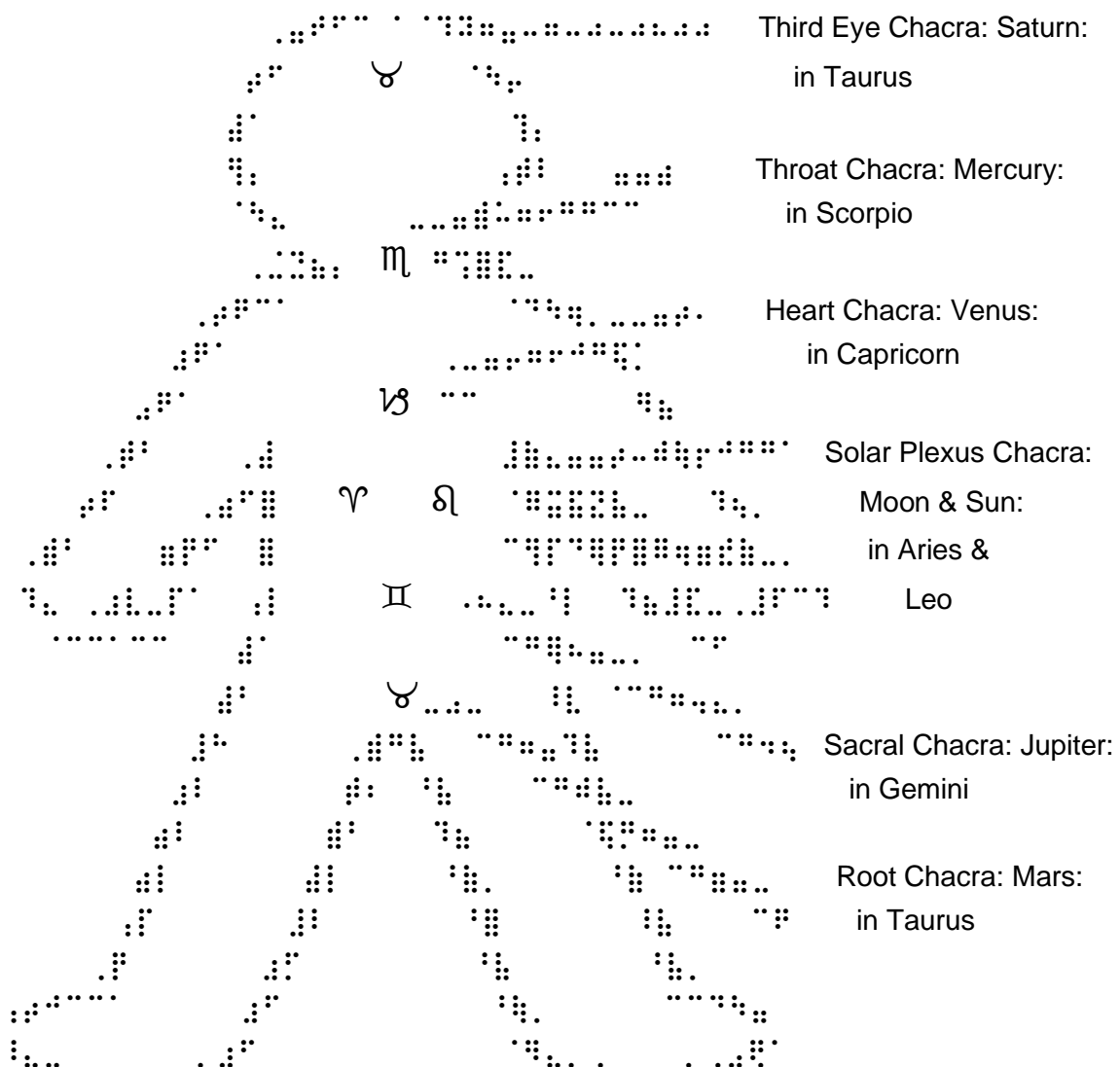


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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Leo Sun ☉ ♈ and ♈ ☾ Aries Moon man**

([763] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Enthusiastic, frank and productive;

Negatives: Fantasist, controlling and impulsive;

Perfect partner: Someone who challenges them in all sort of ways;

Advice: They should be humbler when it comes to own achievements.

## **Sun ☉ in V 5th House**

([863] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A happy personality - Summary:**

Strengths: Original, eccentric and bold;

Challenges: Attention seeking and superficial;

Advice: They should try to be more sensitive with others.

## **Moon ☾ in I 1st House**

([872] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **The need to get noticed - Summary:**

Strengths: Affectionate, caring and straightforward;

Challenges: Moving away from bias and negativity;

Advice: Do something that brings spiritual satisfaction.

Neutral: Feeling like vulnerabilities are always on display

## **Moon ☾ in 2nd Nakshatra: Bharini**

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

Strength: clever, creative, artistic, materialistic, able to perform tasks quickly, delights in new experiences, dutiful, loyal to family and friends, courageous approach, spontaneous, good health and longevity, talented in profession, leadership – successful in public life, satisfied.

Weakness: overburdened, restless, amoral, fickle, too clever, resists control and restraint, stubborn, has too much to do, unable to pace themselves, sexually indulgent, vane, moralist, childlike, vulnerable, vigor troubles others, needs discipline, irritable, impatient, potential to burnout.

### **Pada [1]**

## **Moon ☾ in third pada**

(20°00'-23°20' degrees Aries): Libra navamsa. You are active and fearless. You impress others with the extent of your knowledge and endear yourself to them with your lovable nature. However, your desire for sensual pleasure makes you weak-willed in the face of sex.

### ***Mercury ☿ in ♏ Scorpio man***

([898] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A man often misunderstood - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Curious and observant;

Negatives: Combative and shallow;

Soulmate: Someone who is inclined towards the spiritual;

Life lesson: Experiment more with his reactions and desires.

### ***Mercury ☿ in VIII 8th House***

([915] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Meticulous people - Summary:**

Strengths: Communicative, persuasive and attentive;

Challenges: Judgmental, gossipy and impulsive;

Advice: They should not share what is being said to them in private.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♑ Capricorn man***

([939] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Strong and resilient;

Negatives: Superficial and deceitful;

Soulmate: Someone who is affectionate and a good conversationalist;

Life lesson: He shouldn't pay so much attention to those who criticize.

### ***Venus ♀ in X 10th House***

([954] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Craving for a VIP entourage - Summary:**

Strengths: Elegant, charming and sociable;

Challenges: Complaining and obsessive;

Advice: Try doing things differently from time to time.

Neutral: Very passionate about their work

### ***Mars ♂ in ♉ Taurus man***

([959] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **High expectations in life - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Passionate and intuitive;

Negatives: Lazy and impatient;

Soulmate: Someone who is refined, tender and attentive;

Life lesson: Not letting a distance interfere between him and close ones.  
Neutral: His woman should be refined and devoted

### **Mars ♂ in 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 ♊ Gemini man**

([995] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Your luck go-to sources - In a nutshell:**

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

### **Jupiter ♃ in III 3rd House**

([1007] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Focused on what really matters - Summary:**

Strengths: Smart, decisive and pragmatic;  
Challenges: Materialistic, selfish and conceited;  
Advice: They need to filter wisely the information that gets to them.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus man**

([1018] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Style: Practical and generous;  
Top qualities: Possesive, indulgent and friendly;  
Challenges: Stubborn but also indecisive;  
Advice: Try to obtain as much social support as possible.

### **Saturn ♄ in II 2nd House**

([1030] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Cautious with their finances - Summary:**

Strengths: Calculated, imaginative and domestic;  
Challenges: Pessimistic, materialistic and cautious;  
Advice: They should refrain themselves from thinking that life is only about money.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♌ Leo man**

([1045] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Creative and proud;  
Top qualities: Agile, strong and talented;  
Challenges: Arrogant and moody;  
Advice: Creativity can occur even in the dullest of moments.

***Uranus ♅ in V 5th House***

([1057] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Keen to experiment - Summary:**

Strengths: Ingenious, thoughtful and warm-hearted;  
Challenges: Restless and procrastinating;  
Advice: They should learn how to cope with boredom too.

***Neptune ♆ in ♎ Capricorn man***

([1074] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

***Neptune ♆ in X 10th House***

([1086] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Careful about their dreams - Summary:**

Strengths: Hard-working, elegant and approachable;  
Challenges: Perfectionistic and judgmental;  
Advice: They need to dedicate more time to their families.

***Pluto ♇ in ♐ Sagittarius man***

([1097] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Principled and exploring;  
Top qualities: Trustworthy, resourceful and spiritual;  
Challenges: Superficiality and lack of tact;  
Advice: You need to keep close to family ties.

***Pluto ♇ in IX 9th House***

([1109] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Inspirational personalities - Summary:**

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

**North Node ♋ in ♓ Pisces**

([1124] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: disciplined, charming and spiritual;

Challenges: Controlling and anxious

Playing by the rules, An innate need of love

**South Node ♍ in ♍ Virgo**

([1130] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Loyal, attentive and charming;

Challenges: Individualistic, anxious and obstinate;

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

**North Node ♋ in XII 12th House (Pisces)**

([1124] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: disciplined, charming and spiritual;

Challenges: Controlling and anxious

Playing by the rules, An innate need of love

**South Node ♍ in VI 6th House (Virgo)**

([1130] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Loyal, attentive and charming;

Challenges: Individualistic, anxious and obstinate;

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

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in II 2nd House**

([1150] elsaelsa.com)

**Guardian of the Gate**

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°49') ♊11 | ♎10

([48] astromatrix.org:) The Comic

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Elders 2. Spreading Happiness

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

► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42') ♎7 | ♊10

([179] astromatrix.org:) Unconscious Needs

Opportunities: 1. Knowing Your Desires 2. Gaining Confidence

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

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Mercury** - (1°26') ♁5 | ♃8

([3] astromatrix.org:) Mental Focus

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

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

► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°51') ♃2 | ♃2

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

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

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

► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♀ Lilith** - (9°33' A) ♃1 | ♃2

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

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

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

► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♀ Lilith** - (2°43' A) ♃2 | ♃2

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

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

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

► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♀ Lilith** - (4°10' A) ♃2 | ♃2

([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

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♂ Mars** - (4°24' A) ♃11 | ♃2

([269] astromatrix.org:) Oozing Confidence

Opportunities: 1. Capitalizing on Your Strengths 2. Working in Teams

Challenges: 1. Having Silly Fun 2. Learning from Authority Figures

► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Mercury** - (0°24' A) ♃11 | ♃8

([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

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Mercury** - (4°41' A) ♃1 | ♃8

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

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

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

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°13' S)    ♎5 | ♊1

([298] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Mutual Love

Opportunities: 1. Learning Lessons from Your Mistakes 2. Leveraging Your Internal Harmony

Challenges: 1. Improving Your Follow-Through 2. Tapping into Your Talents

► **Sun** ☉ **Quincunx** ♀ **Venus** - (2°34' A)    ♎5 | ♏10



# Extra Source

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

## Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°49')    ♍11 | ♎10
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°56')    ♍11 | ♎2
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42')    ♎7 | ♎10
- 4) ► **Saturn ♀ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°46')    ♎2 | ♎5
- 5) ► **Saturn ♀ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°38')    ♎2 | ♎10
- 6) ► **Uranus ♂ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°08')    ♎5 | ♎10
- 7) ► **Pluto ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°35')    ♎9 | ♎12
- 8) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♂ Uranus** - (7°47' S)    ♎5 | ♎5
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (4°59' S)    ♎8 | ♎9
- 10) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♀ Neptune** - (0°12' A)    ♎10 | ♎10
- 11) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♀ Saturn** - (1°27' A)    ♎2 | ♎2
- 12) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♀ Pluto** - (5°18' A)    ♎3 | ♎9
- 13) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♂ Mars** - (4°24' A)    ♎11 | ♎2
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (1°17' A)    ♎10 | ♎12
- 15) ► **Neptune ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (1°05' A)    ♎10 | ♎12
- 16) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Pluto** - (5°23' A)    ♎11 | ♎9
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♂ Uranus** - (3°44' A)    ♎2 | ♎5
- 18) ► **Jupiter ♃ Square ♀ North-Node** - (3°57' S)    ♎3 | ♎12
- 19) ► **Saturn ♀ Square ♂ Uranus** - (2°17' A)    ♎2 | ♎5
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♂ Uranus** - (3°03' A)    ♎1 | ♎5
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Pluto** - (0°18' A)    ♎1 | ♎9
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ☾ Moon** - (6°13' S)    ♎5 | ♎1
- 23) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♂ Uranus** - (7°44' S)    ♎8 | ♎5
- 24) ► **Saturn ♀ Trine ♀ Neptune** - (7°42' A)    ♎2 | ♎10
- 25) ► **Uranus ♂ Trine ♀ Pluto** - (2°45' S)    ♎5 | ♎9

# Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

**Sun ☉ in ♌ Leo 15° 3'**

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

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

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

The entire life is affected by the influence of the father because the ethics learned from him are applied to every possible life situation. There are standards for work, for social life, for love. In exploring the parental experiences with Leos, they don't find their ethics really coming from the mother. Clients who have either been abandoned by the father, or

who have been born into a family where the father is very old, seem to have the most difficulty getting in touch with themselves. For Leos who have no visible father influence, it's most difficult. They don't know where they get their standards from, and they can end up feeling like outcasts. Leos born into unusual situations, such as not easily fitting into the environment because of a racial or an ethnic or a religious split between the parents, may live lives of self-condemnation.

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

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

Some Leo women have been so adversely affected by the father image that they don't function well sexually. They want the absolutely perfect partner and, therefore, tend to judge each new candidate so harshly that they can reach sixty years of age and wind up never marrying. Rigid codes of behavior regarding sexual activity may be strictly enforced, so much so that the Leo female never gets a chance to experience life without guilt. Usually this happens when the Leo child is raised with a strong religious upbringing. One of my Leo clients 'saved herself' until she was forty-two years old and married a man who wanted her to be a virgin. When the knot was tied, she found that he

was impotent. At forty-four, she had been married for two years and still was a virgin. Obviously not all Leos are so adversely influenced by the father, but the natal chart will give a good idea about the effect of idealistic ethical training regarding sex.

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

Again, there is a need for counseling regarding self-approval rather than looking to others for it. When we are centred within ourselves, we can withdraw from the emotions of the situation at hand and begin to see how the situation is really going.

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

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

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

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

We've heard that Leos can be judgemental - and they can be. They usually apply the ethics learned from the father on the universe around them, without considering the fact that each person is different. Each of us has a path to walk, and each of us must find his / her answers for him- / herself. Leos try to tell us how to live without considering what our needs are. And there is more to judgement - for it often makes the judge 'better' than the person judged. Perfection is Leo and the rest of the world is not as good. This quality sounds distasteful - but it is merely an offshoot of the need for approval. 'I want approval', says Leo, 'so I will disapprove of you'.

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

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

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

You can be quite highly strung, occasionally quick to anger, although tending to forgive people who you feel have wronged you. Your temperament is outgoing, expressing goodwill and geniality towards others, although you can also greatly enjoy those hours

when you can be alone, quiet and with yourself. Problems that may arise are confronted and tackled with enough energy to dispose of them; you do not allow problems to persist or attempt to evade them.

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

You have a need to be dominant, at least at home, and this can cause some friction between personalities, especially if your partner is equally wilful and assertive. There is a strong need for freedom and independence, which, with a sometimes authoritarian attitude, can create partnership disputes. Dramatic artistic types can often attract you, but it is likely that once the passion wanes, personality clashes will later occur. You require an intelligent partner, and have a strong impulse to share, which can involve sacrifice by you, especially when it contradicts your natural urge to satisfy purely personal desires.

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Leo is the sign of self-expression, and you seek to express yourself with flair in all you do. Highly creative, you may choose some artistic form through which to express

yourself. Many artists have the Sun in Leo. At the very least, you love beauty and don't hesitate to adorn yourself and your home with fine (and often showy) clothing, furnishings and artwork.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

#### Leo females

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

under this zodiacal sign.

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

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

#### Leo males

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

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

He is a natural showman; he likes the theatre but he dislikes theatrics. He admires beauty but shies away from the obvious: from women who use too much make-up; from women who cry openly; from women who laugh too loudly; from women who steal the limelight. He is a man of tremendous pride; you can win him and woo him and do almost anything you want with him if only you will remember to compliment him. He wants to be



proud of you but he wants you to keep your place as a woman. He believes in equal rights for men and women, but he wants you to believe that he is just a little better. He wants you to be independent, but to completely depend upon him. He is a rather impossible person, but at least you've been warned!

(Sasha Fenton)

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

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

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

Leos have a strange work pattern, interspersing periods of frenetic activity with times of utter idleness. Many people watching their Leo spouse or offspring spending three days in a row stretched out on the sofa begin to wonder if there is something seriously wrong

with them; but as soon as the planets shift around a bit and the Leo's energy level is replenished, he gets up and gets going again.

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

The typical Leo may be tall or short, but is usually good-looking and on the plump side. A Leo can be a determined dieter but is never really well or happy when he loses weight. Leo men sweep their hair back from their foreheads, while Leonine ladies have lots of thick hair which sweeps and swirls around their faces. Many Leos have a strangely forward-facing and direct gaze which can make them look a bit like a chimpanzee, while others have chubby cheeks and twinkling eyes. Leo colouring can range from fair, through red, to very dark, but the skin is usually pale or sallow and looks far better with a suntan. Some Leos have a characteristically regal stance, walking slowly and in a very erect manner as if they were balancing a crown on their heads, while others prowl like restless lions. Most astrology books accuse Leos of being extravagant, always buying and wearing wonderful clothes. This is simply not so. Leos wear whatever is necessary for their work and then come home, rip the lot off and sit around in an old track suit. Neither do they have the kind of patience which allows them to fiddle with their appearance. They may spend money on a weight-loss programme once in a while, but that's about all. On the other hand, Leos hate buying or wearing rubbish, and would rather have a couple of good-quality outfits which they wear to death.

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

Leos must enjoy their work, or they simply won't stick at it; and they need to be among pleasant and cheerful companions. Leos are well-organised, and they enjoy taking responsibility, and have no fear of handling large and costly projects. They can be excellent salespeople if their heart is in their product, but some Leos have to beware of bordering on becoming 'pressure salesmen' or confidence tricksters. Many Leos are drawn to the world of entertainment, and can happily use their talents on the stage, in films or on television, while others are happier to work behind the scenes as camera,

sound or lighting engineers. Leos can be found working as theatrical agents or happily demonstrating computers at specialist exhibitions. These subjects love to be where it is all happening and to be part of the creative process, but they may not be quite as dramatic and showy as most astrology books seem to imply. Many Leos work on the land, in industry and in education; but, although there is no specifically Leonine career, they all need to be clean and comfortable, and to feel as if their contribution counts. Many Leos choose to work in glamorous and up-market industries which give them status. Some Leos allow themselves to become bossy and arrogant, which does not endear them to their colleagues; while others can be lazy and indifferent. Traditional astrology suggests making or selling jewellery as a Leo career, but I haven't really surveyed this one. A quick round-up of my own Leo acquaintances reveals a secretarial administrator, an airline reservations agent, an insurance salesman, the editor of a small publication, one absolute crook, various show-business personalities, and an oil and gas engineer. Some Leos are workaholics who pressurise themselves into ever-increasing successes, due to an underlying fear of failure.

Leo hobbies can include almost anything, but they would probably be unusual, expensive, glamorous and not involving too many other people. The real 'biggy' here is travel. Some Leos work in the travel or overseas property fields, partly in order to take advantage of the opportunities for cheap travel which these jobs provide. Other Leonine pursuits include sports and games of all kinds, some gambling within limits, and, of course, love affairs.

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

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

Leos buy everything that their incomes will allow, and often as much as the finance companies will let them borrow too! Many Leos are high earners who will take an extra job or two to cover expenses if their main job is not bringing in enough money. If a Leo is careful with money, one can be sure that there are other factors on his or her birthchart which keep him or her in check. These subjects need a spacious and attractive home. They may not keep their homes in the latest style because, like Cancerians, they develop sentimental attachments to their belongings and surroundings. For much the same reason, they prefer to buy a house and then stay in it for many years, even when their families have flown the coop and left them with more space than they really need. If

the Leo can acquire land, further property, a holiday apartment, a boat or two, and even an aeroplane, he / she will do so. Everything which enhances his / her life and makes for fun, as well as supreme comfort, is of interest to him / her. Leos believe that money is meant to circulate, to be spent and to be enjoyed. There is no Leo on the face of the earth who will put up with cramped conditions, cold or discomfort for one moment longer than is absolutely necessary. The typical Leo's home is well-proportioned and comfortable, but not necessarily filled with the latest goods or gadgets. Leos don't set out to impress their neighbours with their wealth or their possessions, but, if the neighbours happen to be impressed, the Leo won't mind one bit.

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

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

Leos are loyal and very warm-hearted, sociable, good to their friends, and very supportive of all members of their families. They will bend over backwards to help a partner; and their children are never short-changed when it comes to love, help and advice. Being members of a fixed sign, Leos don't chop and change regularly. They will stay in a relationship even when it isn't working; and divorce is really a last resort. If there is any chance that they might lose their children as a result of divorce, they simply

won't go through with it. Leonine subjects can be very irritable at times; they take things to heart and blame themselves when things go wrong. They may also blame others, but they really do feel that they have let themselves down then mistakes occur. Leos don't sulk or brood as a rule; and, if they are angry or unhappy, they prefer to talk things over or even have a row, rather than cope with their problems silently or inwardly. Some psychic sense tells them that their sensitive cardiac systems cannot cope with a lot of inward fuming. These subjects can be very self-absorbed and self-centred, becoming totally involved with their own lives and their own problems; and this sometimes makes their partners feel like observers of the scene rather than full participants in the relationship. They take life, and themselves, very seriously; and they can be very bitter and unforgiving of those who use or hurt them. Leo loyalty makes them rush to the defence of those whom they love, but they must be able to respect their partners or they can sink into sarcastic and contemptuous behaviour towards them.

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

Like all Fire signs, Leos are strongly sexed; but they are also fussy about sex, and prefer to do without it altogether than to get tied up with the wrong person or to feel in any way uncomfortable about it. Most Leos are very clean and tidy, and cannot stand the idea of

making love with a dirty person or in dirty surroundings. They are not particularly excited by the idea of making love in strange places or anywhere that they are likely to be discovered or compromised. It is the famous Leo need for dignity which is at work here, because they hate the thought of looking foolish. They are able to stay in a marriage which doesn't work on a sexual level, but this can make them vulnerable and prone to extra-marital affairs. Most of all, Leos need to play in an affectionate and loving manner. These subjects are very sensual; they love to play with their partner's hair and to touch and be touched in a non-sexual manner. Even a good tickling session is part of the game to them. However, they love the feelings which surround the sex act as much as the sex itself. Leos, almost as much as Taureans and Librans, can extend sex play for as long as it amuses them and their partners, both before and after completing the sexual act.

Leos will try to keep on good terms with the more distant members of their families, and they make strenuous efforts to get on with in-laws, cousins and neighbours. They don't like family rows, and they usually take a fairly responsible attitude to everyone around them. If, however, a family member persists in insulting them or harping on about their faults, they will drop this person completely and forever. They won't even turn up to the offending relative's funeral. Leos are sociable and friendly, and they tend to keep their friends for many years, valuing their friendship almost as much as they value their relationships. Even ex-lovers and previous marriage partners are often kept as friends wherever possible. Many Leos are good letter-writers, keeping in touch with distant friends and relatives over the years, and visiting them whenever possible.

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

#### Static

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

#### Dynamic

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

A powerful creative urge is present in every Leo and must be expressed; otherwise, a very great deal of potential will be wasted. This does not mean all Leos are painters, actors or sculptors: creation can take place in the kitchen, at the sewing machine, in the garden or at the workbench. The innate Leo enthusiasm is expressed in other areas of life, too: the Sun, ruling this sign, gives Leos an infectious vitality. They must live life to

the full, and like to see others doing so as well. They have an inner Sun which not only illuminates their own lives and activities, but also lights up the lives of others, or perhaps gives them energy. Leo days should be full, with not a moment wasted, since lack of fulfillment, professionally or personally, can totally destroy them and cloud their personalities.

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker) (contd.)

Exuberant enjoyment and pleasure are gained from sex, but Leos don't like their love to be rough and ready. They almost demand to be wined, dined and then seduced in luxury!

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

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

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

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

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



is good, but insistent pressures is not.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The symbol of this sign is the lion, denoting majesty, power, and dignity. Leo is a kingly sign, and Leos express pride in every movement and a stateliness that will not escape the keen eye. Power will increase Leos' self-confidence amazingly, to the point where they seem actually to glow! As long as Leos feel that they are in a position of authority and responsibility, they will leave no stone unturned in order to justify the confidence that

has been placed in them. Leos function well in positions of responsibility and management, expressing their creativity by setting policies. Leos whose desire for authority is unfulfilled may develop traits of indolence, laziness, impetuosity, and inconstancy.

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a noble though potentially tyrannical heart. You have the will to use generously your sense of privilege - without it descending into pomposity. Your life should be led in a spirit of radiating light and warmth, as opposed to merely holding centre-stage. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is powerful and noble, and / or downright cruel. You generate an aura of certainty that enables Others to become

more confident in him- / herself and his / her own abilities; a positive and cheerful glow that gives the impression that you have life under control; and an air of dignity as you bear life's difficulties without complaint.

