrumental in effecting changes and upsets in these areas.

World War I took place during Uranus's last passage through Aquarius. For the first time in history, aircraft - ruled by Aquarius and Uranus - played an important role in warfare. Authoritarian governments around the globe toppled, and new political systems were established. The Russian Revolution, which overthrew the ruling czars and set up a government of the people, occurred during this period. In China, the Ch'ing dynasty, which had been in power since 1644, was ousted, and a republic was set up in its place.

Other social equalizing forces were also at work during this period. In the United States, the women's suffrage movement was gaining strength; and in Great Britain women achieved limited voting rights. New York health care worker and social activist Margaret Sangar began her birth control decade, which was intended to give women greater independence. Workman's Compensation, the first social insurance program in the U.S., was established in some states, and the American income tax system was made law by the 16th amendment to the Constitution.

Those of you who have this Uranus placement in your birth charts have a strong sense of independence, individual rights and social equality. You could be involved in implementing social reforms or making breakthroughs in the established order that create more equitable situations.

You also are curious, inventive, unconventional, perhaps a little eccentric, and willing to try anything new or different. Perhaps you will be responsible for important discoveries or changes in scientific fields, as was true of physician / scientist Jonas Salk, who developed a polio vaccine; his Uranus was in Aquarius. Or, your curiosity and desire for excitement could lead you to discover new worlds. The new 'minigeneration' of Uranus-in-Aquarius people will experience and be involved with significant, revolutionary changes in the areas of human rights, technology and science, as well as New Age thought. Perhaps they will even travel to other Universes of establish contact with other-world beings.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Aquarius is in its own sign and is therefore very powerful. People with this position have a penetrating, intuitive insight into scientific and occult truth. In highly developed types, there is the capacity to understand spiritual energies and religious concepts in a scientific context. These people have great scientific and inventive talents.

This position of Uranus gives strong will and mental independence. Natives insist on making their own decisions and drawing their own conclusions. Their independent, intellectual minds are bent on discovering the impartial truth; they will discard yesterday's ideas and methods if they cannot be proved scientifically or if they fail to conform to fact. Direct experience is their final test for determining the truth of any matter. Their capacity

for direct experience and observation can be extended in higher dimensions through the unfolding of their clairvoyant faculties.

They are concerned with what is good for humanity as a whole; they believe in human brotherhood and the dignity of man. Their openness to new ideas is a manifestation of their humanitarian tendencies. They seek to reform society, and they like to work through groups and organizations.

If Uranus is afflicted in Aquarius, there can be license instead of freedom, producing unreasoning stubbornness and impractical eccentricity. Uranus heavily afflicted here can make the native unwilling to follow any system of routine or discipline.

(Grant Lewi)

You know instinctively that your individual genius requires a mass expression, that there is no personal freedom for anyone till everyone is free, and that no individual can be happier than the sum total of his society is happy. You are the lamplighters of the new birth of freedom in the hour of the world's darkness. In the depths of your spirits, you know that there is no individualism, no personal genius, no true expression possible to any one human being till all of mankind has found the level at which it can live securely together. This is the great message of the Aquarian age of which you and those of your generation are acolytes.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus is in the sign that it rules, giving these people a certain Aquarian air. They are friendly, kind and humanitarian, usually with an independent streak, and may be rather private. As they get older, they must be encouraged to keep their independence, and will probably want to. However, Uranian unpredictability and intractability will surely emerge, so the rest of the chart should be examined to find the best solution to such deadlocks. If Air signs are emphasized, this placing's influence will be somewhat increased.

There is considerable inventiveness and originality, and a certain flair in whichever area of self-expression is most fulfilling. Many will look glamorous well into the later years of their lives, but poor circulation and stiffness or arthritic conditions in the joints is likely - exercise should be encouraged.

Kindness and the Aquarian / Uranian humanitarian traits are usually present. Here is someone who likes to raise money for charity, or at least ease suffering in a practical way. As Uranus is in its own sign here, its influence is enhanced, and will be even more potent if it is also a personal planet.



# 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, sensual 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 reports 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 ♎ Libra 12° 55'

No interpretation.

## Neptune ♆ in 8th House

(Marilyn Waram)

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

On the positive side, Neptune in the seventh is another of the artistic combinations. This one may lean particularly toward graphic arts, but any revenue of artistic expression is possible. It is especially positive if spouses can both be artistic, and particularly if they can share this without letting competitiveness spoil it. However, it is most important for

the person with Neptune in the seventh to find an artistic outlet for otherwise it is easy to project and expect the spouse to be wonderfully artistic and creative, whether she wishes to be so or not.

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

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

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

Being so prone to projection, the negative possibilities for Neptune in the seventh or eighth are legion. Most obvious is the expectation that one will have a perfect mate, or a perfect marriage, or that one is perfect in the marriage. With Neptune in these houses the individual tends to really buy into the Walt Disney stories of the princess and the handsome, rescuing prince, and the way they supposedly lived 'happily ever after'. Neptune loves a good rescuee(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.

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

Human sexuality is a complex theme reflecting a variety of possible psychological patterns; where Neptune is involved, it is virtually impossible to accurately predict the particular way in which it will manifest itself; also patterns can be transformed over time, shifting from one being dominant to another being so, depending on what is evoked by any sexual partner. Desires of being possessed and absorbed in selfabandonment may persist or the desire to possess and control another may be dominant. That

overshadowing by a 'greater force' and overlaying of a mystical dimension may be the operative fascination, where sex is perceived in terms of a mystical quest for union, as in the Tantric traditions, or in aspects of the Western Grail and Arthurian Mysteries. Another extreme could be conscious renunciation of sexual activity, as in celibacy or monastic attitudes, where personal sexual intimacy is offered as a sacrifice to an ideal, given for the reward of purification and redemption to be received as a transformation. Certainly a degree of understanding and integration of Neptune in this house is essential for personal well-being and psychological health.

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are often good with money, capable of gaining it through gambling, investing in the stock market, or luck or intuition, though they are usually better at making it than keeping it, being inclined to lose it through neglect, ignorance, or being taken advantage of, rather than through overspending. They are inclined to be very tight with money, and then lose it through peculiar circumstances. This position can promise inheritance, but aspects must be very good for it to come through. The money may be

less than expected, or take so long to materialise that it isn't worth it in the long run.

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

For those with Neptune in this house, sex is a way of merging with other people, and



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

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

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

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

It is advisable that they are as straightforward as possible in business dealings; and care should be taken in the selection of business partners. Neptune often brings confusion; and when signing contracts, the two parties should clarify exactly what the agreement is. Economic losses and gains will have an important psychological impact, and ultimately

could impel them to find their security and salvation inwardly in values other than the material. In any case, they are well-advised to seek advice before making financial investments and in all issues concerning inheritance and taxation.)

When Neptune is in any of the Water houses, the person is extremely sensitive to and influenced by undercurrents and feelings in the atmosphere. Depending on the aspects to Neptune, the experience of intangible and non-material forces can operate constructively or destructively. In positive cases, the person will receive guidance and inspiration as if out of nowhere or may be open to valuable instruction through dreams. It is as if they tap into an invisible realm where expanded vision and understanding becomes available just at the times when such broadened awareness is most necessary. For this reason, they can also serve as sources of comfort and inspiration for others who are experiencing crises. However, the psychic openness of this position can manifest in less desirable ways. In a few instances, they may feel 'possessed' - as if they have been taken over by something powerful outside themselves. Sometimes they may receive deceptive or misleading guidance from some other dimension.

## Pluto ♄ in ♉ Taurus 26° 59'

No interpretation.

## Pluto ♄ in 3rd House

(Ginger Chalford)

As children, we listen to our parents and / or older siblings talk about the world which we know we are to inherit in time. These images of the world stimulate our imagination, and we try to understand the common denominators of what we hear so as to put together a 'world view' of our own. Although filled with possible misconceptions put there by older children or by our own untrained perceptions, we discover at some point what can be called the 'common reality'. We begin believing things that others (including the adults) believe. We essentially agree on the hardness of objects, the smells, tastes and sounds we hear. We identify objects similarly so as to discuss them and to communicate what we are learning. Since, as children, we didn't originally have this common world view, we could just as easily have thought that it was possible to simply jump up and fly with the birds, or walk through a tree! With the coming of a rational approach to the world, we join the rest of humanity for the sake of communicating and reaching out. The child thereby gives up his or her personal powers of perception in order to assume the prevailing social attitudes. This form of understanding becomes automatic, and we all go through it sooner or later. The few people who resist this ordering of the world in common with others are harshly labelled as retarded, crazy, mentally inept, stupid, etc.. Some brain-

damaged people also have had to throw out this socially accepted picture of the world, relying instead on incomplete information about reality until they regain their perspective (if ever they do). However, for the normal or average person, the world appears real, solid, fixed and obviously just the way it is - and it cannot be imagined any other way. This is automatic thinking or comprehension, a major aspect of the third house.

This house also represents the undercurrents of the mental concepts and attitudes of the father (or fourth house parent). With Pluto here, the native absorbs the beliefs about reality and attitudes about the world from the father. With the third house rounding out the quadrant of the self, including the self-image and self-worth of the individual, the native with this placement assumes that the response of the father indicates his or her value as a person. This can lead to initial self-recrimination when and if one assumes that one is not worthy enough to deserve the father's praise. Unfortunately, in this house, self-worth attitudes as derived from interactions with the father are taken in automatically, and included with the world view. The native has little incentive to rebel against any negative self-concepts, assuming that they are as real and valid as the environment, as the world itself. Thoughts are assumed to reflect logical reality rather than an imaginative one, and the native assumes that he or she knows the true attitudes of the parents - which are taken to be more valid than his or her own attitudes.

This develops into a personality pattern that can be recognised easily. As an adolescent, and into adulthood, this native can be defensive and touchy concerning moral or ethical beliefs. He or she can be an extremely good manipulator, whether refined or not, by implying a threat of some sort if others do not agree. This threat is most often felt, and not spoken. This native has learned to use the assumption as a tool for power over others, to maintain control and to keep up the defences against vulnerability. This individual is afraid to consider that others may be right, that she / he could be wrong. 'Isn't it obvious?' may be a frequently asked question in this case. The extremes of this behaviour, as with all Plutonian influences, range from excessively quiet, acute self-questioning, to aggressive bragging and tendencies to pick fights with others.

This person may be the oddball in the family, always trying to rebel against beliefs that others maintain easily. This person would initially have been willing to fight for the family attitudes; but as time passes, feels that she / he must somehow assert some individuality. This rebelliousness attaches itself almost randomly or arbitrarily onto the assumptions which he or she believed to be true up until the rebellious period. This causes confusion, as the native gets lost in subtleties and tries madly to put together a new, workable world order. Although this rebelliousness is often necessary to establish one's sense of power, if it isn't resolved it can bring on a sense of resignation over the inability to find personal power. Then the person may tend to fall back into petty mental habits of taking things personally, particularly if the message is verbal or spoken. Easily roused to anger, this individual may become known for his or her temper, as she / he attempts to defend parental points of view or her / his own - which are often just the opposite. These people can be hard-liners, unforgiving of their fathers, siblings or other

family members who may have slighted them in the past.

They may appear to rationalise everything to excess, in order to preserve a poorly functioning world view. They are constantly looking for problems to solve, as their minds are deep and penetrating by nature - and this tends to attract many problems, too! Once they have a problem to work with, they will attack it with great mental intensity, not sparing the feelings of anyone else who may happen to be involved. These natives have been known to unwittingly say scathing things about other people, sometimes even to their face. However, Pluto third house people feel all along that what they say is the absolute truth, and that they have a moral duty to inform everyone of what is real and what is not - as if they were just about the only ones who know! They may not even admit that they are opinionated, preferring to think that it is everyone else who is so intellectually arrogant.

However, most of the Pluto third house bravado covers a great insecurity: namely, a sense of not being able to make decisions on one's own, based upon a solid selfconcept. This is where these people are apt to fall flat on their faces. Their selfconcept is low initially, and they feel a need to somehow cover up this obviously real flaw. They do not attempt to disprove or disbelieve the flaw, because they actually crave the feeling of mental dissonance. They don't revise their own self-opinion, or look within themselves for the answers. They believe there is an objective, infallible truth known to them; and that if they prove these ideas to others, the whole mental scheme will be validated. What they are trying to do is get recognition and approval from the father, yet they probably do not suspect it at all.

Women with this placement may transfer their beliefs and ideologies over to those of their husband, looking for their sense of self-worth (which is usually low) to be validated in or through someone else. They may then face a personal struggle over whether to let their spouse make the decisions for them. This can lead to a complaining, bitchy demeanour and manipulative attitudes.

Men with Pluto here may feel they have to accomplish great mental strides and be super-intelligent in order to prove their worth to their father - even if he is dead and gone! They will try to justify and explain their reasoning to others, even when no-one else cares to listen. Both men and women with this placement can antagonise people and make many enemies.

Fortunately, not everyone with Pluto in the third house takes the negative road. The vast majority of people with Pluto here have periodic bouts with the problems just described, but are able to transcend the major difficulties thus presented, and manage to emerge from them as strong individuals. The positive use of Pluto will also be noticed at an early age, as the child is fascinated by the mysteries of the world he or she is inheriting. Extremely sensitive to environmental changes, such as moving to another city or losses and gains of friends and family members (through death, birth or marriage), this child

questions everything: "Why?" He or she must find the answers, which leads to a search for understanding that takes various intriguing twists and turns throughout life. Reality for these people is never dull, for there is always a new mystery to solve. Very early in life, this child displays an astounding knowledge of how things work, which can possibly lead to a scientific career. His or her ingenious and penetrating mind searches for significant explanations to life's mysteries, and is fully willing to explore novel ideas that are far ahead of their time. The thinking processes are organised almost scientifically, with a remarkable capacity to categorise things in a unique but personally useful way. What the Pluto third house individual is looking for are the limits or boundaries of perception. Intellectual disciplines satisfy the urge for power which characterises this mind; and the analytical abilities are pronounced. A kind of intuition comes from this placement, which the native sometimes cannot even begin to try to express logically, because the understanding has passed the normal limits of linear thinking. The life perspective is high and all-embracing.

What the child does with this aspect in its positive sense will reflect on the relationship she / he enjoyed with the father (or fourth house parent). When there is support from within the family for the child's efforts to search, discover and be unique, then the self-esteem runs high. The child does not feel that it is a moral infringement to doubt the commonly accepted reality and try to find a new one. Instead of feeling that life is vicious, and that reality is inherently destructive, this individual will often believe, and use to his or her advantage, the concept that the universe is friendly and supportive.

With this placement, people can focus deeply on whatever they desire, and they can see the result in their environment. This encourages them to develop their powers within a mental format. Positive response comes from others and from the environment; and a feeling of security grows inside the self. This gives them a positive belief that all things have a reason, and that all problems have a solution. With higher and higher understanding, they begin to choose consciously what they want to be true, and then to act from that new perspective. With each new understanding, Pluto people gain more mental leverage, reaching into higher and more profound plateaus of thought. The positive Plutonian learns how to make decisions on his or her own, and thereby evolves to a high personal level of confidence, self-worth and self-esteem. His or her perspective can be magical, without the usual limitations imposed upon it by social conditioning or any kind of pressure to become something important - something which the subliminal father figure may have desired, for example.

When Pluto transits through this house, there is generally a crisis of opinions and attitudes in the person's life. Old belief structures, particularly those concerning the nature of success, can crumble under this transit. The individual can then see beyond the struggle for the buck, and understand why he or she is pushing so hard to make it. Absolute truth becomes relative at this time, and the individual can feel that he or she is caught up in a moral or spiritual crisis. People being hit with this shift in their mentality may resist the change, fighting to uphold past doctrines for fear that they won't be able to

find anything to replace them. After all, this is similar to the belief widely held in the 16th century, that if you sailed westward from Europe into the Atlantic, you would come to a great cliff - and literally fall off the world! There can be a similar kind of fear when Pluto moves through the third house.

Those who are ready for Pluto's perspective and power will begin (as well as finish!) untangling confusing and conflicting concepts, and create a new, more useful and more powerful world view. Their new picture of reality will be more fluid, the perspective changing as the limitations expand. More and more is revealed. The person who works with Pluto positively, and who has developed a higher sense of self-worth during Pluto's transit through the second house, will choose freely what she / he will accept as a part of his or her current reality during the third house transit. This can manifest anywhere between the two extremes of a magician or a sorcerer, weaving powerful spells of reality, and the destructive mind gone crazy, incapable of functioning in the world with other people any longer.

Those who have Pluto natal in this house may find their lives filled with sibling problems that aren't solved until the early or mid-thirties, when communication truly begins to take place. Careers this person is likely to pursue can include the sciences, writing (especially the kind that stimulates the reader's imagination), communication dealing with the masses, teaching (the small-scale guru who helps younger people in their development), or research of any kind that requires the high levels of concentration this placement gives. Indeed, this individual has the capacity to do anything at all that he or she wishes, provided his or her belief structures are sufficiently expanded to make it possible! Changes from negatives to positives requires a shift in one's basic perception of reality. If you have this placement, you'll need to develop alternate ways of thinking. As this Pluto location often indirectly affects career fulfillment, examine your career - what is it that you desire to do for money, personal fulfillment, etc.? Since no-one else will ever know the answer to this question, be honest with yourself, and sit down with pen and paper. Write out all the beliefs and attitudes you can find by searching within your own mind, everything that has anything to do with current or past obstacles between you and your career fulfillment. If you feel that you don't have enough money, write down what money means to you. Include in the list what you believe your parents thought about this subject. Then add your current beliefs in this area. Examples with money could include: 'Money is power', 'Money is the root of all evil', 'Money is hard to come by', 'Easy come, easy go', 'In order to make money, one has to have so many college degrees', or 'When you have money, other people envy and hate you', etc.. Ideas like these, believe it or not, are in your mind at any given time. With this list, you'll find out exactly why you haven't made that money, or why you haven't solved your problems in the area of on-the-job relationships.

When you have finished your list, at least for now, begin again by going over each point, each attitude. Find an example in your recent past in which you acted from one of these attitudes or beliefs. If you can't remember any, monitor yourself for a day or so until you

do find one. In other words, find how you use that belief in everyday situations. See the possible ramifications in your life. Decide what you'd rather have as an attitude in its place, and write that new attitude down on a separate sheet of paper. Forgive yourself for having held on to a nonfunctional belief for so long, and allow yourself to start over with the new idea or belief.

Although this procedure can take some time, it is generally worth it, for it can help the third house Pluto individual clear up conflicting ideas about reality. After you have finished working your way through the whole list, and having changed what you wanted to change, then begin to live out the new ideas consciously whenever and wherever you can, starting ten minutes at a time. And if the old attitudes still stubbornly show up and give you trouble, say "No, I've finished with that old pattern now, and I'm doing things the new way!" You have used the conscious power of Pluto in the third house to decide your new reality! As your new thoughts and attitudes begin impacting your reality, you will notice changes in whatever area you've been working on. Problems will clear up, giving you access to new information and new opportunities - all through the positive use of your own mental power. Then you can apply this new technique in other areas too. Remember, knowledge is power!(Haydn Paul)In this position of natal Pluto, the emphasis lies upon communication and the expressing of self and ideas, especially through words, either spoken or written.

This need to communicate can seem to be almost compulsive, and is both an effort to reach out and contact others, and a need to release an overactive inner energy. Whilst this energy can also be transmitted via the hands, often in healing, you are most likely to use it through speech, as there is a natural affinity and talent with words, and the likelihood is that you can develop into an effective, powerful speaker.

The energy is basically linked to the mental level, and you will have a sharp and penetrating mind, with your ideas on life carefully thought out, organised, and the ability to express your opinions and beliefs strongly to others. You can develop your own original ideas, and you will be attracted towards communicating them to others, so that they can help to spread them through society. This clear expression of ideas can be a way for you to gain influence and control over people, as your ability to persuade is considerable. You may have to be wary of any tendencies developing that lead you to abuse this talent, by taking advantage of others and dominating them.