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

The mainspring of Leo's great energy, vitality and charm is his instinctive desire for both public acclaim and self-approval. Of all the signs, Leo is perhaps the most aware of himself; in a sense, he is always before the looking-glass, seeing what effect he is making. In shallow types, this makes for mere vanity, pompousness, pride and show. Add profundity, and all this is changed. Your best Leo type is earnest, sincere, eager to please himself and the world around him, and willing, in order to do so, to take on infinite work and go to infinite trouble. He is not genuinely introspective; he has little capacity to discover his inner faults; but he is very sensitive to the effect he makes on others, and studies therefore what to do to make a better effect. There is a difference here from selfanalysis to improve character from the inside, but the difference is in method rather than in result - for Leo, in the process of appearing something desirable, actually becomes something desirable. He knows instinctively the wisdom of the advice Hamlet gave his mother: 'Assume a virtue if you have it not': by assuming the appearance of a

virtue for the sake of winning approval, he actually acquires the virtue itself, for he is the soul of truth and cannot behave as he doesn't feel. He thus removes the curse from his playacting, for his sense of the dramatic is strong, and the roles he assumes are noble. This would be unbearable if in the process Leo did not actually become noble - but he does; some of the greatest spirits who have ever walked the Earth are these very Leos who chose for themselves a high role in which to merit the world's approval, lived up to the role, and actually became what they wanted to be admired for. 'Such a price do the gods exact for a song, to become what we sing.' Whether he is found in business, on the stage (and he often is), or in a love affair (where also he often is), Leo is acutely aware of himself, always standing off and appraising the effect he is making. He will usually be found, if not conventional, at least discreet. Self-approval replaces conscience; he'll do anything if he thinks it is right, and will brave public opinion if his self-approval is sufficiently important to outweigh the loss of public approval. However he behaves, you can rest assured that he is always acutely aware of what people are thinking of him and that he is striving to make them think as well as possible.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore & Mark Douglas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

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

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

They think they have to do it all themselves, and in the process wear themselves out.

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

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

Their virtues are big ones as well as their faults. Love should become divine compassion before their regeneration is complete. The Leo destiny is a high one. No man can be a true leader until he is willing to be servant of all. The greatest gift a Leo can bring to the world is an understanding heart.

(Myrna Lofthus)

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

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

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

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

Leos like to organize everyone else's life. They do this because of deep-seated feelings that it is for that person's benefit. But not everyone takes too kindly to being told how to



live his / her life, with the result that fur generally flies fast and thick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

to push this child beyond his capabilities.

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

## Sun ☉ in 5th House

(Haydn Paul)

In this house, the natural tendency of the Sun is towards more egocentric, hedonistic pleasures in life, which may be associated with the releasing of a creative artistic spirit. It is a search for enjoyment that becomes a path of development, although care may be necessary to moderate any innate selfish traits that rise to the surface and demand satisfaction. An underlying attitude is likely to be a self-centred naive innocence, which may sometimes fail to be consistently conscious of the reactions and feelings of others.

This can be displayed in attractions towards romances and love affairs which initially often appear so enticing and exciting, and yet can bring considerable confusion and emotional suffering in their wake when the spark of love or lust extinguishes itself. You may notice that while the flame of love burns brightly as passions are ignited, your intensity of feeling is more short-lived, and your interest wanes. Maintaining permanent relationships may prove problematic for you; and attractions to pleasure may sometimes prove detrimental. You will enjoy children, however, feeling great pride in your creative prowess, and will happily spend many happy hours playing with them or performing dramatic theatrical roles for their entertainment.

Your attitude is that life should be fun; and you intend to pursue this theory and prove that it is right. Your vitality is increased by spending as much time as possible devoted only to doing things which are generally enjoyable. 'Why waste time in activities that are not enjoyable?' you wonder. Ideally, you want to transform your whole life into one of pleasure and interest; and it is through your endeavours to achieve this that your direction unfolds with a sense of purpose and meaning. The search for personal satisfaction motivates you; and if this diminishes in your life, then so does your level of vitality, as the two are interwoven and affect both your psychological and physiological states of well-being. Expansive desires could become distractions for you, as you may feel that you have to chase every object, person or interest that activates your curiosity. You may express a childlike one-pointed focus of desire towards whatever promises you pleasure, and this could have compulsive qualities. You may be like a child standing in a toyshop, who looks round and says 'I want' to everything.

Developing your artistic creativity could prove important to release self-expression and a

channel for some of your overflowing energies. Such creativity is likely to have a passionate emotional content, a dramatic or theatrical intensity and joy which adds increased colour to life, lifting it above the greys of mundane superficial existence. Perceiving yourself as a creative artist in some sphere offers an alternative self-image and a social role to perform to increase your influence in the world. You enjoy attracting attention, and this helps to vitalise your sense of identity, as you hope that you stand out from the crowd; being anonymous and invisible is not to your taste, and you prefer to be noticed and appreciated by others.

You may overproject yourself at times through sheer ebullience, and you may need to keep a wary eye on any adoption of roles, so that you do not begin losing your full nature through the performance of selected facets. You can be over-confident, taking unnecessary risks or adventures, or through unwise speculation may jeopardise your position or family security. Sometimes, a pause for reflection and thought may be appropriate before you leap into action.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Those with Sun in the fifth possess a strong sense of self, a natural pride and dignity, and exhibit great creativity and originality in everything they do. They can be self-centered, so inner-directed that they may lose sight of others; but once reminded, are usually quick and generous in their response. They like being left alone to do things their own way, though, as soon as they feel the need for companionship, it is easy for them to find, as they are charming and entertaining companions.

They are usually healthy, strong, and very courageous - physically in Earth, mentally in Air, emotionally in Water; and apt to be reckless in Fire, taking risks without paying much attention to danger.

They are very inclined toward love affairs and romance all their lives, which can be a problem; other placements will show how much of a problem. Affairs are brief, intense, and sexual in Aries; they are sexual and enduring in Taurus, and liable to become marriages or as enduring as marriages. In Gemini, affairs will be sentimental or mostly mental; they may involve two partners at once, or a relative, neighbor, or childhood companion. In Cancer, love affairs are very emotional; in Leo, very sexual; in Virgo, cautious but enduring; in Libra, marriage, sometimes several, sometimes a refusal to marry anyone; in Sagittarius, intense but brief; in Capricorn, slow to develop but enduring; in Aquarius, either sudden and unique, or similar to Capricorn; in Pisces, sentimental first, then sexual.

There is a danger with this fifth-house Sun of withdrawing from life to too great an extent, shutting out the world and its confusing demands, protecting a privacy that becomes all-engulfing, particularly later in life. Here are mavericks, eccentrics, loners; those who go their own way, no matter what. There is the danger of ignoring the attitudes of society to

too great an extent, ignoring public opinion.

These people are hard workers, able to keep at the job longer than others. They like to work hard and relax thoroughly. Physically, they are healthy and strong. They generally like competitive sports, especially in Earth and Water signs, and like to play hard to use up their abundance of physical energy. The competitive nature of the fifth house is not so apparent with the Sun in it; it seems to scorn competition. The true competition here is with the self, to outdo oneself, to be better each time than the time before. Self-development is generally more important than a single steady career effort.

Frequently, the family pet in childhood, the apple of the parents' eyes, these individuals have been given such a strong sense of their own innate worth and importance that they feel no need to prove themselves to anyone but themselves.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: With the Sun in the 5th house you are truly the 'star' of your own life-movie. Persona, and the paradox of controlled yet spontaneous behavior that accompanies it, is crucial. You have come to the Earth to develop more awareness of the self's radiant power, and to use that power as an actor would, fuelling a consciously-chosen ego-role. Every time you see your name in lights on the marquee, every time you occupy center-stage successfully, you absorb basic life-energy, which is then transformed for use in other areas of the psyche. The pitfall involves becoming so self-centered, so enamored of your ego presentation that others are alienated. Pomposity is not becoming to your essential dignity. The challenge is to develop a consciously powerful personal charisma that retains its sensitivity both to the audience and to other performers.

Romance, giving love: Life is a continual romantic adventure. You are the courtier who loves nothing better than the pursuit of a possible beloved. The very center of your life-purpose lies in loving, in the risks, the excitement, the sheer thrill of personal impact through the game of courtship. The aspect of performance in loving is part of your core; one way life-energy is absorbed from the cosmos. If you stop the creative flow of the risk to love for a short time, energy intake is reduced sharply, allowing any backlog to radiate outward, thus re-establishing homeostasis. But if the risk to love is curtailed for any prolonged period, your life-energy can be endangered. Love alone is not enough; you must have powerful impact on others for love to be fulfilled. First generate charisma; then learn to use it well.

Sexual performance: Sexual performance is an important part of your life-purpose. You are charged by the impetus toward being 'the world's greatest lover'. Directing energy into another person, having the thrill of seeing, sensing, and feeling the result of that psychic - and physical - penetration is an experience that goes right to your core. Naturally, the Sun's sign and interplanetary aspects strongly highlight your natural

approach to lovemaking; but with any condition, what's important is the concrete experience of self-validation through the successful expression of sexual ardor. You love the idea of having children. However, whether you love the sustained effort of raising them is another matter entirely.

Personal creativity: You are creative by nature, and it is a significant part of what you intend to develop and express in this life. You may choose an obviously artistic path, but it is more likely that you will choose your niche in the world based on other considerations, then attempt to use that niche as the outlet and arena for your creative impulses. Whether or not your creativity ever fully fleshes itself out, and whether or not it is considered successful, depends on a myriad of factors beyond the condition of the Sun, factors that go beyond even the symbolic indications of astrology in general, qualities such as 'heart', depth of character, and, especially, flexibility in the face of criticism.

Competition: Life is a gamble, a game to be won or lost; and no-one appreciates this more than you. Every time a risk is chosen, every time competition is accepted, lifeenergy flows into you. The very essence of your life involves the paradoxical dance between confidence and risk. Winning or losing is not the crucial issue. The challenge is to play the game fully, with all the consciousness you can muster. Go for the gusto.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your ability to develop your creative potentials gives you many options for selfexpression. You are generally a charming person who looks at life optimistically, knowing you will reach your objectives. People who are close to you find you delightful, and you enjoy their attention. You should take advantage of your creative gifts, or the chances of achieving your ambitions will be greatly diminished. You have lots of talent, but it may be obscured by your preoccupations with pleasure; and you may not have enough time to reach your goals. You cannot afford to take that chance. It's fine to believe in your eventual success, but until you can demonstrate your effectiveness in real situations, you haven't achieved anything. The future is not a vague abstraction; it is every tomorrow of your life. Your magnetism and dramatic flair for communication are your best assets, which you should use to distinguish yourself. People like you and you like them, so you could work most effectively with the public. Once you get started, you will be filled with enthusiasm, and every success will be a catalyst for greater achievements.

You know how to communicate with people, and they respond to you. You capture the public's imagination and win their confidence that you will fulfill your promises. You know how to generate enthusiasm, for which people are very grateful. Your partner will be loyal and dedicated to your causes. You may have more to choose from than most people, so your decisions may be more difficult.

Pattern your growth after the lives of your successful associates; learn how they establish and realize their goals. You need substantial financial resources for the lifestyle you want, and you must accept responsibility for devising ways to increase your income. Even people who are less talented are able to do well financially, but you could do at least as well as they, if not better. You can easily resolve these developing anxieties about your worth by applying yourself. Before you do anything, however, you must define your goals and objectives and glow with the expectation that you will achieve them. By developing self-discipline, you can sustain yourself solely on your merits. This investment means sacrificing certain pleasures, but you will have established your priorities, which can guide you.

You will have to give up some of your self-indulgent ways to make a personal investment that will provide long-term dividends. If you start at the bottom, you can learn how not to fall flat on your face; and if you suffer some setbacks, only a few people will know. Put your vanity on the shelf, and do your best to earn the position you want. If you bring all your creative resources to the surface, you will attract the attention of important people, who can help you move up the ladder of success.

Your early conditioning has give you a good base on which to build your life. But don't think that you can coast along, letting your family take care of your needs. Your heritage should be the bottom rung of the tall ladder you will climb in fulfilling your destiny. Creative talent has no value unless you develop it. It's what you do with your creativity that determines how successful you will be. You may not enjoy hard work, but you, especially, have to accept its reality in your life. To escape from it is to escape to nowhere.

The Sun is strongly placed in the 5th, its natural domain. For those with this placement, a sense of identity, power and purpose in life is found through wholeheartedly engaging in activities which make them feel good about being alive. The need to give expression to the self is vital to physical and psychological health; and people become ill and depressed if they have nothing to live for. Of course, they also fall sick if they are trying to pack too much in. It is not a case of how much the 5th house Sun can do, but rather the quality of the involvement and the degree of satisfaction which is obtained from it.

Some form of artistic expression is advised - not necessarily in order to be another Mozart or Matisse, but more for the sake of freeing the spirit, releasing emotions and feelings, and having the opportunity to create from inside the self. The richness of life is also enhanced through hobbies, sporting events, recreational pursuits, trips to the theatre, art galleries, etc..

The 'playful child' is alive and well in someone with a 5th house Sun, and struggling to be free. No matter how creative people with this placement may appear to others, they usually feel they could be better at whatever it is they do. The Sun by nature is expansive; and in teh 5th it seeks to express itself more and more and continually

increase its territory of influence.

For those with the Sun in the 5th, love affairs and romance heighten their sense of participation in life as well as embellishing their feelings of specialness. Producing children is another way they can bolster their sense of identity as well as extending their power and influence. There is a danger, though, that a parent with this placement could attempt to 'live out' his or her life too much through a child, projecting unfulfilled needs for fame and glory onto the offspring. The child might be exhibited like a work of art in the hopes that what has been 'produced' will be praised.

The need to be the centre of attention is very strong with the Sun in the 5th; and these people may be unable to tolerate situations in which all eyes are not focused on them. A difficultly aspected Sun in this house could resort to devious, manipulative or exaggerated ways of gaining attention: even negative 'strokes' are better than no 'strokes' at all.

## **Moon ☾ in ♈ Aries 21° 16'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

When you habitually seek to be in control of situations relating to personal independence, you can be competitive to the point of 'winning' by withdrawing from interaction with others. You may avoid asserting your needs and then working it out with the other person, due to not wanting to risk losing the Aries independence. This nonassertion leads to repressing your independent impulses and creating situations where others dominate you. If you unconsciously need others' permission before leading and initiating, you may experience insecurity and loss of personal power. This leads to a resentment of others because you feel they are responsible for your inability to act. You may react to their outbursts by withdrawing and feeling violated when they are insensitive to your repressed emotions. This situation adds to your own state of angry, unexpressed, and tightly controlled feelings

When you hide your emotional needs in order to maintain distance and control the circumstances, you lose touch with the power of your own independent, inner core. If you are unwilling to assert your needs and feelings and work it out with others, you may find you are not able to work it out at all. As a result you may withdraw from participation. Such an action leads to frustration and anger, at feeling unable to express and accept recognition for your natural executive abilities.

### **Dynamic**

When you take responsibility for creating the independence you need, you may notice that repressing your feelings and letting others have their way does not lead to your feeling in control. The truth is that others cannot provide sensitivity to your emotional states. You are the one with the gift of sensitivity to underlying foundational feelings. Your lesson is to acknowledge the need to feel close by initiating a mutual awareness of basic human feelings and needs. You can accomplish this by moving your attention away from yourself and toward perceiving the human insecurities and feelings of others.

Avoiding judgemental thoughts about another's lack of sensitivity enables you to recognize the true nature of one's own feelings behind the outward expression. This knowledge leads the lunar Arian to become sensitive to others as individuals rather than taking their expression personally. Thus, the basic insecurities of others can put you in touch with your own underlying feelings in an objective, balanced way. You then possess the clarity you need to work constructively in relationships.

You can show your sensitivity and vulnerability to others' insecurities. When you reveal your feelings and needs, your innate power is acknowledged, and you win the emotional support of others. You can then express feelings successfully, since you are sharing yourself with diplomacy borne of awareness of another's sensitivities. Consequently, you are able to feel close by having your true feelings accepted and shared. Then you can work out situations with others. When you support the authority of other people to handle situations, you reinforce their self-confidence. Thus, your own independence and initiative are spontaneously recognized, respected and appreciated.

## General

Unconscious fears of battlegrounds, direct physical combat and competition for the attainment of your personal needs have made issues of personal survival strong for you. You are always on the alert, but camouflaged so that you can spot the enemy without showing your own strength. In order to maintain this disguise, you must suppress your strength, which actually invites provocations and attacks from the outside. By suppressing your spirit, you invite others to walk all over you.

Due to these unconscious fears and the tendency to view everything in terms of personal survival, you interpret any opposition in life as a direct threat to your own goals. Thus, you may respond either with vehement resistance or by 'cutting off' the other person entirely and going your own, independent way.

The lesson you are learning is to incorporate the resistance of others into your plan, to see it as a means of actualizing your goals more efficiently. You are learning to be objective enough to welcome the input of others. By taking into consideration their objections, needs, and feelings relative to your own plans, you can expand your objectives to ensure genuine partnership and harmony in working together toward a



mutual goal.

As you learn to stop projecting your identity (either positive or negative) onto other people, you can begin to see them objectively and take them into account. Then you can 'be first' in a way that allows other persons' needs to be met as well. Your own identity is strongly-developed, and you are not accustomed to easy co-operation with others in the context of joint projects and team efforts. Rather than feeling that you need to compete with others to get your own way, you are learning to include others' desires and fears in working out solutions that are fair to both parties.

You are naturally inclined to high-speed activity, without time for tact and diplomacy, leading to a certain naiveté and directness in fulfilling your personal needs. This makes your intentions clear for all to see; thus, those who feel threatened by your goals may try to block or manipulate you in some way. When this happens, you feel you have to fight to survive and get what you want, in direct opposition to the other person. The only other alternative you see is allowing the other person to be the conqueror and to totally suppress your own needs. You don't realize that your impatience and carelessness are creating the very opposition you fear.

As you learn to be less naive and direct in your speech, and more diplomatic in communicating your wants and needs, others will not feel threatened and so will have no need to oppose you. Through this new tactfulness, you will encourage others to feel that they are also winning by going along with your plan. You are learning to enlist the support of others in going toward the goals that fulfill your own personal needs.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, the Moon stresses independence, drive - a need for self-assertion. The Moon in this, the first zodiacal sign, tells us the native's personality is colored by a desire to get at the truth, which can be abstract. It can be a symbol, something to aim for rather than to attain. Maybe the truth is constantly out of reach. The Moon in Aries is not discouraged, but continues the quest. In a way, this makes for idealism and high principles, but not necessarily for concrete results. The Moon here may cause others to lose patience with the native - because he is forever concerned with what should be, instead of 'making do' with what exists.

The astrologer, of course, must combine the indications for the Moon in Aries with the House position occupied by the Moon. Such a combination means using the art of synthesis. And this, as we continue to repeat, is the backbone of the art of astrology.

So the Moon here stresses a seeking of the truth as the native sees it. What kind of 'truth' does he see? It could be that he sees the truth only as it is convenient for him to see it. This, of course, depends upon other factors in the chart, including aspects and House positions. But, taken alone, the Moon here makes for one who can fight for the

truth as long as the 'truth' is of practical value - concerning his home, his future, his security. 'Truth' here can be narrow and limited. The native inclines toward a headstrong attitude, one which can bring about conflicts, resentment, envy and actual physical battles if the temper is not controlled.

The native must learn to develop his abilities through study, experience, perhaps travel. Then he must stress an enlargement of his horizon, a wider point of view - and self-improvement. This is not a crusading kind of drive to improve others - it could merely be a negative expression of the Moon in Aries. Let the native first improve himself and his own life; then, perhaps, he can inspire others to greater accomplishments. There is a tendency here to be selfish, headstrong, so sure of being right that the vision is narrowed down and only limited pictures are observed.

These people have plenty of push, drive and energy. They can fight for what they believe to be right - and they refuse to be pushed around. They have great potential, especially in inventiveness and originality.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Aries need to express ourselves honestly and openly, to assert our individuality, and to be enthusiastically involved in new projects and activities. Aries is not an easy position for the Moon; we are likely to have counterdependent tendencies, often denying our needs for closeness and intimacy and attempting to be emotionally self-sufficient. When deep feelings and needs emerge, we may unconsciously fend them off with anger, with impulsive action, and sometimes with sexual expression.

Most likely, an Arian parent was quick to respond to our wants and desires, and allowed us the freedom to pursue our own interests. Such a parent encouraged our independent nature, possibly because he or she was independent and / or selfabsorbed and did not wish to be burdened with responsibility for our welfare. He or she may have imparted attitudes of 'be strong' and 'be tough', but such attitudes may have had less to do with an urge to further our development than they had to do with defences against closeness and the expression of need and vulnerable feelings. Our parent may have encouraged our individuality while simultaneously failing to really affirm and support who we were. Sometimes an Arian Moon indicates a submissive parent who catered to our whims and impulses, but never really acknowledged or met our true needs, or helped us to develop the the frustration tolerance we needed in order to mature and adapt effectively.

One of our tasks may therefore be to learn how to differentiate impulse from deeper wants and needs, and to come to know what we really want beyond the thrill of momentary satisfactions. This may also involve learning how to value and fulfill our deeper needs, maintaining our basic independence while also allowing ourselves to experience and come to terms with our own dependence as human beings. Having Moon in Aries also suggests that we need to become rooted in our physical and

instinctive natures, experiencing profoundly 'I exist' and 'I am' in a manner which gives us reality and substance, so that we are not continually in search of excitement and stimulation in order to experience our vitality and aliveness.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is not especially comfortable placed in the active sign of Aries; and you will discover that a tranquil life is not to your taste; nor can you settle into mundane complacency and routine behavior patterns. You prefer to follow spontaneous impulses to action, and hope they will lead to exciting experiences and make you feel more alive. You will be ambitious, seeking challenges where you can assert your uniqueness before other people; your aim is to become number one, standing out from the crowd.

You have an independent spirit; and, while you may disguise feelings of personal insecurity, you are determined to follow your chosen path of action, irrespective of whether your decisions are proven to be correct or incorrect. You may react against well-intentioned advice from others, trusting your own light and often deliberately acting in a contrary manner as a form of self-assertion. Eventually, close friends and family will realize that this is your way, and will just let you get on doing whatever you intend to do anyway, right or wrong!

There are contradictory personality tendencies; and most of these relate to a probably denial of the Moon nature, favoring the Aries qualities. One example of this is changeability of moods, emotions, and feelings, resulting in a lack of consistency on that level, which can erupt as emotional volatility and impulsive ill-considered actions. As inner pressures accumulate, you tend simply to act as a way out of a 'decision logjam', hoping that action will resolve matters. It is unusual for you to display regular forethought and planning, so the consequences of these actions often surprise you. This can be due to the Aries-influenced self-centered naivety or innocence, although it still doesn't enable you to evade any negative repercussions or wrong moves in the game plan of life.

You can be overly sensitive to others' reactions, yet this does not dissuade you from your way; it only irritates and slows the forward movement for a few moments of selfdoubt, which are then ignored because entertaining such thoughts may open an area of your nature (the Moon realm) which you prefer to forget. If really pushed, you try to dominate through assertion and fixed attitudes; and there may be occasional outbursts of temper if someone is effectively presenting a viable argument against your decisions.

Adjustments may be required to meet inner needs. Feelings and emotions have to be accepted; evasion only forces them into the unconscious mind to agitate and fester. As an integral part of your assertive needs, you have to learn that these feelings also require expression, release, and acceptance; and any attempt at emotional selfsufficiency will only impoverish your wellspring of emotional vitality and feeling responses. Due to this uneasiness with your deeper lunar needs, you may display

resistance to relationship intimacy - not necessarily toward physical or mental intimacy, but toward the powerful emotional exchange that can occur through the affinity of mutual love.

Yet it is dealing with your complex emotional nature which will open the door to greater fulfillment and satisfaction once you become less insistent and defensive about your needs for independence and freedom. Self-expression is very important, but feelings and emotional needs must be respected, and steps taken to satisfy them instead of choosing to respond first to those impulses for action and novelty. Deeper integration into your individual foundations and physical reality is needed; once the connection is established to the Moon roots and a flow of fulfilling experiences develops through relationships and self-nurturing, the need for compulsive activity will diminish and be replaced by a feeling of wholeness and balance.

(Skye Alexander)

Regardless of your age, you're still a child at heart - playful, fun-loving, enthusiastic and rather naive. Each day is new to you, and full of adventures. You have an irrepressible joie de vivre; and people like you in spite of themselves, and might describe you as a bit of a scoundrel.

However, you also can behave like a spoiled brat at times. Argumentative and assertive, you are known for your emotional outbursts and your quick temper. Your anger is usually short-lived, though; and once you've aired it you're ready to get on with the business at hand. You could engage in a no-holds-barred fist fight then go out for a drink with your opponent when it's all over.

Fiercely competitive, you like nothing better than a good challenge with a worthy opponent. Most probably, you have natural athletic ability and are happiest when on the playing field. You probably possess boundless energy and vitality, enjoy a game of backyard softball with your 'jock' friends and wouldn't miss the Superbowl to have dinner with the President.

However, you tend to see everyone as a potential opponent, and every interpersonal interaction as a contest. Your relationships sometimes resemble boxing matches - figuratively or literally. Intensely individualistic, you find it almost impossible to see another's point of view. Nor are you willing to compromise on most issues; and diplomacy is a foreign word to you. Brusque, abrasive and often tactless, you rarely hold your tongue and can hurt other people's feelings without realizing it. If you're involved with someone who also relishes an occasional shouting match (an Arien or Aquarian, for example), you'll probably be best buddies, though you'll never convince your neighbors of it. You aren't likely to stay with a partner who won't stand up to you, however. Strongly sexual but not sensual, you approach love and relationships with gusto, but fall short when it comes to romance and affection.

You live in the here-and-now; you never look back and rarely more than a few weeks ahead. As a result, you don't learn from your mistakes. You also have a great deal of trouble making plans or laying the groundwork for future projects. In truth, you don't want things to be too carefully worked out in advance; it's the unexpected that makes life exciting.

You never learned to play by the rules, and might be considered something of a renegade. Your successes in life come from taking chances, or as Tom Wolfe put it in his book *The Right Stuff*, 'pushing the outside of the envelop'. You are both courageous and reckless. As a result, you tend to be accident-prone, for you never look before you leap.

There may have been lots of turmoil, competition or aggressiveness, even violence, in your family when you were young; and heated arguments were frequent. Or, perhaps you were raised in an athletic or military family. Because Aries represents one of the archetypal male energies, your parents probably encouraged traditional male values and behavior rather than female ones. Your mother may have been the dominant parent and somewhat masculine; at least she was strong, independent, feisty and assertive.

You adore children, partially because you've never entirely grown up yourself. You especially enjoy playing with them, but can be a bit rough at times. When it comes to discipline, however, you are a little lax. (You're not very good at disciplining yourself, either.) You also tend to be irresponsible, and may not be very good about such things as making child support payments, helping with homework or being there when your kids need you.

Women with this placement are anything but 'feminine' in the traditional sense. Strong-willed and assertive, you rarely back down from a contest and don't believe there's anything a man can do that you can't do better. More comfortable with men than with women, you probably have many male friends who think of you as 'one of the guys'. Some men project their Aries-Moon sides onto the women in their lives and are attracted to independent, brash, outspoken, dynamic and / or athletic women.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You respond to life as if it were an adventure, and you are open to new ideas. You relate to experience as a means for self-realization. You have much natural and sincere enthusiasm, but you must consciously work to develop patience. Your temper is uneven; you flare up quickly but soon forget the cause of your outburst.

You often assert your 'me first' tendencies. Your quick but changeable mind is brilliant and acute, but you also have a susceptibility to a hot temper, nervousness and even headaches.

You seem to be emotionally detached from the people around you. Your feelings are acute and sharp, and you often use them as a conscious instrument for your own benefit. You hide a sense of insecurity behind an aggressive exterior; you should develop the ability to ask for help when you need it. Your independent nature can make you courageous to the point of foolhardiness.

When you are interested, you are very warm; when you are not inwardly stirred, you are impersonal. You feel with your ego.

Your mental impressions and reactions are very quick. You trust your sense perceptions, and you are apt to act immediately without reflection; you jump into action from your quick feelings rather than from reason. You are not methodical; you resent authority, and you don't like advice.

You excel in positions where quick decisions are vital. You are changeable in your enthusiasms (even more than a person with the Sun in Aries). You have great originality, inventiveness and restlessness, but you do not have much persistence. You take the initiative in many activities, and you show excessive confidence as well as insufficient forethought. You try to dominate others emotionally and usually gain authority because you make a better leader than follower.

Ambitious and pioneering, you live and gain by fits and starts. You dislike detail. You do not listen to advice, and you find discipline hard to accept. You need to cultivate perseverance. Your senses are well developed, especially your sight.

Others are impressed by your dynamic, self-reliant attitude.

This position of the Moon in a woman's chart may indicate jealousy and a need to dominate the partner. In a male chart it often attracts a dominant partner.

Since the Moon in the chart represents the mother, your mother, in your eyes, embodies many of the Aries traits: resolute, independent, active, outspoken, and a strong influence upon you.

(Sasha Fenton)

The sign of Aries is masculine, positive, fiery and cardinal whilst the Moon, through its association with the sign of Cancer, is feminine, negative, watery and cardinal. This Moon position gives its owner an underlying need for power and a desire for leadership. This may lead you to reach for the top in your career or to become the leader of whichever group you find yourself in. Women with this Moon placement face emotional conflict within their personality due to their highly assertive inner nature, and they frequently resolve this by choosing weak partners so that they can reverse the traditional

man / woman roles. One such woman is Bernadette.

Bernadette is a hard-working and successful businesswoman who travels far and wide to earn the money which her family needs. Her sensitive and artistic husband has a rather humdrum job in a local garage and is super-supportive and caring towards the children. 'I didn't choose this way of life', says Bernadette; 'it just seems to work out better this way. David cannot take too much hassle, and he is really much better with the children than I am.'

Some choose single life and a demanding career in preference to housework and motherhood. Carol is now in her late thirties and is running a successful public relations business of her own. She has had long-term lovers but has never married. 'Some years ago I debated whether to have a child and bring it up on my own because I knew by then that marriage was not for me. In the end, I decided to stay as I am, but I'm not always sure that I took the right decision even now.'

Both sexes have an inner power pack of energy, forcefulness and courage; the cardinality of this sign means that you rarely allow the grass to grow beneath your feet. If faced with a problem, you would rather sort it out immediately. You may actually get others to do this for you, but help is appreciated when it is given. Your mind is highly original; and, given other encouraging factors on your birthchart, you may be able to turn your ideas into money-making projects which could give you the means to get yourself up the ladder of success; however, you may be so idealistic and enthusiastic as to be unrealistic. You have a tendency to do things on too large a scale sometimes; over-optimism can cloud your brain and make you unrealistic in your expectations. You need to have an element of risk in your life which may be reflected in the job you do or in your personal life.

Being quickly responsive to any situation, you can be relied on in a crisis; you're not embarrassed by the sight of people who are in trouble; indeed, you will do what you can to help them. Your emotional reactions are fast and instinctive; and your behaviour can be over-impulsive, but time and experience of life may soften some of the rough edges. Care should be taken not to be critical and impatient with those who see and do things differently from you, as this can lead you into a narrow-minded and bigoted stance. You quickly become irritated, and may have difficulty in keeping your temper due to the combined blanketing effect of the watery Moon and the fiery impulsiveness of the sign Aries. This tension may be released in sudden outbursts of temper and biting sarcastic remarks. Your energy, if there are some Aquarian traits on your chart, could make you an energetic social reformer. You prefer other people to be forthright and honest in their dealings with you; and unless there is a very good reason for secrecy, you prefer to be direct and honest yourself. Your excellent sense of humour gets you out of a lot of trouble, and you have the ability to take a joke against yourself.

Your ability to put ideas into action can be an inspiration to others; also, you can

motivate people by your optimistic outlook and your faith in the future. You know instinctively how to raise the spirits of others. However, you can go 'over the top' on occasion and plunge into action without weighing the consequences; and therefore, you need to cultivate a sense of proportion. When being carried away on a cloud of enthusiasm, be careful not to override the feelings of others; however, it is never your intention to hurt anyone. You have little patience with people who withdraw into their shell, sulk, and won't tell you what's the matter with them. Your own hot temper can make you insensitive at times, but you don't hold a grudge. The lunar Arien heart is warm, and you are the first to help and comfort those who are in trouble. You respect the beliefs of others, and are happy to preserve their independence; your broad mind make you able to relate to people of all classes and colours. You really cannot stand neurotic people who whine for nothing. You will help anyone who has practical problems but have little patience with emotional doubts and worries, and you tend to avoid having them yourself.

You are more of a city person than a country type, but you like to get away into the fresh air, and love being in the sun. It is a fact that many lunar Arians are excellent sportsmen and sportswomen. The fiery quality of Aries indicates a need for excitement and change; a monotonous job may pay the bills, but won't satisfy you for long. This need for excitement can also make steady relationships appear unappealing; and this may even lead you to choose unreliable partners. Some of you, on the other hand, seek to steady your own inner nature by marrying a much more placid and reliable personality than yourself; a few of you may possibly destroy a relationship simply because it has become boring. I have a theory that Moon in Aries subjects of both sexes prefer a younger partner; this suggests that you would enjoy moulding them to your own design. Many of you choose a partner who is careful with money because you don't seem to be able to trust yourself not to overspend. You enjoy the pursuit of love, and fall in love fairly easily; but the flame can burn out quickly. A relationship based on friendship is more likely to be enduring than a swift passion, but there must be excitement, sex and warmth or it will not work at all. Women with the Moon in Aries have a touch of masculinity at their core; that is not to say that they are all budding lesbians, just that there is dissatisfaction with the traditional feminine role. Whatever your gender, if you have this Moon placement, you may be hard to live with at times, because you can fall into the habit of being picky and fault-finding due to unreasonable fears based on imagined threats to your independence.

You can be quite a good homemaker as long as you have time and money to spare; but if you are short of both, you will ignore your surroundings. You enjoy buying gadgets for the home, and you can put up with noisy or messy environment better than most people can.

You are a caring parent, but unfortunately you could belittle any child whom you considered weak and silly. You do your best to see that your children have all that they require, and will move Heaven and Earth to get them a good education. You may not



actually wish to spend too much time with your children; the relationship works better if you have a fulfilling job and can, therefore, direct most of your energies away from the home situation. You will never hesitate to spend money on your family's appearance, as you consider that good clothes give a good impression.

Sexually, your attitude should be straightforward, but you may wish to dominate your partner and control him or her. Talk of sex excites you, but background music during love-making may put you off! You enjoy fun and laughter while making love; but, above all, you need friendship with your partner as much as you need sex.

Many of you love the arts, especially music and dancing; some of you will find your way into an artistic career; certainly you need a measure of creativity in your work. Many subjects with the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in Aries have a lifelong desire to study music or art, but somehow never quite get around to it; perhaps the fear of failure is too great.

The position of the Moon on a birthchart rarely determines one's actual career, but can show inner motivations. You are happiest in a job where you can make your own decisions, and may prefer to be self-employed. If not too impatient, you can rise to an executive position in a large and well-structured organization. You enjoy wielding power, and should make a sensible and benevolent manager or employer. You have the ability to delegate tasks to others and then leave them to get on with the job. Taking orders from someone you don't respect is impossible for you, and you would respond very angrily to anyone who tried to bully you; however, you, in turn, must try not to bully or to laugh at others.

You need to be able to use your initiative. You would find it impossible to work for a 'wet blanket' type. Work in the military or paramilitary field might appeal to you, as might engineering, electronics, or work which influences the public. You may enjoy working in the media and being in the public eye so that you can receive open adulation. Marketing, promoting, and thinking up new ideas come easily to you. Your Achilles' heel may be that you are susceptible to flattery. If there are other good indications on your birthchart, you could make quite a good teacher. Your love of mechanics and vehicles makes you a good driver, and even a good pilot. The modern technologies of computers and telecommunications would come fairly easily to you. You could make a living from sport or dancing, possibly as a teacher.

This Moon position shows a difficult relationship with the father. You may have loved him and hated him at the same time, and also tried to emulate him. Whilst growing up, you probably found yourself in a number of nose-to-nose shouting matches with him. There is a fight for emotional supremacy in this relationship, with the father seeing the child as being unrealistic, and the child seeing the parent as being overly restrictive or unhelpful. Sometimes the father actually shows contempt towards the child. Your mother may have been cold towards you, or just too busy to take much notice of you. The family itself may be attached to a large and very structured organization such as the armed forces or the

civil service. The Aries Moon child may follow his parents into the same organization, but would only be happy in that environment if he quickly gained a position of rank and decision-making.

Your parents encouraged you to stand on your own feet at an early age. They would have applauded and encouraged any physical activity (sports, swimming, dancing) and wanted you to do well at school. You don't have much attachment to the past or even to your own family; this is especially true if you feel that they don't appreciate you.

Your mother might have had to face some kind of circumstances where she was forced to leave you to cope alone. This was probably due to problems at that time; however, it is possible that she was vain, selfish, and all too easily bored by the tasks of motherhood. The Moon sign sometimes jumps back a generation; therefore, some of the circumstances given here for your childhood could actually apply to your mother's experience when young. There may even have been jealousy and bitterness between you and your brothers and sisters.

Insofar as the Moon sometimes reflects continuous or chronic health conditions, any trouble in this case would be in the area of the head, eyes, nose, ears, (upper) teeth, and throat. Your impetuosity may lead you to have silly accidents such as cuts, burns, and possibly bruises as a result of dropping things on your feet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Reactions are extremely quick, and the individual will usually respond emotionally (and sometimes rather too drastically) to issues that arouse passion. There is much that is positive in this placing, and very little chance that the subject will allow any grass to grow under his or her feet. He or she also has a strongly instinctive need for action, that sometimes results in too much haste. A very quick temper can be a problem if the Moon receives negative aspects from Mars or Uranus. In this case, the emotional energy level is very strong and needs to be channeled in positive directions.

The subject may be accident-prone, because in dangerous situations, or at times when brave, sudden action is required, he may respond by risking life and limb. It is a good thing, therefore, for him to learn lifesaving, rescue and first aid techniques. An advanced driving course is another good idea, as those with this placing like to drive very fast; and while their reactions to danger are excellent, their driving can become rather aggressive when they are angry.

If impulsive tendencies can be controlled, the subject will be marvellously decisive, and have an excellent broad grasp of most situations. The placing bestows a need for independence and the ability to encourage others to do things for themselves.

Sexually, these people are excellent partners, but, as in other spheres of their lives, they

can easily become bored, so need to experiment with the adventurous. There is a need for patience, especially when dealing with those who are slower than themselves.

Selfishness, the worst Arian fault, will emerge when subjects are challenged in personal matters: they will instinctively put themselves first. However, once other levels of their personality take over, they may regret what they have said or done, and make amends in the manner of their Sun or rising sign.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

The Moon in the sign Aries inclines natives toward volatile, emotionally impulsive natures. People with this Moon position often behave in precipitous ways without due consideration to the consequences of their actions. They can have sudden flare-ups of temper, but these are temporary and soon forgotten.

People with this Moon position are very independent, insisting on following their own chosen paths of action, right or wrong; and they will not tolerate interference from others. They have a tendency to dominate others emotionally. They are prone to take the reaction of others personally.

(Robert Hand)

You are very high-spirited and quite courageous, although other people may not realize this until they have made you angry. Even if you are ordinarily quite shy and retiring, when your feelings are aroused, you are a fighter for what you think is right for others as well as yourself. The force and energy you display may sometimes come as a surprise to people. You are quite independent, and you don't follow along with what others do unless you have concluded that they are right. And you do not care if anyone agrees with you.

However, there is another side to this. When your feelings are aroused, you are impulsive and careless. You may act before you think and regret it later when you have calmed down a bit. You may have quite a temper; and when you are provoked, your anger takes over and makes you say things that you don't really mean. However, when you settle down, you forget your anger very quickly and don't hold a grudge. As you grow older, you must learn to be more in control of yourself. You may hurt the feelings of those who are very sensitive to the anger you display when aroused. Others may not understand that you aren't as angry as you seem and that your mood will pass quickly.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a brave and impatient soul. You need to be emotionally independent - without being emotionally insensitive. You have an instinct to confront others and break new ground, but to avoid prolonged strife. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is

strong and independent, and / or insular and inflexible.

You naturally respond towards Other with directness and childlike simplicity, thereby precipitating and clarifying emotional situations. You respond spontaneously to complex or pressuresome predicaments in order to resolve them. You respond to danger by pushing on through it.

Your inner child reacts with brief but frightening displays of temper when frustrated by what seem to be Other's blocking or evading tactics. It responds impulsively to situations that really require some waiting and consideration of Other. It responds to conflicts in a manner that actually exacerbates them.

You gravitate towards Others who need to be led out of their apathy or victimhood; to Others who try to tame, control or 'civilize' you, forcing you to assert and defend your own emotional space; and to wild, argumentative Others who reflect your own, possibly unconscious, need to fight for your right to be your own person.

You can get caught up in relationships with Others who, having been shown their teeth, bite you first; in relationships where you are compromised and torn by the need to be emotionally recognized (having not been as a child); and in battles between 'worthy opponents' where the winners are those who define and defend their own and Others' 'soul-fields'.

When alone, it is rather as if you are stuck or cast out into the wilderness, rather like an emotional scout behind the 'enemy's lines' (still in Other's emotional range but without the security of him / her being on your side). This means that your instinctual search for your own 'soul-field' - that is, where you have inner independence - has taken you to a place where by necessity you must have only yourself for company. How else could you win such a prize? Looked at from Other's standpoint - something which you may also have to learn in the process of determining and establishing your own - your apparent self-centeredness has probably antagonized him / her to the point of him / her leaving or neglecting you. Or his / her subsequent possessiveness has made you leave or distance yourself from him / her. If you have been alone like this for quite some time - or have even always been so - then that search for inner independence must have reached critical status. Being a loner tends to go with the territory, ie your own and nobody else's territory, for that is what you are after.

(Grant Lewi)

You are best satisfied by a picture of yourself as an independent thinker, a mental force, a picture of intellectual or physical daring and courage. The truth is important to you - the truth, that is, as you see it individualistically, which may or may not bear a relation to proved facts. Your message to yourself is: 'be strong, be forceful, be independent, be brave'; and so powerful is this lunar position that you are likely to become these things in

some degree even if your Sun sign tries to make you a Caspar Milquetoast. The meek and mild gentleman with the bar of steel inside him is very likely to have Moon in Aries; likewise the sweet lady who looks as if bitter wouldn't melt in her mouth and nevertheless rules the roost unequivocally. This is one of the positions in which the Moon can be strong enough to take dominance from the Sun and cause you actually to become in the outer world what you imagine yourself to be. You may do this slowly, with quiet firmness, or swiftly, with bluster and braggadocio. You think well of yourself; and any trend to inferiority-feeling indicated elsewhere in the Vitasphere is more than likely to meet its match here. This is a weak position only if the Sun is in Libra, in which case the dictates of the Sun must be followed and the lunar instincts ignored. In any case, the studious development of mental powers, through formal education, and a willingness to use your mind power to rule yourself rather than to rule others, is essential to your success and happiness.

(John Townley)

You are a highly responsive person who tends to make lightning decisions in matters of the heart. You aren't likely to lose a lover through making up your mind too slowly, but you may on occasion rush into an affair that you should have avoided. It doesn't hurt to look before you leap.

With you, an affair does not usually build up gradually; it begins full-force and continues with high-keyed intensity. You enjoy nonstop emotional involvement, but you may do well to learn to pace yourself. Your lover may not have as much energy as you, and may find your pace wearing after a time. Also, a relationship that is too intense may become obsessive or burn out prematurely. Remember, you have the rest of your life to enjoy it.

You have a strong appetite for anything new and exciting in a relationship, and you have a special talent for keeping the spirit of an affair fresh. You try anything for the fun of it, not necessarily because it is far-out, but simply because it's new, and why not give it a try? This can lead to endless adventures, but take care not to leave your lover behind, still trying to catch up with your last experiment.

A natural leader in love, you always have fresh and interesting ways to express yourself and your affections. Just be sure that your partner can keep up with your stride.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Emotional responses are energetically expressed.

Symbol: Water heated in a kettle boils vigorously.

A person whose Moon is in Aries is like an explorer navigating dangerous rapids in a small canoe. He must keep moving in order to maintain equilibrium, but the effort may require so much attention that he hardly notices where he is headed. This is a vibrantly

emotional, instinctive, and restless individual who is easily converted to new enthusiasms. Overtly, he may conform to convention, but subconsciously he longs to be a leader and to strike out on his own, even if it means paddling a flimsy vessel through dangerous waters without assistance.

It is hard for 'lunarians' to remain calm, for everything stimulates them. Nervousness and excitability are the price they pay for accomplishment. Yet with the passive Moon in this vigorous Mars-ruled sign, they can generate power through a dynamic linking of opposite polarities.

The sharp contrast between the Moon and Mars indicates the special abilities which derive from a keenly honed temperament, but it also causes a certain edginess. The capacity for working up a head of creative steam is often accompanied by a low boiling point, so that the energy engendered may be dissipated through fussing over trifles. Pressure aroused by the effort to relate antithetical elements can induce either a breakdown or a breakthrough. The problem facing the astrologer in any such meeting of opposites is to ascertain whether the individual can summon the inner strength required to resolve the conflict he faces. Since free will is always a factor, it can be very difficult to judge whether the contending forces will pull the person apart, or whether he will have the strength of character to pull them together into a new and more dynamic synthesis.

People having the Moon in Aries can project their desires with sufficient force to impress others, regardless of the rights and wrongs involved. As a result, they often get their way and then regret it when they find themselves speeding off the track. They are fast reactors who thrive in a heady atmosphere where quick decisions are required. For them, to feel is to act; and they waste little time weighing alternatives.

Moon-Aries people are often impelled by a crusading zeal, but they need to learn to persist at one thing long enough to achieve concrete results. Otherwise, the fitful Moon and impetuous Mars expend emotional energy as inconclusively as the tides surging back and forth each day. They should cultivate equanimity and pause to contemplate the implications of their acts, lest enthusiasm turn to rashness and idealism to fanaticism. With care and consideration they can channel their high spirits into real spiritual power.

(Isabel Hickey)

Aggressive spirit. Temper. Quick reactions. Spontaneous, direct, inclined to impulsive and quick temper. Feelings are keen and intense at the moment. Courage, but foolhardiness. Hides a sense of insecurity behind an independence and an aggressive exterior. Poor judgement. Jumps into action from feelings rather than from reason. Makes friends quickly, but often finds it difficult to keep them because of emotional instability. In a male chart it attracts a dominating woman as a partner.

(Arlene Robertson)

The Moon in Aries, no matter what house it is placed in, is basically uncomfortable in the fire sign ruled by Mars. For here, with the Cancer placements always three houses behind, creating a natural square aspect, the Moon is at war with itself. It has left its comfortable home to skim over to the house of self and personal fulfillment, qualities at odds with the Cancer clutching and caring, the mother holding on to the baby.

Here, the last thing the Moon-in-Aries person wants to do is hold on to the babies, since babies demand constant care and deprive you of independence and the pursuit of happiness. You are not especially interested in nurturing others, except in the early years of your parenthood, for others are not the most important ones in your life. You are the most important one, and your emotions are all-powerful, self-motivating and sometimes self-defeating.

Paradoxically, your emotional security is invested in the recognition by others of your emotional responses. 'Don't fence me in!' you shout. 'Let me be!' In daily life you want action. 'Let's get started. Let's move. What are we waiting for?' is your constant cry. You are impulsive, make decisions quickly, and act on them immediately.

With this approach, you can accomplish a great deal if, in this rush of movement, you haven't trampled on the sensitivities or the rights of others. You are impatient with those who sit and ponder, weighing and balancing the alternatives, getting one more estimate on the bedroom carpet.

You always know exactly what you want and how to proceed; and if this hasty action occasionally backfires, you shrug it off and plunge into another activity. For all your flamboyant behavior, you constantly look for feedback from others. If they approve of what you're doing, you're delighted. If they withhold approval, you wonder out loud why they are doing so. Your emotions are like wash hung on the line, flapping in the breeze for all the world to see.

If you are a woman with this placement, you will handle motherhood in a sensible way. You will bestow on it all your energies and enthusiasm while the children are small, teaching them self-reliance and encouraging them to explore their limited worlds.

But your patience can wear thin with their constant demands on your time and their ever-varying needs. After all, you have other places to go and things to do. If you feel trapped in this physical bondage, you may chafe impatiently until your young ones are grown and able to fend for themselves. Then you can move along to the fulfillment of your plans and the enjoyment of your independence. You, of course, have your 'impossible dream', and you want your chance to take a whack at it.

From your husband you want most of all an understanding of your need for freedom. You don't want to be taken care of in the usual sense of sticky-handed restrictions and

overpossessive impositions. You need room to romp around, follow your interests and hobbies, whether it's socking a golf ball, laying bricks for a harden walk or running the local arm of ERA. You want a buddy, a pal, a lover, a partner, someone to laugh and share life's glorious moments. You do not want a mate who will treat you like a pea-brained bit of fluff, someone incapable of reading a road map, grappling with a screwdriver or filling the gas tank. Possible you can handle a screwdriver better than he can. Of all the Moon placements for a woman, you with the Moon in Aries need to play out your emotional reactions fully or run the danger of turning into a demanding, hysterical tyrant.

If you are a male with the Moon in Aries, you will better handle the basic ego drives, for they channel themselves easily into the usual male prerogatives. That pulsing energy and enthusiasm can flow into your work so that when you relax at home you can express your sense of adventure, love of outdoor activity, and outrageous fun with your wife and children. They will respond to and enjoy your natural leadership qualities.

In your childhood you may have had a strict, domineering mother who rapped out orders like a drill sergeant. As you matured, you avoided this type of female; in fact, you may be repelled by them. You are also uncomfortable with the motherly type. You probably appreciate and look for the finer Arian qualities in a mate - the enthusiasm, zest for life, eagerness to experience and explore as long as, in expressing these traits, your partner doesn't trample on your strong ego needs.

You Moon-in-Aries people find your greatest emotional security in your dependence on self. You are seldom concerned with what the neighbors say about your impulsive, flamboyant actions. Let them talk, you say, shrugging it off. You'll do as you please. For you are will aware of the fact that you chart your own course, that you can do it better than anyone else, that when some crisis stares you in the face you are supremely capable of wrestling with it by yourself. After all, you've known from your earliest years that in life's mad adventure you are truly all alone.

## **Moon ☾ in 1st House**

(Haydn Paul)

Your self-perception and responses to people and the environment will be strongly influenced by feelings, emotions, and instincts. Life will be experienced and interpreted in terms of emotional reactions, where these biases of affinity and disaffinity will shape your life-style and decision-making. When choices need to be made, they will be referred to your instinctive feelings.

With such a dominant subjective response, you may lack an ability to understand others



who have a different nature. This can cause misunderstandings and diminish potential relationship with those who relate to life through different perspectives, for instance those who evaluate experiences intellectually.

You have a sensitive and receptive lunar personality, which may create a phase-type quality to your temperament, through 'internal waxing and waning' creating changeable moods which can at times disconcert both yourself and others, especially where issues of emotional relationship or commitment to aims are involved. Finding a life direction may prove difficult, as your preoccupation is toward satisfying emotional needs, and you may find that the direction which develops is shaped by the paths of anyone you rely on for emotional support.

This can create dependency situations in which your attitudes and values are highly influenced by others, so that, through being impressionable, you reflect only what others want to see. Part of this may have developed during childhood conditioning by parental influences, especially by your mother's. Through your deep need for approval, you chose to behave to satisfy others' projections onto you. In so doing, you may have built a life-style that reflects the wishes of others rather than fulfilling your own needs.

Becoming clear as to your needs, desires, and ambitions may not be easy to achieve, yet it is essential in order to break negative dependency or become free from relationships where you have to deny your feelings in order to satisfy someone else.