Despite your clarity of expression, you will have to realise that in itself, this does not mean that the content of your ideas is inevitably right. Anyone who can communicate effectively to others is liable to fall into this trap, and become ego-inflated, seeing others as inferior, treating them with a patronising attitude, and believing that what they themselves think and say is naturally correct. That illusion is a dangerous one, for yourself and others, and allows no space for real communication to occur.

Another tendency is to become fixed in your beliefs and opinions, so that there can be

no compromise and change occurring over time as a natural result of greater life experience and deeper thought. Your way of perceiving life and interpreting meaning is your own, and may not be suitable for others, so any dogmatic approach is always restrictive and futile. Pluto is attempting to lead you to realise that what you think and communicate to others will have consequences, great or small, depending upon your degree of social influence. This involves responsibility for what you transmit into the world, so be very aware of your limitations and the quality of content, because it will have its inevitable effect. In your relationships, you will have to avoid a tendency to scheme and manipulate, and you will need to learn how to listen more carefully to your partner, and not just see them as a foil to your own wit and cleverness.

You are likely to analyse and over-intellectualise your relationship, often maintaining a certain distance from your emotions, as you feel uncomfortable with them; and feelings are much more difficult to express fluently in words. Sometimes your words act as a smokescreen for you to hide behind; blow away this smokescreen, and there may be less of real substance there than may initially appear to be the case. Your words may glitter but be hollow. Eventually you experience a loss of substance and meaning in life, or others begin to see you as essentially shallow, without any real contribution to make. However, if you can use it creatively and positively, with real awareness for others, you can greatly benefit from this energy.

(Donna Cunningham)

These people believe words are so powerful they have the power to destroy. They are extremely careful to control what they say, lest they give away some information that another might use to harm or control them. This condition occurs when at least one family member had a black belt in tongue karate, a sarcastic or scathing individual they were powerless to resist. This might well be a brother or sister, probably older, who was so overpowering that the Plutonians learned to keep quiet. As adults, third house Plutonians can either be afraid of verbal abuse or be verbally abusive and sarcastic, agreeing that the best defence is a good offence. Another possibility is that words can be the focus of a power struggle - as long as they don't give you their words, they have the upper hand. In relationships, they may withhold communication. As employees, they may withhold paperwork or other important information. As students, they may be the ones who won't turn in their papers, asking for extension after extension. Words can also be used to manipulate, with great effectiveness. People who use this placement constructively are perceptive and deep in their thinking and communicating. They are gifted at seeing others' motivations, and can penetrate deeply into any problem. They can use words to heal, going straight to the heart of the matter. They are fine analytic writers and teachers. Rather than being manipulative, they can use words to influence and empower others for good purpose.

(Ulla Palomaki)



Because the third house symbolises knowledge and Pluto is a demanding planet, a conclusion can be made that the individual with this planetary position has a demanding attitude toward knowledge and information. If information is needed on a subject, it has to correspond exactly to the need of the moment, definitely and without compromise. The spiritually awakened individual needs a lot of deep knowledge. Pluto's position in the third house does not signify the development of an exceptionally brilliant mind or exceptional spiritual qualities. The individual is not a spiritual guru; there are other planetary positions that signify much more potential for such development. Nevertheless, the third house Pluto offers the possibility for deep insight in mentality.

The attitude toward knowledge should be examined more deeply: How does the Plutonian power mix with the matters of the third house? Those who are not deep intellectual seekers must still associate knowledge with power. Those who are intellectually inclined may have more outlets for their search for power with knowledge. On a lower level, this planetary position may manifest itself by misuse of information or unfairly keeping secrets. For many individuals, keeping or revealing secrets may constitute big turning points in their lives. Information that has been kept secret may be brought to light by someone. The uncovering may even cause a shocking effect and change in life direction. In one person's case it caused enormous psychological pressure. She sought psychotherapy after that.

This planetary position often brings strong intellectual defences. Partly this is due to the will to control others intellectually or verbally. Some individuals develop compulsive speaking for the same reason. Furthermore, this kind of individual does not easily accept his intellectual weaknesses, which he tries to cover, for example, with compulsive speaking, an overflow of words. Pluto always makes little weaknesses seem bigger. Intellectual or mental defensiveness may also be shown by withdrawal or abstinence. A restless planet like Pluto in the third house may also bring irrational fears in relation to self-expression. The standards for self-expression may also be so high that they are difficult to reach. All kinds of pressure are possible in relation to self-expression and thoughts. It is noticeable that many dancers (always physically moving) have this planetary position. Movement (third house) is important for them as a means for spiritual development, whether or not they are conscious of it. Thus, one of the best outlets for Pluto in the third house is to find means to associate movement with spirituality or self-development. The conscious individual could act as a 'guru of movement'. Third house association with the environment does not facilitate contacts with siblings. One of the siblings may be difficult or cause trouble; thus, Pluto teaches development and consciousness in that way. Pluto never gives anything for free. One woman experienced a traumatising shock in her childhood when her sister threatened to sell her. This trauma probably still influences her choices in life. Another individual, a male, was informed that his brother, a homosexual, had been exposed to the AIDS virus. Plutonian experiences touch life through siblings. Pluto may also drive away from close environment if the pressure becomes too heavy. In that case, faraway countries are imaginary or real destinations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position affects the ability to communicate, especially with peers. If there are other indications of mental instability, this will add to it. Communication can be felt to be dangerous; there is a fear of publicity, of being revealed, a fear of exposing oneself through communication. There may be a fear of travel or a fear of getting lost. These people are easily caught up in intrigues, or are afraid of being caught in them. Their peers may think they are odd - too intense, perverse, overly secretive - which may be true, but may only be due to their difficulties in communicating. Difficulties in communicating with peers and the community in childhood may drive them to leave home early and seek a more congenial environment, though this rarely works. Difficulties with siblings may be the prime motivating factor. There may be a sibling (or siblings, or neighbours, or associates) who bring(s) them sorrow by living dangerously: either through an unconventional lifestyle, by having underworld connections or illegal financial dealings, or through association with underground political organisations. The worst aspects may indicate a sibling or close associate who is chronically ill or insane, or who is killed accidentally, or murdered.

Early difficulties with communication may cause them to hold back and keep their thoughts and feelings to themselves to a great extent, then pour it all out to one who seems tolerant and non-judgemental; but if their choice of a confidante is poor, they will be in worse trouble than before.

This position seems to restrain all forms of communication. Out of ninety-two writers in a sample, only four have it; out of 145 performers, only five. It gives a rich fantasy life, adding greatly to the ability of the imagination, but this is mostly non-verbal and subliminal. It is good for writing poetry (of the four writers with this position, two are poets), for casting ideas and thoughts into images, but it is difficult for publication as their anxiety over publicity keeps them from doing anything that might reveal too much to the public. There may be some justification for this, because with this position of Pluto, they are vulnerable to slander.

It gives an awareness of the dark, subliminal levels of the mind, an understanding of the animal in man, of herd psychology, of the dark forces that civilisation seeks to check but that break out and cause much of the irrational behaviour of humanity, both in individuals and in groups. Consequently, there is a great ability to manipulate others by means of playing to unconscious, compulsive drives. They are often attracted to macabre fantasies, science fiction, etc.. There may be dangerous, difficult, or amazing occurrences while travelling. Travelling should be approached with caution. People with this location of Pluto probably should not pick up hitchhikers. There may have been a traumatic early life experience connected with school, playgrounds, a sibling, or playmates.

They are fascinated by non-verbal communication, by words as symbols, and by the growth and structure of language, but not so much by the ordinary use of words to communicate thoughts or information.

(Howard Sasportas)

Like Uranus or Neptune in this house, Pluto in the 3rd aims to transcend the ordinary limits of the mind or intellect. Those with this placement often have a deep, penetrating and incisive mind able to 'laser through' to the heart of any matter. There could be an interest in extra-sensory perception or a desire to expose and freely talk about subjects which others find taboo (such as sex and death). Their minds are well-suited to any form of research or depth studies. Some might seek knowledge for the power and mastery it gives over others and the environment. Occasionally, they give birth to ideas which could have a transforming effect on society. They may have a certain power with words. However, Pluto's strength can be used treacherously as well; and those with this placement are often known for their cutting tongues and acute sensitivity to where another person's weakness lies. Negative moods could creep up; and they can be overwhelmed by obsessive thoughts, as if their own minds betray them. Their thoughts can turn very destructive; and some will be afraid to speak because of a fear of what might come out. Others hide what is going on inside them in case exposing themselves would render them too vulnerable.

The 3rd house covers the early environment and the growing-up years. As children, we all have difficulty distinguishing between having wished for something and the belief that we have actually done the deed. For instance, if a little boy is angry at his sister for getting more attention than him, he may entertain a passing thought that he wishes she were dead. Let's say that the next day his sister falls out of a tree and breaks a leg. The boy in question might equate the negative wish he had with the accident, and therefore believe that his bad thoughts caused it to happen. Taking whole or part blame for it, he will walk around guilty and afraid of being found out and punished for his evil doings. As we grow older, we realise we are not so omnipotent, but those with Pluto in the 3rd may still harbour fears and guilts about the power of their thoughts and the bad things they made or make happen around them. Secret sins can torment a child or adolescent with Pluto in the 3rd, and he or she may be terrified to tell anyone else about it. And where there is shame and guilt, anger and rage are not far away. Obviously, parents of children with Pluto in the 3rd should try to create an environment in which the child feels safe to talk about what is going on in his or her mind, rather than allowing thoughts and feelings to fester underneath too long.

The early environment may have been experienced by those with this placement as threatening or non-life-supporting, and could leave the impression that they have to continually guard themselves against others. They will not easily forget a wrongdoing, and may hold on to resentment for a very long time. The relationship with siblings is usually complex and ridden with undercurrents of sexuality, competition and intrigue.

This placement often indicates difficulties with neighbours and problems with early schooling. For some, being sent away to boarding school is a major upheaval and felt as a kind of banishment or punishment for some imagined transgression.

Even short journeys can be harassing. They may arrive at a friend's for a quiet weekend in the country to discover they have stepped into the plot of an Agatha Christie thriller.

Those with Pluto in the 3rd are powerful on the mental plane; and if they hold a certain attitude towards another person, they can 'box' the person in to such a degree that he or she inevitably acts out the projection. Therefore if they want someone's behaviour to change, they might try altering the context in which they are viewing that person. It is a basic fact of life that attention carries energy.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: Pluto in the 3rd house shows that your subconscious speaks to you through the immediate surroundings. It's like an Easter egg hunt, or a search for buried treasure. What makes stimulus and movement in the real world a positive or negative experience is the presence or absence of a 'psychic map' of the environment. Activity for its own sake is meaningless; what matters instead is the ability to see signals and signposts at critical points. The pitfall is that you may be blind to your own need for exploration, for digging up valuable but hidden treasures existing all around, often right under your nose. The challenge is to keep activity deeply purposeful, and to remember that reality is often quite different from appearance.

Concrete mind: The intricacies of rationality are compelling. Though your mentality may work toward the surface slowly, like magma rising within a volcano, the process is inexorable, for you are sensitised to the power that comes through knowledge. If the power can be harnessed, it can work wonders, both for yourself and for those around you. The pitfall is being asleep to the intensity of your own mind, while the challenge is to gain control over these resources by studying the rules of logic.

Curiosity: For you, curiosity is a probing tool, an auger bit cutting through the surface to reach into the hidden inner workings of life. Never content with appearances, you want to see the wiring within the walls, the plumbing beneath the floors. At times you are likely to be bored stiff by otherwise interesting puzzles, and you won't hesitate to brush them aside in the quest for what you believe lies underneath or beyond. Inquisitiveness is mentally intense, but sometimes emotionally blind. The pitfall is symbolic vivisection, while the challenge is respect for life's mysterious wholeness.

Basic education: Here a child encounters the first experiences with something larger and more powerful than the self. It may be the authority of teachers; it may be the sudden onset of group and peer pressures; it may be the astonishment of learning itself. But in any case, the life can be dramatically affected by these early years in one of two

directions: either open or closed psychologically. Basic education repeats itself over and over in the adult life. Fundamental learning is the key.

Communication: Your speech is a direct outlet from the deepest realms of inner feeling, realms often unknown to your awareness. The key image here is invisibility. Words and feelings bubble away together far below the surface, gradually producing an amalgam that is neither fish nor fowl. There may be long periods of inarticulate silence, followed by eruptions of profound expression. In the insights, though, there exists an irresistible power. Your insights about the people in your world may be communicated more didactically than you intend, so be prepared for strong reactions to your words, since they often cut to the bone. Others should not expect selfrevelation from you, but if it comes it will be direct, blunt, and total.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a distinct gift for solving problems, especially when the problem has already defied other attempts. The more mysterious the circumstances, the better, for it gives you an opportunity to search deeply and test your abilities. You are concerned about social and political conditions in your environment, because they usually have a direct effect on your life circumstances. Your preoccupation with the future stimulates you to do what you can to bring about conditions that you can live with. This is why you admire other people with backbone who have a feeling of social responsibility and who challenge demagogues who would gain control of the masses. Such an individual would earn your respect and attract your attention as a possible marriage partner.

You are impatient with people who do little more than talk about the future. You cultivate self-reliance in your own children, so that they can choose their own lifedirections independently. Because of your concern for them, you also make them aware of the hazards that life ahead. Your perceptive ability has far more depth than your contemporaries realise; and they may be surprised when you show a decided interest in the unknown and the occult.

You should become thoroughly informed about any subject that deeply interests you. You must know as much as possible about the political, social and religious philosophies that often serve as catalysts for important social changes. You resent the fact that people continue to adhere to old attitudes when the reasons for them are no longer valid. Be prepared for every eventuality by developing all your creative potentials. You protect your future interests when you can accept the opportunities that are offered to you.

If you develop your skills adequately, you won't have to accep the bottom line offered in your career. You will serve yorusef best if your profession requires you to apply your skills in serving the best interests of society at large. If you work diligently to give your best, you are less likely to be harassed by the people who are affected by your decisions. Your awareness of public and individual needs will arouse you to make your

skills available, especially if you know that your efforts will work and be appreciated. You are concerned about the financial leverage that people in important positions use to later the destinies of the masses. But you apply similar pressure to gratify your personal desires.

Though your parents might not agree with your goals and objectives and your driving commitment to them, they must admit that you have a talent for making the most out of even ordinary assets. You consider every challenge as an ultimatum, forcing you to go to extremes to win, if necessary. You can usually make a seemingly worthless situation appear to have great value. You are most attracted to programs that aim to provide lasting results for everyone who is affected by them.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... the third house is associated with speaking and listening. That notion is typically extended to include writing and reading. In the modern world, we take it a step further and include broadcasting, computer networking, satellite uplinks and downlinks, radio, video, desktop publishing, you name it. The human urge to gather data and express it: that's the third house.

But there's another third house process, one that underlies all those avenues of communication, at least ideally: thinking. This is the house that seems best to reflect all the microcircuitry of the mind itself: our habitual underlying paradigms of thought, such as 'thesis + antithesis = synthesis' or 'every truth has two sides'. Planets and signs connected with your third house will provide sharp insight into those tectonic structures that are the foundation upon which all your insights rest.

Let's go one step deeper: before thought, there must be perception. It is difficult to conceive of a mind with absolutely nothing to perceive and digest. Even the embryo in the womb is flooded with external sensations - light, sound, mother's moody biochemistry. Could thoughts even form in an eternally silent, isolated mind? Admittedly, that's a serious philosophical question, but the basic logic of the third house suggests that perception, thought, and finally communication are a kind of triadic psychic package. If you want one, you've got to accept the other two.

Data in, data out. That's the third house. What if that data must always be filtered through Pluto? Let's have a look....

Your high destiny: Most astrologers have had the thoroughly delightful experience of astounding a sceptic. Astrology works; but almost universally nowadays people are 'educating' into believing that it does not. "So, 1981 was quite a year for you in the relationships department, huh?" And the sceptic's jaw drops.

How quick we humans are to construct models of the truth, believe them, and then

blithely ignore our own real experiences. Individuals do it. Cultures do it. Astrology's foes do it - and so do astrologers.

Your high destiny is that of the paradigm-buster. You were born to shake people out of their comfortable certainties and render them naked and open to the raw truth that's pouring in through their senses, denied and unobserved.

Your destiny in this regard is inextricably bound up with communication. Generally that means language, whether it's spoken in private whispers, broadcast over the airwaves, printed, rhymed or reasoned. Sometimes people with Pluto in the third house do their communicating in other ways, using photography or video or cartooning to get the images across. Whatever form it takes, it's all communication.

And for you it must be distinctly Plutonian communication: which is to say that the teachings destined to pass through you into the larger community are often initially shocking in nature. They bother people, unsettle them. But it doesn't end there. It ends with the listeners - the ones who are willing to hang in there open-mindedly - being energised and inspired.

Meanwhile, the ones who do not hang in there may be plotting your crucifixion. Part of the paradigm you are living out is the perilous tale of the bearer of true tidings. The world will resist our voice. Upon that we can count.

Your distorting wound: Any third house planet functions on a perceptual basis. The same could be said for any sign connected to your third house, especially the sign on the cusp of the house. Thus, we all inevitably observe our surroundings through a system of filters. A suspicious person is more likely to observe dark, secret motives in someone's behaviour than a trusting person. On the other hand, a trusting soul will be quicker to see all the angels standing in line in the grocery store.

With Pluto in your third house, you have an innate perceptual bias in the Plutonian direction - which is to say that ever since you were born, you've been skilled at picking up unspoken, taboo or denied energies in any situation. I'd like to start with a trivial illustration. I picture you as a small child sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner with the family. Granny burps. And nobody misses a beat. Politely, they act as if nothing has happened. And you were dumbfounded. Not that the burp was any great offence; what held your attention was the perfection of the collective denial of the event.

Burps are only the beginning. Far darker realities exist, realities to which you are perceptually attuned by instinct. Daddy is drinking more and more lately. Sister is sullen and distant. You take it all in. Are others denying these realities or simply not seeing them? Often it's the latter. 'Reality' is largely a mythic belief system; and part of the human heritage is an extraordinary ability to enter the shared myth of family or community and not see anything else. That's true of most of us, but not you.

Psychologically, you have the eye of a private detective: penetrating, calculating and suspicious.

When a person knows very well what he or she is seeing but no-one else agrees, a predictable series of wounding events unfolds. Here's your story: First, in innocence, you spoke out and got clobbered for it. The clobbering may have been literal, or it may have taken the form of everyone looking at you pityingly as though you were out of your mind. Then you clammed up... and concentrated silently on the negative perception.

That's the critical point: the more others denied that dark piece of the truth, the more you felt compelled to study it, claim it and inwardly insist on its reality. Thus, a distortion entered your perceptual system: a bias toward emphasising the Plutonian content of any complex reality.

Your navigational error: Raw Plutonian realities, by their nature, tend to make us feel either angry or sad. Or both. Your distorting wound, if not addressed and healed, turns your mind in a suspicious, doubting, negative direction. All perceptions must pass initially through this house and be filtered there. Since one of Pluto's qualities is an attunement to frightening, uncomfortable truths, your mind could become dominated by those perspectives.

Since anything in the third house is wired directly to your tongue, you will then tend toward bitterness and harshness in your speech, angrily and unconsciously using psychological insight to hurt people. Misunderstanding and miscommunication will abound in your life; and your own mind will be filled with paranoid, leery constructions of reality while people around you complain incomprehensibly about your 'tone of voice' or your 'attitude'. That... or if the rest of your astrological nature is very fierce, they may simply fear you and nervously watch their ps and qs whenever you're around.

Your 'paranoid, leery' interpretations of events may at times be 100% valid. The point here is not so much that there is a proneness on your part toward ungrounded horror-fantastical perspectives; it is far more linked to a distorting emphasis upon the Plutonian - an emphasis which can be traced directly back to your early solitude in facing life's darker dynamics. You were isolated by what you saw; you could cling to the truth of what was pouring in through your senses, or you could lose your mind. That was your choice. Both possibilities were very real. The better of the two choices lay in clinging to the truth of what you were seeing... but even that choice hurt you. How? By biasing your mind in the Plutonian direction. You could spend your life seeing the blood and missing the flowers.