Your lunar qualities form a sense of emotional connectedness with people; and at times this sensitivity can be close to a psychic or mediumistic talent which allows you to receive 'messages' from people or the environment. You may feel emotional empathy for some, and will have considerable sympathy for those suffering emotional pain; but you may have to guard against too deep an involvement with others through your empathic 'fusing' of feelings and emotions. Your presence can be supportive, although a dispassionate and objective type of counselling is not your natural style, due to your inability to distance yourself from feelings. This can distort your perception of others' needs.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With a rising Moon there is a powerful hunger for personal significance and strong intuition about the trend of future events. Once the restlessness and moodiness of this position is brought under control, this can lead to amazing achievements.

People with this position are generally too sensitive for their own good, and tend to go to extremes, especially in youth. They usually have large, expressive eyes, a wide, expressive mouth, and a responsive face. They have a hard time masking thoughts and feelings, which flit rapidly across the face (though less so in Scorpio or Capricorn). They are inclined to think out loud, to speak whatever is passing through their minds at the

moment, no matter how out of context or inappropriate it may seem to their listeners. Actually, they are always talking to themselves.

People with a rising Moon tend to marry young, and may fall in love too easily throughout their lives. Each new love does not diminish the emotional hold of past loves, though, which can make their love life pretty complicated until they begin to understand themselves. They love best those companions who cherish them for what they are, allow them to ramble on, and then set limits for them. They know that limits must be set, but have a hard time setting them for themselves.

They are pretty much incapable of objectivity. Even sympathy is hard for them as they do not see others clearly although they can become them, or feel them - that is, identify with them through empathy. This can make them appear cold when they turn away from persons or situations that are painful, because they have no buffers to protect them from the intensity of their own responses. They are generally not thinkers, because their intuition is capable of giving them all they require to grasp concepts and figure things out. They can come up with answers without any notion of how they arrived at them.

Extremely self-conscious in youth, they feel that everyone is looking at them and thinking about them all the time. They have a hard time getting over this, always giving themselves more importance in the scheme of things than is realistic. Yet this quality invests them with a natural authority, so that people tend to look to them for answers, particularly during a crisis. They are so self-oriented because their minds constantly fill with ideas and images and they must continually seek outlets or they become mentally and emotionally clogged.

They may seem unrealistic to less sensitive and less imaginative people. In fact, given a few other placements in that direction, they may acquire a reputation as a firstclass eccentric. However, they generally have a circle of friends who enjoy their idiosyncracies, for although they appear to be paying no attention to anyone but themselves, their listening powers are tremendous. They can absorb more about others than most, and are capable of astonishing feats of memory and thoughtfulness. Even so, they are hard on intimates as they require constant outlets for their ideas and emotions, and so require a large social circle so they can go from one to another as they wear out each person.

They are usually very expressive in art, writing, speaking, acting, and music, but frequently have a hard time staying with one effort long enough to bring anything to fruition. They need a strong Saturn in their chart or they will blow all over the pond. They are usually very clever at spotting trends and coming up with the 'next big thing' that will please the public. However, they will need disciplined partners to help them take advantage of this gift or nothing will come of it.

If harsh aspects from Mercury show mental or emotional problems, there may be a

danger of mental illness with this position, in which other people appear only as mirrors that reflect back the self. Surrounded by self images, they can find no objective reality to grasp hold of. At some point indicated by progressions, mental or emotional illness may even claim them as a permanent casualty.

In general, though, the rising Moon gives a great potential for growth and change throughout the lifetime. After the roller-coaster ride of youth slows down a bit, these people should be able to get a grip on themselves and put their great gifts to use.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: Here we have a paradox: when the Moon is in the 1st house, the natural and active projection of self is inverted, so self-expression becomes 're-active' or, more properly, responsive. Your natural personality radiance is emotional, sensitive, maternal, and subject to the ebb and flow of moodiness. Needs are immediately projected from the surface, visible for others to see. When your needs are not met, there may be explosive tantrums, defensive shutdown, or collapse into hysteria, all major pitfalls. In general, however, this placement correlates with a 'softness' of personality. You are protective toward those you love or feel drawn to, with urgent sensitivity to those individuals' needs; and you're subtly defensive toward strangers, who may seem alien or threatening. The challenge is to make sure you're safe, then open up.

Natural persona: Your natural face is soft and maternal, almost 'moist', either sympathetic or needy, and sometimes both. This is especially true when the Moon occupies an expressive or emotional sign; it is less true when the Moon's placement is in a sign like Capricorn. There the moist quality may be replaced by a solid wall of seeming passivity.

Your name-tag says, 'I am responsive. Tell me what you need, and I will provide it for you, for needs are the most important thing in the world'.

Self-awareness: Spontaneous projection of emotional receptivity births awareness of the central, core self. Radiating yourself outward as either 'mother' or 'child' - defending, protecting, feeding, needing, clinging - reveals to you whatever your inner nature actually is. Awareness ebbs and flows in tandem with feelings. Once you're in touch with your needs and have discovered your inner self in any momentary setting, then come through your persona and act on what you've realized. Responsiveness to the outside world makes you aware of what you truly are, and what you truly want to do.

Boundaries: You buffer the tension between internal and external realities by being sympathetic to the needs of others. Insensitivity or lack of emotional expression disconnects the two different realities, creating a numbing alienation from self, while compulsive mothering or unconscious neediness destroys the distinction between the two, causing a sense of perpetual hunger and emptiness. the challenge, however, is to

nourish yourself and your environment without creating dependencies. The positive result is contentment.

Vitality: Vitality is directly linked to emotional well-being. Proper diet and emotional comforts maintain your life force, although there may be heightened sensitivity to fluids, as well as vulnerability in the digestive or reproductive systems. You must learn the meaning of action in order to balance your tendency toward reaction. The force of habit has a profound effect on your stamina, either protecting and maintaining it, or disrupting and draining it. To heal yourself, discover what your habits are and reroute the imprints. Your relationship with your own mother is one of the most important of these factors, whether the connection is current and ongoing, or merely the result of childhood experience long buried within.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your mood depends on your feelings at the moment. When you are emotionally high you are outgoing; but you are shaken by any unsettling experience. Because of your emotional nature, you tend to lose your composure under stress. You become aggressive only when you have to protect yourself from abuse. It is essential that you improve your self-image, which you do by getting a formal education. This will allow you to compete successfully and will help you cope with your personal relationships. You must be able to deal objectively with the problems of the real world and not allow abrasive situations to disturb you emotionally. You need to develop your creative imagination in order to be productive. You must raise your credibility by capitalizing on your gifts. Education will help you find a way to express your understanding, compassion and concern for less fortunate people.

You want friends who understand your moods and feelings of inadequacy; but you often assume that people want your friendship only because you are so willing to help them. You are deeply concerned about your future and whether you will have sufficient resources to sustain yourself in later years. You are anxious to translate your ideas into tangible rewards so that you needn't depend on others. Although you should set up a plan to achieve your goals, you tend to dawdle. You may feel that you are always making concessions to others, but you aren't really sure what you can do without them. Making concessions is a way to maintain contact with people; but it does make you feel inferior, which may cause some discomfort.

Your family-ties may be so strong that you don't have a life of your own. Breaking with the past will be difficult, but it must be done if you hope to become self-sufficient. Your goal should be to pursue your own destiny and to like yourself for what you can accomplish. It isn't easy for you to secure a position in your career, because you aren't sure you can succeed on your own. But remember, you cannot afford to deny yourself the benefits of using your talents imaginatively and purposefully. Loyalty to family is admirable, but not when it interferes with your destiny. When it does, it becomes slavery.

No one has the right to expect you to put your own destiny aside in order to help realize theirs. Coping with these deep frustrations will not be easy, because their roots are buried in your early conditioning.

You willingly help people who need your tender loving care, but you should understand when to conserve your energy in order to avoid exhaustion. You are too eager to be available when someone says he / she needs you, perhaps because you want human companionship at any cost. Direct some of your energy to developing your own creative potential. Sacrifice some of your time for others if you want to, but remember to put yourself at the top of your list of priorities.

Don't underestimate the value of your creative imagination, which can help you solve your own and other people's problems. You have a calming effect on people in their time of need; they feel protected in your presence. Since you are insecure, however, you must be firm and refuse to allow others to dominate you. Learn to accept reality and use your talents to build tangible assets that will sustain you in later years. Don't feel sorry for yourself, and don't bury your talents.

(Howard Sasportas)

Any planet in the 1st house is amplified as if the volume has been raised on that principle. According to its sign placement, the Moon there energizes the emotional, instinctive and feeling responses of the individual. Unless strongly modified by other aspects in the chart, the person will radiate lunar qualities - sensitivity, receptivity and a kind of child-like openness to which others are naturally drawn.

While the Sun in the 1st wants to exert a dynamic impact on the environment, the Moon in the 1st is more inclined to stay fused with mother and surroundings. All little babies instinctively know that winning the love of the caretaker helps to ensure survival; and therefore they adapt to the mother likes or wants. But those with the Moon in the 1st - even later in life when survival is not dependent on the presence of another person - may habitually act as if their lives depended on being what others want them to be. Consequently, they exhibit a radar-like ability to pick up and read signals emanating from those around them. However, the interpretation of these signals is often distorted by a high degree of subjectivity. They can be so swaddled in their own needs, feelings and emotional complexes that they are sometimes incapable of viewing life or others at all objectively. In extreme cases, all they care about is what they want, and they can't easily give another person anything unless it fits in with that.

Nonetheless, the Moon in the 1st bestows an almost animal-like intelligence - instinctively knowing what to do in certain situations. They can 'sniff out' opportunity, 'feel' danger or 'hear' trouble.

The house with Cancer on the cusp or contained within it will be connected in some way

to a 1st house Moon.

## Mercury ♀ in ♏ Scorpio 29° 32'

(Grant Lewi)

You see, hear and experience with the legalistic attitude of a judge. Anything that stands before the bar of your senses isn't likely to get off easily, for you interpret critically what passes before your eyes, and not always kindly. As a result, when you give expression to your judgement, you may earn the reputation for having a sharp tongue. Your powers of observation are acute; you have the eye of an eagle, and a kind of permanent awareness of what is going on around you makes it impossible for anyone to put anything over on you. You have eyes in the back of your head; and a sixth sense tells you things that the other five misleads. Criticism is part of your process of taking in the world; and you never take in much of it without passing judgement in the process. You observe accurately but not always charitable; the nerve channels through which impressions reach the brain are apparently filled with acid, which eats away the superficialities that impress others, and leaves only the stark realities to be recorded on your cerebellum. You are therefore a first-class critic and debunker, seeing through phoniness, sham and pretension and, since your eyes and ears rarely deceive you, pretty generally getting to the truth of what goes on.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Scorpio, Mercury indicates one who is sensuous, able to perceive hidden meanings, shrewd and curious; he tends to be suspicious, but his suspicions usually have foundation in fact. He is capable of understanding high finance; fascinated with the stock market, he draws charts in an effort to understand various trends. This native knows how to appeal to the opposite sex - and would gain much by selling specific items such as clothing to either sex. He sees through false claims and people who make them.

The astrologer must teach the native to overcome his fear that greater security is constantly required. Often, no matter how good his financial position might be, he worries, and can make himself miserable over little things while neglecting important projects.

(Skye Alexander)

You are not satisfied with superficial understandings, and seek to know the ultimate truths of existence. What goes on behind the scenes, what makes something work, what hidden forces are responsible for exterior conditions - these are the things you want to know. You enjoy probing beneath the surface to uncover the secrets within, whether

those secrets are in the human mind, the body, business, government, the Earth or the Universe. As a result, you might be interested in psychology, science, medicine, espionage, geology or the occult.

You have an insightful and penetrating mind, and are able to focus your attention deeply, for long periods of time. Infinitely curious, you leave no stone unturned and don't give up until you've found answers to your questions. You ferret out information, analyze it until you understand its essence, then use it for your own purposes. Thus, you could be good at almost any type of research. Your love of intrigue may also manifest as a passion for mystery stories and detective novels.

Often your ideas run counter to the conventions and beliefs of your time. This is because you refuse to accept something until you've proved it for yourself. And, as you examine traditional beliefs, you frequently discover flaws or shortcomings, which leads you to formulate your own theories. Such theories may be revolutionary and have a transformative effect on those they touch.

In order to stand up against strong opposition, one must be firm and determined in one's convictions. Certainly this is true of you. Once you've decided upon something, nothing can make you give it up. You can be incredibly stubborn and emotionally attached to your ideas. And because you've come to your understandings through unique, personal and often unorthodox ways, no-one can change your mind with a logical argument. Highly intuitive, you often 'know' you're right, even if you can't back up your beliefs with facts.

You express your viewpoints vehemently and convincingly, and enjoy a good argument with a worthy opponent. There is a certain amount of charisma in your verbal delivery; and when you speak you project power, authority and intelligence. You intuitively know what others want to hear, and are clever at manipulating their emotions as well as the information, so that you can hold an audience in the palm of your hand and win them over to your way of thinking.

You also tend to be direct, blunt, even biting sarcasm in your speech. You get straight to the point and don't mince words - and if you step on some toes or offend some sensibilities in the process, so be it. But you also exhibit keen insight and knowledge, especially regarding the nature of the human condition. You truly understand the inner workings of the psyche and the dark side of life, and are fascinated with it. Not only do you have unusual powers of observation, but also you are very intuitive, even psychic, and can see to the core of people and situations. Not much gets by you, and you are not easily fooled. This intimate knowledge of the hidden recesses of the human mind makes you sceptical, suspicious and pessimistic; you often expect the worst from people.

Venus and / or Jupiter aspects to your Mercury will make you more tactful, optimistic, and willing to engage in social amenities.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Scorpio gives an intuitive mind capable of profound insights. The natives' perceptiveness can lead to critical examination of human motivations; they see things accurately, but not necessarily charitably. They may use sharp language, since they refuse to mince words in order to spare the feelings of others. They prefer to say exactly what they feel, or else remain silent. They carry on many plans and endeavors in secret, and communicate only where communication serves a definite purpose in terms of what they are trying to accomplish. However, since they can be swayed themselves by strong emotional factors, they are more objective when not personally involved.

These people have determined minds and great resourcefulness, which enables them to surmount obstacles that many would find impossible to deal with. If Mercury is afflicted in Scorpio, there can be scheming, plotting, and ulterior motives.

People with Mercury in this sign make good detectives, investigators, and researchers. In highly developed types, there is scientific ability arising from their curiosity about the inner workings of the energy responsible for objective manifestation. This leads to insight into the fundamental processes of change.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, the mind can be preoccupied with sex. There also can be a mistrust of others.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Scorpionic intuition and intensity combine with Mercurial logic and a rational approach. Determination is a strong point, and the individual will have a sleuth-like mind, leaving no stone unturned to discover the truth of a situation and root out every aspect of it. Here is someone who perhaps could become a psychotherapist, psychiatrist, or detective. While the placing usually works well, there can be obsessional tendencies, especially if Mercury makes a negative aspect to Pluto. Mercury is not very communicative in Scorpio because the necessary outgoing qualities are not sympathetic to that sign. The subject will be more inward-looking, going in for a great deal of self-analysis, perhaps tending to hug psychological problems, and finding it very hard to open up. This must be countered, especially during stressful periods. There is much intellectual and imaginative potential, and sometimes a fascination with the occult, crime and mystery.

If the Sun sign is Libra, Mercury in Scorpio adds considerable determination and purpose; Libran indecisiveness will not be such a problem. The individual may seem indecisive, but will intuitively know what line of action to take, even if he or she procrastinates over actually making a move! Natural Neptune charm will be expressed, but there can be a minor or major tendency to plot and scheme. However, if determination and a sense of purpose can be directed positively towards the attainment



of objectives and a more rewarding lifestyle, this is a good combination.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, the thinking processes of Mercury will be as powerfully intense and intuitive as they can be, with formidable determination and sense of purpose. The intellectual powers are usually excellent, but the individual could become obsessive - perhaps over attaining an objective or a compelling interest. There will be a fascination with mysteries, which will be relentlessly pursued and researched. It is important for there to be a compelling objective of this kind; otherwise, these powerful qualities can go sour and turn into Scorpio jealousy or resentfulness.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Mercury placement acts as a good counter to the Sagittarian dislike of detail. It reduces the hastiness of Sagittarius and endows natural enthusiasm with a little caution. Any tendency to over-optimism is also controlled, and Mercury in this position generally adds depth to someone who is basically more concerned with the overall breadth of problems and situations. Sagittarius is a fiery, emotional sign; and Mercury's placing gives some dampening emotion to the intellect, making for an individual who is a force to be reckoned with and has a sense of humor.

(Isabel Hickey)

Quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword. Intensely secretive. Hate to commit themselves to any positive statement, so don't try to pin them down. Extremely perceptive, and know the other person's weakness so well they know where to strike. Fierce acuteness of mind. Farsighted and clear-sighted, but are often overcritical. 'I' of the ego and sixth sense strongly developed. Must watch tendency to pass judgement. Can be the judge, the jury and God help you! Excellent in secret service or in police work. Have to regenerate the mind stuff where the creative functions are concerned. Too much emphasis on sex if the total chart does not show evolvment.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you indulge in Scorpio fears of losing power over others by exposing your motives and desires, your communication can become defensive, secretive, and vindictive. Constant inner turmoil may result if you withhold expressing your thoughts, fearing that hidden emotions will be exposed and you might become vulnerable. As a consequence, either anger, impatience and intimidation can be brought forth, or all communication may be withheld, thus alienating other and isolating yourself.

Dynamic

When you focus on manifesting what is valuable to you, your keen perception can penetrate and reveal to others the deeper meaning of their communication. You are able

to unveil those powerful secrets that can transform all concerned. By your sharing the Scorpio incisive ability to perceive the heart behind the words, hidden motivations are exposed within their communications. This awareness can make a positive contribution to others and actually increase your insight and sense of selfpossession.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a penetrating, though potentially paranoid, mind.

You see life in terms of underlying emotional truths and realities rather than merely how things appear on the surface. And so you are able to penetrate Other's real or hidden motivations and consequently clarify them and resolve problems issuing from them. You also champion confidentiality, which inspires Other with trust and respect for your insights.

You tend not to see that Other is more straightforward and not so convoluted in his / her thinking. Consequently, you make problems with Other which only exist in your suspicious, anguished and obsessed mind. You also tend not to see that making secrets of things creates the very difficulties they were supposed to avoid.

(John Townley)

You are probably very intrigued with the physical basis of sexual expression - the relationships between the different parts of the body in lovemaking; the advantages and disadvantages of various sizes and shapes in any sexual situation. There is much artistry in this, which you should develop. This area is often ignored but it can be a great help in getting the most out of sex.

The dark and powerful aspects of sexuality have great appeal for you, and you really enjoy sex most when it is rather secret and mysterious. Too much bright light on the workings of a relationship tends to take away the excitement, making it too mundane. Thus, a clandestine affair has a special appeal for you, and you may act secretive about an affair even if there is no reason to be so, except for the excitement it provides.

Don't let dated social taboos prevent you from trying every kind of physical sexual expression that appeals to you, even if it's labelled perverse or bizarre by the sexually fearful. Repressing such desires will only frustrate you; and expressing them with a willing partner will greatly enhance your sexual experience and understanding.

But you should avoid using sex or sexual attraction as a tool to gain power or influence over others. Sexuality can flourish only when it is free of other motivations.

(Robert Hand)

You like to get to the bottom of every problem, and are fascinated by mysteries and unanswered questions. To you, searching for answers is almost more interesting than the answers themselves. A born investigator, you may be interested in solving crimes and in detective work. Or you might want to study the secrets of nature through science. You are interested in what goes on in people's minds. You like to find out about everyone's secrets, but you can keep a secret if you want to.

When you are emotionally upset, your thinking gets confused by your feelings, so try not to make decisions at those times. When you're angry, you can speak very forcefully, but if you are not careful, your words may hurt someone's feelings. At least you are forthright and say what you mean.

Your sense of humor is rather sharp. When you see someone pretending to be more than he or she is, you are likely to make sarcastic and biting remarks. You may only say them quietly, but others will know what you mean.

You must learn to be more open with people. Something about you may make others uneasy, giving them a feeling that you have some deep, dark secret, which makes them fearful. You enjoy giving this impression, but it does hurt your relations with others. To prevent this, you should try to build up a reputation for honesty with adults and friends.

(Freda Edis)

The placement of Mercury in Scorpio can give incisive thinking and a penetrating mind capable of deep insights into the motives which underlie human behaviour. Often mistrustful of their own and others' feelings, people with this combination can, if aroused or hurt, inflict severe wounds on others with their sharp and sarcastic tongues. Much of their thinking is conducted in secret, and, like Hades, they have the mental resourcefulness to lay careful plans before they act. They perhaps need to be aware of a tendency to scheme and plot destructively when their ideas and thoughts, to which they are emotionally and often subjectively attached, are challenged. Often acutely perceptive and thoughtful in a silent way of others' unexpressed needs, these people can be profoundly charitable as long as they are not emotionally threatened themselves. Gentleness and consideration are two characteristics they may need to acquire to offset the negative inclinations of the placement.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind penetrates to the essence of matters.

Symbol: A cryptographer endeavors to crack a code.

Mercury in Scorpio gives a talent for research and the ability to solve mysteries. This person may be shrewdly perceptive, or he may merely be critical and suspicious, but in any event it is best to deal with him straightforwardly. Like all true Scorpions, he can

spot a phony immediately; and while he may not be able to give an adequate explanation for his feat of detection, he is usually right. Often all he can say is that he 'just knows'. His reasoning mind is connected with his combative instincts in such a way that he relishes the challenge of solving puzzles and discovering secrets. Frequently, the Mercury-Scorpio individual is justified in his skepticism. His X-ray intellect easily penetrates smooth surfaces of expressed or implied promises to reveal the hidden motives, personal inadequacies, and unconscious prevarications which lurk below. Anyone obliged to do business with this type of person should bear in mind that flattery will be of no use whatsoever, but that simple honesty will suffice. Otherwise, they may find themselves the target of 'the sharpest tongue in the zodiac'.

People with Mercury in Scorpio are invaluable in financial concerns where they keep an eagle eye on accounting procedures. In insurance companies, they have an uncanny faculty for unmasking false claims and fraudulent tactics. In show business, they can quickly discern genuine talent. They make dogged investigators in any field, and do not flinch from facing facts or exposing corrupt practices. They also have the manual dexterity to handle machinery and keep it running efficiently.

If the Sun is in Libra with Mercury in Scorpio, the temperament is basically moderate and conciliatory, but with a certain disputatious streak or contrariness. Individuals with this combination have been able to make diplomatic use of their gifts of satire and repartee. The Libran Sun may give so much suavity that people fail to realize how acute the intellect really is.

If the Sun and Mercury are both in Scorpio, the mind is imbued with courage and fortitude.

If the Sun is in Sagittarius and Mercury is in Scorpio, a visionary disposition may turn the mind to philosophical pursuits. Mercury then serves as a restraining influence which prunes away the excesses of the Sagittarian tendency toward verbosity.

The unevolved Mercurial Scorpion can be the most vindictive of enemies.

Higher types of Mercurial Scorpions have a profound interest in the mysteries of life, and can express obscure ideas succinctly. They also know when to remain silent. Part of the fascination they exert is due to their taciturnity, which conveys the feeling that they know more than they care to divulge, and which makes them the epitome of the proverb 'Still waters run deep'.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Libra:

Mercury in Scorpio gives an x-ray intellect. The Sun in Libra manner is diplomatic and

has a certain amount of social charm. These people can appear to be very suave, but underneath this Libra manner is a mind that is as sharp as a razor. When all is said and done, they can't be easily taken in. This is the type of person who should be in a business where they unmask fraud. In any given situation with others, they come on with charm and sometimes flattery (which they themselves can't stand when others play it on them), but behind their charm is an unmasking talent for sensing the truth in another's statements.

This combination is Air and Water. This means they tune in on both the intellectual and the emotional wave lengths. With Mercury in this Water sign of Scorpio, it gives depth to the mind and the ability to understand deep feelings about things. The Scorpio mind can be fixed, determined, stubborn and very demanding. It will not let go of an idea or an emotion until the natives themselves are satisfied. However, the Libra ego wants to harmonize, wants to adjust to others; but the thinking process will not always go along with the Libra instinct to adjust to others.

They can express very controversial ideas, rebellious tendencies with tact and diplomacy, so that others will not know what hit them. Their Scorpio minds are stubborn, penetrating, and their ego instinct is harmonious. These qualities can either work against them or make them the greatest detectives, the greatest social reformers of the whole zodiac.

There is not end of belief in the persons they are in love with; but once hurt by a loved one, they can become very vindictive. It is not as outwardly vindictive as Sun Scorpio, Mercury Scorpio, but is even more destructive when they want to be because others are pulled off-guard so as to give these natives considerable headway.

When it comes to Scorpio Mercury's thinking, nothing is impossible, and this becomes the root matter of all things in their lives. They may have exterior charm, and others may think they have convinced them or won, but do not expect them to ever forget or to ever fully give up, because they won't. There is a constant undercurrent with this combination. Libra charm, Libra diplomacy, Libra harmony; but underneath those, their thoughts are very fixed, determined, and never accepting defeat. These natives will win in the end: watch and see. Water is sometimes hard on Air, for it makes the Air heavy and immovable. However, Air in this case can cause so much commotion that it can create heavy emotional storms within their communication with others.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio:

These people are very courageous. When we speak of Scorpio, we are speaking of a force that knows no defeat, a force that does not know what the word 'impossible' means. These people always figure out a way to get whatever it is they want. The mind is deep and penetrating, and can always figure out a way to get out of any difficulty. With this combination, the door is wide open for the Scorpio purpose in life. This influence

gives psychological talent, as a natural born psychologist. It gives an easy, natural concept with the healing arts. The other side of this picture represents a consciousness and an ego that is all or nothing, saint or devil. These people will try anything or die in the attempt. Unless other influences in the chart dilute, this gives those possessing it heroic tendencies, capable of the most unusual and out-of-theordinary feats.