The Healing Method: As always, in considering the dark side of the Plutonian equations, we must underscore that these bleak possibilities are in no way your fate. Through the Plutonian process of remembering the truth of what actually happened to you, they can be unvalued and higher energies come into play. That is pure Pluto, no matter what



house it's in: we liberate ourselves by making the unconscious conscious. For you, that process is utterly bound to speech. The third house sacrament at the heart of your healing method is conversation.

There is an eternal dance in the process of building real intimacy. One person takes a little risk and shares something a bit more revealing than normal party talk. The other person responds in a way that unmistakably acknowledges both the information and the risk. Then it's the second person's turn, and maybe the pair moves a little deeper together... and moves a little further into each other's confidence. With Pluto in the third house, in this conversational process, you heal. Specifically, the very aspects of your character which were driven into silence and isolation by the unsettling, taboo power of what you perceived are now welcomed back from the cold. In a nutshell, your healing method lies in putting the more intense aspects of your inner life into words. That process can occur in profound, conversation-intensive friendship. It can occur in a deep psychotherapeutic context... although here we must make cautionary reference to that breed of 'therapist' so wedded to forcing you into his or her 'positive' or 'negative' belief system that the simple, healing act of telling one's own story spontaneously and uninhibitedly is stymied.

Writing is another healing method, since writing is also a kind of conversation. People with Pluto in the third house often recover their true natures through journalising or soulful correspondence. If the rest of the chart supports it, we might even find healing here through poetry, story-telling, film-making, or novel-writing. All the methods come down to one technique: tell your story.

The energising vision: You are a Truth-sayer. Or a Teacher, in the best sense of the word... which is to say that you are one who shocks us into thinking for ourselves. That is the destiny with which you were born. Circumstance may have done its best to beat that quality out of you, but that's still what you are. Snatch that power back from the forces that have tried to rob you of it, and you'll find yourself full of fire and energy. Nothing in this world will better fill you with the heat of life than a chance to punch through the veil of comforting phoniness and superficial politeness that threatens to turn us all into stick-figures. There is an element of confrontation inherent in what you are born to say, but not meanness or pointless destruction. Still, not everyone will be ready to hear your message: accept that. But you have been given three extraordinary gifts: a penetrating eye, a nose for sniffing out denial and collusion, and a hypnotic way with a tale. Use them! In the end, it comes down to this: with Pluto in the third house, you must reclaim your voice. And you must hold onto it, even in the face of the forces that would have you silent.

(Jeff Green)

Individuals with Pluto in the Third House have experienced the evolutionary necessity to project themselves into the physical environment in order to collect information, facts

and data. Thus, this process has led to the evolutionary development and emphasis upon the mind and intellect. In the Second House, evolutionary necessity required withdrawal and internalisation in order to discover the sense of individuality from within; to give it value, meaning, and the ability to identify one's own unique resources to effect self-reliance and self-sustainment. In so doing, emotional stability and security could be realised.

In the Third House, the individual necessarily has had to move out from this centre of subjective isolation - the frog in the well. Those with Pluto in the Third House have had to project themselves into their immediate physical environment in order to make broader and larger connections to it, and thus to themselves. These individuals have gained new experiences through which they have expanded their ideas and conceptions of who and what they are in relation to their physical environment. They have been developing their mental powers and intellectual abilities to logically order their existential existence. In other words, they have needed to give names and classifications to the objects and forms of the physical environment in order to understand and know it. By doing so they have also defined themselves by understanding, or attempting to understand, their relationship within the scheme of things - or, as the Taoists would say, 'within the ten thousand things'. In the broadest possible sense, the Third House is the need for the human species to give names and classifications to what is otherwise a phenomenal world. By naming and classifying, we have made ourselves intellectually, and therefore emotionally, secure. In the deepest sense, the Third House relates to our need to know the physical laws of our world in order to understand how it works.

Thus, individuals with the Third House Pluto have desired to experience many kinds of circumstances and situations of their own making. Their natural intellectual curiosity has allowed them to build upon, from their own evolutionary point of view, the idea of who they thought they were and think they are now. There has been a desire and need to understand their 'world' in a larger and larger framework. There has been, and will be, a desire to accumulate a storehouse of facts and information about their world in order to build a logical framework or superstructure of ideas that rationally and empirically explain their relationship to the environment. The desire in the past has not been to understand the deeper meaning of these facts; the metaphysical or cosmological laws as contrasted with the physical laws of the world. The focus has been, and will be, upon facts which are verifiable through the senses. The emotional security of individuals with a Third House Pluto has been linked with their ability to logically order, and thus 'know', their environment and their relationship to that environment. By knowing their environment, these individuals know themselves. This dynamic of emotional security linked to the ability to intellectually organise reality sets up a unique problem. On the one hand, the evolutionary desire and need has been to expand upon the intellectual framework. On the other hand, the desire for emotional security has led to the desire and need to create a foundation upon which the expansion is built; a specific point of view. The problem is that the desire to expand, to collect ever more information or facts, cyclically leads to a situation in which the new information directly undermines the existing foundation. Being

simultaneously attracted and repelled by the desire for new experiences or information, these individuals have necessarily made choices as to what information would be taken in and what would be repelled.

From an evolutionary standpoint, these choices have created intellectual limitations because of the need for intellectual / emotional security. Given the attraction / repulsion dynamic, these individuals will experience cyclic intellectual implosions or cataclysms in which the logical structure of intellectual organisation disintegrates. Emotional security is affected, but they have learned how to adapt because of the inherent mutable nature of the Third House. The symbol for mutability is an upwards moving spiral. The intellectual / emotional implosion re-organises; and the metamorphosis produces a new foundation, a more inclusive point of view.

The intensity of the intellectual / emotional implosion is directly proportionate to the degree to which the individual has taken in the information. If he / she has totally identified with the information or idea, then the cataclysm will be total; the foundation seemingly completely removed. On the other hand, if the new idea is just being considered, identified with or absorbed in a minimal way, then the intensity of the implosion will be less. These cyclic implosions are always caused when, through evolutionary pressure, the intellectual framework has become limited or stagnated to the extent of preventing further growth or expansion. The degree of resistance relative to the need for expansion determines the degree of the cataclysm.

To determine the degree of personal identification in any Third House Pluto birthchart, check for other contributing or mitigating factors connected to Pluto. The evolutionary pressure of the Third House Pluto to take in new information and to generate new experiences has created a rather intense degree of perceptual restlessness that resonates within the Souls of these individuals. This restlessness, linked to boredom and stagnation, has led to the formation of an archive of experiences and information to which these individuals constantly refer, to increase their understanding and to communicate this understanding or knowledge to others. In other words, restlessness compulsively drives these people onward for ever new information or experiences.

Third House Pluto individuals have, and will need, relationships with others in order to process themselves; that is, to release the intellectual / emotional build-up of mental energy. In extreme cases, some of these people may become compulsive talkers. They need relationships not only to process themselves, but also to bring in new information from others. This continual interaction with others brings a constant need to adjust their ideas, which means that more and more facts are needed to explain in even greater detail the 'complete picture' of themselves and the world in which they live. The problem is that these individuals feel that they will never know enough. Consequently, the 'data banks' run the risk of becoming so large that they threaten to topple and disintegrate. Disintegration happens by having too many facts that logically connect in so many ways that there is no one composite or holistic way in which to relate all the data. Chasing one

interest, idea, or desire after another, these individuals can end up walking down many different roads at the same time in a compulsive and unconscious effort to find that one fact or piece of information that will put it all together for them.

On this basis, these people can end up in a land of revolving perspectives with no centre or foundation through which to create a consistent composite picture. The individual's inner experience of his or her own 'centre' is one of revolving perspectives, of a revolving mass of emotions, and the feeling that the centre or foundation is always moving. Feeling lost and insecure, they can desperately reach out for one concrete fact to identify with and call their own. And yet, from an evolutionary point of view, the inner centre of these individuals must move. The centre or foundation is the movement itself. This spiralling effect can be endless as the perpetual cycles of contraction and expansion occur. The evolutionary basis for the constant movement of the centre is to eliminate intellectual limitations that periodically form in the attempt to stabilise and feel secure. In addition, these cycles of contraction and expansion occur to progressively lead the individual into the awareness that there is an intrinsic limitation to what the empirically oriented mind can know in and of itself.

With Pluto's polarity point in the Ninth House or Sagittarius, the evolutionary intent for this life is to develop the intuitive faculty as opposed to an intellect that is primarily concerned with empirical facts. By developing the intuition, these individuals will progressively understand the deeper meaning or significance of the facts; the metaphysical or cosmological laws that are the basis of the physical laws themselves. They will learn how to synthesise all the data into a composite or holistic understanding of how the parts are related to the whole. Intuition is the faculty in all of us that becomes aware, or is aware, of knowledge that is not a product of deductive thinking. Intuition is that part in all of us that knows what it knows without knowing how it knows it. The necessary development of intuition for Third House Pluto people demands that they learn how to quiet their constantly busy minds. By doing this, these individuals can open up and tune in to the intuitive faculty which is naturally plugged into the 'trith' that exists in our universe.

A primary way in which these individuals can harness and quiet their minds is to align themselves with one comprehensive philosophical or metaphysical system that makes the most sense to them on a gut level. By doing so, these individuals can intuitively align themselves with one holistic principle upon which all the pieces of information floating around in their heads can be given a bottom line. By their creating a bottom line, all the facts can be synthesised in order to reflect the 'truth' of the particular philosophy they have identified with. By aligning themselves with a comprehensive philosophy that is personally identified with on a gut level, these individuals can create a consistent interpretation of the facts and the world around them. A quieting and harnessing of the mind will result.

Relative to the past evolutionary and karmic conditions, some individuals will create their

own bottom line philosophical or metaphysical principles upon which they base the arguments and 'rightness' of their opinions and facts. These types will not align themselves with a philosophical system outside themselves. Others will align themselves with two, three, or more 'systems' outside themselves. In so doing, they will select the principles in each that agree with some pre-existing point of view that they refuse to give up. In this way, they will synthesise these systems into their own brand of philosophy and truth. Others will make a total commitment to one philosophical system outside themselves that they feel most drawn to in order to create the necessary bottom line. The voice of personal authority, with respect to their opinions, will thus be linked to the authority of the system itself. In all cases, the evolutionary need and pressure to seek out the bottom line cosmological or metaphysical principles upon which the facts are based is the same. This evolutionary pressure is teaching all of these people the connection between the physical and metaphysical, between the mind and intuition, and the limitations implied by the empirically oriented intellect

Through the polarity point of the Ninth House, the individual must intuitively learn to realise the truth that explains the basis of what can be empirically observed. In other words, the archetype of the Ninth House correlates to the laws that are the very basis of creation, the very basis of why human beings have developed religions, beliefs and philosophies. Just as belief systems can be limited or sectarian in nature, i.e. one version being 'more right' than another version, so too do the Third House Pluto individuals run the risk of limiting themselves to a version of metaphysical truth by responding or reacting to the evolutionary requirements in the ways mentioned above. On the one hand, it is necessary to understand intuitively the bottom line metaphysical principles upon which the facts are based. On the other hand, to consider that those principles are the only ones that are relevant and 'right' will promote a sectarian attitude. The narrow viewpoint is linked to the need for emotional security of an intellectual nature, and often implies a need to convince or convert others to one's own point of view. This implied limitation will thus guarantee, from an evolutionary point of view, that internal and external confrontation will continue to occur until the individual realises that his or her version of the truth is just that: a version. It may be a necessary and relevant version given the individual's evolutionary and karmic background and requirements. The version is not the question in and of itself. Considering the version to be the only valid system is the problem. Once the individual is forced to make this realisation, or intuit the problem, then two things will happen: A. the individual will not need to defend personal opinions and philosophies to anyone, nor deny another's - thus, the resulting metamorphosis will allow the individual to participate in conversations of all kinds in a non-defensive way, and to learn how to learn from others as well as others learning from him or her; and B. to continue the evolutionary journey in the discovery of the whole truth. This journey will ultimately lead the individual into the awareness, intuitively realised, that the truth exists in and of itself. It always has, and always will. In this realisation, the individual will understand that the empirical mind and the intellect does not know what is true in and of itself.

In addition, the Ninth House polarity point will be teaching all these individuals the differences between reactions and responses. Prior to the necessary metamorphosis, these individuals will be more or less a reactive type. In conversation, for example, they may not really listen to another, or they may wait for an idea or thought to react off. By not really listening, these individuals are concerned with impressing themselves on other people with their own ideas and knowledge. By waiting for a thought or idea to react to, these individuals are waiting to use another's thought or idea as a launching pad to assert their own point of view. Of course this dynamic can lead to conversations that go nowhere, or end up in inverted spirals of clashing perspectives. It can lead into arguments or intellectual confrontations in which all parties concerned try to convince or convert each other to their own points of view without seriously considering or listening to anyone else. In other situations, this reactive process can lead these individuals into simply walking away from a conversation wondering if they could have said something else, or said it in a better or different way. Or the individual could simply shut the person off and just walk away from a conversation. In all cases, the intent and effect of these people is the same: to stimulate awareness of their own intellectual traps, games, limitations and motives, and the needs and dynamics that have created them.

As this evolutionary drama unfolds, these individuals can learn the lesson of response versus reaction. A response is considered action that translates in this case to knowing when to talk and when not to, what to say versus rambling or trying to prove a point, and listening to other people's ideas and knowing what to take in and what to reject. Rather than buying a load of books that are not read, or are partially read, these people will learn to buy one book at a time within a certain subject area that they feel intuitively drawn to. Progressively, from an evolutionary point of view, these people will come to realise the difference between opinions and that which is true.

The four natural evolutionary conditions determine the kinds of ideas and philosophies that these individuals gravitate toward. Those in the herd state will listen to consensus opinions and ideas about any subject and would consider this point of view their own. They would gravitate to the 'accepted' forms of religious or philosophical expression.

Those in the individuated state would desire to think for themselves. They would reject consensus opinion and would explore for themselves the subjects that attract them. They would tend to reject unquestioning attachment or bonding to any preexisting formal philosophy, religion, or cosmological system. They would create their own system, or synthesise concepts from many different systems into a composite whole. Some individuals in this evolutionary state will select one pre-existing formal system that they feel intuitively drawn to. This is a sign that these people are moving rapidly toward the spiritual evolutionary state because they are beginning to realise the evolutionary and karmic limitations in creating and relying upon a metaphysical system of their own making. In other words, truth is to be realised, not created from an egocentric point of view. By aligning themselves with a system outside themselves that reflects what they intuit to be true, these individuals are admitting that there are forces or powers larger

than themselves.

Individuals in the spiritual state itself would attempt to understand the timeless basis for the physical laws of our world, and would use facts to illustrate a spiritual point or principle. These individuals will align themselves with specific cosmological, metaphysical, religious and philosophical systems that they feel most drawn to intuitively. These systems will be based on the intrinsic metaphysical truths and laws that are the basis of Creation itself. These intrinsic truths and laws are commonly communicated by these people, and the system itself, through metaphor, analogy, parables and inference wherein an empirical fact is used to illustrate the principle, truth, or law. Even within this evolutionary state, limitation can exist when either the specific system, or the individual, denies another system as 'wrong'. Evolution occurs in this state by progressively teaching the individual the whole 'truth', and the essential unity of all paths leading to the realisation of the truth.

Once the necessary evolutionary lessons are developed, the Third House Pluto individual will have natural communicative skills that can inspire, motivate, enthrall, hypnotise, and metamorphose other people's intellectual patterns and opinions by sheer contact with them. Their ability to understand the connection between the macrocosm and the microcosm, between truth and fact, is unsurpassed. This ability can translate into taking any number of facts of a diverse nature and relating them to one central principle from which the facts emanate. The penetrating intellect can identify the essence of any question, problem, or issue that is posed by, or to, the individual. Once the core of any problem, question, or issue is exposed, the solution can soon follow.

Common characteristics of the Third House Pluto individual include: deep, penetrating mind; being intelligent; being curious as long as he / she can control the direction of the curiosity; the ability to recognise the weakest possible link in any argument; ability to uncover the facts; appearing to be very logical yet intellectually / emotionally defensive when other peoples' ideas threaten his / her own intellectual order; and natural power emanating from the hands.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°39') 001 | 8
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°20') 8 | 2
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°44') 8 | 12
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°08') 2 | 8
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°04') 2 | 8
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°50') 11 | 3
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°38') 7 | 7
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°04') 2 | 12
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°28') 2 | 8
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°16') 2 | 2
- 11) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°24') 12 | 8
- 12) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel ♋ North-Node** - (1°12') 8 | 8
- 13) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (8°58' A) 001 | 2
- 14) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (5°50' S) 8 | 8
- 15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (6°48' S) 7 | 7
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (7°55' A) 7 | 7
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (8°52' S) 2 | 2
- 18) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (7°18' S) 7 | 8
- 19) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (6°32' A) 8 | 8
- 20) ► **Neptune ♆ Conjunct ♋ North-Node** - (5°58' A) 8 | 8
- 21) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♇ Pluto** - (4°23' S) 10 | 3
- 22) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♃ Jupiter** - (1°03' S) 2 | 7
- 23) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (6°15' A) 2 | 8
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (2°17' S) 10 | 7
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (2°37' A) 10 | 12
- 26) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (3°51' A) 2 | 12
- 27) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (3°09' S) 2 | 3
- 28) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♅ Uranus** - (6°14' A) 2 | 12
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♄ Saturn** - (5°08' S) 11 | 8
- 30) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♆ Neptune** - (1°24' A) 11 | 8
- 31) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♋ North-Node** - (7°22' A) 11 | 8
- 32) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♂ Mars** - (1°14' S) 10 | 2
- 33) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (2°06' S) 7 | 3
- 34) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (2°24' S) 8 | 12



35) ► **Uranus** ⋈ **Trine** ♁ **Pluto** - (7°00' S)    ≈12 | ♃3

1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°39')    001 | ♄8

(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 ♂ Mars** - (0°20')    ♄8 | ♃2

(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.

3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☿ Uranus** - (0°44')    ♄8 | ♀12

(Robert Hand)

People should be prepared to encounter in you an extreme individualist. Even while you are very young, you insist on doing everything your way, and you strongly resist any pressures to conform. In fact, the best way to ensure that you will not do something is to try to force you to do it. You are a rebel, and the established ways of living will not attract you particularly.

On the other hand, you can be very creative with this aspect, because you have much originality and can see life in ways that others are blind to. You may be very inventive; in fact, this placement is characteristic of people who make a career in scientific or technological invention.

You may get a great deal of satisfaction from goading others. When you see people who are set in their ways, you cannot resist playing jokes or otherwise outraging them. Obviously if you are going to do this, you can expect to have problems with teachers and other authority figures, even your parents, who would prefer that you conform a bit more and stop rocking the boat. Teachers might find you quite difficult to deal with, not only because you insist on breaking rules, but also because you are very restless and hate to sit still for long. This placement may indicate a nervous disposition as well.

Eventually, you should learn when it is worthwhile to rebel and when it is not. However, adults who want to restrain you should not try to do so by force. If they do, you will develop a lifelong negative attitude toward authority.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a Midheaven / Uranus conjunction, we are constantly revising the view we have of ourselves and of our social and professional prospects. Business relationships change with the changing self-image. This can imply a run of different jobs, or a flexible work schedule with room for original ideas. Generally speaking, we cope well (if not absolutely calmly) with stressful situations.

One desideratum is a place where we can spread ourselves. Working on our own is what we find most attractive, because it leaves us reasonably free. It is best for us to have an employer; but one who gives us responsibility. We know our own mind. People sometimes see us as unco-operative: and not without good reason, since we have no time for rules and regulations and seldom go through the motions of keeping them. But this is part and parcel of a refusal to recognize limitations, the good side of which is a creativity that can take us far in technical or other work.

Now Uranus has a certain steeliness; once we have chosen the path, nothing and no one is allowed to bar the way. Having set our sights on some target, we are prepared to give it our best shot. On the other hand, if we lose interest in a thing we are very loath to waste further time on it.

(Sue Tompkins)

Uranus conjunct the MC often reveals itself as a marked urge to rebel against the social values or conditioning of a parental figure, and, in particular, to follow a line of work which might be contrary to the consciously stated wishes of that person. It may well be in line with the unconscious desires of the parent, however, who may look to the child to do all the exciting or unconventional things that he / she (the parent) would have liked to have done but didn't dare.

Uranus conjunct MC may be indicative of a vocation that involves technology and thus the breaking of new ground and the breaking away from a past established way of doing

things. Careers in computing are sometimes those chosen at the present time, whereas electronics may have been more common several decades ago.

Whatever the actual vocation, this combination favours self-employment. For this individual often needs to do things in his / her own way and without interference. Sometimes the person, having needed to rebel against an early authority figure, continues to live out this process with bosses at work. People with this placement are too honest to want to toe the line. Their choice of vocation or the way they pursue their career must personally feel very fulfilling to them: there is usually no element of following a career for the sake of respectability or security. The vocation must be felt to be exhilarating and exciting; and as soon as the individual fails to consider it so he / she may well feel compelled to leave instantly and do something completely different. And not only do people with Uranus conjunct MC want freedom within their career, but that career may actually concern itself with freedom for others. Thus sometimes there is involvement in a vocation which is concerned with liberating people, whether this liberation comes through supporting free speech, feeding the world, or the usage of technology which might liberate people from having to spend time engaged in boring and unstimulating occupations.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates unusual conditions where work and public reputation are concerned. If the conjunction is well-aspected, the natives can gain fame and high positions by originating scientifically advanced methods in their professions. The conjunction favors jobs related to science, electronics, physics, and occult work such as astrology.

Other aspects made to Uranus can cause sudden changes in reputation and professional standing.

If the conjunction is afflicted, the natives may become impatient with professional routines and rebellious toward their superiors - often for foolish reasons - so that a change in positions is likely. They are happier if they are their own bosses or at least have a free hand in the work they do.

In politics, this conjunction may lead to revolutionary views. Unless other factors in the horoscope contradict it, the natives will be known at least for their liberalism.

4) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♄ ***Neptune*** - (1°08')    ♀2 | ♁8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates great sensitivity, but for this energy to work positively, your earliest childhood must be reasonably peaceful and serene. You are very sensitive to the hidden

energies in your home and between your parents or other members of your family; and any kind of ongoing negative feelings can cause you to become insecure and lacking in self-confidence. Later on, you may feel that you cannot easily cope with life's challenges, because inside you cannot depend upon your emotions and your spontaneous actions to make everything come out right.

Your relationship with one of your parents may be rather difficult. Often this aspect signifies that one of your parents is too weak psychologically to play his or her role in your life. This might lead you later to seek out someone who can be a guide and a loving parent figure for you. The problem is that such a relationship would displace your search for normal adult relationships.

However, even if both parents are strong, you may go to the other extreme and idealize the more influential one. In that case you would compare everyone you meet to that parent, instead of dealing with each person as an individual. This is not so bad as the first alternative, because at least you have strong ideals that you can believe in. Later in life this may turn into a strong belief in God. Because you are so sensitive, you may eventually develop a strong psychic and intuitive ability.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Neptune on the IC tend to be wistful about their more recent past but unclear as to their early beginnings. Sometimes there are secrets or confusion with respect to the family that they came from. Such secrets will usually be to do with the house which has Pisces on the cusp. There may be a tendency to idealise the early home life or to delude oneself about one's upbringings or even ancestry. Sometimes there is a feeling of 'shaky foundations' with this placement, but this can be psychological, emotional or physical. For example, living on a houseboat could be descriptive of shaky physical foundations whilst a mentally ill parent might describe psychological instability. And I have known people with this placement who were raised in a pub. The early home environment was 'open' to anyone, and some would have been addicted to frequenting it, all of which might have a variety of repercussions.

Those with Neptune on the IC often yearn for an 'ideal home' and may put great effort into making this dream into some kind of reality; sometimes the real need is to escape from one's roots. The dream may be for a home which will be a sanctuary, a retreat, an escape route from something or a place where it's possible to transcend some of the imperfections of living in the outer, workaday world.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the Nadir) partakes of the same qualities as Neptune exalted in Cancer. It helps to bring spirituality into the home life. Often it signifies a mystical attachment to Mother Earth and the forces of nature.

If Neptune is afflicted, the home environment can be affected by peculiar conditions. The house may seem to be haunted, for example, or give the native an uneasy feeling. Whether this is the product of the native's own imagination does not matter as far as its effect upon him is concerned. The native may shut himself up in his home, or use it as a place for séances or psychic activities of some kind. In any event, the home is likely to have something unusual connected with it, even if not the proverbial skeleton in the closet.

Natives tend to live near the ocean or other large body of water. Those with afflicted horoscopes may live in institutions or spend the end of their lives in nursing homes or hospitals.

Neptune square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven make us insecure, and we have considerable trouble forming an identity. For not only are we very sensitive to what the world says of us; we are inclined to misinterpret what it says. To make matters worse, the world has a false impression of us anyway. But however that may be, with these aspects we are liable to run round in circles for a long time, worried by the difference between thoughts and impulses that are generated by ourselves, on the one hand, and our thoughts and impulses that have slipped unobserved from outside into the unconscious mind - from where they rise to influence us - on the other hand.

Hence we are extremely suggestible and easily misled; especially when, as often happens, we have not yet found our bearings. By drawing an inaccurate picture of self and society, we can become deluded and create confusion. On account of the pretence we know how to make, people can impute to us things for which we are not responsible. The other side of the coin is that we can go on to do extremely well in areas where pretence and illusion are raised to a fine art: the world of film for example. We need to be on guard against various forms of addiction; addiction to drink or drugs say, which may seem to offer a refuge from hard reality but, being impersonal, impedes personal development. The addiction can also be to unworkable religious and idealistic concepts that equally help us to avoid confrontations with everyday problems and push personality into the background. In addition to idealism, we are full of both empathy and sympathy. If we find ourselves in a stimulating environment where no unfair advantage is taken of our sensitiveness, pliability and insecurity, we gradually shed uncertainty and (provided we engage in Neptunian occupations with the active support of others) can do much to further our ideals.



5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°04') ♈2 | ♄8

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition reflects an inner conflict externalised into the outer environment of relationships. The issue of self-esteem and worth is highlighted, and you may experience a degree of hidden insecurity and fears of full involvement in life.

You may feel that your success is being frustrated by the world, which appears to confront you by obstacles on your way. Much depends on your reactions to such experiences, and your inner attitudes will determine how you deal with them. At times, you can seem almost over-assertive or aggressive, and this can diminish opportunities for co-operative endeavours to develop, especially when you fail to notice your effect on others, or inadvertently ignore their feelings and sensitivities. Often this is just an overreaction to your fears in relating to people, and instead of relaxing more, you tend to project through your tightness an overdominant energy that others can find uncomfortable. Alternatively, you could retreat back into a surrendered posture of passivity to life's challenges, defeated before you start. Certainly learning how to live with any restrictions imposed by Saturn may be a necessary form of adjustment, although this should not imply a resignation to them, but merely a conscious modification to circumstances and a consequent step to transcend them later. The choice is yours to reshape your lifestyle patterns into a way that is more suitable and open to development.

Self-expression and creativity may feel restricted, although this is often dependent on your confidence in your abilities and self-image, rather than on any lack of talents and qualities. Being able to perceive yourself in a positive light may become a key to your success, because that would also alter your relationships with others. There may be an emotional reserve and lack of warmth in your social contacts, so that you feel uncomfortable in bridging social divides and entering deeper relationships. Cooperation may need further development, and that air of formality and strictness may have to be relaxed so that friendships or partnerships can be more easily formed.

The need for relaxation is present in both your outer and inner relationships. You may be unable to see your nature and direction clearly and this creates an insecurity which destabilises your self-esteem. You try to protect this by establishing defensive barriers from the world, and probably by denying inner insecurities, with needs and potential being 'locked away'. You may choose to hide behind responsibilities, your work or career, family or parents, and these become an excuse for restricting options and failing to exert your power towards success. Personal tightness and control may need to be relinquished, and greater self-relaxation would be highly beneficial, especially in changing certain attitudes and increasing your physical vitality which periodically can become low as the energy is diverted towards restraints. Becoming looser, more tolerant, accepting and understanding would act as a great liberator, or you may begin to bow under the strain of those self-imposed restrictions, especially as your enjoyment of

life progressively diminishes.

A new inner balance and self-image is necessary. As this is achieved, any outer frustrations will correspondingly start to dissolve in equal measures to the increase in your self-confidence and clarified inner perspective. While initially it may appear as if the outer world and people are opposing you, it is this same source which can offer great opportunities as your changes proceed. Through the interplay of your nature and the environment, many inner crises and tensions can be healed and resolved, releasing latent qualities, talents and potentials in their renewal of blocked energies. Look especially towards the houses and signs of the Sun-Saturn opposition for areas which could be especially revitalised, or where your talents could be effectively applied.

Similarly, intimate relationships with partners or parents could be equally transformed, as old patterns derived from childhood frictions with authority figures or strict parents are replaced by more adult ones suited to your developed personality. Discovering a sincere loving partner could be very important, as a lover will revivify your self-image reflecting your qualities back, and this can convince you that you are worthy of being loved. Your inner question mark over this urgently needs resolving. A partner can also be a source of advice and confidence, and working cooperatively will open many new areas of potential, providing you relax sufficiently to be open about your feelings and fears, and to acknowledge the emotional vulnerability of others too. Through greater sensitivity you can enter a different type of social relationship, as those barriers will have been dismantled, and your controlling nature reduced. Taking such a step may initially feel uncomfortable and unsettling, but doing so will transform the nature of your universe and liberate many repressed energies, recreating your future and enabling the following of your solar purpose.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of your Sun to Saturn indicates that you are undergoing a crisis in consciousness, trying to discover who and what you are. You see challenges where they may not exist, and you need to be constantly reassured of your self-worth. You are trying to resolve your personal insecurity so that you can get on with the business of making a place for yourself. Most of your lessons will be learned through personal dealings, in which many crises will be resolved. Others feel as threatened by you as you feel threatened by them. Eventually you will achieve a proper perspective, and your self-confidence will be restored to normal.

Once you have confidence in yourself, you can go on to success in such endeavors as teaching, contracting, conservation, law, mathematics, architecture, political organization, or any function in which you must express your talents and resources efficiently and with authority.

Your partner in life will probably be your greatest source of advice and sound guidance.

Discuss with your mate any pending decisions. Try not to become so hardened by experience that you are unmoved by emotional considerations. You should be concerned with the feelings of others as you assert yourself in the world. Temper your judgement with tenderness.

Your lack of self-love is your greatest deterrent to success. If others won't give you room to expand, take it anyway. Don't wait for accolades from your competitors - you may wait a long time. But be careful that you don't restrict others when they try to express themselves. You must observe the same rules of behavior you expect others to abide by.

As for your health, keep your salt intake at a minimum, and avoid remaining sedentary for long periods. This can have an important effect on your circulation.

6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°50') ♃11 | ♎3

(Haydn Paul)

The energy of the opposition aspect creates considerable inner pressure and tension, mentally and emotionally, and can be difficult to deal with constructively, as a considerable inner change is required before the energy can come under the control of an integrated personality.

Due to the inner agitation and anxiety, your perception of the world and your feelings response to events will be strongly coloured by its activity. This is not necessarily to imply that your interpretation is wrong, but that your experience of it will affect you more deeply and influentially than it would most other people, who could possibly give it more sense of proportion than you can. Basically, the tone of your insight will be pessimistic and essentially depressive, and you will see the world as a place where disorder, pain and problems are rapidly multiplying. Social problems feel personal and real to you, even if your own circumstances do not bring you into personal contact with them. Your sensitivity (or inner receptivity) leads you to see a world in crisis, makes you feel responsible for its problems, and offers little way out for you unless you become involved in efforts to improve matters. It is a 'social conscience writ large and painfully'. The frustrating thing for you is that however effective you are, so much work still needs to be done in the world. You have to accept the fact that you cannot change anything, and that your role is to make your own contribution but not everyone else's.

This sense of impatience in life creates a corresponding vibration in you that expresses itself as a brusque harshness in relating to others. The contradiction is that whilst you intend to improve life and bring harmony into people's relationships, you often create the opposite reaction to your purpose. An interrogatory style in talking to others will create distance; and under pressure of your 'mission' you often lose sight of co-operative relationship with others. You need to learn more compromise and moderation, paying

equal attention to the needs and feelings of co-workers or partners. Gain a truer perspective on the conditions of time, and the slowness of change in the world, and this can help to moderate your impatience at social transformation; it is a long, slow grind against inertia and resistance, often even from those you believe you are helping.

You have high ideals, yet are often lacking in self-confidence over your ability to express them or live up to them; generally, no one can live up to high ideals, so relax a little, create a little space between you and this inner obsession, and devote more time to internalising this energy to transform yourself. What you are is of the highest importance; and by embodying your ideal more fully in yourself, you will be more of a living demonstration of your purpose, and more effective.

It is a difficult tension to live with, this feeling of interrelatedness with the world, a sense of responsibility and direction that you are 'summoned' to give aid to lighten the burden. You have to lighten your own burden first, which will improve the quality of your own life immensely, and bring clarity and perspective into things.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Mercury opposition Pluto, mental and emotional anxiety prevails. You are extremely sensitive to any social problems you observe, and cannot rest until you've made some effort to resolve them. Everything is in a state of crisis, you feel, until you can gather your forces to solve a problem that you sincerely believe is your responsibility. You are impatient with yourself and others to get things done immediately. You are certainly competent, but you need to be constantly reassured of this, so you project crises in your own life and with the people around you. Moderation and compromise are necessary if you wish to prevent others from breaking off with you.

When challenged, you are emotionally and intellectually arrogant, because you fear that your credibility is being questioned. You tend to draw premature conclusions based only on the obvious aspects of a situation. A more penetrating examination might reveal details that would force you to modify your judgement. You will have to cope with this problem before you can successfully handle your professional interests. Many difficulties will persist with your co-workers, who will not tolerate you unless you change your attitude.

You are suited for such fields as medicine, research, analysis, union activities, chemistry, and teaching. However, you must come to grips with the qualities that make it difficult for others to get along with you. You are extremely argumentative when provoked, and this can interfere with realizing your goals. Learn to mind your own business, and learn to respect the feelings of others. This can help greatly in gaining their co-operation and support when you need it, as everyone does on occasion. Others will appreciate your efforts if you compromise a little.

Finding a suitable mate may not be difficult for you, but you are more likely to keep the mate you find if you will meet your partner halfway in compromise. Your strong ambition and desire for financial security may drive a wedge of dissent between you. If you disagree about important matters, it would be wise to seek guidance from someone who is an authority in such things. Resist the desire to project your ideas onto your partner or to make unacceptable demands. This will alienate your mate as surely as it does your associates.

Ideally, your partner's objectives should be consistent with yours; then you could undertake a co-operative program in which you would support each other.

You can enjoy continuing good health if you will try to do everything in moderation. Unwind by getting away from the pressure of competition. Your savings are very important, for they will allow you to be less anxious when unexp

7) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°38') ♏7 | ♏7

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Venus to Jupiter indicates that you don't trust your competence in dealing with people and circumstances; you are never really sure you can adequately cope with relationships. You are indulgent to others in the hope that they will conform that you are indeed capable. The challenge of constant competition reassures you of your skill in handling even the most demanding problems in your situation. You seek social approval for everything you do, and are upset when it is not forthcoming. Presumptuous in your expectations of others and somewhat conceited, you alienate even your closest friends by boring them with endless trivia about yourself and your affairs. It is a sign of immaturity if your self-regard depends on the approval you extract from your associates.

You are conniving in your dealings with people, and you tend to use them to satisfy your objectives. When you find that you have been used also, you become bitter. You associate with those who approve of you and detach yourself from those who don't. You will go along with any prevailing opinion if it suits your purposes. The only time you compromise is when it costs you little or nothing. Your inconsistency in applying justice is remarkable. And yet, with all these negative tendencies, you can be generous to your benefactors and sympathetic with the problems of your associates.

Business is probably the area of your greatest creative self-expression. You are essentially a wheeler-dealer who enjoys direct contact with adversaries, for competing successfully confirms your competence. Argument, or what you call discussion, is the skill you use most effectively. You know how to charm people and get them to lower their defences while you prepare their defeat. Not altogether honest in your dealings, you 'bend' the truth when it suits your purposes. You can be hypocritical when it serves your

ends.

Your romantic relationships are touch and go - you make sincere-seeming gestures until your lover suggests a more contractual arrangement, when you suddenly lose interest. 'Always a bridesmaid or best man, never a bride or groom' seems particularly appropriate for you. Whether you will be married depends on your willingness to accept the responsibility of such a contract; it isn't that you lack the opportunity.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates that the mother of the native does not relate well to her femininity; she may be going through a period in which she considers herself a second-class citizen during this person's formative years. Jupiter indicates how open we are, how we receive love and beauty, the capacity to relate to others. Because Venus represents how the mother thinks of her femininity and how she is able to perceive love and affection, the opposition between Venus and Jupiter indicates a person who is extravagant and excessive when beginning a love relationship, but the energy is seldom long-lasting. It is a response to the loving-relating function that was learned early in life. It may cause a feeling that love is a compromise, that one's ideals and 'druthers' cannot be fulfilled while relating to another.

A female with this opposition will learn not to accept love easily, nor will she expect that any woman can be appreciated for herself. A male will have little feeling for the feminine principle; often this aspect indicates a male who doesn't appreciate what his wife does in the home to make it attractive; nor does he really appreciate the fact that she loves him, if she does. He may fall in and out of love as does his female counterpart, for he turns on and off. These people bring an expectancy of loss into their love relationships. If they can understand that this attitude can be changed, that they can develop their own expectancies, that the universe is metaphysical, that it gives what one expects; if they understand that the pattern was learned from the mother at a time when she was relating poorly, then they can teach themselves to change. Sometimes this aspect develops a selfishness that needs to be overcome, for it indicates a tendency to want immediate satisfaction to all wants.

This aspect can be analyzed as follows: the Jupiter (relating principle) opposes Venus ('I want' facet of the personality). This can be interpreted as 'I don't relate to what I want', and can be the basis for forming individual relating patterns that are brought about because the person thinks he is able to appreciate his surroundings when in fact he is relating discontent. The aspect can indicate a confusion of goals, and some signs may indicate an inability to reach the goals desired.

The trick to working with the energy is learned when the different phases of life are understood so that both sides of the opposition can be expressed in the appropriate time and place.

## Venus square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects between Venus and Jupiter we do have a great deal of warmth and cordiality to display, but we tend to be too pushy. There is no mistaking how much we value good fellowship and the pleasant side of life. It is not often you will find us gated with the wallflowers; no, we are more likely to come waltzing in with the gate-crashers.

The craving for friendship and love (Venus) can well become too expansive under the influence of Jupiter and can incite us to make conquests on a large scale; especially as Jupiter, literally and metaphorically, is the planet of voyages of discovery. And although what we have here is a combination of two very compatible factors, we suffer from restless activity accompanied by restless feelings. All the same, this tension brought about both by the nature of the aspects and by the stirring expansiveness of Jupiter is an optimistic type of tension. Any Jupiter square will make us eager and challenging. When the square is with Venus, this can be rather attractive as long as it is not overdone.

We appreciate beauty and nice things, not to mention luxuries, but the appreciation is not simply passive even though two 'easy' planets are involved. With the restlessness both of the tense aspect and of Jupiter, we can work wonders in creative and artistic fields (Venus). Philosophical pursuits are not so well-starred, because, for these, Venus has to stimulate Jupiter, and Venus is not a great encourager of activity.