This is double Water, but Water that has power, Water that has pressure and strength. This represents a fixed sign, so there is no giving up on anything. It causes them to take something to the limit of its potential. It forces; it sometimes pressures, and either will be so dedicated with a purpose, or an idea, that will make a big dent in their world, leading to success, or will practically destroy itself in the attempt. In many ways, this says 'succeed or die'. You will never fool these people, for they can immediately see the very bottom of a situation or problem. They may not be very talkative, so where they are concerned you must learn to read gestures, facial expressions, and mannerisms. Theirs is a nature best suited for some type of research, whether in healing research, occult research, detective work, or any of the human mysteries of our existence.

These natives have a way of popping back to full life when you think they are the most defeated. Their minds will always find one spark that can cause them to rejuvenate their thinking and build anew, creating a continuous productive effort. It will be comparatively easy for them to get rid of anything in their lives that is not productive. However, this same talent can cause a very destructive streak, annihilating all in its path depending upon other aspects to this same Sun / Mercury in Scorpio. There can be a devious side to their natures, even with the best of them. It is just a question of degree, as to how much of a devious nature they possess. Even when it looks like they have forgotten, they have not forgotten, for at a later time the subject or project will come up again in a new form, but still the same old subject underneath. The will with this influence is to succeed above and beyond average, despite the form they have to use to succeed. They should get into some very productive field from the very beginning, and direct this great force to some special purpose for the general mass good, achieving something not only for themselves but also for humanity in general. If that is accomplished, it loses some of its selfishness.

This is POWER; direct it. This influence gives power for the unspoken art of communication. Without any communication from you, they still know. They project an atmosphere when they enter a room, an atmosphere that is immediately felt by all in the room though no words are spoken. The silence is almost as successful as actual words. It is telepathic communication.

This combination creates an abundance of famous people. The Sun and Mercury here does not accept the word 'impossible'. [The most difficult combination to find for famous people is when the Mercury is in the sign ahead of the Sun.]

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius:

Mercury is the open door. It guards a person's conscious thoughts. It is our sense reactions. When the doorway is in a Water sign, the Fire ego has to come through this Water sheath. If this Sagittarian Sun has enough drive, enough enthusiasm for a given ego satisfaction, it will come through this Scorpio doorway with much more depth, much more fixed determination. This combination forces the Sagittarian into a more singular determined direction. The Mercury in Scorpio mind will limit Sagittarian excesses, forcing a more stable pattern, and will give the tendency for the Sagittarius to get to the bottom of a pursuit.

The Sagittarian will still be variable, curious about all manner of things; but the Mercury in Scorpio will give it longer staying power on a given interest and be more inclined to penetrate into the full meaning of things. This is a Mercury that may not be as expressive as other Mercury positions. However, they will be very expressive when they make a full evaluation, and not until then. In other words, they eliminate all that they believe to be unnecessary in communication. They may not have as much obvious outward charm, but they have a kind of magnetism that is hard to resist. This Sagittarian shows how they feel or what they think by facial expressions, mannerisms and an enthusiastic sparkle to their eyes. The ego trend of the Sun needs the Mercury sign to express. When a Fire sign comes through a Water Mercury, not all the enthusiasm and excitement will show. [When the opposite takes place, a Fire Mercury and a Water ego, much more enthusiasm than is actually the case may show.]

Mercury in Scorpio can easily recognize a phony, but the average Scorpio doesn't always understand why he / she thinks something or someone is phony. When this Scorpio is coupled with the Sagittarian Sun, it gives easy understanding, with the ability to explain why this or that is phony. Others would be very honest with this type of Sagittarian, for honesty and the direct approach are the best. If you want someone who can easily spot phony insurance claims or any other fraudulent financial schemes, these are the people to do it. If you are dealing with these people, and you think you can get by with something or that you are more shrewd than they are, think again, for in the end these people will expose you and run rings around you.

Scorpio is known for certain secretive qualities; and Sagittarius is known for being outspoken and exceptionally honest. The coupling of these two signs indicates people who will know when to speak and when not to speak. Sagittarius all by itself does not know when and when not to speak; they just blurt it out. However, with this influence to the Scorpio mind it makes all the difference. These people also have the talent of hypnotizing you into something they want you to do against your total acceptance. Those who would do this are the more unevolved Sun Sagittarius / Mercury Scorpio.

The Sagittarian egos will have an abundance of knowledge at their disposal, but the Scorpio Mercury will not express it all. The other person will always get the idea that these Sagittarians know more than they are saying. The secret ace in the hole for them

is their sense of timing. Be patient; just wait, and in the end you will hear from these Sagittarians, perhaps not what you want to hear, but the truth. This is the arrow that goes straight to the target and right through it.

## Mercury ♄ in 8th House

(Freda Edis)

Where Mercury is in the eighth house, the house of long-term relationships, there may be a tendency to collude with or submit to partners at an intellectual level. The eighth house issues of death, sex, and the inheritance of resources can cause people with this placement to be acutely aware of unconscious interchanges between people. Often they look for the moments of change and transformation in relationships which they can use to best advantage. These people may be penetratingly aware of the nature and motives behind sexuality and hidden agendas; in dealing with these issues, they may need to keep in bounds tendencies to be tricky, controlling and secretive.

Mercury's dealings in the eighth house sometimes have far-reaching consequences. No matter how tricky and controlling Pelops was in arranging Oenomaus's and Myrtilus's deaths in order to secure the throne of Pisa and a wife, he was unable to control the fates of the kin who came after him. We see something of the interrelationship of Mercury and Pluto in Pelops's tale; more so, since the eighth house is governed by Pluto in the natural zodiac and the story concerns a mortal. Exacting retribution by killing is a divine function, not a mortal one; and Pelops had usurped both Hades's and Hermes's functions by killing Myrtilus by trickery.

Canniness and an intense drive will work in tandem with the sign on the eighth house cusp when Mercury is placed here. Mercury with Sagittarius on the cusp may actively seek out lasting resources and arrangements which will give them the intellectual freedom to pursue their visions; others might regard them as self-seeking and uncaring. Mercury with Taurus could ensure that complicated legacies are dealt with practically and with great determination of mind, perhaps unaware how much other people might be upset by such a seemingly cold approach to death or periods of great transformation.

Aspects with other planets will also influence how these people deal with eighth house issues.

People with the placement might need to develop an awareness of a tendency to control others intellectually by coming to a better understanding of the nature of the darker, plutonic forces underlying their behaviour. A rational examination of destructive issues in long-standing relationships may counterbalance the tendency to lash out verbally when thwarted by partners. These people need greater consciousness of the benefits of self-



mastery to release them from the stifling effects of repressed emotional energy.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Mercury gives a deep, serious mentality; and although there may be the appearance of a breezy, easygoing nature, that is almost certainly a pose that has been adopted out of fear that the true nature, which is deeply serious, even solemn, will put others off.

These people may or may not be interested in money for its own sake; but they are usually very good at getting what they need when they need it. They generally know where to get the butter for their bread without necessarily working hard for it, and can't understand why others can't figure this out for themselves. This position often indicates an inheritance, although other factors will show if it is substantial and whether or not it will actually materialize.

These people may experience difficulty at some time during their lives over the question of their loyalty to some group. They may be put in a position where they will be asked to sell out, or choose one reality over another. They may or may not make the 'right' choice; but the facts will be fully known only to themselves. Courage will always be needed with this position, although they may or may not rise to the need. There may be knowledge of other spheres of life that can show forth as religious faith, spiritualism, creative writing of the imaginative or fantastic sort, or psychic activity.

There is a constant awareness of mortality, and either courage and faith in an afterlife or a terrible fear of death. They may face death every day in some way, either by their own chronic illness or by that of someone else who is close to them. They may have a job or career that involves risks, or working with other people who are at risk in some way; or death may haunt them simply because of their own paranoid fears.

If Mercury is under pressure from other planets, it can indicate a variety of mental problems, although great mental steadfastness under pressure is also possible. Once again, it is a question of rising to the occasion. There is also the possibility of the early death of a beloved younger person whose loss leaves them permanently changed somehow, either stronger and wiser or broken inside. Their own death is usually significant in some way, either by being dramatic, sudden, heroic or mysterious, or as the final act of a lifetime of courting death, or defying it.

This position of Mercury will contribute a certain charisma to the personality, making them attractive to others, although the nature of the attraction may be hard to define. It tends to give a pale or olive complexion, sometimes with many moles or freckles on the face. They are inclined to be thin, in youth at least.

They are drawn to extremes of style in speech, which can range from highly profane to

affectionations of breeding, street argot, unusually low or high pitch, or the vernacular of some group other than their own. There may be a stammer, which comes from a self-consciousness over revealing themselves through their speech. Sometimes, without realizing it, they will take on the persona of someone they admire, changing their role models and style as their interests evolve.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: The more you communicate, the more you are on-track in your intimacy. Interactions need not be based on total agreement, however. While conflict in sharing is antithetical to many 8th house planets, here it promotes a sense of stimulation. As long as disagreements are purely mental, and not emotional, greater intimacy can result. But don't rely so much on ideas that you disregard the being-to-being connection. Also, be aware of your tendency to talk about closeness without ever surrendering into a truly united state. The challenge is to use the connection of your mind with another person's as a kind of 'radar fix' to show the path toward real merging of your spirits.

Transformation: Your thoughts lead you to the edge of what your personality can conceive; and though this may seem perverse - having a mind that leads you beyond yourself - it's actually the most natural thing in the world for you. Develop a scientist's eye; investigate all the transformations going on in the world of your relatedness. Ask people about the significance of their changes; learn their languages, and consider yourself in the same terms. Keep in mind that it's not enough to simply think about transformation. You need to put what you learn back into life, to shift gears from being the scientist to become the guinea pig. After all, you are your own best experiment. The initial challenge is easy: to learn with your rational mind the syntax of transformation. The real trick lies in your mind's ability to teach your heart.

Sexual merging: Physically, your nervous system is sensitized to sexual intimacy. It intertwines with that of your loved. Stimulation truly resides in the vast network of neurological sensors that finally coalesce in the brain. Talk is often more sexual than touch, for you wish to merge with your beloved's mind. You're quite changeable in activity and response; and while this can be delightful in a lover, it can also prevent the steady build-up of intensity necessary for release. Sexual feelings may occur quite suddenly, even in inappropriate settings. Equally, you may think of a joke just after the experience of culmination, and, needless to say, this tends to disrupt the mood. Fulfill your curiosity about going over Niagara Falls in a barrel - your mind is the barrel; sexual power is the Falls.

Focused intuition: You are not so much a highly intuitive person as you are someone who is very interested in intuitive experience. Intuition is an invisible and largely indefinable process; and though you have the tools to be psychically sensitive, you don't easily relax into full trust of your powers. You stand back, wanting to check it out, to confirm it

rationally and objectively. The pitfall is merely discussing the possibilities rather than using your intuition. The challenge is to tune your nervous system so you hear others thinking, or at least discern the pattern of their thoughts, if not the actual words themselves.

Shared assets: Your mind engages in perpetual bookkeeping, moving your resources around, reshuffling your worth. This can be energizing, a fully natural experience, in which case you enjoy the changes, or it can be enervating for your nervous system, in which case you gradually exhaust yourself with imaginary crises. The question here isn't how much you have, but what you do with what you have. Keep the money in motion - whether it is your own money or money you manage for others. Recognize that the significant time you spend thinking about resources is perfectly all right, for money and possessions are essentially a game to be played for your stimulation. Winning or losing is not the challenge; playing the game is.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your highly developed reasoning ability probably resulted from your deep desire to know as much as possible. You constantly search for answers to all questions about life and about people's motivations. Your persistent inquiry reveals more answers than are found by most people. Your exceptional skill in investigating the unknown qualifies you for such fields as detection, research, financial counselling or psychology. Your early environment allowed you to develop your creative potentials and know that you could capitalize on them later. A higher education will enhance your abilities and give you the necessary skills to achieve your goals. It is to your advantage to continue your studies, no matter how successful you are, for it will expand your influence and increase your value to those you serve professionally.

You let people know that you understand their problems and that you have the skills to help them. You expect to be well paid for your services, because you know you are worth it. You look for opportunities to demonstrate your talents, and you are gratified when your efforts yield results. With your ability to help people with their problems, you should seek a career that uses this skill. Look for a field with growth potential, because you need freedom to expand as the demands for your skills increase. Your earnings should provide all the security you need for your later years.

Your career may be delayed because of family obligations. Your enjoyment of self-indulgent pleasures may also curtail the gains you could be making in your field, if you aren't investing the time and energy necessary to become professionally competent. You must establish some priorities in your professional and personal affairs. You feel you must prove yourself to the one you love and show that you have a firm foundation on which to build your ambitions. You may wonder if you are as competent as the next person; but don't be misled by other people's resources and skills - it's what you do with them that is important; and your ability to solve problems is a good place to start. See

how your friends are achieving their objectives. Then, with good planning, you can accomplish everything you set out to do, and more.

It will be rather difficult to find the best way to put your ideas to work. There will be no shortcuts; only by persistently developing and promoting your ideas will you get the results you want. This means that if you want people to know what you can do, you must become so proficient that everyone will beat a path to your door for your services. Once you find answers to your own problems, you may then decide that you can help others with theirs. If you want to win patronage for your services, you must make some sacrifices, as every public servant must learn. If you are truly committed to your life's work, this won't be too difficult.

Trust your partner's suggestions concerning your career objectives. You probably recognize how valuable your mate is to you, and you want to live up to his or her expectations. Don't be afraid to change your mind when the evidence indicates that you should, for it is a sign that you are still growing. Maintain the highest ethical standards in everything you do. When you tell people only what they want to hear, you are not living up to your moral responsibility to them. You cannot afford to disappoint those who have come to rely on your expert judgement.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 8th house entices curious Mercury to explore and learn from what is hidden and less obvious in life - to ferret out secrets, and probe into mysteries in search of the bottom line. This is the detective-like mind, with eyes that can see in the dark. Bordering on a voyeuristic preoccupation, Mercury in the 8th watches the kinds of exchanges that go on between people - at the bank, the stock market, in the bedroom or behind any closed door. They may penetrate the world of money and finance, or turn their attention to psychology and the occult, with a fascination for the mysteries of sex and death. Although often adept at communicating and sharing with others anything which is obscure, subtle, deep or profound, they prefer to keep their own thoughts and motivations secret. For those with Mercury in the 8th, experience is not fast-food grabbed hastily between appointments, but something to be savoured and thoroughly digested.

Many astrological texts advise those with Mercury in this house (especially if difficulty aspected to Neptune) to examine all contracts for possible misunderstandings before signing. What one person believes is being said or promised may be different from how the other person reads it. The same note of caution applies to wills and inheritances - problems with Mercury in the 8th sometimes manifest as entanglements with relatives over such things. Any difficulties stemming from childhood or adolescent sexual explorations with brothers, sisters or neighbours are worth considering, as well as early encounters with the death of anyone close to them. Their own death could be related to diseases of the respiratory or nervous system, so attention should be paid to these areas.

With Mercury in this house, the mind is suited to investigative exploits and researchwork. Those with such a placement can be cool and detached about subjects which often arouse other people's passions and fears.

## Venus ♀ in ♄ Capricorn 12° 29'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might place too much value on your projection to others of being absolutely on top of everything. This may stifle your special ability to exemplify and share awareness of social appropriateness. If you neglect demonstrating such knowledge, you may feel self-doubt and lack of control when others reflect your ineptitude.

When relationships are used for the purpose of ensuring your social position, people can become mere objects on the way toward your prestigious or sensual ends. Thus, the spirit of true relationships may be lost in pursuit of materialism that eventually leaves you alone with only your tangible assets for company.

You might deny your special ability to achieve material success in every area of your life because of giving in to fears of social rejection if you fail. This may lead to feeling sorry for yourself. You might lose your sense of self-worth if your values are not accepted and praised by others and are not reflected through material success.

### Dynamic

You possess the ability to demonstrate social appropriateness as a means toward attaining a desired social position. You can express your unique gifts by sharing your perception and encouraging others to execute their intentions in a practical way. This produces a result that brings you a solid sense of your own worth.

You have the ability to use the social and material values of others for your own goals. Thus, in attaining material success you set an example and demonstrate your awareness of social values. This assists others in tangibly expressing their talents and intentions at the highest level of public acceptance.

You are able to establish a firm, reliable sense of self-worth when you share with others your understanding of how to manipulate the material world toward one's intended ends. Above all, you become an inspirational example when you demonstrate your natural knowledge of social suitability, utilizing those standards in a creative way to produce the desired results.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Love is a serious business for Venus in any of the Earth signs; but for Venus in Capricorn it is deadlily serious. These people will be extremely cautious about getting involved. They will take a long time getting to know a prospective partner and checking out his or her credentials. Unless the prognosis for the relationship is good, they would rather not embark. Ever-practical and achievement-orientated, they do not want to waste their time on something that is not going somewhere.

Someone with Venus in Capricorn will want and offer to make a major commitment if a relationship feels right to him or her, and will probably not begin to open up to his or her more sensual side until this is established. He / she wants to be sure of his / her partner, and will not want to invest him- / herself emotionally until then.

Within a relationship, practical security will be very important. People with Venus in Capricorn need to feel that the things around them are stable, in order for them to relax. They are not happy if conditions are uncomfortable. They may expect a partner to provide a stable, secure situation for them, or at least not to threaten one that they have already created for themselves. Hence, a partner's financial situation may be important to them. Venus in Capricorn has a reputation for marrying for money, which is not as mercenary as it sounds when it is realized that these people are attracted by stability and security.

People with Venus in Capricorn can also be drawn to someone who has a certain status or reputation they find desirable. They may gain status themselves through their relationships. They may be attracted by someone who has a dignified air or is distinguished in some way. Their own dignity will be very important to them, and they will be careful not to compromise it. Even in an established relationship, they will always behave with restraint and propriety in public. They make very good partners for ambitious people who need someone prepared to do the necessary formal socializing. They will be in tune with how important this aspect of life can be for someone in getting on, and can be extremely supportive of their partner's ambitions and useful to them in many practical ways.

(Skye Alexander)

Although this sign position doesn't in itself signify artistic talent, if other factors in your chart denote creative ability you probably will express it in a traditional, conservative or practical manner. Your tastes are conventional and reserved, and you look to the past for inspiration, using forms and techniques that are 'tried and true'. Perhaps you will not discover or express your artistic interests until later in life; and you may have to overcome blocks of some kind that stand in the way of your creativity - family responsibilities, financial concerns, lack of education, or fear of failure.

It is important for you to create something material and tangible, that is useful and will endure for generations to come. Thus, your preferred art form could be architecture. Or, you might be a collector of art, an investor in antiques and / or 'old masters' (rather than someone who takes a chance on unknown artists). Another possibility is that you would make a business of art.

In relationships, you are cautious, practical and traditional. You seek stability and permanence in both romantic and business partnerships. Not one to take relationships lightly, if you make a commitment to another person you stick by it faithfully. One-night stands and brief affairs don't interest you much. You like constancy, predictability, and the security that comes from an established partnership with clearly defined parameters and patterns. Therefore, your relationships have a better chance than most of enduring. However, your desire for stability and permanence can cause you to stay in a relationship that is no longer satisfying, or one that has ceased to grow and develop. People with this placement can let themselves and their relationships get 'in a rut' and become more of a habit than a joy.

When it comes to matters of the heart, you are a realist, a pragmatist. You aren't the type to fall head-over-heels in love with someone; and usually you want to know your lover for a long time before making a commitment. You may even view love relationships as a business arrangement, and are more likely to marry for money, status, security or convenience than out of passion. Therefore, others might consider you cold-blooded or mercenary. You aren't very romantic or affectionate, and tend to be reserved and constrained when it comes to expressing your feelings for your partner. What you lack in romance, however, you make up for in loyalty. Duty-conscious and reliable, you won't shirk your responsibilities to your loved ones or dump your partner of many years for a younger, prettier face.

Though you appear to be aloof, unfeeling or superior in love matters, in truth you are terribly shy and sensitive. You often hesitate to make a move for fear of being rejected. Perhaps there is some obstacle - physical, emotional, financial or otherwise - that keeps you from involving yourself in love relationships. You undervalue your attractiveness, and are afraid that others don't like you. Because love to you is serious business, you usually won't take a chance if you aren't certain of the outcome beforehand. Thus, you may miss out on many romantic opportunities or wait until rather late in life to form a love relationship.

Women with Venus in Capricorn view maturity and wisdom as desirable qualities in a woman; and, therefore, are less likely than others to dread growing older. You also tend to be career-oriented, and might place work ahead of marriage and children. Being successful professionally makes you feel good about yourself as a woman; and you certainly don't believe that businesswomen are less feminine than homemakers. However, your attitudes toward love and relationships are traditional and somewhat

oldfashioned, so you may have difficulty reconciling your professional ambitions with your conservative views about male-female partnerships.

Men with this planetary position are most interested in women who are mature, refined, no-nonsense types. Your ideal woman looks as if she just stepped out of *Town and Country* magazine. Her public image is proper and dignified, but in private she's sensual and passionate. Classic beauties with old-fashioned values and blue-chip stocks are the stuff of which your romantic fantasies are made. You also might be attracted to women who are older than you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Capricorn indicates those who need material status and wealth in order to achieve emotional security. Often they seek to improve their status by marrying above their station in life, with the attitude that one might as well fall in love with someone wealthy. In dating and courtship, they are attracted to those who will take them to expensive restaurants and prestigious places of entertainment. Proud and reserved in their public behavior, they dislike overt public displays of emotion and affection, considering such conduct beneath them. Their dignified air can be based on their desire to feel superior to the common lot; sometimes this is resented by others as snobbishness.

Because of the Saturn rulership of Capricorn, people with this Venus position can repress their emotions and sexuality, as does Venus in Virgo; but they are capable of being very sensual in private. They attract sympathy through their quiet personal dignity and refinement. There is also a sense of aloneness about them, which generates a subtle mystique that appeals to others. The classic chiseled features of Greek beauty are typical of Venus in Capricorn.

People with this position of Venus, if they marry young, seek older, more mature partners. However, if they marry later in life, they choose younger mates whom they can stabilize and provide with security in return for affection. Though not openly demonstrative, they are loyal and steadfast to those they love, because they innately sense the personal responsibility in important relationships.

In art, these people have a strong sense of composition and structure; like Venus in Sagittarius, this position endows them with an attraction to classical music and other traditional art forms that have preserved their value through the test of time. Since they have business and managerial ability in matters related to art, they may become antique dealers, museum curators, and art gallery directors.

If Venus is afflicted in Capricorn, there can be emotional coldness and overconcern with property and material goods. Calculating and ulterior motives may supersede affections; marriage can be made for money and status, and love can go a-begging.



(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is in the domain of Saturn in this sign so there is an entirely different expression of the love nature and emotions from that in the sign of Sagittarius. Here will be the seriousness, caution and pride of Saturn. Intensifies ambition and a desire for prestige and status. Behind an outer assurance is a timidity in love and reserve in expressing feelings. There is a fear of giving too much of oneself, and a desire to shield the self from hurt. Disappointments in love during the youth, especially if Venus is afflicted, can be overcome by willingness to go the way of love and hold no bitterness or resentment toward the one who brought the suffering. Fear and selfishness must be overcome; and Venus in Capricorn has the strength and patience to do it.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although the worldly ambition associated with Capricorn does not easily blend with the Venusian need to relate and love, when the planet is placed in this sign it gives someone who will, once committed, want to remain faithful and constant. Because of the differing characteristics of the sign and principles of the planet, there can be inhibition in the full expression of feeling, so it is important that, while there may be no desire to gush forth with affirmations of love, the partner really knows how much he or she is loved. Sometimes, in order to make worldly progress, a partner will be chosen as a status symbol of some kind. However, true, constant love should be the aim, with the Capricorn ambition geared towards joint development of the partnership, materially and emotionally. Here is a faithful friend who likes to create an impression. Money is spent in a calculated way, often to show off; yet a careful streak will also be evident.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus placement links the deep intensity and passion of Scorpio with the cool calculation of Capricorn. Here are people who will get what they want, but may not consider a partner's feelings carefully or sympathetically. They are demanding friends who will encourage others in their ambitions. Ruthlessness in all areas of life must be countered. Business- and money-making abilities are excellent.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placement calms the passion of Sagittarius; and the love life is taken seriously. The subject is thoughtful and fairly constant (more so than other members of this Sun sign), but there can be conflict between the Sagittarian need for freedom of expression within a relationship and the Capricorn urge to do the right thing. Here is a friend who enjoys demanding challenges. Financial growth can occur through clever and calculated risk-taking.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, faithfulness and loyalty join with a reserved expression of feeling. The general characteristics of Venus in Capricorn detailed above will be very evident. Ambition for material progress must not be so great that the partner and children are neglected as a result.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the very independent Aquarian lifestyle will cause a reluctance to be committed to an emotional relationship. The romantic tendencies often present in this Sun sign may be suppressed. The impression given is cool and distant, but there are magnetic powers of attraction. Here is a good, faithful friend, but someone who will be difficult to know really well. The management of finances may or may not be good, so balance is needed.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the blending of Earth (Capricorn) and Water (Pisces) is excellent, since Venus will help steady the gush of Piscean emotion. If a practical approach to love can be achieved, there should be no conflict, but the coolness of Venus must be recognized as a positive factor, helping to channel and give an element of caution and common sense in this sphere of life. Here is a kind friend who will offer plenty of sensible suggestions when called upon to help. There will be some fiscal ability but, if Mercury is also in Pisces, professional financial advice is to be recommended.