As in all Venus / Jupiter aspects, self-discipline is not a strong point, yet this is just what we need in order to keep our liveliness within bounds.

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°04') ♈2 | ♊12

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When

this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy, so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.



(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited, guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a 'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper.

Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars / Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and

strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his natus exemplifies the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°28') ♃2 | ♄8

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition is focused more on your outer relationships with people, although inner projections are often the key to their problematic nature. As with the square aspect, there is the presence of the unconscious mind being activated by a frustrated Neptune, which lead to distortions in action and expression. Inner motivation is often unclear in respect of its true nature, and often compulsive desires are hidden behind a façade so effectively that even you are often essentially unconscious of why you act in certain ways and way is actually making those decisive choices for you. Self-clarity can be difficult to achieve, especially in the areas of emotional and sexual desire, which can have a compulsive quality to them, and which can dominate your options. Those areas may become highly emphasised in your life, excessively so and out of a healthy proportion and perspective.

You probably lack trust and faith in life. Suspicion is a constant companion, and you see others through such a filter, yet this is often mainly composed of your own nature projected out like a shadow over the world. How can you trust yourself when you do not fully comprehend your own motivations and desires for actions? Yet you often mean well, but yare let down by your own tendencies of secrecy and manipulation. Your own attitudes are reflected back at you, so that mutual suspicion is often created, and you lose even more trust in people. Sometimes you tend to withdraw from social activity due to this. A refinement in how you choose to assert yourself may be necessary, as well as a withdrawal of these conditioning negative characteristics.

Confronting reality is essential, so that, by acceptance, a more realistic balance in relationships can emerge - one where your desires are less dominant and threatening, and where the emotional dimension is more integrated and explored. This will help to modify and redirect the blocked Neptune energy so that relationships become deeper, more satisfying and a bridge to renew your experience of social relating. Evaluating your ambitions in life can be more productive once the projections are being withdrawn, and

using intellect and common sense can be more effective in realising them than following a path of glamour and compulsive desires which, whilst perhaps temporarily exciting, leads to a dissipation of your self and your objectives. Avoidance of unnecessary stimulants is also wise, as these will not help; and a more perceptive insight into the nature of glamour and illusion will also be highly beneficial. This is especially so if you have become involved in the occult or spiritual realms of life, where there are always many candidates to take advantage of those who are more gullible and susceptible to the power of 'secret knowledge'. Those who have the desire to be 'special' are often abused physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The nature and quality of your relationships can be transformed, provided that you deal with those problematic areas of your inner nature, trust, emotions, sexuality and illusions. Perceiving how you can negatively condition your experience is the key to realising how you can positively transform it too.

10) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **South-Node** - (0°16') ♋2 | ♋2

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

On the positive side, this aspect can cause the natives to question the militaristic values or group actions of their society. They may step aside if they feel that the trend is to no good. They sometimes become loners, acting upon their own decisions and disregarding what others think or do. On the negative side, their actions and desires tend to be out of harmony with the standards of society. They may act at the wrong time and in the wrong place, antagonizing others and causing opposition. They are likely then to lash out in anger and frustration.

(Bernice Grebner)

The South Node stimulates Mars passions and senses, but can give poor timing, for the South Node influence pushes forward with passion and then pulls back. Action and fear need to be balanced. This is what the aspect is: action, then fear.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the physical energy is highly channelled inward to heal the internal structure. Naturally, the outward energy applications look quite weak. In a woman's chart, this often denies sexual satisfaction or the other extreme, depending upon the rest of the chart. Here, the soul learns subconsciously to curb its martial authoritative nature. In a previous life spectrum, the indulgence and misuses of physical power, sex, and energies have brought about this condition in this life. Circulatory problems or blood difficulties can be a normal deficiency for these people. General temperament of these people is very difficult to grasp. When they want to be angry or temperamental, a sudden curb on energy is imposed by circumstance and they often fail to show the reactions

appropriately.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability is limited, hindering growth. A tendency towards accident-proneness or fear of injury can lead to stagnation. When angular, this position frequently coincides with loss of a mate or parent through death or separation, or sometimes some traumatic blow to the self-esteem at an early age.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, the militant energies can prevail. According to the sign and house, the native will tilt at windmills and misdirect his or her energies. Wrong ideas are fiercely defended, but without convincing others of their merit. Many resort to feverish activity and waste their strength. The time that must elapse before the native learns the most profitable use of the latter depends largely on other planets aspecting Mars.

Mars square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Disharmonious collaboration, the desire to quarrel, a lack of good fellowship. Quarrels and disputes within communities, organizations and associations, interruption of associations.

11) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°24')    ♁12 | ♃8

Uranus square or opposition Neptune

(Charles Carter)

In these cases, the intensity of emotion is very marked, the native being as a rule, highly strung, intense, sensitive, and easily upset. Self-will is marked, and the native will not readily be thwarted or persuaded. The emotional force may be discharged in some such form as art, music, dancing, rhetoric or pseudo-religious devotion; some form of service; or, in bad charts, in drink, sex, or neurotic collapse. It does not lack courage, and may cause the native to seek excitement in risks.

Usually, motives and ideals are high, and the native means well, but is apt to go to extremes, to lack all sense of humour (in regard to his or her own interests and pursuits), and to be unable to co-operate or compromise. It may indeed be termed an aspect of fanaticism, but in many cases its action is chiefly external, giving taut nerves, an 'edgy'

temper, and various forms of disease, usually of neural character.

It is often present in the charts of very conscientious people, who are hard on themselves and on others, exhibiting rigidity of outlook. It does not favour calm, moderation, reflectiveness, and detachment, for the emotions are set at variance with the will.

Like all Neptunian afflictions, it sometimes causes unpleasant or deceptive 'astral' experiences, and it constitutes a warning against the cultivation of pursuits of this nature. A well-known example of this error is the case of Dr. John Dee, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I and an alchemist. He was a man of true piety and learning, but his whole career was ruined by his reliance on the guidance, or misguidance, of supposed angelic monitors. He had Neptune in the 3rd in Pisces, square to Uranus in the 7th.

Much of the unhappiness, 'never been young' attitude of modern (ie late 1920s, when Carter was writing!) youth, their confusion of outlook, and lack of standards may be attributed without risk of error to the opposition of these planets that prevailed around 1910.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible the he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

12) ► **Neptune** ♄ **Parallel** ♋ **North-Node** - (1°12')    ♄8 | ♄8

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction tunes natives to what is socially popular and acceptable. They have an intuitive ability to be in the right place at the right time. On the negative side, there is a tendency to be mindlessly swept along with current social conditions, wherever they may lead. Going along with the crowd can be the easy way out and end ultimately in disaster. For example, a native involved in the cocktail party circuit may overindulge in drink simply because it is the socially acceptable thing to do, and end up as an alcoholic. It is important for these natives to exercise discrimination. Misused, this aspect can be highly seductive. It can sweep the natives along without their being aware of it.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of community-sense or of team spirit. Anti-social behaviour. Sociological correspondence: anti-social elements.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the deeper significance of 'psyche' or the occult is transmuted, extracted and applied to convey the messages to the general consciousness. The idea is to distribute the Neptunian energies, either good or bad, to the surroundings and associates. This often leads to the highest or the lowest form of Karmic function. Bridging the gap between the higher consciousness and the 'commoner' through the Neptunian process is basically achieved by these individuals.

(Donna van Toen)

Sensitivity enhances growth potential. There's a tendency to seek the impossible or the ideal that keeps the person aiming higher and higher. In the over-compensation phase, there can be problems stemming from anti-social behavior. Avoidance of people, escapist tendencies and use of consciousnessaltering substances are also common.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction gives full scope in contacts to an all-embracing love of humanity. The native is ready to give up all for love, and believes in universal philanthropy and in spiritual freedom. Many take up social work in the belief that the only way or them to develop is by caring for the sick or for the underprivileged. As a matter of fact, the Neptunian sensitivity frequently leads them to forget their own development as they work and sacrifice themselves for others. Nevertheless, the boundary-removing principle of Neptune can do much to promote spiritual development.

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.



13) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (8°58' A) 001 | ♃2

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct the Ascendant gives you an inexhaustible supply of energy. You are constantly in motion, but sometimes it is motion without meaning. Lacking selfdiscipline, you take daring and unnecessary risks when challenged. Your supporters regard you as courageous, but your enemies consider you 'pushy' and arrogant. However, you are not moved by either opinion, because you want most of all for people to recognize your superiority and give you the breathing room you need. You constantly have to see that people are in awe of your aggressive superiority, because inside you are not really that sure of yourself. The image you present hides a persistent inferiority complex. You probably win your arguments by making the most noise and wearing out your opponents with unceasing harassment. But you don't need to waste your energy this way, because you have enormous creative ability that merely needs to be harnessed to an onjective. When you do this, no-one can succeed as easily as you can, and with energy to spare.

A very physical person, you tend to brush aside any talk of compromise or concession as tactics fit only for the weak and spineless. It is almost impossible to have a simple, friendly talk with you; when you think you are losing control and your position is weakening, you become angry and may resort to violence. You can be sure that people who converse with you in simple 'yes's and 'no's are aware of your short fuse. On the positive side, you are independent and self-confident. You know how to mobilize people and their resources to achieve your objectives. Although you can work as hard as the best of them, you prefer to play the role of the instigator, sitting back and pulling the strings to make them do your bidding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The attitude to the world is stronly colored by the self-assertiveness of Mars. We are not inclined to pay much attention to others. We seldom look before we leap; and we act before anyone has a chance to offer advice. The impression we make is one of activity, courage and daring. Independence and will-power are not always welcome, however. Every now and then, people will probably treat us as sharply and aggressively as we treat them. The impression we make is more abrasive than we may wish, and if we are thwarted we can become annoyed and take swift action. The rashness of Mars has an outlet here which can result in divorce or broken friendships; so we do need to exercise restraint.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a powerful aspect, for it indicates a high energy potential. These individuals will make quick, perhaps rash, decisions. The early childhood environment will be very

active; it may even be somewhat violent. These individuals will be familiar with anger, and the kind of anger they were exposed to as children will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs.

The emotional reaction to life will have to be handled constructively, or this person might spend too much time overreacting to ordinary life situations. Career decisions will need to be thought out carefully to overcome the natural inclination to jump into new situations thoughtlessly.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Mars conjunct the Ascendant tend to view the world as a highly competitive place and approach it from this vantage point. Often, too, there is a vague feeling that conflict might break out at any minute. Sometimes, the Mars rising person was born into or raised in an early atmosphere of conflict. Occasionally, the birth itself was a violent one or involved surgery, as, for example, in cases of caesarean section.

In any event, the persona the Mars rising person may wear is of someone always ready for action and sometimes ready for conflict too. Some people with Mars rising just seem to go out into the world spoiling for a fight. Nevertheless, the appearance of strength, courage and bravado may be all show; merely a mask the individual has learnt to cultivate in order to protect him- / herself.

Mars conjunct Ascendant people are keen to get on with things. This is the client who, being impatient to start, arrives early and refuses a cup of tea.

In appearance the Mars rising person often exudes strength. Sometimes the individual is rather muscular-looking as if armour-plated against any possible attack.

This is a very honest, go-getting kind of combination, good for any kind of initiation, although unrestrained by other chart factors; and, depending on the sign involved, the individual may just be too impulsive or pushy for his / her own good. More positively, there is usually strong leadership potential with this placement, and it is ideal for any life-situations where the individual can legitimately compete and stretch him- / herself to the limit. Sport is the immediate physical vehicle that springs to mind.

14) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♃ Neptune** - (5°50' S)    ♄8 | ♄8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time,

especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be

matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when

they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (6°48' S)    ♀7 | ♀7

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are drawn to refined and sophisticated people. You are well-mannered, and generally people have a good opinion of you. You make concessions if it seems necessary to maintain harmonious relations, and you refuse to judge someone whose conduct does not come up to your expectations. Too frequently you give people the benefit of the doubt and see in them qualities they don't possess. Wanting to believe that you choose to associate only with persons of the highest character, you are disappointed if they don't really measure up.

Although you appear self-confident and assured, the fact is that you are not comfortable unless you have someone around to give you the support you need. There is no deception in your claim that you are happy to meet people, because you truly enjoy their company and conversation. You work hard, although subtly, to make sure that people are warmly disposed toward you, and you try to emphasize your better qualities to prove you are worthy of their friendship. To put others at ease, you play the innocent role and make it clear that you won't threaten them. You hope no-one perceives your negative qualities and discovers how insecure you really are.

Your best publicity agents are your friends, who freely extol your virtues when anyone asks them. In the company of your superiors or anyone you admire, you tend to be shy.

Always on the lookout for ways to improve your social status, you prefer the company of successful people or those who are obviously on their way up. You have no qualms about forming close relationships with people who are financially secure if this will increase your chances of a permanent association. On the surface you are docile, gentle, and charming, but underneath you conspire and connive to make a better life for yourself through the people you deal with.

Venus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In practice, Venus / Ascendant conflicts do not seem to be too much of a disadvantage. There is a good chance that their tension will make us more interesting to others. Therefore, even with these aspects, we can expect easy social intercourse and a genuine desire for a peaceful, harmonious environment. Not that we always succeed in

obtaining the latter - we tend to overdo things, and may fail to read some situations properly. Certainly we need to learn how to direct our energies.

Although, in principle, these aspects can encourage laziness, not to mention self-indulgence and luxury, their tension guarantees a fairly energetic approach. Artistic and other aesthetic forms of expression are therefore more likely to find an outlet. Sometimes, however, the outlet is simply a matter of trying to impose one's own tastes.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a square or opposition may find their 'wants', their ability to receive love, thwarted or frustrated in some way. The attributes of both signs will manifest in attitudes presented to others.

The square is most often an indication that its owner will live one end and suppress the other, finding it difficult to attain the compromise necessary so that both energies can function at the same time. If the 'best foot forward' battles with the concept of love, all relationships will encompass a strain, and permanent relationships will be difficult to build.

When the opposition takes place between Venus and the Ascendant, some kind of compromise must take place between the 'persona' and the desires. The career drive may be confused, or the personal relationships may be difficult. These individuals will appear to be looking for a different kind of relationship from what their Venus sign wants.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus on the Descendant sometimes reveals itself as a concern with others' appearance. This may manifest in the field of work. For example, hairdressers can work on the issue of their own appearance through working on how others look. Success in such a field would also confer great personal popularity. Some with this placement project their Venus onto others by seeing them as 'nice', beautiful, good or even wealthy, but in so doing can find these principles within themselves. Many with this placement feel more valuable when in a partnership, and I have seen this work on a literal level, as in the case where an individual becomes involved with someone who, relative to his or her own income, is very wealthy.

Venus on either end of this axis inevitably gives rise to a strong concern with relationship. The need for partnership may be quite overwhelming. Some with Venus conjunct Descendant particularly also want a relationship that looks good to others. Depending on the overall condition of Venus and the 7th house, there may be a difficulty in accepting the more difficult, complicated and sordid aspects of one's relationships, since one always wants to keep everything 'nice'.

Venus making hard aspect to this axis sometimes suggests that the individual dresses inappropriately for the outer image that he or she is trying to convey.

16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (7°55' A)    117 | 117

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are generous toward your associates and civil with competitors. You are polished and refined, sometimes to the point that others may be suspicious of your motives. You prefer to associate with people who seem to be sure of themselves and their goals. Unless you see a future in it, you refuse to bind yourself to any obligation. You attract fortunate people to you, and you share their optimistic feeling that you will become successful. Just as an investment broker deals in financial resources, you deal in the resources of people - who they are and what they can accomplish for themselves and for you. You pride yourself on your good judgement, but you ignore the fact that you are a taker, not a giver, except when it suits your long-range purposes.

It isn't easy for you to establish roots, partly because you feel that without them you are more free to take advantage of opportunities. An 'idea' person, you know how to exploit your creative potentials to derive the most benefit from them. You are a good conversationalist and can liven up any discussion with tales that may be tall stories but are never dull or boring.

Your desire to achieve was probably stimulated by your early home life, which may not have been totally satisfying. Because of that fact, you resolved to better yourself and your circumstances whenever possible. You try to convince yourself that given the chance you would show people how capable you are. But you do this because you don't want to be reminded of your material and emotional responsibilities. You know you should settle down and admit that you need to relate to others in order to succeed.

Your greatest problem is that you use people to serve your personal objectives. You must learn that being generous is as beneficial to you as accepting the generosity of others.

Jupiter square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects, we are strongly attracted by the grandiose, the jovial and the magnanimous, and this shows in our attitude to others. But we tend to overdo things. We need constant reminders to hold the energy of the tense aspects in check; sometimes, if

we wish to avoid problems with others, it is wise to be a little more subdued.

Often we radiate much more self-confidence, not to say self-will, than we might imagine, and acquaintances may see us as arrogant. Yet, with this same self-confidence, plus a big dose of optimism, we can do much good if we take care to create a genial impression and not a haughty one.

The love of doing things on a grand scale may deteriorate into a fondness of luxury and display; equally, we can become preoccupied with immaterial things and can spend time promoting intangible values. In ways like these, the urge to be expansive can easily get out of control.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Jupiter squares the Ascendant, the relationship needs argue with the persona. New experience will begin with difficulty, for the square indicates a frustration of energy. These individuals may not be conscious of the fact that their response to new relating experience will be perceived differently by those viewing the Ascendant reactions.

When Jupiter opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between new beginnings, the persona and the ability to relate to what is being projected becomes an issue in the life. Usually the opposition is active between the first and seventh houses (the personal projection versus the needs of a partner). The energy can be handled constructively when the signs are understood.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter in hard aspect to the axis suggests that the individual's beliefs are at odds with the outer image that he or she may have cultivated.

Jupiter conjunct Descendant often suggests that an individual teams up with a person from a different background or culture from their own, or sometimes with a teacher or religious person. Education often forms an important aspect of one-to-one relationships, with the individual either seeking to educate the other or to be educated by him / her. There is a need for a certain amount of space with Jupiter on both ends of the axis. At the 7th house end, the individual is often particularly keen on exploring the whole realm of relationship and may not like being tied to just one person. In any event, it is through relationship that the Jupiter-Descendant person finds his / her own faith and confidence. He / she may look to someone else to provide these qualities or be able to offer them to others. Sometimes the person projects 'God' onto other people and sometimes he / she wishes to be treated as being Godlike and wonderful him- / herself.

17) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ☾ **South-Node** - (8°52' S) ♊2 | ♊2



(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) refers to a condition in which major circumstances in the native's environment deny him opportunities and resources for self-expression, limiting especially his leadership and power potential. Obstacles are thrown in his path, making it difficult to achieve what he desires, even to the extent that he is denied the fruits of his efforts.

Natives are not swept along in the mainstream of events, as in the case of the Sun conjunct North Node. This conjunction indicates a karmic situation in which individuals in previous incarnations selfishly promoted their own ambitions at the expense of the self-expression of others. This time around, they experience what it is like to be thwarted by the actions of others. However, this aspect can bring a thorough mastery of that which the native is able to command.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives greater difficulty in establishing the new growth at the North Node because the ego wants to stay at the opposite South Node area with the Sun. The ego feels better associating with South Node affairs; and in order to grow and learn, the person must buck a strong ego.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect indicates lack of physical vitality and general suppression of ego. It is more of a counter-balance from the previous life which tells the person to slow down regarding the ego-ambition-recognition, etc. in this life. If this is not done consciously, then it will be forcefully achieved by proper circumstances. Conversion of normal energies of 'individuality' into evolution of that soul will be noticed in this aspect in that particular life. This often indicates some Karmic connections with the 'father-figure' that need to be balanced in this life. Often a conflict from a previous life with the father has brought about this condition and circumstance.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, negative ego-forces often come into play. The natives are full of self-admiration and believe they have full control of everything represented by the axis concerned. Many of them are conceited and proud, and lay claim to being unique when (in most instances) they are not. They refuse to admit that they possess the weaknesses of the sign involved, and believe that, being already sufficiently developed, they have no need to work on themselves. Often, these people feel that they are being neglected, and imagine that they are tremendously important, although usually this is mere self-deception. They have a tendency towards monomania.

18) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°18' S)    ♀7 | ♁8

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Jupiter to Saturn shows that you have enormous potential for success, although it won't come without effort. In spite of overwhelming odds against success, you are eager to explore new means to make a massive assault and assert yourself in the world. You have the fortitude and staying power to mobilize all your resources for this task. Planning every step of the way is absolutely essential, along with knowing when to act and when not to. You have a vivid picture of your future already realized in your dreams, but you are realistic enough to accept the responsibility this entails. You know that even with a driving ambition, striving for significance is not enough unless it satisfies a clearly pictured mental vision. You have the courage to be ostentatious about your belief in yourself, while remaining cautious enough to stay within your limits. Your capacity to achieve goals is in direct proportion to your willingness to accept selfdiscipline and hard work. The glow of success is so sweet that you can accept these facts.

You are hopeful yet realistic, eager yet serious, assertive yet deliberate. Generally you don't take chances, preferring to use proven methods to get what you want. You apply your talents in the most practical way so that little effort is wasted on non-productive projects. You can find rewarding satisfaction and exploit your creative talents in law, education, medicine, accounting, or the ministry. To these fields you would bring a profound understanding of people and an ability to help solve their problems. You are patient with less gifted people and willing to be of assistance when they need you.

In your moments of relative leisure, you enjoy reading informative books that are useful in your professional interests. In your constant striving to raise your level of competence, you might attend evening sessions at an educational institution. Never satisfied with the extent of your knowledge, you realize that competition requires to to keep abreast of current thought and developments in your field.

You respect the lessons of history, which stimulate your philosophical musings on destiny and the role of each individual in the destiny of man. Your retentive memory is a great help in crises that require an immediate solution; you may even be surprised that the necessary information comes to mind so readily at the right time.

Overdoing is your most persistent problem, for it can cause physical exhaustion. You especially need to get away from your daily concerns and truly unwind. Frequent 'little vacations' are especially effective in restoring vitality and giving you a fresh approach to your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When enlarging, widening and augmenting Jupiter goes hand-in-hand with its opposite (i.e., with restricting, narrowing and inhibiting Saturn), inconsistency is the result. On occasions when we would like to be cheerful and enthusiastic, and would like to widen our horizons and throw ourselves heart and soul into some project or other (Jupiter), we fear a loss of security, become inhibited, and behave with extreme caution (Saturn). This leaves little room for spontaneity, and there is a danger that we shall let slip many good opportunities, because when we finally get round to saying 'yes' it will usually be too late. The reason we wait so long is that we want to be fully informed before making a move, or else we need time to overcome a nervousness of anything new. Of course, this aspect has the great advantage that it discourages us from rushing headlong into wild adventures.

However, the limitation, melancholy and general cheerlessness of Saturn are relieved by the underlying brightness of Jupiter; so that Saturn / Jupiter combinations do have a certain amount of joy about them even though this is tempered by seriousness. Also, whenever we are down in the dumps, the optimism of Jupiter can lift our spirits again.

With the conjunction, we are capable of toiling hard and long. We envisage future rewards (Jupiter) for the hard work we must do (Saturn). So the combination is excellent for tasks requiring steady application and considerable self-denial. A vision of the future is accompanied by a willingness to move forward stage by stage; so there is definite organizing ability. However, this will show itself clearly only if the background of the signs concurs, and if the aspect ties in with personal factors in the chart.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is interpreted on many levels of experience. Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to others; Saturn symbolizes restriction in some way. The sign of the conjunction is important, for it lends its qualities to the aspect. Jupiter symbolizes how we open up, and Saturn symbolizes the restrictions placed on us at an early age because of our father's attitude toward us, or our response to his influence. In a mundane sense, the conjunction means that the individual has a tendency to open up (Jupiter) and close up (Saturn) at the same time. He may reach out to share some new experience and be afraid to do it because there is an unconscious memory that authority figure or Fathers don't like him doing that. It may mean that the father is a restrictive influence when this individual is learning how to relate; maybe the father can't relate easily either.

The conjunction will indicate a person who takes relationships seriously, one who may work too hard on developing all the potential in a relationship. It may indicate a person who takes relationships so seriously that he or she is afraid of making a commitment, or even starting a relationship at all. This person may have relationships that are similar to the kind the father created; and the pattern can be determined by exploring memories of the father's friendships over the years. Once the pattern is understood, the father's influence is diminished, and the owner of the conjunction is free to pursue the kinds of

relationships he wants to develop for himself - although he will approach the subject seriously.

In order to reach the fullest possible realization of life potential, in order to develop consciousness to its highest point, the individual with this conjunction will have to develop a perspective on how he reaches out to relate, and an understanding of the restrictive influence from his father - and then both aspects of personality will develop at the same time. As he begins to view his cautions, and as he faces his fears and the feelings of limitation and frustration caused by Saturn, his opportunity to open up and to relate to new experience will also be developed. This person will then have an aboveaverage perspective, for he cannot relate fully until he takes responsibility for himself.

The aspect will be further determined by the sign of the conjunction, as well as the house placement. The conjunction taking place in the twelfth house seems to be the most difficult because this house signifies that part of ourselves which can remain the most unconscious.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful but admittedly critical position. It must be regarded as potentially gloomy, for it occurs sometimes in charts of suicide, especially if it falls in Virgo. It distinctly favours a hard life, with privation, struggle, or danger. The native essays difficult though sometimes glorious feats, and may acquire fame through performances of great arduousness, whether mental, physical or spiritual. It is distinctly a sign of great possibilities to be realised by hard work.

It favours great singleness of purpose and endless patience. The native is generally religious, favouring old and established communions. There is often a rather eccentric tendency as regards the use of money: the native may be generous to the wrong persons and niggardly to the deserving. Jealousy sometimes occurs.

With respect to external conditions, what has been said regarding the harmonious aspects is true also here, but the elements of toil and danger are likely to be more in evidence.

19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (6°32' A)    ♅8 | ♅8

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping

definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamourise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant

reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There

have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

20) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Conjunct** ♄ **North-Node** - (5°58' A)    ♅8 | ♅8

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)



This conjunction tunes natives to what is socially popular and acceptable. They have an intuitive ability to be in the right place at the right time. On the negative side, there is a tendency to be mindlessly swept along with current social conditions, wherever they may lead. Going along with the crowd can be the easy way out and end ultimately in disaster. For example, a native involved in the cocktail party circuit may overindulge in drink simply because it is the socially acceptable thing to do, and end up as an alcoholic. It is important for these natives to exercise discrimination. Misused, this aspect can be highly seductive. It can sweep the natives along without their being aware of it.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of community-sense or of team spirit. Anti-social behaviour. Sociological correspondence: anti-social elements.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the deeper significance of 'psyche' or the occult is transmuted, extracted and applied to convey the messages to the general consciousness. The idea is to distribute the Neptunian energies, either good or bad, to the surroundings and associates. This often leads to the highest or the lowest form of Karmic function. Bridging the gap between the higher consciousness and the 'commoner' through the Neptunian process is basically achieved by these individuals.

(Donna van Toen)

Sensitivity enhances growth potential. There's a tendency to seek the impossible or the ideal that keeps the person aiming higher and higher. In the over-compensation phase, there can be problems stemming from anti-social behavior. Avoidance of people, escapist tendencies and use of consciousnessaltering substances are also common.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction gives full scope in contacts to an all-embracing love of humanity. The native is ready to give up all for love, and believes in universal philanthropy and in spiritual freedom. Many take up social work in the belief that the only way or them to develop is by caring for the sick or for the underprivileged. As a matter of fact, the Neptunian sensitivity frequently leads them to forget their own development as they work and sacrifice themselves for others. Nevertheless, the boundary-removing principle of Neptune can do much to promote spiritual development.

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.

21) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (4°23' S)    ♄10 | ♃3

(Haydn Paul)

You may experience emotional blockagews which inhibit sharing feelings. Emotional energies which cannot find suitable release may accumulate. You maintain tight inner controls which influence relationships, as others may sense an atmosphere of repressed violence and passion. At times, you can be like a coiled snake waiting to strike a target, just so you can unload excess emotional energy.

This tension and pressure can make it difficult for others to relax in your company. Relationships are uneasy, and are not helped by your suspicion of others. You rarely allow access into the sanctum of your personal life, so this distancing suits you. Domestically, you dislike intrusion, and take offence whenever anyone is patronising or attempts to dictate to you; if anyone is going to dominate, it has to be you! You prefer to control your family and anyone else you can, yet dislike having to acknowledge others in positions of authority. You may just barely accept them if they truly deserve such positions, but otherwise show little respect and may even actively undermine their influence. It follows that you are never the ideal employee!

You can find consistency difficult in intimate relationships; not in the sense of loving, but more in how you express feelings. This is due to emotional blockages and control needs; you may appear to 'blow hot and cold' to your partner; yet this simply reflects how your emotional world is at any given time, rather than indicating the depth of love you feel for your partner.

You will be emotionally sensitive, and feel really hurt when another does not respond to your advances; you have a low threshold for emotional pain, which amplifies mood swings. You tend to store pain; and this increases inner pressure over time, which in turn affects domestic relations, and so on, in a vicious circle. Frustration occurs from your high expectations of intimacy and life; and yet this is often caused by your inner state that inhibits receiving and enjoying as much as you should. Contact with the outer world is through feelings; and as the primary impact is emotional, this colours your perception of life.

There may be disputes concerning finances or family inheritance, and certainly over the question of family authority, and those you intend to win. You do not often welcome others' advice, seeing this as interference or attempted domination; and you intend to make independent decisions and choose your own way. Even if this appears to take you in the wrong direction, the path is still your decision and choice, and, in that fact alone, it is 'right'.

You need to acknowledge others' rights, and their importance in your life. Again, compromise is a necessary virtue to acquire or, through sheer obstinacy, you could lose more than you gain through lack of moderation. Learn to value your partner, become less insistent upon your will and desires, and listen to others more. Inner changes could allow considerable benefits to emerge, ones which cost far less than you imagine and which do not really change you except positively. These can also help redirect emotional energy which otherwise may cause problems if unreleased.

Instead of trying to remake your family and close friends, turn this impulse inward and use it to change yourself for more social harmony, as this is the Plutonic transformation which awaits.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Pluto shows you are very demonstrative in your affections and easily hurt if your love is not returned. You may try to get even by using daring methods to dramatize your pain. Your tolerance for emotional pain is very low, and you never seem to get what you want without much hardship. Perhaps you have a memory of some punishment associated with your parents that has left unhealed scars. This could produce bitterness and resentment toward anyone who attempts to control you. You are suspicious of anyone who tries to get too close to you and resent intrusion into your private life.

You are naturally defiant of authority and may have difficulty in dealing with the general public, although your job may require such contact. Try to have consideration for the feelings of those you serve. If you aren't careful you may become cranky and hard to get along with, although you won't realize it.

Because of your strong physical needs, you tend to be somewhat careless in seeking satisfaction. Examine every lover's credentials carefully, or you may find yourself involved with dubious characters who could cause serious trouble and embarrassment to your job, your home, and your reputation. It isn't easy for you to accept advice, but at least try.

In a romantic partnership you tend to be argumentative over money, joint resources, and positions of authority in the home. You are aggressive in love and can alienate a partner

whose identity you have challenged. You must learn to be more passive.

You demand a great deal of life and the permanent relationship you seek. It is imperative that you compromise in your expectations, or you will search far and wide to no avail.

Don't assume that others only want to use you; you attract all kinds of individuals - good, bad, and indifferent. It is up to you to choose wisely.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes the physical mother, how she reacts to life when the native is forming his or her emotional self. The mother is not comfortable with her environment when this child is very young, for the Pluto opposition indicates that the mother feels she has to control everyone. A lack of spontaneity, feelings being manipulated, outsmarting the rest of the family in order to maintain control - these are the symptoms of the opposition.

This child learns manipulation and control because it is done to him - so it must be 'normal'. The mother may feel that raising a child is an overwhelming responsibility. She may be in the throes of an unstable marriage, not knowing where she stands. Whatever the cause, she smothers those around her. The child becomes an adult who 'smother-likes', who obsesses over people and feelings, who falls apart emotionally when he feels the reins of control slipping away. One can't truly resent a person with this aspect, for the actions taken on an emotional basis are seldom conscious, and the person who smother-likes doesn't know any other way to behave. He must consciously learn new behavior patterns, for he doesn't know how to respond emotionally without the Pluto controls.

Pluto also represents the mass consciousness and it usually remains in the psyche on an unconscious level. As the opposition energy develops, it can result in disassociation from the peer group for it hears 'a different drummer'. This person may avoid groups or crowds because he doesn't feel in control of himself in a crowd. A fear of crowds, a fear of being trampled by the masses, pertain to all the hard aspects (conjunction, square and opposition) of Pluto to the Moon.

Before one can use the creative energy of the Pluto-Moon opposition, the control and obsessive needs must become conscious and released. It's important to learn to love people without helping them so much that they become helpless. Obsessive love patterns need to change. If other aspects in the chart warrant it, this individual may draw a partner who is also controlling and who drains him. The battle of the two strong individuals is interesting to watch.

When we give up, when we let go, the creative self can emerge, and we no longer have to live our lives guarding the 'Boulder Dam' of our emotional selves. When we realize this, the Pluto energy brings wonderful blessings.

## Moon square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression. Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

22) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°03' S) ♈2 | ♏7

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mars to Jupiter shows that you enjoy challenges and eagerly seek them out. You are physically competent to take on any adversary to prove to yourself that you can succeed, and you do need to prove it. You use competition to reassure yourself of your capabilities. You might fail, but you are willing to take that chance. However, you sometimes bite off more than you can chew, which you regret later when you are thinking it over in private. You operate on the premise that the one who strikes first has the advantage over his opponent, but that is true only when one has first made

Careful plans. Being both imprudent and ostentatious, when you succeed you make grandstand plays to call attention to yourself.

You resent people who demonstrate their superiority over you, and you may resort to unfair tactics to discredit them. This tendency alienates your associates and friends, who view you with suspicion and give you a wide berth. They may also try to destroy your credibility because of their resentment. You must be careful not to cut off all sources of support, for it can be lonely to be cast off by your peers.

Your best opportunities to gain recognition and express your creative potentials would be in law, government, sports, communications media, acting, teaching, or public relations. Once you learn to temper your combative tendencies with moderation, you can achieve great heights. Even your competitors will admire you for a job well done. Your only problem is your fear of inadequacy in the face of responsibility. Careful planning and application should relieve you of any anxiety in this respect. You've got to know you are qualified to meet challenges without feeling threatened by competitors.

Your physical desires are as powerful as your ambitions. You are not satisfied unless you can express your sexual appetite when aroused. This can cause problems, unless you are lucky enough to have someone available at all times. This will not be an important matter if Saturn makes a contact to Mars, giving you a built-in factor of self-control. Your mate must match your physical prowess in this respect, or complications will develop that can seriously endanger the relationship.

Moderation is advised in everything you do. Indecision will be an irritant until you recognize your self-worth and can take a firm stand without waiting for approval.

(Betty Lundsted)

The opposition is similar to the conjunction or the square, for it indicates a person who may not relate to the action taken. The individual is raised in an atmosphere of law and order, but with little explanation as to why one does what one does. It indicates a person who feels he must compromise his action or his sexual needs in order to have a relationship. This attitude is learned in early childhood. It can help develop an excessive attitude, and the person may push to have his own way; he may overreact to life situations and take excessive risks. He may act before he thinks; he may generally be an over-responder to many life situations presented to him. This can indicate poor judgement as far as career moves are concerned. It can indicate the type of person who is in love with someone new every few weeks, for the exuberance is rarely lasting, and as one exuberance fades, another comes along.

In order to rechannel the opposition, the compromise must be understood, and overreactions have to be checked. Individuals in the process of overcoming the aspect are forced to think out every move, and they may spend six months evaluating every

decision. 'Will this action be good for me six months from now as far as my overall goals are concerned?'

The cause of the frustration comes from either the family environment and the ethics or traditions espoused, or from one or both of the parents. If the opposition also ties to the Sun or Saturn (the father) or the Moon or Venus (the mother), the parental influence can be determined so one can see where the pattern comes from. In order to develop consciousness we must each take responsibility for what we do, and that is difficult as long as the opposition causes us to function without regard for actions taken or our sexual needs.

Mars square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although the optimism and enthusiasm, the executive power and force of the Mars / Jupiter aspects already mentioned are equalled if not exceeded here, this is not an unqualified blessing. Great care is needed; for not only are the two planets not noted for self-control, but the strain set up between them makes it hard to use and manage our energies properly.

We are never satisfied, but are always looking for more - though not necessarily in material things; the aspect works even more strongly on the mental plane. We crave adventure, have an enormous need to prove ourselves, and want to be completely unfettered and independent. We ram our opinions home (soetimes we go on about them far too much), and are extremely pugnacious where ideals are concerned. Fair play is something on which we insist, and we champion new things or indeed anything we find absorbing. But the constant danger is that, because we can underestimate the force and application needed to gain our ends, we shall always be wanting too much and pushing ourselves (and possibly others) too hard, often to the point of exhaustion. All the same, we do manage to keep extricating ourselves from self-made difficulties, and our sense of purpose can be tremendously stimulating to those around.

23) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (6°15' A) ♈ 2 | ♎ 8

(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.

24) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ♌ **Jupiter** - (2°17' S)    ⚡10 | 17

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Moon to Jupiter gives you considerable intellectual ability, modified by sensitivity of feeling. Therefore your personality is quite varied and exciting, since your emotional responses are accompanied by intellectual curiosity. You are quite effective in dealing with people because you have a well-developed understanding of their motivations in material affairs and relationships. Very little escapes your notice, and you are capable of absorbing enormous amounts of information. You can hold your own in a social gathering because you can discuss many subjects with better-than-average comprehension. Your friends and associates are kindly disposed toward you because you never forget those who have assisted you in the past.

You derive enormous benefit from every experience and can translate these beneficial responses into tools for future use. You can succeed in many occupations that require intellectual development and the ability to apply knowledge in solving daily problems. Medicine, education, public relations, legal endeavors, financial affairs, stock brokerage, training and rehabilitation of handicapped persons, and welfare programs are some of the fields in which your talents could be used successfully. Your excellent memory serves you well in earning a living. You are sympathetic toward less fortunate persons, and you help them face their problems with greater hope and optimism.

A journal of your life, including your relationships, your problems and their solutions as well as the philosophy you have developed would make quite an impressive book. As a writer you could draw on your vast experience for material that would be both exciting and sincere.

You are warm in your personal contacts, sincere and honest in your efforts to stimulate the best responses in others. You have high hopes for acquiring a true companion in the person you choose to share your life. You want to share both the great and small issues with that person and to know that the relationship enhances each of you. The supreme optimist, you are proud and sometimes vain, but always humble in your genuine desire to be useful and helpful to anyone who seeks your protective guidance.

People are never in doubt about your intentions when you let them into your life. You guide them when you can, or refer them to others when you can't, and you don't generally judge people for their frailties. You can always see the potential good in people, even those who may have gotten off to a bad start.

25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ⚡ **Uranus** - (2°37' A)    ⚡10 | ⚡12

(Haydn Paul)

Both sextile and trine offer an easier handling of the Moon-Uranus energy relationship than the conjunction. There is a fluency to the energy flow and merger that offers considerable potential when utilized creatively and sensibly.

You may find less reliance upon established behaviour patterns, certainly reduced conflict or confusion, whenever you respond to the future orientation of Uranus. Also your 'head and heart' can beat more in unity, rather than to different discordant rhythms, so relationships should be more successful. In addition, this can improve your decision-making ability.

You will be mentally alert, recognizing opportunities when they arrive and being ready to take advantage of them. You are prepared to take risks and speculative leaps if required to capitalize upon an idea or venture.