(Grant Lewi)

You are wise beyond your years where emotions are concerned, accept naturally the dictates of society, and will rarely be found in a compromising position. Emotional response will genuinely be along the lines of conventions, sometimes even of the main chance; you won't marry beneath you. You could love more easily where moeny is involved. Since your emotions are geared to your defence and ambition responses, you will rarely find yourself struggling between love and duty, desire and ambition; they automatically work together. Your emotions are not so much controlled as they are natural adjuncts to practical wishes; you instinctively do the right thing, make the tactful response, refuse to be hurt, and easily refrain from doing things that hurt others. Emotional response is self-repressed and may even become selfish. If you have a lot of trouble with your emotions, it is from something else in your Vitasphere, and not from Venus in Capricorn.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, Venus tells of a native who is adaptable, moves with the times, is able to make adjustments, and strives to make his loved ones happy and secure. There are basic disappointments, but he thrives on them and accepts them as challenges - nevertheless, he does not go unscathed. Gain is indicated from foreign travel and legacies. He must be wary of those who 'talk a good game' but have little to offer. Otherwise, he becomes involved with individuals who use and insult him, and then complain because he appears cold or indifferent.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a dutiful, though potentially inhibited, lover. Love for you is something that has

to be tried to be true, and so you favour the conventional values of fidelity and duty, the passing of time through commitment, and probably the enduring institution of marriage, in order to establish a relationship or Other as reliable and worthwhile. When carried too far, however, such hide-bound relating can cause you to want some sort of release; but be careful this is not merely some fancy.

You attract with a serious and considered attitude which bespeaks dependability and substance; with commitment and involvement with matters besides Other, such as a profession or worthwhile goal; and with a resourcefulness and possible affluence that promises ease in the material world.

You repel with an inhibited and distrustful approach towards emotional matters; with a cold self-containment that betrays the fact that Other is just another responsibility in a life full of duties and commitments; and by putting money and status above feelings, especially those of and for Other.

You are attracted to a mature, responsible and utterly trustworthy Other; to an Other who has an elusive or mysterious quality that you cannot put your finger on - or control, for that matter; and to an Other who is a firm, recognizable member of your social or cultural group.

You are repelled by sloppy, irresolute types who are looking for someone to use as a step up life's ladder; by those too eager to fit in with your plans and opinions, for in truth you only trust and respect an Other who is his / her own person; and by situations where you feel ill-at-ease because there are too many 'unknowns'.

When you are alone, it is because you have not trusted anyone to come close enough to discover the real you. This is not to do with making yourself known as a personality with all your various strengths and weaknesses too, but more a case of revealing your very soul to Other, and trusting him / her with it in a real way. You can be very adept at presenting yourself in an apparently candid fashion, but this can be a bit like paying lipservice to emotional honesty. In other words, for all your apparently straight dealing, you always hold back the very part of yourself that is chaotic and lost, or at least is what you regard as such. This is the part that love and love only can heal, but it is love that you ultimately do not trust. You too often mistake the formalities and conditions placed upon love for love itself - so it is no wonder you do not trust it and find yourself alone.

(John Townley)

Your tastes in sexuality tend to be simple, even austere, for you feel that too many complications get in the way of and distract from the course of events. You do not require a great deal of physical attention, for you can glean plenty of substance from what seems little to others, and fine meaning where many would overlook it.

You may find satisfaction in a relationship in which one partner dominates the other or in which each person's realm of authority is very clearly delineated within an overall balance. At any rate, clarity is essential, for a muddled relationship will not allow you to fully enjoy your sexuality.

A partner who is quite a bit older or younger, probably older, best suits your sexual style. This is not so much for the sake of knowledge and experience but for the quality of distance mixed with intimacy that often characterizes such a relationship.

Although you want sure and certain affection from your lover, you prefer someone who is fairly discreet and treats your relationship not frivolously but with respect and decorum.

(Robert Hand)

You keep your feelings under control, and at times you may find it difficult to make friends. This is because you express your feelings more seriously than most people your age. For this reason, you may prefer being with older people or people who can teach you about how to get along in the world. You very much need to respect the people you like. However, make sure that your relationships are not based solely on what others can do for you, because sometimes people with this placement of Venus use friendship and love to get ahead in the world. If you use your friends in this way, you won't learn what love and friendship are really about.

You are not self-indulgent, and you can control your desires quite well, so you are not likely to waste money or other resources. You will plan very carefully how to be rather thrifty. Your eating and drinking habits will also be moderate; in fact, you are at your best doing everything in moderation. And you don't especially like people who go overboard, particularly in expressing their feelings.

(Donna van Toen)

This placing gets almost as much bad press as Venus in Virgo. Again, while slow to warm up, it's not devoid of passion; it just doesn't place sex quite so high on its list of priorities as do some of the other signs. You need a purpose in life; and the object of your affections must be able to fit himself / herself into this purpose. It's been said that Venus in Capricorn is inclined to marry for money or prestige. While this may have been true once upon a time, I've yet to see anyone with this placing who puts money or prestige at the top of his / her list of needs. But while you don't expect your mate / lover to necessarily improve your material or social standing, you won't allow him / her to interfere with it or cause it to deteriorate either. You need a mate who understands that an ivy-covered cottage teeming with kiddies just isn't enough for you, no matter how much love you get there. To feel worthy of love, you must feel you're doing something to deserve it. For you, that means proving yourself in the business world, or in your community, in some way, by earning the respect of those beyond your four walls. But it

also means you have a need to be sure of your mate / lover's respect and support. To work so hard only to have your partner undermine or belittle your efforts would be a crushing blow for you.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Capricorn, the cardinal Earth sign symbolised by a goat ascending a mountain, is, along with Scorpio, the workaholic of the zodiac. Just as the persevering, goal-orientated mountain goat climbs slowly but surely until it reaches the top, people with Venus in Capricorn leave no stone unturned in their never-ending exploration of their creativity and money-making potential. Because Saturn-ruled Capricorn represents discipline, structure and the foresight needed to bring budding ideas to fruition, Venus will add creativity and co-operation to whatever they attempt, be it in the corporate, governmental or artistic arena.

Since their self-esteem is intrinsically rooted in the successful fulfilment of their ambitions (to be president of a company or to buy a beautiful home), marriage is often postponed until they feel themselves well established. Conversely, they may choose emotionally supportive, financially comfortable or socially connected partners to help them to achieve their goals. Due to the single-minded sense of achievement that Venus in Capricorn people demand of themselves (and, as a result, of others), they usually do not rush headlong into a relationship. In fact, they devote so much time and energy to building a career that their partners must recognise that success is essential for their self-esteem and, therefore, their capacity for love.

Serious and dutiful, Venus in Capricorn individuals require professional and personal partners who will provide the support, devotion and security they need to continue climbing the ladder of success. Because Capricorn is such a conservative and prudent sign, men with this placement still exhibit many traditional attitudes towards women's roles both in the workplace and at home. By the same token, Venus in Capricorn women may be attracted to strong, successful and protective men.

If Venus in Capricorn is well aspected, these individuals are quite confident and place enormous value on friendships and relationships. While not always verbally expressive, they are none the less loyal and offer unconditional support to their loved ones - and expect the same in return. If Venus is poorly aspected, there may be an insecurity regarding their position or ability to fulfil ambitions, thereby placing a strain on their home life. Their expectations of complete loyalty from personal and professional partners coupled with their obsessive drive to succeed can make them resent any time not utilised in their behalf or in pursuit of common goals.

At times, students of astrology tend to forget that, like all Earth signs, sober, judicious

Capricorn is also sensual and, as a result, Venus in the sign of the mountain goat represents one of the most ardent positions of the zodiac. It obviously takes a long time for individuals with this placement to fall in love as they are preoccupied with their careers and / or do not approach any facet of their lives - especially love and commitment - lightly or superficially. When these perfectionists ultimately surrender to love, they will not settle for anything less than a long-term commitment - unlike, for instance, Venus in Aries people, who half expect their relationships to fail. In fact, Venus in Capricorn people have feelings that run so deep they can even lead to obsession and jealousy - in extreme cases. While their public displays of affection are minimal, their sexuality is, in fact, exceedingly intense; and their commitment to relationships is loyal and steadfast.

The intensity, devotion and pervading sexuality of Venus in Capricorn is typified by show business personalities.

Very often, Venus in Capricorn people who have truly obtained self-worth from their careers do have committed, long-term relationships founded on love and admiration for their partner, both personally and professionally.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual experiences the faithful quality of enduring love. His feelings are deep and lasting, his loyalties growing secure and richer with the passing years, with an outlook on life to conserve and preserve that which he solidly builds. Having a strongly practical love nature, he tends to be conservative and restrictive, experiencing great difficulties in expressing his feelings. Thus, rather than using up his storehouse of love, he puts limits on how much he will allow himself to feel. In essence, he holds back and withdraws hermit-like into himself as if to find a safe hiding place for his squirrel-like sensitivities which are always seeking future security.

This is an especially difficult placement for Venus, as the individual's love nature is often so burdened with worries, insecurities, and karmic self-doubts that it is few and far between moments when he actually feels his attunement with life. He tends to be overprotective, with a narrow-closed outlook which is unduly concerned with social acceptance. As a result, he has a tendency to be susceptible to marrying for convenience, money, social status, prestige or other motives less than love.

The Saturnian influence here tends to crystalize emotions, delay love, create attractions to an older or conventional partner, and inhibit the free flow of feeling which is the very essence of life's fulfillment. The individual's ability to love is often hidden behind a selfprotective wall. And, it is this very wall that must be overcome if he is to experience fulfillment in life.

The Yod to this Venus placement is formed by the signs Gemini and Leo; and it is from

these two signs that the individual learns his greatest lessons about love.

From the sign Gemini, he learns how to put activity and motion into his life. The inhibited feelings of the Capricorn Venus become loosened, and the person discovers his ability to express his love to others. The social qualities of Gemini teach him about adaptability. He learns to break the rigidity of his overly-structured love nature, lighten up his serious and often somber attitude towards life, and realize that he can have a youthful sense of presence which enables him to be as much attuned to his current feelings as he is to the conventional past patterns in which he tends to dwell.

The communicative inclinations of Gemini help teach this individual how to tell his feelings to another. He realizes that the cold sense of isolation that he assumes to be his prison is absolved by understanding how his innermost sensitivities are commonly shared with others. In this way, he establishes his link to humanity.

From the sign Leo, he learns how to come out of his shell, gathering the courage and boldness to break through his fears and inhibitions, and actually taste what life is like. Leo symbolizes generosity and an openly honest expansively warm nature. From this sign, the individual must realize that if he is to experience the fulfillment of love he is seeking, he must first overcome his 'miser-like' tendencies which on all levels enclose his life in the meager proportions of a fearful and limited imagination. He learns that the courage it takes to show his feelings and openly give his affections not only becomes the very essence of his ability to feel life, but also puts him in touch with the one force that overcomes karma.

The sextile from Gemini to Leo encourages the individual to participate in the active sunshine of life. Rather than forcing others to pry into his shell, expanding their efforts to understand his blocked-in feelings, or perhaps even testing their ability to earn his love, he begins to realize how the reciprocity of open exchange (Gemini) and the expansive generosity of a giving nature (Leo) bring him to experience the warmth and acceptance he is seeking.

Once the lessons of the Yod are learned, this individual begins to understand the true beauty of the Venus in Capricorn placement. He finds that by openly and honestly sharing his inner feelings, he receives not only the acceptance he so strongly needs, but also the encouragement to discover the niche in life through which most of his energies will filter. It is through this niche that he will devote his endearing loyalties towards a purpose with meaning; a dedicated mission of devotion towards a lifetime that will not only stand for something important in the society his love is helping to establish, but also have the enduring quality to outlast him.

His very special Gift of Love will come from his ability to communicate and expressively show the beauty of this sense of lasting value to others.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are serious but restrained.

Symbol: A beautiful woman buttons herself into an old-fashioned dress.

Although Venus is in many ways agreeably situated in Capricorn, people born with this configuration have some very contradictory impulses to resolve. Much depends on whether the higher or lower side of the combination prevails. If Saturn's chill hardens the heart and restricts the Venusian capacity for love, this position can betray the calculating ambition of one who marries for money and trades on sentiment for the sake of personal gain. A need to fortify the ego by surrounding it with possessions of demonstrable value crushes the tender emotions of Venus under the wheels of the Capricornian drive for power. Sexual inhibitions may grow out of fears instilled by strict social taboos, or there may be a rather mechanical approach to sex in which erotic techniques are substituted for the simple capacity to love.

When well aspected, Venus in Capricorn is loyal, trustworthy, and steadfast. Feelings may be more profoundly experienced as a result of being held in reserve and not wasted in casual demonstrations of affection. Sometimes a desire for security, combined with a fear of being rebuffed, delays marriage and tempers ardor with caution. One way or another, love is hedged round with practical considerations. The necessity for restraint, although frustrating in youth, pays unexpected dividends as the years pass. Saturn needs time to mellow before it can show itself at its best.

In women, this combination can bestow a becoming reticence which may be extremely appealing. When young, they often have a demureness associated with the old-fashioned virtues of modesty and chastity. In later years, they come into their own and frequently rise to positions of authority. Since Saturn represents the father, they may dedicate their lives to the male parent and bear the burden of his ideals. Often they marry an older man.

Men of this type tend to be self-abnegating; and their romantic impulses are subordinated to their professional duties. Such men wed for a variety of practical reasons, but, in reality, their first love is their work. Often their wives help them in their business, a practice which may benefit both marriage and career.

In the lives of immature people or of those driven mainly by physical appetites, this blending of influences can have a coarsening effect. Venus panders to the senses while Saturn hardens the ego, intensifying the materiality of an Earth planet in an Earth sign. For mature individuals, this same position can be remarkably productive. It gives a sense of order and proportion which contributes to the success of their endeavors in whatever field they make their own. If a thing is to be done at all, they will take the time and care to see that it is done right.



Venus in Capricorn translates personal affections into emotional discipline. True love must have time to grow. It endures patiently, suffers uncomplainingly, and remains faithful to the finish. Ultimately, this abiding devotion justifies all the vicissitudes of a life lived for others, and serves as an example of the highest moral precepts held forth by the teachers of the race.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern, the Venus in Capricorn people have learned to be very cautious and controlled in how they express themselves and relate to other people. This external pattern is a reflection of how they have learned to inwardly relate to themselves: the Venus in Capricorn people have very deep feelings and needs that take time to surface into their conscious awareness. Even when they do surface, these individuals require time to make sure, and feel secure, that what they are feeling, or needing, is correct. Even then, they can be very slow to relate, share, or communicate these feelings and / or needs to others because of a pre-existing fear of rejection and / or false judgement. This pre-existing fear has occurred because these individuals have experienced rejection and / or wrong judgement all too often early in their life, from one or both of their biological parents.

The nature of Capricorn, as an archetype, correlates to the phenomena of time and space, and how time and space are structured or organized. It correlates to the phenomena of finitude and mortality, and to the nature of how collectives of people organize themselves into structured groups or societies with consensus-formed, man-made laws, regulations, norms, taboos, and customs. This in turn creates social expectations of how people should integrate and conduct themselves within the group or society (the expectation to conform) which, in turn, becomes the basis of social judgements. And when the expectation to conform to what the consensus expects does not occur, this becomes the basis of guilt.

In addition, Capricorn correlates to the structure and nature of consciousness in human form, to the nature of structure in any form, and to the use of form. It also points to the need to change the nature of structural form when that form has become counterproductive to necessary change - that is, when it has served its use and become crystallized. In psychological terms, Capricorn correlates to the function of conscious reflection which allows for a simultaneous awareness of the overall state of our beingness and what we need to change, inwardly and outwardly, in order to grow. Because of Capricorn's correlation to time and space, finitude, and mortality, it also correlates to psychological / emotional maturation, aging, defining the focus of our life via goals and ambitions, and the self-determination that this requires. Negatively speaking, this can produce the psychology of futility, pessimism, fatalism, and self-defeat.

The Venus in Capricorn person has typically been born into family structures in which

the parental reality has been defined by the consensus of the society in which they live. Consequently, the parental reality has typically had a heavy undertone in which the child has been expected to conform to the parental value system. When the child deviated from these expectations to conform, he or she was made to feel guilty in covert or overt ways through the use of judgement. A related dynamic within the general pattern of expectation to conform to parental values is one wherein the parents have projected on the child a rigid code of conduct that the child is expected to adhere to even when the parents themselves do not. The cliché 'Do as I say, not as I do' applies here. This creates the very real perception in the child of hypocrisy and double standards. Within this, the very way in which the parents related to themselves has typically been very rigid, controlled, emotionally distant, and perfunctory. There is a lack of spontaneity, and a lack of any real demonstrations of affection or love between them. Quite the contrary: the parents are generally very controlled in their emotional interrelatedness with one another. The nature of their relationship is commonly defined by predictable routine and order which each parent expects the other to adhere to and maintain. There is also a mutual fear of being too vulnerable with one another; and their sexual life is either blocked or distorted in some way. All of this has served to 'imprint' the overall psychology and emotional reality of the Venus in Capricorn child.

As a result of this, the Venus in Capricorn individual learned as a child to deeply compress and protect his / her feelings. These children learned that their needs could not be acknowledged, supported, or nurtured by their parents. As a result, they learned to either conceal or suppress their needs. This process of learning to control their emotional demonstrations is a reflection of the survival instinct. It is based on the situation in which the parents expected the Venus in Capricorn child to act almost like miniature adults, to shoulder many duties and responsibilities - in short, to control or suppress the normal behavior of the child. This undermines and stifles the child's true nature and activities.

Because there has been no real emotional support or nurturing relative to their actual needs and desires, there is a deep wellspring of insecurity that is born out of this type of parental environment. Thus, the normal emotions and needs of the child have become buried deep into the subconscious of many individuals who have Venus in Capricorn. These emotions and needs become psychologically displaced, and surface later on in their adult life. This is important to understand, because whatever any of us suppresses, for whatever reasons, becomes distorted. Thus, the emotions and needs of these individuals have typically become distorted as adults because of the psychological displacement caused when they were children.

One of the displaced emotions that can surface in a distorted way concerns the nature of authority. Because of the typically authoritarian nature of the parental environment, the Venus in Capricorn people have had their own inner sense of authority fractured, suppressed, or crushed. In adulthood, this displaced emotion can manifest in a few different ways depending on the overall nature of the person in question, as seen in the

totality of his / her birth chart. For some, their underlying insecurity will manifest as a very timid, shy, reserved, and fearful way of relating to other people in general. In their intimate relationships, this type will typically attract controlling, dominating, willful, judgemental, hypocritical and authoritarian individuals who more or less expect the Venus in Capricorn people to be vicarious extensions of their own reality and to be dependent on them. This type of Venus in Capricorn person would have had almost no sense of being emotionally nurtured as a child. Thus, this additional displaced emotion now manifests as wanting to be taken care of by this type of partner: to be dependent in order to feel safe and secure.

For others, this will manifest in an almost opposite way. These types have so thoroughly imprinted the nature of the authoritarian parental environment that they become very intense, authoritarian types who perpetually need to assert and project their own sense of authority in order to feel secure. The underlying insecurity that haunts all Venus in Capricorn individuals becomes compensated for in this way. As a result, these types are instinctively fearful of losing their authority, and will do almost anything to sustain it. To them, the end justifies the means. They will typically feel afraid of anyone else who has legitimate authority, and will generally challenge, or in some way attempt to undermine, the authority of such people, in order to sustain their own. The means most commonly used are contrived and harsh negative judgements and pronouncements, and power plays in which they attempt to block or thwart the goals and ambitions of others. This type, even if they have no actual authority, will attempt to associate with others that do. Their sense of authority is thus created through vicarious association. In their general relatedness patterns with others, they will appear stoic and controlled, project an authoritarian stance, and attempt to control others through the use of judgement in one way or another. An example of this point could be the person who was the co-author of a book, who continuously reminded the other author that it was important to keep their names in the public eye in one way or another - the implied judgement being that if they did not, then no-one would give them any interest or attention. On an inner basis, this type is emotionally frozen and fearful of his / her vulnerability.

In their intimate relationships, these types attract one of two types of partners. One type will be just as oriented to outward success, appearances, and social ambition as they are. Their inner life will be just as emotionally frozen as well. They may relate well through the commonality of their external goals and ambitions; yet their inner emotional relatedness will be slim to none. The other type will be just the opposite: a very emotionally needy individual who is essentially looking for a de facto parent to whom to be in relationship. This type will be very dependent, and essentially attempt to live through the Venus in Capricorn's identity and reality. They will have no real life of their own, and subconsciously feel safe in being dominated and controlled. When this type of Venus in Capricorn attracts that type of partner, it is really a reflection of his / her own subconscious desire to lose control, to be cared for, and to be nurtured more or less like a baby. Of course, they would never admit to this even though it is true. This subconscious desire reflects yet another form of the displaced emotions of childhood

that were conditioned by living in the antithesis of a warm, caring, and supportive emotional environment.

Within all Venus in Capricorn individuals lies a very deep and reflective consciousness. To others, this can create the appearance of a withdrawn, quiet, reserved, conservative, and serious person. One of the potential causes for this reflective, inward-looking focus is the fact that many Venus in Capricorn people are born with an unresolved grief, or a grief that has been created in their early life which is also unresolved in adulthood. As a result of this, the Venus in Capricorn people can seem as if they are in a perpetual or cyclic state of mourning. Their hearts seem to be burdened and sad. There can be many causes of this condition. The typical causes are childhoods in which there was not real love, caring, or nurturing; adult relationships that were devoid of any real emotional interaction, love, or support; the witnessing and experiencing of political or religious upheavals in which many people were hurt or destroyed; and / or political or environmental conditions in which great plagues, famine, or physical destitution occurred. Another typical cause can be a situation where the Venus in Capricorn person was, or is, in a relationship lacking in any real inner relatedness with the partner and which, in turn, created an attraction to another who could or would give them what they needed. Yet, because the Venus in Capricorn people are inherently oriented to honoring their commitments based on their sense of obligation, duty, and being responsible, the attraction to another has been typically suppressed and not acted on. Thus, this creates a deep inner suffering leading to a state of grief or mourning. The results of whatever the causes have been have produced a more or less traumatized heart, and an emotional structure that lies deeply buried within these individuals. In the Anton Chekhov play 'The Seagull', there was a character that was always dressed in black. A person asked her why she always dressed this way. Her answer was 'because I am in mourning for my life!' This character symbolizes the heavy heart of Venus in Capricorn people until they are unblocked.

This is a rather sad state of affairs because, in reality, the Venus in Capricorn individual is a highly emotional person. Deep within themselves they are intrinsically warm, caring, nurturing, and sensual. Yet because they have learned to protect themselves due to the fear of being vulnerable and wrongly judged, and because their emotional body is essentially traumatized due to the above causes, it requires a very special kind of person to help them unlock their emotional nature. This kind of person must be very patient and gentle in encouraging the Venus in Capricorn people to access their feelings and needs. He / she must be the type of person who can help them understand the basis of what constitutes their own inner judgemental patterns, and to help them be free of those patterns. Within this, this type of person must have a deep understanding of the nature of societal and parental imprinting, and how it has caused the Venus in Capricorn people to conceal and suppress their natural emotional needs. He / she must be able to teach these individuals that it is necessary for them to learn how to relate, express, and communicate themselves freely and openly - to ask for what they need. This is essential, because all too often the Venus in Capricorn people silently expect that their partner

should just know what they need without asking. In this way they recycle their sense of disappointment linked with childhood - the inner child's disappointment in its parents' unwillingness to give to it what it needed.

All of this must be done through positive reinforcement and non-judgement. Over time, this approach will help the Venus in Capricorn people hear differently. Instead of hearing and being over-sensitive to judgemental, critical, and authoritarian words which reflect the nature of their childhood imprinting, they will now hear words of acceptance, empowerment, and encouragement. They will hear that they are good and loving people who do not need to feel guilty for who they are. They will accept encouragement to define their own unique values, and to structure their life accordingly. They will begin to examine the nature of their conditioning patterns, and, in so doing, to be as free from those patterns as possible. Above all, the Venus in Capricorn people need another who will hold and touch them so that the early lack of nurturing in their early environment can be healed in adulthood. In fact, the key to unlocking the Venus in Capricorn people occurs through touch. Once they feel a sense of safety in this way, the Venus in Capricorn people will naturally begin to open up in a very slow and methodical way.

## Venus ♀ in 10th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Commencing the tenth house, the Midheaven is the horoscope's most elevated point, and aptly describes the highest professional achievements for which we consciously strive. While the ascendant, which defines our immediate impression upon our environment, is, like breathing, automatic and unconscious, the Midheaven and, ultimately, the tenth house describes how we wish to be perceived and whether that image has been successfully achieved. Because the tenth house has always represented the conscious choices we make and the position in life to which we aspire, it is defined as the sphere of professional achievements, recognition, public service and fame.

Just as the fourth house has traditionally been the house of the mother or the provider of emotional nourishment, the tenth house represents the father or the goal-setter and authority figure. Due to the interchangeability of parental role models, the two houses can be viewed as the parental axis, the fourth house signifying the more nurturing parent and the tenth house typifying the professional role model and the attributes he or she inspires. With Venus in the tenth house, the most admired parent has instilled - by example or instruction - the importance of diplomacy, salesmanship and popularity in attaining one's goals. On the negative side, people with Venus in this house have

learned to associate success with a beautiful, friendly and good-tempered personality at such an early age that their public image often becomes confused with their private feelings. With so many children presently raised in single-parent households, it is not necessarily the father who is the career-orientated parent; and, as a result, the tenth house also represents how we are viewed publicly, while the fourth house denotes what we are really like in the sanctity of our own home. If the tenth house, its ruler and / or occupying planet are harmonious, this image is, for the most part, successfully conveyed. If they are afflicted, there will indeed be a conflict between the private and public image. There may also be too much dependence on the approval of others; or ambitions may be lived out through a successful partner - which ultimately leads to a sense of frustration.