Learning can come easily: you quickly grasp the lessons which experience teaches, and you are able to channel enthusiasm into your projects to increase the chances of their success. Signs of this may have been evident during childhood, where you probably developed and matured earlier than most. A feeling of independence and uniqueness can increase self-esteem. This helps build a stable personality and is also a source of energy to exploit.

Socially, you get on well with people, experiencing empathic rapport and deepening understanding and tolerance. You enjoy inter-personal relating, and could become interested in expanding this into teaching or communication, where you can transmit to others your enthusiastic love of exploration and discovery.

Intimate relationships should rarely be fraught with emotional moods and tensions; and this helps committed partnerships to continue. You remain attracted toward Uranian impulses for change, variety, and novelty; but these demands will be less compulsive and demanding. If you wish, you can follow these urges, but can also control them. You need an intellectual content and affinity in closer relationships, however; and this factor should be considered in your choices. It is also likely that the relative 'success or failure' of your life will be heavily influenced by women, and that they will be important 'agents of destiny' for you.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon sextile Uranus, you realized early in life that you were different from other people. You were unique in that you understood the significance of your experiences

much more than others ever could. You learned something from every situation or event that involved you in any way. Perhaps your parents asked why you weren't like all the other kids. Your emotional and intellectual development was accelerated, mainly because you are not blindly loyal to the past. You respect the lessons of the past, but you set your sights toward the challenging future.

Your best expression is in teaching, because your feeling of excitement in discovery is instantly communicated to others. History particularly comes alive as you discuss, examine, and derive meaning from it. You effectively dramatize the importance of history, which can benefit others. You especially want people to enjoy the freedom from ignorance that serves progress. You encourage them to put aside emotional loyalties that hinder individual development.

Regardless of the particular profession you follow, you have enormous opportunities to stimulate others. You would be capable as a writer, reporter, politician, or a researcher in medicine. In science you would be certain to make distinct progress. However, you are impatient with the laborious effort often required in research and development, and you would probably work best if you could determine your own pace. Your highly developed intuition allows you to solve many problems with amazing ease. For this reason you might have found the usual pace in school too slow for your accelerated learning ability.

You are drawn to relationships that involve your logical nature, realizing that a strictly emotional rapport is not enough to bind you permanently to anyone.

(Betty Lundsted)

The emotional response capability that the mother shows this child, because of her reaction to life, is extremely positive for the child's emotional development. This aspect indicates a person who can work through emotional crises, who has original ideas, who can understand many other patterns of reaction than his own, and who brings much positive energy to the environment.

Moon trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects you'll see a great need for freedom and the chance to develop, and usually this need will make itself well and truly felt. These people have an enormous desire for change, renewal, for breaking established patterns, or crossing demarcation lines.

Every time they revert to Moon behavior, or, in other words, to a search for peace and

safety, Uranus springs into action, and the planet, although intervening harmoniously, does tend to make them restless and impulsive. In breaking free they may also want to be unconventional, and interests may include astrology or esotericism, subjects which lie outside the present scientific world-picture. Of course, by no means everyone with strong Uranus aspects will become an astrologer, but they will probably be interested in something pioneering - say some innovative branch of technology like radar.

Once they have found an interest, then they can throw themselves into it heart and soul. They become absorbed in each new bright idea. Not all of these are likely to be usable, but that's not important; what matters is that the idea interests them intensely, and they have scant patience with the comments or criticisms of others. These people always give full rein to individuality and act according to what they think at the time. Possibly they shall bring about reforms in society, but these attitudes can also isolate them. Not for nothing is Uranus called an eccentric, solitary planet; and Uranians feel compelled to push themselves forward in order to express their individuality although, incidentally, they would be scandalized at the suggestion that they were being egotistic or self-centred.

With harmonious Moon / Uranus aspects, people feel at home wherever they can manage to be themselves. But when they are restricted the destructive side of Uranus shows up, harmonious aspects or no harmonious aspect, and reactions can be very uncertain and even unpredictable.

(Charles Carter)

These bodies have little in common, the Moon being concerned chiefly with the usual and the ordinary, whilst Uranus is of an exactly contrary nature.

The good aspects appear above all to bestow firmness and determination of a singularly unflinching kind, and, moreover, there is a distinct tendency for the native to interest himself in occultism, spiritist phenomena, Christian Science, and various cryptic matters, ranging from the less reputable up to the truly scientific and elevative, such as astrology. Sometimes the effects of the contacts are apparently slight, and the same is often true, I believe, of directions between the same bodies. It seems that the good aspects favour the rigid performance of duty and make the native capable of enduring and sacrificing much for anything that he conceives as being an obligation or an ideal. He will be of the type that cannot be argued with; he seems to get his inspirations and beliefs from another world, or, as is sometimes said, intuitively - a word often used to indicate feelings that cannot be justified rationally and are not to be submitted to rational analysis. Even the good aspects seem to make people too inflexible.

It is probable that they are also indications of help from friends, and in some cases they are certainly found in the charts of persons of extraordinary genius. Apart from such cases, the probability of helpful friends is, I think, almost the only practically useful result

of these configurations, for the determination bestowed by them is a dubious boon unless the rest of the chart offers promise that there is judgement and sense behind it.

26) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°51' A) ♃2 | ♎12

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile and trine aspects, the more positive use of the Mars-Uranus energy is displayed through activities designed to be of social benefit. Whilst you will intellectually challenge the established patterns of social thought and behaviour which you believe inhibit individual freedom, your intent is to provoke new thinking which can offer the potential of new horizons to explore. All new directions and spheres of progress that humanity has taken have emerged from someone questioning the current static state of affairs and then seeing new alternatives.

Mentally, you will have a restless, curious nature, which can find an effective outlet through applied research and study in whichever areas of enquiry attract you. You are not an intellectual dilettante, and prefer to delve deeply enough to gain a real comprehension of any subject; this can also free that ability for more original independent thinking, and it is possible that you will receive insights that enable you to make a significant contribution to that subject. You will prefer a futuristic dimension to your enquiries, thus satisfying the Uranian impulse and providing an opportunity to benefit others too.

Even though you have this ability for specific focusing, you will also expand into exploring a wide variety of interests and topics. At times you may move rapidly between disparate spheres of knowledge, but you will eventually settle down to focus upon one area in particular. You may find some difficulty in perseverance and applying your energy consistently to achieve your aims. Sometimes a sudden diminution of your interest and energy may occur, which brings to a halt any progress you are making. When the energy flows again, you may be interested in something new; this is the erratic Uranian influence.

Communication is important to you. There may be an attraction to teaching in some way, both for the satisfaction you can receive in sharing knowledge with people, and in the platform offered for you to express your opinions. These are likely to be radical and unorthodox, but you have enough intellectual confidence in your knowledge to feel quite prepared to stand by your arguments against any opponents. Discussions of ideas can fascinate you; and you enjoy such encounters, seeing them as intellectual combat, where your more aggressive Mars energy can be used. Your approach is often based on strategy and skill; and even in friendly discussions you dislike being intellectually defeated. You enjoy stirring dissent, and proposing disturbing concepts and ideas to attack the power of the status quo, both in society and in individuals.

In relationships, you need a strong intellectual and physical bond. An area of weakness can lie in a disregard and lack of sympathetic understanding of the emotions. These are often relegated in your sense of priorities; and the more subtle dimensions of them are ignored in favour of the more basic emotional / physical passions and the interests of the mind. Restrictions are rejected in intimate relationships; and a self-preoccupation can dominate and cause later problems. However, you tend to commit yourself to seeing through those decisions that you do take, so a marriage commitment can help to modify these tendencies, provided that your partner is strong enough to encourage you to modify any selfish behaviour in the interests of mutual harmony.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Mars and Uranus shows that you have a restless, impatient nature and are constantly seeking outlets for your energy. Your curiosity is insatiable. You have strong opinions, which you are never afraid to state. Once you have determined what you will do, you act immediately. You cannot stand dawdlers and people who can't make up their minds. You are a strategist, and your plans are successful, but you always feel that a job you do can be improved on later. Although you have enormous energy, you must be careful that you don't bring on nervous strain by driving yourself impatiently to achieve your objectives.

You can work best in occupations requiring originality, intellectual skills, and alertness. Because you are aware of the present, yet compelled by the future, you are especially suited for work in research and development. Your excitement is knowing you've made a positive contribution to a better future for everyone's benefit. All levels of teaching would give you the satisfaction of making a significant personal contribution to others.

Your interests are varied, and you try to take part in as many as possible. You are likely to succeed in any activity you take up, because you invest a great deal of energy to increase the odds of success. You don't accept defeat. With your particular skill in argument and persuasive delivery, you can easily shatter any opponent's position.

An intellectual rebel, you are quick to challenge old ideas and doctrines that have outlived their usefulness. You demonstrate your concern for society by actively taking part in socially beneficial programs or by stirring up dissent to provoke necessary changes.

In your personal relationships, the one you love must have similar attitudes and mutual interest in order to avoid frustration when your partner tries to restrict you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus indicates the behavior of the generation we are born into, as well as the part of us that expresses as self-will before it evolves



consciously.

The sextile indicates that the action patterns formed by this individual in childhood were well received by the parents. The early environment demonstrated the ability to act (or sex) in a manner that expressed the will, allowing the child room for being 'different' so that he could form his own particular value system. The value system can be diagnosed from the signs and houses.

Mars trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The restlessness, impatience, overactivity and self-will of the conjunction are also seen here. Mars and Uranus stimulate one another whenever they are mutually in aspect, so here, too, we have a need to live our own life, to interest ourselves in new things, and, above all, to look for excitement. The harmonious aspects offer the advantage that circumstances are more likely to swing our way. Originality and reforming zeal give us the opportunity to become the independent, pioneering leader of a group.

We are quick to seize fresh opportunities, and expect others to do the same. On the other hand, we lack patience, and have only a limited capacity for co-operation; but where we have to make a solo effort we can do outstandingly well - because it fits in better with our deep-rooted love of liberty. The changeability and fickleness of Uranus make an impact on energy and executive ability; therefore we find it hard to remain long at the same task - we do need varied activities, not to mention a certain amount of challenge and adventure. With the harmonious aspects, we usually know how to create or find situations in which we obtain what we seek. The abruptness of a Mars / Uranus combination always makes itself felt and even with the harmonious aspects we have to be guarded in our actions, which can sometimes be disruptive.

Uranian tension is not far to seek in the harmonious aspects, and from time to time we may suffer from nervous diseases and overstrain. With this combination, we seldom rest; for although the harmonious aspects tend to be rather passive, two such active planets in combination will put this passivity to flight. Provided life is full of action and variety, and provided we get the opportunity to show what we can do, we can be extremely creative and innovative - quite often in technical / mechanical fields.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts between these planets are of an important character, producing some of the most marked results of any aspects. They are valuable, and yet, unless the planets are well placed by sign and have no other aspects of a discordant kind, they may be

somewhat critical, even when they are technically of a benefic nature.

They greatly add to the energy, vigour, decision, and will-power of the native, who is very rarely of a milk-and-water or nondescript character. He will as a rule know his own mind excellently well, and much will depend on the rest of the chart, for, unless this shows sense and judgement, the strength of Mars-Uranus may lead to disaster because of its very strength and courage.

It 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.

27) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♀ **Pluto** - (3°09' S) ♃2 | ♇3

(Haydn Paul)

You will expect honesty and straightforwardness in your dealings with people, preferring to hear the truth rather than be confused by evasion, innuendo and psychological manipulation. In fact truthfulness is one of your most highly valued qualities. You have a sensitivity to the motives of others; and whilst you have no real illusions about the nature of the human race, you tend to give a high regard to the principle of truth, whilst maintaining a wary eye on your fellow men. You cannot always live up to your own ideal, but at least you try!

You have a mind which tends to be analytical and deductive. Added to this, you are articulate and generally persuasive - if only in the force with which you express your opinions, arguments and beliefs - and have a grasp of dramatic presentation which you apply in order to influence listeners in your favour, personally and to support your position.

Your level of physical vitality should be high; and you may be attracted towards exploring your body or developing it in terms of physical activity and culture. You should have a more healthy and positive approach to sexual expression than those who have the Mars-Pluto square or opposition; and you perceive sex in essentially natural terms without inner compulsions complicating and distorting the energy release.

Usually, others know where you stand on things, as you are not shy of revealing your viewpoints, and express them clearly and directly; and you expect the same of others. If people tend to express themselves in less direct ways, and if you later discover them to have been telling lies, then you can be quite unforgiving in your attitude to them; even if you store the knowledge away for reference, they have forfeited your trust.

You may need to become a little more self-righteous. Because of your directness, forcefulness and relative clarity of expression, you may begin to believe that your perception is invariably right, and begin to pay more attention to your own pronouncements than to the view of others. The viewpoint of others is as valid as your own, and is usually worth listening to, as different perceptions can help to expand your own understanding, to correct misapprehensions, and to enhance contact and dialogue. There can be many routes to the top of the mountain; and even from the peak there can be many ways to reflect the view back down into the valley.

There may be a tendency to think and talk about things in your life without actually doing them, almost as though this level of involvement were sufficient and satisfying. It is likely that you could manifest your aims in a more distinct and objective way, to ground them more in everyday reality and enable others to respond to and share them.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars sextile to Pluto, you are eager to know the truth, motivated by the realization that truth is more powerful than fiction. You are as persistent in your search for the facts as a detective seeking unassailable evidence. Forceful and articulate in conversation, you command the attention of your listeners. You know how to dramatize yourself to establish your position both to large groups and to individuals. You can effectively stimulate action to correct social injustices, and will not tolerate weakness as a defence for inaction by anyone.

Because you are aware of other people's motives, you are rarely caught with your defences down. In your personal contacts, you usually establish your position clearly so

that no-one has to guess about your intentions. In return, you expect openness both from associates and from competitors. You deplore subtlety as unnecessary and indefensible.

You have strong physical desires, though you won't accept a merely physical relationship. To be acceptable to you, the relationship must include compatibility in other areas.

It may be necessary for you to yield occasionally to other people's opinions, for they are as valid as yours. You tend to be explicit in your expectations of others, and may feel no need to make any adjustment in your attitude to compromise with theirs.

It is especially important that you do more than merely talk about your objectives. You must become actively engaged in pursuing them. You often talk as though you were involved in some activity when you have really only talked about it.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the action principle used to express the Sun archetype. Pluto indicates the collective unconscious; the unconscious motivation that may underlie our actions later in life. If Pluto represents the masses, then action taken by this individual may be beneficial to the masses. This person was exposed to the idea of cooperation in the early family environment. The sextile indicates an individual who can develop a talent that is marketable as long as the action taken co-ordinates with the needs of groups: so, media, communication, politics, etc., would be a good direction to follow.

Mars trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We have a great need to prove ourselves and to exercise power. In many instances, we manage to engineer circumstances in which - to a greater or lesser extent - we end up in a position of authority, even if it is only by doing something others cannot do. We have an unbelievable fund of energy, and, even if physical strength is limited, mental power and perseverance enable us to fight our way through.

We are often very self-willed with these aspects, and the fact that they are harmonious does not save us from confrontations. We enter into the latter with head held high, determined not to be done down, and becoming very angry when we are. Our grim determination can achieve a great deal, but can also isolate us somewhat from those around us. Even the easy aspects do not enable us to take things easy.

We can go far if we know how to use our energy constructively; but, by the same token, can go badly astray if we take a wrong turning. Easy aspects are actually the worst aspects when it comes to persisting in the wrong direction until finally being pulled up short by a dead end. But, as already mentioned, resilience is great; so that, in principle, we can overcome all our problems. Pluto is insatiable and will never be satisfied with what Mars can do. We expect a lot from ourselves with these aspects, and may overtax our strength, although the danger is not so great as in the hard aspects.

28) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♁ **Uranus** - (6°14' A) ♈2 | ♊12

(Haydn Paul)

The energy of the square aspect can feel highly frustrated and in some cases turn towards a more aggressive and potentially violent form of expression, if there is not a suitable channel for it to be released through. Discovering adequate forms is important to anchor the Uranian energy successfully, so evoking that Sun centre cohesiveness is essential in dealing with the highly charged Uranian energy and is common to all these aspects made to natal Uranus. This is a perpetual Sun-Uranian task.

You can be erratic, individualistic, restless and nervously agitated, desiring independence and freedom from all social restrictions. you may be a natural dissenter, a social trouble-maker, preferring to support your own minority view; it is even likely that your tendency to dissent can lead you to become socially isolated and alienated from others or radical groups with whom you are in basic agreement. If unmodified, and released indiscriminately, this energy is quite capable of 'causing trouble in an empty house'. Being the devil's advocate is a function that can often lead to confusion and loss of self, as eventually you either erode or lose sight of your own attitudes, beliefs or ideals, and this displaces you from strengthening your solar centre. Even if the majority hold a certain opinion or belief, then that alone can require you to reject it and to oppose its validity. From a more inclusive perspective there can be some truth in such a standpoint, as the majority viewpoint is often that of 'the lowest common denominator' and can reflect the most separative beliefs and opinions.

It must be remembered that such an attitude is really the intrinsic tone of the excitable, highly charged and volatile Uranian energy, but taken to a more personally destructive extreme. The exaltation of the unique individuality has to be achieved in a correct and wise manner, by attuning to the deeper solar centre of the individuality; otherwise, the negative and separative destructive tendencies can emerge into action.

You can be undisciplined, hating those predictable routines of life and work, often finding it hard to act responsibly and with full commitment. You react against conforming to social rules, feeling that they constrain your freedom, and you often follow your choices, irrespective of the repercussions and costs of doing so. You will probably fail to listen to well-meaning advice, and a stubborn need for self-assertion can lead you towards those

very experiences and problems that you were being warned against. If you look honestly at your life, you will observe those times where you misjudged, making foolish decisions and choices often through sheer contrariness and by asserting your 'free individuality'. Without awareness, no-one is ever free, but is merely a prisoner to their own unconscious tendencies, a prey to them, like playthings of the inner gods. It is only through your solar centre that the planetary influences can be controlled and balanced, so that the positive characteristics can shine through, illuminating your life and creative expression.

At times you may become a little paranoid, especially when your choices have been unwise, influenced by less conscious and unintegrated forces in your psyche. It does not have to be like that. You can choose to take a more direct conscious role in your life, and not be a victim of your own ignorance. Those 'enemies' that you can project out into the external world are often your own unresolved inner demons that are slowly consuming you from within.

The square can be an aspect of frustrated blocked transformation and renewal; the inner personal revolution that both Sun and Uranus would like to bring is being blocked. These inner tensions can become potentially violent, and need to be redirected into constructive positive channels. You need to release any tendencies towards impracticality, antisocial attitudes and hidden urges for personal power, to stop being antagonistic purely for the sake of performing the adversarial role, and use the freed energies to renew your own life. Compromise and balance within your nature, and allowing an inner transformation to strengthen your focus on your solar centre, is the key to a more satisfying relationship with the greater community, and for you to enter into more beneficial and harmonious intimate relationships.

As is probably recognised, you like others to be submissive to you, yet tend to lose respect for their individuality when they fall into that pattern of behaviour. You need to learn how to respect and elevate their uniqueness because that is the corollary of your 'trip' and 'philosophy'. Emotional depths need to be stirred more, letting those poisons of frustration and emotional conflicts rise to the surface to be encountered and understood, releasing and transmuting them by accepting them as a shadow part of yourself which should be acknowledged and never denied. Doing so will harmonise your energies more, offer greater inner peace and tranquillity (as far as Uranus will allow), and clear those festering poisons out of you. This will enable your unique individuality to flower in freedom. Your life can change from acting as a frustrated opponent, and become more what you are and what you truly stand for, moving away from a negative stance into one of positivity. Your choice is to do this, and the benefits will be yours to enjoy as the aims of your solar nature begin to reshape your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Uranus shows that you are eccentric and sometimes

unprincipled in your behavior. You insist on being allowed to do anything you want, even when you know you're wrong. You have a strong desire for power, and you persist even when it is clear that others won't grant it to you. Basically an upstart, you always have to express an opposing point of view, if only to cause dissension. Learn to base your position on sound, realistic values so that you aren't unjustifiably at variance with the majority.