In light of this, individuals with Venus in the tenth house wish to be recognised for their boundless creativity, compassion, determination, and, most obviously, their beauty. While this placement commonly appears in the charts of actors, models and other luminaries whose charismatic charm, beauty and / or artistry have been carefully nurtured and thrust upon the public, the idolatry that they generate also satisfies their need for acknowledgement. While it is certainly not easy to second-guess the public or methodically to cultivate an attractive and infectious image, it is this unique ability to connect with the masses that makes these individuals excellent actors and politicians. While their 'people skills', social concern and facility to mediate tense situations make them well-suited for careers in public office, it is their ability to project a likable image that attracts voters and gets them elected. Other professions which employ the aesthetics, diplomacy and prosperity of Venus include singing, architecture, interior design, banking and law.

Not merely satisfied with excelling artistically, those with this placement demand that the fruits of their labour be respected, acknowledged professionally and rewarded financially. Due to their practicality, sobriety and vast ambition (tenth house), people with Venus in the tenth house take their relationships quite seriously and are unlikely to indulge in a frivolous sexual union or even to contemplate a relationship unless there are indications of permanence. Fiercely loyal and devoted mates, they are usually attracted to accomplished, prosperous partners who may not strike a passionate chord but who can be counted on to support their quest for artistic and / or financial success. If their approach to life includes the desire to have children, this will usually be impeded until economic stability is assured; and, if they do opt to steer their lives in that direction, parenthood is undertaken with the same commitment and seriousness as any other project or relationship.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

These are people who want to be noted for their beauty, style, charm and grace. The tenth house is their public image, and this means they will want to look their best and may feel 'on show' as far as their looks are concerned. They may be very

fashionconscious, or possess a very attractive style. They have a good sense of how to present themselves to their advantage. They will be very aware of the social niceties, never putting a foot wrong or making a social gaffe.

They will be drawn to others who have a combination of style and status, beauty, dignity and bearing. They will want someone who does them credit and enhances their status in some way. This could be based on their partner's looks, fashion-consciousness, creative achievements, or connections in 'arty' or literary circles. They are looking for a person who is popular and attractive to a lot of people.

They may meet a partner associated with their career. They may want a relationship that involves working together, perhaps a shared business venture. They might want a partner with whom they share an ambition. What will be important here is the feeling of identification with and support for each other's goals.

Love and ambition become intertwined for people with Venus in the tenth. They could channel their own ambitions through a partner. Their partner's success would then offer them a kind of reflected glory. Or, their ambition could be to have a particular type of partner. They can be social climbers. Yet again, their main ambition in life may be to achieve a conventionally happy relationship, and this may be the yardstick against which they judge their success. They want to be known to the world as part of a couple. A rather gross example of this is seen in the cars with 'Kevin and Sharon' emblazoned over their windscreens. More positively, people with Venus in the tenth could make their goal in life a relationship with the person they love.

People with this placement may work in a creative field and be drawn to others who share this interest. They may be involved in the entertainment industry and want to share a rather glamorous and high-profile existence with a partner. They may enjoy being one half of a 'beautiful couple' and having others admire them.

This could describe someone who has an empty, show relationship with no real substance behind the image. It can easily be a placement where love is expedient, for a variety of reasons. This could describe someone who knows he or she is homosexual or lesbian but marries in order to appear normal and fit into society. Or it could describe someone who marries the boss's son or daughter - someone who makes a relationship that gives her or him considerable advantages.

For those occupying a public position, this placement can describe a love relationship with the public, where the adulation they receive may be more important to them than a personal relationship. One also sometimes finds celebrities in ostentatious relationships that are more about media hype and image than about genuine love and affection. On a more everyday level, this might be someone who was overly concerned with what the neighbours thought. Alternatively, this placement could signify a popular local figure.

These are likely to be people who believe the world is a happy place, and who expect things to be easy and comfortable for them. They may well as a result draw very favourable conditions to themselves; but in so far as they do not, they could mind a lot and be very unhappy.

This can be a placement where the mother has been pretentious. The tenth house will describe the mother's ambitions for her child, often unconscious ones, that a child will take on. For a woman, there might have been pressure to be elegant and graceful as a child. For example, she might have been forced to take piano lessons and ballet classes and, if from the middle or upper classes, sent to finishing school. She may have been brought up to be ladylike and expected to marry well. A man may have been brought up to be chivalrous, charming and exceptionally polite. This can be a man who has been made to have manners. The mother is often very aware of how a combination of these attributes in her offspring, together with good social connections, can help them get on in life. At worst, someone with Venus in the tenth grows up to value all that is superficial and empty at the expense of deeper and more genuine relating. While this might be a mother who values social polish highly, she may equally have been fostering her child's creative and artistic talents too. Whatever the actual background of people with Venus in the tenth, their relating patterns will be particularly heavily influenced by their mother.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual's love nature is focused on his career, the acceptance he can achieve with his peers and his community, and his ability to express through matter and form the lasting beauty from which society establishes its permanence. He feels a keen sensitivity to the beauty of tradition, the classic hallmarks of standards which last through the ages, and the harmony of mature wisdom. Thus, he seeks to feel the stature of man in his glory, who through the beauty of upright character and refined dignity is fit to be the master of his destiny, the protective head of his household and the ruler who exemplifies through his love for society the enduring quality of human goodness.

Yet, with all of his efforts, he can experience great difficulty in actually feeling love until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are completed.

His need for personal appreciation while preserving his sense of dignity can make him reluctant to show his feelings. Thus, he creates walls between himself and others, which inhibits the flow of his spontaneity. As a result, his feelings can become rigid, patterned and overstructured by admiring a prestigious lifestyle which makes pretentious demands upon the naturalness of his feelings.

Some with this placement can form lasting relationships and partnerships or even marry, not for love, but for the feel of status, the accumulation of wealth, or the formation of what seems to be an otherwise practical or convenient union. If the individual does this,



he tends to lose his human quality and instead fills his life with untouchable treasures and unreachable worth, hidden by his inability to recognize his real feelings and tap his own resources. Thus, although the individual can have a strong sense of quality, his preoccupation with what he defines as established comfort, or with the level in life's station that he seeks, can make it extremely difficult for him to experience the beauty of his sincere feelings.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual experiences a new outlook on life. He begins to cast off his false sense of established dignity, lowering the drawbridge of the fortress which gets in the way of his feelings, and instead recognizes his ability to experience real meaning.

From this, he learns that the only true authority an individual can have comes not from a need to feel comfortably above others, or even from trying to control their feelings, but rather from the very gentle loving care and moral wisdom which every great Sage and Master knew as the secret of true protective 'fatherly love'.

Thus, he learns how to honor the love of his father, father-like figures, mentors, teachers, and the Holy Father who is at every moment filling him with the love to realize the permanent beauty of his honest achievements. And, it is from this ability that he learns how to be a builder of society, functioning within the safe and secure guidelines of expressing man's higher values.

His life stands as a praiseworthy example of the realized man who puts love into all he does. He begins to devote himself to the establishment of principles, structures, projects or masterpieces, whose enduring truthful beauty is so powerful that they will far outlast him. Thus, he becomes dedicated to seeking the harmony that will withstand the test of time.

His very special Gift of Love unfolds through his feeling for sincere commitments, fair rules and the propriety and stability of lasting ethics which become the very foundation of society's ability to master and preserve its enduring goodness.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we understand the 10th house to be how we wish to appear to others, then Venus here is not likely to go out of the house looking too dishevelled (or without her trusty girdle on). Those with this placement want to be seen for their beauty, taste, grace or style. Professions are sought which afford them the opportunity to look beautiful or exhibit these traits: the artistic field, the fashion world, etc.. Regardless of the chosen career, Venus in the 10th people need and desire a harmonious working situation doing a job they value with people they like. Aspects to Venus may show other parts of the character which render fulfilling this aim more difficult.

Venus in the 10th suggests a warm, close tie with the mother, although certain difficulties may present themselves. If Venus is projected onto the mother, then she is experienced as the one with a monopoly on sexual power, taste and style. The little girl with this placement may feel inept or awkward next to such a mother, or turn her into a rival with whom she competes for attention. The boy-child may be as receptive to the mother's sexuality as he is to her maternal qualities. Mother then carries the image of the beloved, and other women will have to compete with her.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Venus in the 9th or 10th house

Here we see the power of love versus the love of power. Venus at the top of the chart gives good looks and, frequently, real beauty, but in any case there is always the ability to command attention.

Many monarchs, politicians, and statesmen have Venus near the Midheaven. It is a particularly good position for those interested in a career in the arts, though it is good for any career as it attracts favorable attention. If they become public figures, the public is inclined to love them and to forgive all faults. The public will be very interested in their love lives because they will always appear to be surrounded by romantic intrigue. The public is inclined to make them into icons or institutions in later life, and enshrine them after death as symbols of something. This will be true to a lesser extent even for those who never reach beyond smaller circles, since they will still be known by name by more people than they know personally, and their lives and loves will be discussed and wondered at by the community at large.

They are excellent salesmen; but their most important product is themselves. They are usually extremely adventurous and love travel and motion, finding it very hard to stay put for any length of time. If career or family demands keep them in one place, they will take vacations to distant places.

They are fascinated by faraway places and far-out ideas, yet usually remain attracted to conservative values and to the friends and scenes of their youth. They may suffer stress from being torn between new ideas and their promoters and the old tried and true, never really able to give up the latter. For some reason, Venus at the Midheaven gives tremendous physical stamina and courage, and the urge to conquer the heights, literally - manifested in a love of mountains and the grandeur of nature.

With Venus in the ninth on the cusp of the tenth, they tend to back causes; in the tenth, their big cause is themselves. In the ninth, this is an achiever who never stops trying, with a love of philosophy and travel; in the tenth, there is tremendous personal authority. Many generals have Venus in the tenth. In either house, they are great intriguers, diplomats, and manipulators.

They are inclined to be narcissistic, more interested in themselves and their own ideas and needs than in those of others; but they are so attractive that no-one minds. They are inclined to go their own way; and others can follow if they choose, which they usually do. They are extremely adept at getting their own way.

If there are bad aspects to Venus, there may be a weight problem, emotional in origin. A fear of sex could be the root cause of this, particularly with women, who may overeat to fill a hunger for love. They may also turn gray early in life. They may experience difficulties having children; love affairs or children may be destructive or tormenting. With bad aspects to Venus at the Midheaven, there is always danger of a sex scandal at some time in the life.

They are inclined toward luxury; and they love to surround themselves with objects of beauty, both animate and inanimate. They have a great appetite for grandeur, and will go to it (the mountains) or build it around themselves (Versailles).

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Responsibility is a source of true enjoyment. The pitfall is that you so enjoy both the rigors and the rewards of collective responsibility that too much of your urge for pleasure is focused into work. Do not become a workaholic. On the other hand, guard against the tendency to expect your work to be more pleasant than the work required of others. If there is to be elite status, especially at the spiritual level, you must earn it with a display of grace under pressure. The challenge is to foster the art of love and enjoyment, to show that growing up and taking part in the collective life around us can be, and indeed should be, a beautiful experience. Professional ambition: Your most prized possession is your social image; and you love nothing better than polishing it. You're happiest when you're working, or in the public sector, dealing with the world at large. You know how to present yourself, how to show your best side to the camera. One might presume that linking Venus to the 10th house might correspond to a lack of ambition, but this is not usually the case. There is, however, greater flow in ambition; more pleasure than effort. You work better in tandem than alone; and your business partnerships often have a basis in affection. You're drawn to careers involving art, beauty, aesthetics, or luxury. You can be your own product, an actor or model, or you could market products designed for entertainment or leisure. Whatever profession you choose, it should bring you pleasure in doing it, or you should try something else. At the most symbolic level, your career is love, and you need to love your career.

Missions and messages: It is your female qualities that stand out in our eyes. Through your living, we remember the importance of active receptivity and the power of personal magnetism. You have a radiance that puts us in touch with our sensitivity to beauty, the flow of graceful living. More than anything else, we learn about personal love from the example of your own life. You may or may not be fulfilled in love; you may or may not be

beautiful; but either way, we are sparked to consider these qualities through your efforts at expressing them.

'Outer-link' parent: Placement of a feminine symbol in this traditionally masculine area can indicate that the father's impact was suspended, or his power superseded by the mother, although that possibility is greater with the Moon or Neptune here than with Venus. But strong or weak, present or absent, your affection for your father is enduring. You learned to link love and work through him. His appreciation of the world was a source of inspiration for you, and you adopted that orientation for yourself. There was a reliance on keeping up appearances, putting on a face to show the world. Even if there was conflict, you imprinted on that same sense of hospitality the ambition to be a good host or hostess.

Authority: Your regard for authority is based not as much on pure respect for structure as it is on love of prestige and those who have it. Even if you're chafing at the bit of oppression, something in you still loves the contact with power. Your own authority is based on affection rather than power; on harmony rather than impact. You do not command, but instead draw people's attention magnetically. A sense of social tact and gentle order are keystones of your leadership. You understand better than most people the principle that you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar; and it's appropriate that you cultivate these talents into a high art form.

(Robert Pelletier)

You learn how to use your good qualities to achieve the best results. Not wanting to incur anyone's displeasure, you make any necessary concessions to gain the public's attention and still satisfy your ambitions. When a dispute threatens, you generally maintain harmony by giving the other person the benefit of the doubt. Although you may be unhappy with conditions on the job, you adapt to them without complaining so that no one suspects you are displeased. You love to have the comforts that money can buy, which is why you want to be successful in your career. You won't resort to underhanded methods to get what you want out of life, knowing how easy it would be to lose everything you have gained. You take pride in your ethical behavior. When you know that others are taking liberties with the law, you are upset, for you know you are powerless to do anything about it.

People enjoy being around you because you know how to make them feel comfortable. You don't make demands; and they can express their opinions freely with you. Not that you don't have opinions of your own, but you feel that you can achieve your ultimate purposes best by cultivating as many friendly relationships as possible. You look ahead to the day when you will no longer have to be occupied with your career and you can turn your attention to pleasurable avocational pursuits.

You don't find domestic life particularly appealing, although you may be a good parent

just the same. You can usually find a way to fulfill the demands of family life while devoting most of your energy to your career. You need to prove that you can be successful in your career, even though it is not what your parents would have chosen for you. It is easy for you to put your best foot forward with finesse. You understand that if you are reticent, someone else will get the promotion.

You find it difficult to decide whether your love relationships or your career should have priority. Each of these areas seems to constantly intrude on the other. You may be concerned about your ability to satisfy your family's needs and give them every advantage and opportunity to become successful. You similarly use every chance you get to demonstrate your abilities and further exploit your creative potentials. But you don't mind waiting for the appropriate moment to set forth your ideas in planning for your future. You know how to keep your opinions to yourself when it will enhance your position before the world and in your career.

The most negative thing you can do is to doubt your ability to do what you want with your future or believe that you are any less qualified than others. If you develop a feeling of responsibility for those who are influenced by you and realize how much they depend on you, you will be increasingly aware that you are needed. You know how to capitalize on your training to get attention from people in important positions. Your superiors have confidence in you, and are impressed with your growth potential.

## Mars in Taurus 3° 32'

(Donna Van Toen)

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

You're much slower to act and much more patient than someone with Mars in Aries. Anger can be a problem for you. You tend to hold it in for too long, so when you do blow up it's often over something trivial, and your anger is totally out of proportion to the circumstances. You're quite conservative in your actions and ambitions otherwise. In the health area, there's some danger of throat problems, particularly if Mars is under stress or in the 6th house.

You have a powerful sex drive, and can be quite sensuous and earthy. Men with this placement have a tendency to want their women to feel obligated to them; they therefore aim to please, and also often aim to procreate. Women with this placement tend to deal easily with the requirements of marriage and family life, including sex. They do, however,

take a while to 'warm up', and don't like to be rushed into lovemaking.

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

#### Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by judging or ignoring their values in order to confirm your own sense of self-worth. This mental competitiveness may bring about defeat by cutting off others on a material or sensual level. You can lose the energy needed to establish your worth if you refuse to allow the experience of others to be incorporated into a rigid Taurean value system.

#### Dynamic

You can constructively interact with others by allowing them to contribute their ideas and values in a way that is supportive in manifesting material results. When you commit

yourself to participating actively in the world, a solid foundation for material security can be established. Your values can be transformed and translated into greater material and sensual results by viewing others as your resources.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Men with this position pride themselves on their sexual prowess. Your measure of a man is how many times he can make love in a night. Earning lots of money and owning expensive and shoy things also makes you feel good about yourself as a man.

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



(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

At its best, this placing adds determination, firmness and the ability to work very hard and tenaciously at both career and spare-time interests. Sometimes these qualities can develop into stubbornness; and Mars will definitely increase it if this trait is indicated elsewhere. In a chart dominated by Earth signs, the more adventurous side of Mars is slowed down, so it is important to look out for any tendency to get stuck in a rut.

Overadherence to routine (even with a lively planet such as this) and a Taurean need for emotional and financial security will both be evident. A great deal of energy will be spent in making and spending money.

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

You take a while to warm up to lovemaking; but once in gear, you sustain a steady and unfaltering pace that allows plenty of time for full sexual expression. You should give careful consideration to your lover's rhythms and timing so that you do not either wear

out or exasperate your partner. At times, even though you are still enjoying yourself, you should move on to something different, just to provide sufficient variety for your partner's swifter tastes. If you find a lover who can lingeringly savor each development, as you do, you will be in luck.

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

Whenever you work on something creative, you may be rather slow, but your taste and concern with craftsmanship are better than average. Even if you cannot do beautiful work yourself, you will respect others' work.

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Energy is utilised in practical, persevering ways.

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

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

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

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

Any Mars-Venus combination is liable to produce a strongly sexed individual. In this case, where the erotic energy of Mars is grounded in the earthy nature of Venusruled Taurus, the instinctive drive of the planet can be subverted into overbearing arrogance, unreasoning jealousy, and fierce possessiveness. The effect of Mars in Taurus can be like an underground explosion which, by churning up the emotions, destroys the hope of attaining the most coveted rewards by undermining the stable foundation upon which all accomplishment must rest. The compulsion to obtain and retain material things often betrays a power complex. Such a person may be extremely generous, but only as long as the reins of authority are in his hands and he is undisputed lord over that which he considers to be his own.

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

(Jeff Green)

Mars in Taurus reflects a desire that seeks to become self-sustaining and self-reliant. This placement will correlate to a Soul that desires to discover, actualise, and establish its own value system and the meaning of a life reflected in those values. As a result, there is an instinctual resistance to accepting or adopting the value systems of anyone else, including the value system of the existing society that the Soul is born into. Mars in Taurus correlates to a deeply internalised focus that generates a defiant stance of separateness and independence from the overall circumstantial conditions of society. Remaining instinctively separate from those conditions allows the Mars in Taurus person to become aware of the types of desires they need to act upon that will allow for an actualisation of the values that most perfectly reflect the meaning of the current life. Great rewards will come through sustained efforts focused on the goals and objectives that will lead the Soul forward in its evolutionary requirements. The house that Mars in Taurus is in, the house that the sign Taurus is on, the aspects that Mars makes to other planets, and the houses that those planets are in will correlate to the specific focus in

subjective consciousness in which the Soul actualises the individual sense of meaning for its life, and the value system that reflects that meaning. Self-reliance will be learned through these dynamics.

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

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

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

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

other people's values, beliefs, ways of being, etc. are just as important and valid as their own.

## Mars in 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 ♊ Gemini 9° 49'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

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

### **Dynamic**

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

(Marilyn Waram)

This is an extremely restless combination, doubly intellectual. Gemini has a light touch, and this can be evident in the manifestation of this placement. This individual could be extremely bright, able to pick up complex philosophical concepts rapidly. He may learn

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

A person with Jupiter in Gemini may know a great deal of information and be an encyclopaedia of information, useless as well as helpful. He usually values the intellectual approach rather than the emotional. He does not, unless other chart placements show it, have much patience with or understanding of deep feelings, especially if those are connected to values and beliefs. This individual may be quite detached from his ideas and opinions. Unlike someone with Jupiter in Aries, who can feel personally insulted and threatened when his cherished ideas are challenged, the person with Jupiter in Gemini treats that information as new data. It has nothing to do with him as an individual. Consequently, he is very open to new ideas and perspectives. He may not go into them very deeply, however, before his attention is caught by something else and he will go off to explore that.

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

The ability to learn, speed of thought, multiplicity of interests, and ability to communicate could all be highly valued, as might commerce and travel. This individual is often pleased to simply acquire information; the more the better. He often displays a particular talent for linguistics, language and foreign languages, though his own manner of speaking is frequently peppered with slang. He might have considerable talent, for example, as a simultaneous translator. He could overinflate the importance of the

intellect and expect his mind to provide him with ultimate fulfillment. Or he might project and see a sibling or close neighbor as the extremely intelligent one, the one who knows something about everything, the one who speaks easily and fluently.

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

You also learn and grow by exchanging ideas with others: talking, writing letters, attending classes and lectures, and through all other forms of communication. Because

you also want to share what you know with other people, you may become a writer, teacher or lecturer so that you can help them to expand their knowledge, too. A lifelong student, you are always studying something new; as a result, you probably know a little bit about almost everything. However, because you are interested in so many areas and lack focus and mental discipline, you tend to be a dabbler, never acquiring more than a superficial understanding of anything.

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

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

Your pleasures in life are usually of an intellectual sort. Reading is particularly enjoyable to you, and you prefer curling up with a good book to going out on the town. You're not a misanthrope, however - far from it. Talking with friends - in person or on the telephone - is one of your favorite pastimes. Once you get going, it's hard to shut you up. You also love to play games that exercise your mind or add to your storehouse of information: card games, crossword puzzles, chess, Trivial Pursuit etc.. Though you might not be very active physically, your mind is never idle.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

Jupiter in Gemini can give broad intellectual comprehension spanning a number of



fields. Natives tend toward mental restlessness; and constant dabbling in many areas of study and interest. If carried too far, this activity can produce an intellectual dilettante.

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

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

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

There is ability in teaching, writing, and lecturing with Jupiter placed in Gemini. Travelling lecturers often have Jupiter in this sign. Natives can also earn money and expand their business interests through publishing, travel, personal services, importing, communications industries, and mail-order businesses.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

(Stephen Arroyo)

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

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

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

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

Mayo wrote of this position: 'Highly intelligent, varied talents, broad-minded; or crafty,

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

pledge to place little value on gossip and rumour.

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

which partners will deal with sex directly and which need a more delicate touch.

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

## Jupiter ♃ in 3rd House

(Howard Sasportas)

In the 3rd house, Jupiter has a great deal to say. At best, the energy and inspiration

which give rise to thoughts or words can be communicated and channelled to others, who are then 'fired', enlivened and expanded by what those with Jupiter in this house have shared or made accessible. At worst, they waffle on endlessly, more concerned with the quantity of what they have to say than the quality, pausing now and then to savour the rare genius of their insights.

Jupiter in the 3rd also expands the mind. While this may yield an over-abundance of thoughts on any one topic or a mind which is literally all over the place, it also gives an awareness broad enough to fit any one particular thing happening around these people into a larger framework or perspective. While focusing on something specific, they do not lose sight of what is going on in the background and all around it. Some may hurry through a book thinking that the sooner they are done with it the more quickly they can read the next; while others may find that just one sentence is enough to transport them on a journey to other worlds - and hence they never finish the book at all. Similarly, there can be a tendency to 'read too much' into another person's passing comment or glance; and they end up making a Mount Olympus out of a molehill.

One of Jupiter's main concerns is finding greater fulfilment. In the 3rd, knowledge can be worshipped as a god who offers them increased joy and mastery over life, inclining those with this placement to exhibit an almost insatiable need to learn things. Sometimes this position is referred to as that of 'the perpetual student'. For them, life is a huge jigsaw puzzle, and the more pieces they can find to fit together the better. Each time two parts click into place, a kind of mental orgasm is experienced. Some may think that they have to travel the world sixteen times over to achieve the ultimate release, while others learn sooner or later that there is more than enough just happening between the front door and the nearest travel agency.

Since those with Jupiter in the 3rd are expanded by whatever is around them, this placement normally indicates a good relationship with brothers, sisters, neighbours, etc.. Sometimes there is a large number of siblings. However, difficult aspects to Jupiter can manifest in fierce sibling rivalry or the hero-worship of an older brother or sister, and later disappointments if too much has been expected of them. People who have travelled or changed residences many times during childhood and adolescence often have this placement of Jupiter as well. Usually, early schooling is not found too threatening, but welcomed as an opportunity to broaden the horizons beyond what the family has to offer. Writing, teaching, lecturing, study, travel and knowledge of languages should all be encouraged.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are well-informed on many subjects, but you sometimes neglect to follow through on a project to derive the most benefit from your knowledge. You are easily distracted by any new interest, so you must learn to focus your attention. You are an eager conversationalist, but you lack the organizing ability to make this talent serve a useful

purpose. You are the eternal student, perhaps because you are still searching for a career that will make enough demands on your intellectual ability. You could do a satisfactory job in many fields, including education, law, politics, medicine or the social sciences. You always meet the requirements of any task, because you are totally enthusiastic while that problem occupies your attention. Your compassion and understanding will be appreciated by your mate. You find it gratifying to know that your mate shares your desire for growth and development.

Because you suffer from mental growing pains, you need to be free to expand as you want. You know that without this freedom, you would be unable to ventilate your mind and keep it active. You have great hopes that your children will respond to the advantages you have given them and will rise to their fullest potentials. In choosing a partner, you look ahead to see if that person will be able to fit your plans and grow with you.

You admire people who have distinguished themselves through their achievements, and you hope to emulate them. You may not choose a professional career, but you will conduct yourself professionally in your work. You know the limits of your training and education, but you also know that you can make a place for yourself in the world and win recognition as well. You learn from those who fail as well as from those who succeed; and because you are never satisfied with your level of accomplishment, you continue to pursue greater conquests. With some inspiration and imagination, you can be the best in your field. But don't take on tasks that strain your ability, because of course you have limits. Having your feet on the ground will help you keep your goals within sight.