Before you can succeed, you must re-examine your attitudes about authority in general. You must get over the idea that people are deliberately trying to restrain you, or that others are treated better than you. Your arrogance and unwillingness to follow rules will restrict your development. Humble yourself when necessary and learn how to grow one step at a time. You will earn the respect of others if you don't seem to threaten them. Although you doubt your own competence, you direct your anxieties toward other people.

Once you realize that others may be as sensitive about their own egos as you are, you will have established a solid foundation for realizing your objectives. Compromise will assure mutual benefits for everyone. You do have leadership ability, which you can use dramatically in dealing with large numbers of people. Teaching, the physical sciences, politics, or government services at any level will provide you with the creative expression you want and need.

Socially, you are at odds with anyone who challenges you, and you may be referred to as a 'troublemaker'. Although you have many friends, they are mainly those who are willing to submit to you. This facet of your individuality colors your romantic affairs. You demand subservience from others, but lose respect for them if they submit. You will have to make many adjustments in your outlook before you can attain emotional satisfaction. Your strong will may disguise the depth of your emotional feelings.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because the Sun represents the self and Uranus represents the behavior pattern of a generation, the square is not easy. During the individual's childhood, the father is stubborn about his eccentricity. He may be a 'thwarting' in the social structure, or he may resent the social structure of his day. He may be a religious or political dissenter. But, in some way, this father reaches out to make some changes in his world. He may do this from a positive or a negative point of view - and end up by being productive or merely stubborn and eccentric. The father probably finds his child's behavior difficult to cope with as well.

The aspect works differently according to the sex of the individual and the dominant parent situation. A male with a positive sign Sun will be a radical; so will the female. The person coming from a mother-dominated family will resent the father's radical position. The mother-dominated male may have problems accepting his unconventional attitudes;

or he may be unconventional at the cost of getting to understand himself. The mother-dominated female will have an unorthodox attitude toward men since she resents her father's position. She will draw an unorthodox male, and perhaps will not develop her talents because of such relationships.

The unorthodox factor will be present throughout the life, but one can choose to be unorthodox-productive or not, as one wishes. As we mature, we find via the system of trial and error that certain energies can be used productively or not. When a woman chooses an unorthodox mate (or a contraversial one) and plans to have a gamily, she may end up with a mate who refuses to take the responsibility of fatherhood. This eventually limits her growth, since she may be forced to support her children rather than being in a situation where she gets help. When she is twenty, she can't see this - therefore the trial and error.

29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (5°08' S)    ♄11 | ♄8

(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 bting 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 amd 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. Once 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) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (1°24' A)    ♄11 | ♅8

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect indicates a difficulty with an overactive imagination interfering with rational and logical processes of thought; this can result in self-deception and the construction of a private version of truth and reality. There can be a preference for mental avoidance and for escaping from directly confronting aspects of life that you find unpleasant, such as personal truths and social problems. Sometimes your logic is very circuitous, too personal or abstracted for easy communication to either yourself or others, and, as it often absorbs an imaginative influence, it can veil the truth from sight. You can shy away from accepting responsibilities, domestic, family and marriage ones especially, as you can feel uneasy with your emotions, and this results in you often becoming unreliable with others. There may have been factors in your earlier life that have helped bring this about - childhood or parental relationships which have exacerbated this innate tendency of escapism - but one result has been distorted images on the mental level of your own identity and mind activity, as well as a diminution of personal confidence.

There are steps that you can take to improve matters. The first involves the willingness to face the actual realities of yourself and the world, so that a clarified perspective can be established. A greater integration of Neptunian sensitivity is essential, but in a way

that absorbs it into a renewed life rather than as another excuse for escapist tendencies. Following that development, additional progress can be made in reorganising your mind to work down more productive channels of expression. As your self-confidence grows, through constructive self-evaluation and an acknowledgement of the dormant talents associated with the repressed Neptune energy, it will lead to a sequential release of that blocked energy into your life; you should observe that previous restrictions and limitations are dissolving. Do not re-establish them again, but learn how to take advantage of your assets. Creating a new disciplined structure for your mind may take time and effort, but attempts at training and reprogramming it will draw benefits if persevered with, and may lead towards creative or socially orientated directions. However, to take these later steps may require you to become more clear regarding your aims, and to apply yourself to achieve them one by one. As part of this proposed transformation in you - and of resolving the inner tensions of the square - you may find it more helpful to look towards forms of external expression that have a social dimension and may offer some solution to social problems. In serving others you may discover that your own problems become surprisingly resolved, especially as the personal obsessions of selfpreoccupation are dissipated through a redirection of your energy flow.

Whilst you may often have insight into the motivations of others, you need greater clarity in your own nature. Relationships may remain problematical for you until some degree of personal change has been achieved, and you may be advised to be cautious within your emotional commitments. This is basically because of elements of illusion that can afflict you, and that tendency to avoid facing facts that you do not want to see, such as the fundamental that a relationship is not mutually satisfying if you need it to continue. Those dreams of the ideal lover and partner will be present, and it is always difficult not to project these onto others, or use them as comparison markers. Some may take emotional advantage of you, and you may experience that victim syndrome of the Neptunian vibration by falling prey to your own tendencies and the selfish desires of others. Yet as you change, your potential for better and more fulfilling relationships increases as clarity intensifies. As always, the decision to change is yours to take.

(Robert Pelletier)

Mercury square Neptune shows that your imagination often gets in the way of logical thinking. Your fear of responsibility causes problems in both emotional and material affairs. You seem unable to view life realistically and by supposedly logical arguments can convince yourself that an unbearable reality doesn't exist. The resulting distortion further complicates matters so that the truth is completely hidden. You are an escapist, a problem partly caused by your early parental conditioning.

Until you face up to the harsh realities of the world outside, your progress will be limited. Because of your extreme sensitivity, superficial problems become exaggerated. You have talent to express, but you must prepare for occasional setbacks when you expose yourself to competition. The challenge of competition can threaten your success unless

you exercise self-control and become more confident. You must train your intellectual abilities in order to gain self-confidence. Be honest with yourself at all times as you develop your capabilities so that you will understand your limitations.

Eventually you can succeed in writing, acting, education, art, or in social programs to benefit others. You must clarify your objectives and learn to focus your attention on one specific thing at a time. This is important: too many interests at once only bring out your weakness under pressure, which will defeat you. Your best bet is to involve yourself in activities that serve other people's needs. Exposure to their problems will help you solve your own self as well.

Be cautious or conservative in your romantic alliances, for your imagination can play tricks on you. If you interpret a person's casual interest as an indication of love, you could be disappointed. Above all, don't make any commitments to others until they establish their sincerity. You are easily victimized by your desire to experience an ideal relationship. Develop your creative talents so that when you are occasionally alone you are not lonely.

31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°22' A)    ♃11 | ♎8

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square creates a situation in which the prevailing attitudes of the society conflict with the natives' mental expression and communication. They cannot project their ideas as they would like, and therefore tend to be misunderstood. Often they meet with social disapproval because they speak out at the wrong time or place. They may be in disagreement with surrounding social patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, general intellect and communicativeness is often controlled by a remote switch. They need to communicate in order to feel good; but they are frequently unable to do so for no specific reason. Hidden tensions with brothers / sisters are often seen. These tensions create a psychological problem since early childhood. Their mental brightness is very fluctuating. Depending upon the position of Mercury in the house and sign, one may be brilliant or dumb. Intellectual balance will be achieved in this life by way of controlling the learning intensity. Thus, if the soul has come from a stronger intellectuality from the previous life, this life will slow him down to the normal pace and he will be able to go at a common rate of intellectual growth. On the other hand, if the previous life has been an intellectual chaos, then this will provide substantial self-confidence in the learning and communicative processes and their internalization to that soul.

(Donna van Toen)

Nodal imbalance can contribute to craftiness or a tendency to use people. Often there's a tendency to chatter away about trivia to distract from the nodal imbalance. In other cases, the square operates much like the Mercury conjunct South Node.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

32) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°14' S)    ♄10 | ♃2

(Haydn Paul)

The trine indicates that your personality can potentially integrate both Moon and Mars energies. While feelings and emotions are intense and powerful, you have confidence in your ability to handle them; they act more as a vitalizing source of energy which can be directed rather than as a flood threatening to drown you. You may discover how to channel these energies into creative and imaginative pursuits to benefit career or personal interests. You can achieve aims by focused willpower. Attention is rarely wasted on frivolous matters, and you concentrate instead on issues and projects that are meaningful and important.

Your emotional ease is communicated to others; and social and intimate relationships benefit from your open and welcoming spirit. You accept the need for compromise, and know adjustments are necessary for harmonious relationships and better social contact. With your non-threatening temperament and outstretched hand, you can develop a wide range of acquaintances and friends. You recognize that all share a common human nature and display tolerance, sympathy and understanding of people's frailties, with a

worldly attitude that prevents suffering from any overidealistic expectations or illusions. Usually your perceptions are accurate and realistic, and you know that people inevitably pass through times of stress and confusion, so that you rarely condemn or criticize others through insensitive comment and attitude.

You are not gullible, however, and will steer away from those who take advantage of others or selfishly abuse their feelings. You share with those able to benefit from your company and support, appreciating others' qualities and allowing for the inevitable weaknesses which will also be displayed. While you are well balanced in both public and personal relationships, you prefer to maintain independence, especially in protecting privacy; you may become touchy if anyone crosses the demarcation lines that you have established. This indicates the lunar need to establish habit patterns and protective barriers; and, if you suspect that your rights are being ignored, you will fight any oppression or be angry at whoever is infringing upon your 'territory'. Your actions may surprise any who have not previously seen your instinctive reactions to such situations.

You meet challenges and difficulties positively, applying effort to transcend or resolve them. However, your self-image is strong enough not to collapse when failures are encountered. Obviously there will be disappointments; you take a philosophical approach to life, shrug your shoulders, and carry on. This attitude is particularly useful if you enter the business world, where your enterprising nature can prove successful, especially when you are following instincts; and acting on those feelings should usually reap profitable results.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Mars indicates intensity of feeling and emotion, which you relieve by applying yourself to creative activities. You do more than just what is physically required whenever you can. If necessary, you are willing to compromise your desires by making adjustments. You meet people halfway and enjoy good relationships with a large number of friends, associates, and relatives. You may not be satisfied in all areas of your life, but then who is? On the whole you should be able to deal with people more easily than most. You have mastered the art of relating to people, and can even chastise someone without being abusive or violent. Even when you display temper or fight for your rights, you don't give an impression of hatred. You don't generally interfere with others, and prefer that they respect your right to privacy as well.

Your psychological alignment allows you to function easily with the public and in personal relationships. You are sufficiently sure of yourself that you don't feel threatened by associates or competitors. You have faith in yourself and in those with whom you enjoy a close emotional contact. When challenged, you quietly accept it and cope as best you can, but you don't get uptight if you don't succeed. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude helps conserve your abundant energy for important matters. You have a good imagination and the energy to express it well in your job and in avocational interests.

Children respond well to your influence because you don't expect them to act older than they are.

You are not afraid to express your feelings toward those you care for because you don't have any hangups about your affections not being returned. People can't help but be impressed with your attitude and behavior. You put others at ease and make them feel welcome in your company. But you don't warm up to persons who are dishonest with you, for they are not worth the effort. You are reasonably independent, because you don't feel emotionally obligated to anyone. Nor do you hold others to account, unless they feel it naturally. Permissive to a fault, you enjoy warm, personal relationships with many types of people. You give everyone the benefit of the doubt in fulfilling what you expect of them, but you don't ignore them when they fail. You find qualities to admire in everyone, and you don't categorize them in neat little pigeonholes.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother influence on this individual is a healthy one. If the child is motherdominated, or has a chart so aspected that he can accept what the mother has to offer, he grows to be an adult who can receive emotional relationships in a positive manner. He is receptive emotionally, he enjoys relationships, and he looks for healthy emotional involvements. He is that lucky person who picks a lover who is good for him.

He is able to participate emotionally in the work he does, enjoys the interaction between fellow employees, and participates in life from a full viewpoint. Action taken will support his emotional needs. Creative action will be full of joy. Because his emotional and sexual needs are easily expressed, he can be supportive and helpful to those he loves.

Moon trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even the harmonious aspects between the Moon and Mars indicate great application, executive ability and energy. They also confer the fierceness and quick temper of the conjunction. The love of liberty is great in the sense that we will not think twice about defending our right to do whatever we most enjoy doing. We soon get our dander up over anything that irks us, no matter what others might think. On the other hand, we show elation when we feel fine, again regardless of whether it is the right time to do so. With Moon / Mars aspects we are liable to put our own interests first, though not necessarily with any evil intent. We are not easily thwarted and are sometimes startlingly blunt and tactless.

Although these are harmonious aspects, the rashness of Mars is still very much in

evidence. We are both bold and reckless. Pioneering and launching fresh projects are in our blood. With Moon / Mars aspects, we do best when working on our own. The harmonious aspects make us good self-starters. Here again, sporting and similar activities are splendid for shedding surplus energy.

A woman with such an aspect is often a bit mannish and would adapt well to military life. A man with such an aspect will feel himself drawn to rather belligerent women.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and bad contacts of these bodies operate in two distinct channels, corresponding to the positive and negative sides of Mars.

The positive side augments courage, daring, enterprise, and bodily vigour; the negative relates rather to the mental and intellectual parts, and frequently indicates a deep thinker. These two subtypes are very different; the one being essentially vigorous; the other profound. But in both cases there tends to be a practical outlook - it does not incline to a purely intellectual point of view though a large amount of air in the horoscope may introduce this.

For women it is commonly a very invigorating contact, endowing them with what is called 'rude health' and often producing a robust rather than a refined physique, and a tendency to be direct, outspoken, good-hearted and hard-hitting. This aspect, by itself, will often introduce a distinct Arianic element into the demeanour, so that it is easy to think that this sign is heavily tenanted. Such people take life as they find it and usually enjoy it to the full without much thought for the morrow. Occasionally the worse side may appear even with the good aspects.

Moon-Mars aspects generally do not seem to be particularly common in the horoscopes of soldiers, despite the vigour and combativeness they engender. Perhaps they dislike the disciplinary character of army life, and are readier to enlist when war is at hand than to undergo prolonged training in anticipation of fighting at a distant date, or perhaps not at all.

33) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°06' S)    ♎7 | ♋3

(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.

34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (2°24' S) ♄8 | ♅12

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect can offer a good working balance between these two energies, one which can successfully reconcile their opposing natures. The more positive Saturn qualities allied to less extremist Uranian ones will be in evidence, operating through your personality expression.

As with the conjunction and sextile aspects, the trine will enable you to anchor and materialise the Uranian impulse, so that the energies will flow easily and fluently through you without creating any unnecessary blockages. Working from the Saturn ability of selfdiscipline, practical skills and organisation, you can take full advantage of the inspirational ideas of Uranus, eventually making them real on this material level. Yet you are not dazzled by materialism, and much of your actual interest and enjoyment is with the nature of the ideas themselves; being capable of manifesting them to some degree is but a completion of the process. It is those futuristic ideas and dreams that take hold of your imagination, giving it some form, definition and direction.

You are able to learn quickly from life experiences; you choose not to waste time having

to repeat similar experiences through failing to realise the implicit lessons hidden within them. Time is short, and you prefer to make the best use of your natural talents and resources for yourself, and to aid others too if the opportunities present themselves. Potentially, you could become an inspiration for the young and others in how to actualise your intentions and complete the process of creativity, due to your ability to resolve the Saturn-Uranus polarity. Much of human experience revolves around the conflicts inherent in that dualistic polarity; and you could become an exponent of the fact that it can be reconciled. Your life could demonstrate the ability to weld together old and new impulses, the creative process, and the dichotomy of matter-spirit. Obviously, it would not always be easy; but you can make the potential real in your life, and prove to others that it is achievable. This is another aspect of the 'bridging role and function' that is currently needed during this transition stage, when unifying the planetary impulses is essential.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have learned from your experiences and acquired discipline. As you project yourself toward future accomplishments, you are excited by the prospects of all the tomorrows. You have earned the freedom you enjoy. Although you have a healthy respect for material things, you are fascinated by your increasing detachment from them. In the future you will be enriched by letting others share the benefits of your knowledge and experience.

You have the talent to mobilize and exploit your resources. You are intuitively aware that success depends on taking measured risks rather than on speculating. Consequently, you can teach others how to effectively capitalize on their potentials. You are well-qualified for executive positions because of your keen judgement and uncanny insight. Your understanding of people and their motivations enables you to organize their talents to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

You are particularly good at handling young people, because they can identify with you and the authority you present to them. They admire you for 'getting it all together' and being able to assert yourself without arrogance. They also respect you for expecting them to define and seek their own goals.

You can successfully apply your potentials in many occupations. Suitable fields include mathematics, science, research, and astrology, as well as many industrial positions requiring leadership and organization.

Your ideals are based on solid experience and the tried and true. As you strive to gain your objectives, you uphold the highest values of behavior. You are optimistic about the future for yourself and for those who share your ethical standards.

(Betty Lundsted)

The trine indicates children born into a generation that wishes to co-operate with established forms of authority. The father's effect on the individual's psyche can be used constructively because Dad was co-operative with his peers. Dad's values may be expressed differently, but this person is exposed to the concept of a changing consciousness.

If the trine ties into the personal planets, or if the trine ties to the chart of the nation, this individual may be drawn to work in the political arena, for he relates to contemporary events. In the personal sense, his need to develop a 'personality' works co-operatively with his drive for maturity.

#### Saturn trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tensions encountered in the conjunction are less conspicuous in the harmonious aspects between Saturn and Uranus because the two factors support one another in the way they express themselves. Consequently, we can structure our lives well (Saturn) within existing frameworks - social or otherwise - without sacrificing anything of our individuality (Uranus). We function in the community in a completely personal way without creating tensions in the outer world or in ourselves.

We can apply ourselves diligently to personal development, showing great determination and energy. The will is resolute and we have plenty of staying-power

Life's ups and downs are taken in stride, and we are not easily thrown off balance. Although probably having a high opinion of ourselves, we are not blind to limitations, are prepared to give others elbow-room, and are likely to have a democratic outlook.

A balance is struck between the preservation of structure (Saturn) and the alteration of structure (Uranus), which interact smoothly to give a quiet, steady renewal. We are prepared to accept all kinds of change, and can take a keen interest in the ideas of others; but we always endeavor to integrate the new with the old or the old with the new as easily as possible. Therefore this is an excellent aspect for a legislator, since it encourages the framing of laws that, without being too rigid or too revolutionary, pay due regard to both public and private interest.

However, the tenacity and obstinacy characteristic of this aspect can make us unwilling to listen to reason. When locked on target, we are not easily diverted.

(Charles Carter)

This is an excellent practical combination, uniting common sense with initiative, willpower, and nervous energy.

It is favourable for any sort of work that requires patience and prudence, combined with originality and insight. Thus it is good for organising or for scientific work - the 'marshalling of facts' in the logical upbuilding of a great theory (e.g. Newton, Pasteur). The same tendency is exemplified by Ulysses Grant's remark: 'I will fight it out on this line if it takes me all the summer'. This great leader had Saturn trine Uranus-Neptune, and his determination was equally well evinced by his personal fortitude in great pain. Note that, as so often with Saturn, success came late.

There should be concentration, mental and volitional vigour, quiet resolution, prolonged preparation, and drastic final action.

It favours positions of control and administration; and, to judge by examples, it seems by no means without relation to the arts. It is likely to make the native popular as a governor.

However, even the good aspects appear to be of little use as preventives of injury and violence, for they often occur in charts of victims of such things, although one can scarcely suppose that they are themselves indicators of the dangers.

35) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (7°00' S)    ≈ 12 | ♃ 3

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions

affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

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