The best investment you can make in your own future is being willing to use your talents to help people solve their problems. People usually trust implicitly in your ability to understand them and guide them in the best direction. You should set aside periods for pleasant rest and relaxation to help you unwind from the hazards encountered in your struggle to achieve the status you want. You've set your course, but you can always alter it. You have strong physical desires, but they are easily chilled by coarseness and vulgarity.

Stay clear of people who try to divert you from your objectives by preying on your feelings. Your greatest obligation is to fulfill your own potentials. You are vulnerable to such diversions because of the conditioning of your early years, when your efforts were curtailed by your parents. It's not that your loyalties are divided, but that you must learn how they can coexist. You owe it to yourself and to those you serve to make your rich creative talents available to the world. It will be easier to convert your talents into cash if you learn how to consolidate your resources.

**Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus 4° 59'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might try to accumulate money or possessions for the purpose of standing out as a separate identity and justifying your worth to others. This motive results in poverty consciousness and a feeling of being victimized by the material world in relation to your personal security and self-esteem. The upshot is feeling continually thwarted from accumulating the money, comfort, and status you seek. If you struggle to avoid pursuing practical Taurean ambitions, frustration with material status might ensue.

### Dynamic

You possess the social skills to manifest material abundance, comfort, and security in the world. You can recognize yourself as creating the limitations stemming from your values, which brings about circumstances that render you unable to regenerate your financial situation. Then your self-worth can be expanded to include new methods for making money.

Once you are willing to use your abilities to build tangible resources, you can experience the worldly abundance and sensual satisfaction that you seek.

### General

You must build a foundation that will give strength, stability and support to your identity. Material resources can be scanty until you gain a clear sense of what is really important; what has meaning and value in your life; what principles, when manifested, will give you an internal sense of stability, comfort and self-worth. Then material resources know no limitation, and you can become wealthy through your own efforts.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Taurus forms a natural trine, so individuals with this combination may be very successful in handling the material world. When driven by a small to moderate fear of the world's power or insecurity about their own power, they may make money and also hold on to it. Or they may collect possessions. Often the career may involve beauty in some way, whether they create it or sell the creations of others. Material security, pleasure, and comfort are usually important. Major conflict aspects to Saturn would suggest that there are lessons around making or handling money, possessions, or appetites. The Saturn potential for a Puritan conscience can conflict with the pleasure drives of Taurus; so individuals may swing between excesses and asceticism, between spending and saving, hoarding and generosity, etc.. But the combination is normally practical and capable.



An artistic career is possible, whether as an artist or dealing with things that give pleasure to people, including home furnishings, clothing, cosmetics, jewellery, or, of course, the money that buys them. The instinct of Taurus is to conserve and to savor.

The father and other authority figures may be pleasant and comfortable, or very focused on the material world of money, possessions and pleasures, or quite artistic, or simply practical. If Saturn has conflict aspects, the father may have problems with money or sensuality, or he could just be stubborn.

(Skye Alexander)

Your tests in life are likely to revolve around issues of material possessions and physical resources. How you acquire and use your resources will be important, and you may learn many significant - though perhaps difficult - lessons in this area.

Probably you will have to work for whatever you get, rather than being born to wealth or winning a fortune in the lottery. If money does come to you as a result of something other than your own efforts, it may turn out to be a burden in some way, so that you don't really enjoy your wealth. Perhaps your freedoms are limited by material responsibilities and you feel trapped by your possessions. Or, you might find that your financial position isolates you from other people.

At some time in your life, you probably experienced poverty; and as a result, you might live in fear of being needy again. If you were born into a poor family, you may feel you are inferior to those who have more money than you do. You might connect personal wealth with material worth and be very sensitive and defensive about what you see as a deficiency in yourself. Therefore, as an adult, you might try to build the self-respect you so desire by accumulating wealth. You also may value others in direct relationship to their portfolios.

Money and possessions give you a sense of security that goes beyond the ability to provide for yourself and your family; and even if you have more money than you could ever spend, you never seem to get enough. You may be avaricious and greedy, stubbornly holding on to your possessions as if your life depended on them - for to you, at some deep inner level, it does. However, if you compromise your principles to obtain wealth or profit through the misfortune of others, you might end up losing everything. Thus, the test of Saturn in this life might be what are you willing to do for money? Your attachment to your possessions, too, may be tested and, if you don't come to realize this easily, you could be forced painfully to face up to the fact that security does not come from material things.

Your body, too, is one of your physical resources; and how you treat it and use it will be significant in your life. If you neglect or abuse your body, or use your sexuality to control

or manipulate others, however, you are likely to suffer for it, for Saturn always insists that you assume responsibility for your actions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Taurus indicates people who need discipline and hard work if they are to acquire material possessions; they come to feel a strong need for financial and emotional security. They cannot be at peace if their practical affairs are not in order. If Saturn is well aspected in Taurus, enduring patience, steadfast adherence to principle, and practical management ability in business affairs will be characteristics.

When they are about twenty-nine years old, these people seek stable career positions that will ensure financial and domestic security, which they require for their well-being. They are likely to be reliable and persistent in their careers. Often they enter professions in banking, investment, insurance, or business management. Since they tend to be frugal, they usually make purchases of lasting value, with primary consideration for their utilitarian qualities. They save money for future emergencies and for security in old age. They must develop a well-balanced sense of the value of material resources.

If Saturn is afflicted in Taurus, there can be obstinacy and excessive materialism. In extreme cases, the result is either miserliness or - conversely - a burdening of oneself with material possessions, instead of allowing things to flow from one so that new things can flow in as needed.

(Grant Lewi)

This position presents the simplest and most direct manifestation of the instinct of selfpreservation, which you satisfy by material comfort and security. If you have these, life cannot attack you in any way that matters deeply. The need to defend yourself in emotional, intellectual matters is not deep, and you are therefore an easy person to live with because your deep ego centres don't bristle and writhe at imagined affronts or offences. You are secure if your body is secure; and are able to bring a great deal of idealism to bear on all of life's other problems in which you, unlike many others, can be detached and gracious. When you're materially secure, you have to look out for smugness and self-satisfaction and for a tendency to identify yourself and your work too closely with your possessions and your material status. You are deeply a conservative in finance and can be a penny pincher. You will rarely gamble or lose property because of your own actions, unless through taking security too much for granted you feel it can't possibly be lost. Self-satisfaction then becomes overconfidence, and is, of course, dangerous. The tendency to take things too much for granted can also lead you to trust some less careful person with your security and to lose it through the bad judgement of others on whom you have, because of oversureness, not exercised the proper control. Losing security throws you entirely off balance, and you cannot be yourself till you get it back again. You can be secure on little, for stretching money is your long suit, but what

little there is must be established as firmly as the Rock of Gibraltar. Needless to say, you are a pillar of society, a believer in life insurance, and a sure-fire customer for gilt-edged government bonds.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Taurus, like the man whose left hand doesn't know what his right is doing, often succeeds in spite of himself. The native tends to wait too long, to lack confidence, to brood over money matters, to trust the wrong people and accuse the right ones. He gains by being frugal, but often has to spend what he saved because his saving created an unhappy domestic situation. He is not easy to understand, but is determined, able to collect facts and figures, stocks and bonds; he is capable of responding well under pressure. The astrologer must help relieve him of numerous anxieties concerning security, money and love. He must help him to open up and express emotions with a greater degree of freedom and enthusiasm.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The patience of Taurus, plus the ability to be careful and cautious which is so much a part of Saturn's influence, complement each other here. The individual is long-suffering and will patiently cope and plod on to accomplish whatever most concerns him or her. However, the combination of the luxury-loving side of Taurus and the prudence of Saturn (too often turning into meanness or frugality) can cause considerable conflict.

How is it possible, then, for subjects to take advantage of this placing? There is little doubt that they are ambitious and want to make money. Saturn also brings a tendency to social climbing within the context of its ambitious qualities. As a result, this placing can encourage a steady (and no doubt comfortable!) climb toward the objectives in life. However, Saturn's negative inner voice will sound accusations of being extravagant, of eating too much and too expensively, and will constantly ask 'Do you really need that?' Individuals must come up with their own answers, but must also learn to enjoy the Taurean side of this placement. If, on the whole, the chart is extrovert in influence, this should not be too hard; but if the subject is rather shy and generally inhibited this will be far more difficult, as feelings of guilt will recur and must be tempered by stronger qualities. Usually, a justification of pleasure should not be necessary; perhaps a lesson that those with this placing must learn.

Caution, patience, persistence and sometimes an overrigid routine and discipline are common. Parents with this placing, while wanting to give their children the best, may tend to be overstrict with them. The way in which the emotions are expressed may also be inhibited, although the individual is usually very kind. Generally, objects that are functional will be preferred to those that are beautiful.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a steady rock, though may potentially suffer a money block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to consolidate self-worth and finances - and so not be materially dependent; the time take / allowed to establish material security - thus assuaging fears of being without; and the building of relationships that are physically loyal - yet not boringly predictable.

You can get stuck with relationships where you are very dependent upon Other for your material welfare and position; with an Other who has little or not material wherewithal and is dependent upon you; and with situations where money becomes a major issues and a block to emotional accord.

You are learning to either become more materially self-sufficient or be happy with what you have got; to be generous but prudent with regard to Other; and to look at what is emotionally lacking in your relationship, which the material state reflects.

You commit to an Other who is materially stable, or is at least practical and has the potential to be so; to an Other who is not at all well off materially, thereby calling upon you to organize or alleviate such matters; and to an Other who is aware of your true worth and loves you solely for that, and will pass any tests that set out to prove this point.

You are or should be wary of feckless types who always seem to be one step (or less) away from ruin; of Others who are merely interested in you for your money or position, or conversely, who think they can buy you; and of situations where money and what it can buy seem to be the only criteria of worth.

When you are alone, it is mainly for one of two reasons. Firstly, being alone is in aid of forcing you to take serious stock of your material position, earning power, and whatever talents you have. Behind this is a case of your never really realizing or making the most of what you've got. Perhaps there was always an Other there to support you or bail you out. Secondly, it would be a case of having everything that money can buy - and nothing else. And so aloneness would eventually confront you with the realization that it is only the non-material or spiritual qualities of life that have any true and lasting worth. And like the first case, it may now be time for you to develop your own potential. If you are alone but still in a relationship, then it would be a kind of mixture of the above two cases. That is to say that you are staying together for material reasons only and consequently not discovering or appreciating the true worth of yourself or Other.

(John Townley)

You can be particularly patient in judging your partner, giving him or her plenty of room to make mistakes before you get angry or hurt or make and condemnations.

This is an admirable quality, but it must be tempered with insight, for you could be taken advantage of by the wrong partner. However, although you are slow to take offence, once you have been hurt it is difficult to erase it from your mind. If you want to make up with an estranged lover, you will have to make an extra effort.

Some misunderstandings may stem from forgetfulness or reluctance to let your partner know what seems wrong. You may expect your lover to sense the difficulties without a word from you, which is likely to lead to greater problems. Before being judgemental, make sure your partner understands your problem and how you want to deal with it.

Also you should try to be more amenable to your lover's suggestions, particularly about how to add more variety to your love experience in order to rejuvenate the relationship. In this area you may have considerable capacity for enjoyment, but your partner probably has more talent for initiating the changes.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is most important to you personally if Saturn is near opposition or conjunction with the Ascendant or Midheaven or closely aspecting the Sun or Moon. You have a great need to establish a firm foundation in your life. When you have total freedom to do what you want, you feel uneasy. You need a secure centre in your life, a place or set of conditions that you can count on as long as you live. However, this drive for security may make you become rigid and fearful about approaching anything new in your life. Even at best, it is sometimes difficult for you to change and adapt. On the other hand, you are incredibly resistant to adversity and hard times.

You may find it difficult to share with others, not because you are selfish, especially, but because you are afraid that there may not be enough to go round. Consequently you hold onto your share for dear life. You should trust the world to take care of you a bit more. It is important that your parents make you feel that their support and your resources are not likely to be taken away. And they shouldn't make you feel that you have to work terrifically hard to get what you need. Of course, you will have to work; but if you do so from fear, it will be all the harder. Everything will work out for you if you believe that it will.

All through your youth, you need lots of support and love from your parents. You need to know that you are loved and that you have a right to be here. Don't be jealous of your friends or afraid that someone will take a friend away from you. There is plenty of love and enough material resources to go around.

## **Saturn ♄ in 2nd House**

(Liz Greene)

The second house is traditionally that of acquisition and possessions. From it one may assess the individual's capacity to earn a livelihood, his attitude toward those things which he defines as security, and the manner in which his income is likely to be derived. This is a fixed and earthy house; and the emotional need of a secure foundation is suggested, a desire rather than the outcome of desire. All of the houses connected with the fixed signs appear to have some bearing on one's values, on the desire nature, and on instinctual reactions of a habitual kind. They have little bearing on events or objects. If this group of houses is considered as the reflection of man's desire nature, it would appear that greater depth of meaning exists in relation to the second house and that it is not merely the house of possessions. Possessions are merely a simple and tangible form of satisfying desire.

The urge to possess something outside oneself and make it a permanent possession appears to be a collective need whether the desired 'something' is a person, a value, a state of consciousness, or an automobile. It is then man's possession, in a deeper sense than physical ownership, because he values it. It is of worth to him, and therefore it has meaning. That which is desired through the second house only applies to material things if these have value; and although the majority of people at present place the highest value on these things, it has not always been the case, nor will it necessarily continue to be so as the collective consciousness of man develops.

The second house may apply as much to relationships as it does to money in the bank, since possession of a valued object is often closely connected to what we define as love. In the end, however, the possession of worth which is truly a permanent possession can only be a quality within the individual himself. There is nothing else in life which is permanent and unalterable except those attributes which we term spiritual. Everything else may be lost, destroyed, taken away, or devalued. It seems that the desire for values, not only tangible but mental, emotional, and spiritual as well, is more representative of the second house than possession.

It is the definition of value - a nebulous and relative term - which becomes important when planets are located in the second house, for the meaning or expression of each planet then becomes a value. Of all the planets, only Saturn appears to have an exclusively material value; but as we have seen, this is deceptive because his function is to demonstrate the relativity of all tangible values. Through Saturn, everything on the material plane takes on new meaning because it is seen as a symbol for an inner quality or state of being. Security may be defined very differently when viewed in this way.

The simplest reading of Saturn in the second house is fear of poverty; and certainly this placement frequently accompanies a childhood spent in want where the luxuries of material life, and sometimes even the necessities, are lacking. This is Saturn on his most literal level where he denies a material quality necessary to the individual's well-being so

that later in life there is a constant need to fill the gap. We have all come into contact with the self-made man who has struggled from the bottom of the heap by his own dogged efforts and has finally succeeded in accumulating some money in the bank, a house, an automobile or two, and other symbols which society has taught him to interpret as security. Saturn in his most unconscious form is eminently conventional in these matters; and Saturn in the second house has a penchant for accepting as values only those which society accepts and therefore makes apparently stable. Yet the self-made man with a second-house Saturn is often so frightened of losing what he has so laboriously acquired that he may not be able fully to enjoy what he has. He may be terrified of loss and display the remarkable facility - because he thinks about it so much - of attracting loss through his own bad judgement. He is frightened of the responsibility of ownership because he knows the pain of losing that which he owns, yet he is compulsively drawn toward collecting more and more. No amount is sufficient in the end to make him feel fully secure, and indeed he is not fully secure because forces larger than he can overturn his life and leave him bankrupt. He has invested wholly material things with value because he has never had them before and pays the price of trying to make an inner quality tangible.

There is another kind of pattern with Saturn in the second house which is outwardly opposite yet inwardly the same. This is the person who may have been perfectly comfortable as a child on the material plane, yet who is denied a different kind of possession, a sense of inner values and of personal worth. One cannot blame this, or any other characteristic, wholly on the attitude of the parents, however, for the individual has chosen his environment in the first place and moreover would not be sensitive to certain values and not others if a similar note were not resonated within his own inner structure. So we will often see a person who, literally or symbolically, will sell himself for security because he has no other sense of values and in the end does not value himself. He judges himself and others by how much he has, not by what he is.

This kind of individual is often difficult to understand; for some of the most unpleasant Saturnian manifestations may accompany Saturn in the second house - not because the position is a 'bad' one, but because it tends to concur with obvious, tangible characteristics which are not easily hidden. To an unconscious person with this placement, the end often justifies the means, and avarice and greed may be very evident. The inner strength of self-sustenance which Saturn in his more conscious expression symbolises here may be apparently quite absent from the man's temperament; and he may lean heavily on others financially - the apparent opposite of our previously mentioned self-made man who will often rather starve than owe anybody anything. But these two extremes are the same psychological state, for they both embody fear and the characteristic ambivalence of wanting and needing desperately yet attempting to reject the desired object. These states are both, in the end, phases of development, however, for either way the dependency is upon external values rather than inner ones, and Saturn the taskmaster will surely, at some point in the life, accompany experiences which teach the individual to shift his level of evaluation. He

attracts these experiences himself because it is the desire of the total self to develop a sense of reality about values which is the intention, on a more esoteric level, of a second-house Saturn.

There is another common manifestation of Saturn in the second house, and this is the individual who has denied all involvement with material things. This is overcompensation at work in a different direction. Like the man with Saturn in the eighth house - another fixed house which deals fundamentally with values and emotional attitudes - who cloaks his fear of deeper emotional and sexual encounter with a moral or religious reason why it would be sinful to do so, the man with Saturn in the second house frequently considers money as evil. He has a dim awareness of the fact that greed is as much a part of his own psyche as it is of others', but he cannot express tolerance toward his own humanity and therefore becomes intolerant of the apparent greed of others. He is frequently not merely content to be austere in his own life style. Instead, he feels that it is his responsibility to criticise others for not following the same path, because he cannot put his guilt to rest but also cannot confront himself. This is classic unconscious projection of the casebook kind: what we hate in others is unconsciously living within us.

This pattern of projection is extremely common with Saturn, for he is the dark shadow of the bright, differentiated conscious personality, and he certainly includes some of our nastier and less attractive human qualities. These, however, are qualities which are not inherently evil; they have simply been outgrown or are not part of our conscious plan for development at any given time. It is only our harsh judgement of ourselves, based on people's morality, that causes us to push these qualities into the unconscious where they form the shadowy figure of the Dweller on the Threshold. Psychic energy does not vanish, but simply takes another channel; and with Saturn it is that of projection - we do not see others as they are; rather, we see in certain of their behaviour characteristics the reflection of our own negative qualities.

The sinfulness of worldly goods has always been the prerogative of the devout adherents of orthodox Christianity, which has always had a difficult time in reconciling the opposites in a harmonious and constructive way; however, with the advent of a new age and the consequent emergence of new symbols and a new growth in spiritual and psychic directions, the old values and concepts of God warring with the Devil, Lord of Matter, have appeared in a curious modern form. These values, which when put badly and stripped of their glamour are often of the 'if I can't have it then you shouldn't either' variety, are now being coupled with political ideologies which have very little connection with the real distribution of resources and opportunities. It would appear that projection still runs rampant among us, and it is fashionable once again to consider worldly goods as being synonymous with evil. It is no longer fashionable to consider sexual expression in this light, because of the advent of psychoanalysis; but we have no similar revelation in the realm of commerce and material wealth. This trend may, however, be seen as the first rough and uncut demonstration of a fundamentally positive change toward a new set of values.



When seen from the more esoteric point of view, matter is an expression of spirit which contains in symbolic guise the blueprint for mind, emotion, and the inner purpose for which the vehicle has been created. This is a more ambiguous but possibly more productive way of looking at matter, and may be applied to the second house. Following this thread is unquestionably like plunging into a labyrinth, for what eventually emerges is that the second house has nothing to do with objects at all. The 'pearl of great price' appears to lie at the heart of the labyrinth; but persistence is required to reach it. The task of this Saturn placement is to find this central and unalterable value whose definition cannot be properly articulated but whose reality, to the man who has subjectively experienced it, is not to be questioned.

(Bill Herbst)

**Self-worth:** Saturn in the 2nd house indicates that good feelings about yourself are necessarily restrained, in order that they may be concentrated and correctly developed over time. You may feel inadequate as an individual, somehow innately flawed; but your work is to build a solid foundation for good feeling. The challenge is to patiently learn the discipline of suspending harsh judgements about yourself, and to move toward positiveness in small steps, sustained efforts that persevere throughout the entire life.

**Possession:** Ownership is a very serious question, a problem often linked with feelings of shame or unworthiness. You tend to resent the difficulty in acquiring and holding possessions or property. Keep the focus of your efforts on permanence and quality; transient possessions or shabby goods are not worth having. The challenge is to realize that ownership is not a given; in your life, it must be earned and attentively maintained through careful and enduring effort. Build your estate slowly.

**Money:** You must be disciplined, pragmatic, and patient with regard to money. The issue is not necessarily lack of money, although that may seem the case, but rather the serious responsibilities you must shoulder, however much wealth is produced. Do not spend foolishly; but once the decision is made to buy something, remember to enjoy it. Don't go for the quick buck or the big score - follow through with plans. Sustained application and cautious strategies are the key, with an emphasis on blue chip investments that will be permanent, stable, and solid. Money cannot buy happiness, but disciplined effort can promote eventual fulfillment. Concentrate on the process, the means rather than the end. The challenge is to recognize and deal with the belief that money is more important than it really is; so maintain perspective. Manage your attitudes as well as your dollars.

**Self-exertion:** You are generally a tireless worker, well-suited for efforts requiring strength, stamina, and perfection. You have the ability to grind away like the mills of God, eventually reducing even the most Herculean mountain to rubble through sustained and disciplined effort. There is often the presence of an inner 'supervisor'

whose only job is to push the 'worker' toward greater productivity. Your attitude is 'pay now, fly later'; but too often you pay full price without ever taking the vacation. Duty is formidable and everpresent; and you risk the pitfall of blowout through discouragement. The challenge is to work slowly, recognizing progress, and to reward yourself for effort. Quality is important, but putting in your time also counts for something.

Sensuality: You are so sensitive to physical stimulus that it often results in sensory overload and a blunting of pleasure. You could alternate between denial of the body and an inordinate lust for pure physical sensation. In both cases, you risk being trapped in the pitfall of diminished appreciation. The challenge is to understand that your body is indeed a temple, and to honor the temple through a gradual evolution of mastery and worship, proceeding one step at a time to slowly increase the density of pleasure and the enjoyment of touch. Chew the world slowly, not so much because it's good for you as because it enhances the taste of reality.

## Uranus ♃ in ♌ Leo 7° 16'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Leo have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ways of creatively expressing their emotions and talents. The ego can experience intense disruption by taking one's creativity too personally. Confusion occurs through demanding personal recognition for creative or artistic expression.

(Joan Negus)

An appropriate keyword for Uranus in Leo is 'dramatic'. The chances are that even the most covert actions will not remain hidden for long. Evidence for this in the mundane world can be seen by the way in which John F. Kennedy, who was President of the United States during part of this period, dealt with Uranian issues during his term of office. Another example of this is Martin Luther King, Jr. and his part in the Civil Rights Movement.

Kennedy was also considered a 'Media President'. He used television, radio and the press extensively during his presidency. Two excellent illustrations of his use of the media were his handling of the Bay of Pigs and the Russian missile crisis in Cuba. In both cases he came before the public through television. He shouldered blame for the failed invasion in the first example, and publicly threatened the Russians in the second.

King, too, was not shy when it came to publicity. His nonviolent approach to the Civil Rights Movement had a great deal of coverage in all facets of the media. In fact, the

media were an integral part of the movement, and played an important role in achieving some of the improvements in race relations that we see today. There is still more to be accomplished, but without the exposure of racial injustice through the mass media, blacks might still be sitting in the back of buses in the south, and denied entrance to some restaurants and other places of business in many parts of the country.

Besides making use of publicity and seeming to enjoy the limelight, these two men shared another quality that we can associate with Uranus in Leo - idealism. Kennedy had an optimism that was contagious. Even the most dangerous step he took in the Cuban missile crisis was not condemned by the public. Although there were those who were opposed to his taking this step, the attitude held by a large segment of the general population was that it was the right thing to do, and would work. King's idealism was evident in the cause with which he aligned himself and in many of his speeches. Probably the best remembered of these is the 'I had a dream' speech.

Both men were talented performers and used their abilities to gain the support necessary to achieve their goals. Although each had some success in their causes, neither lived to see his dreams come to total fruition. It was as though they set the scene while Uranus was in Leo. They dramatically presented the issues that were important to them and the reforms they wanted to effect. But it was not until Uranus moved into Virgo that serious, tangible results were evident. As in the beginning of the century, injustice was exposed when Uranus was in a Fire sign, but it was not until the planet moved into an Earth sign that meaningful change took place.

Kennedy and King both died when Uranus was in Virgo. And it may be that their deaths (which were unusual and unexpected, and therefore could be considered Uranian) partly led to the ultimate accomplishment of their goals. Perhaps their dramatic exits were the harkings back to Uranus in Leo, even though they took place after the planet had moved into Virgo. Kennedy's demise, added to Lyndon Johnson's ability to practically negotiate, may have helped Johnson to get some of Kennedy's 'New Frontier' programs through Congress. (Even the title 'New Frontier' sounds like Uranus in Leo.) And King's assassination, which made him a martyr for his cause, is still a stimulus for the Civil Rights Movement.

If you have Uranus in Leo, you probably are not subtle in regard to revolutionary issues or matters of individuality and freedom. Even if your Uranus is in the twelfth house, your revolutionary tendencies will frequently erupt externally. You might try to be covert, but, as with the failed invasion at the Bay of Pigs, your actions usually somehow become public knowledge. This should not disturb you too much, because you want to let the world know of your intentions. It is a way to get support and recognition from others. So you might not be the best choice in highly secretive, undercover work. You can, however, achieve your goal with your open approach. You can stand on stage and dramatize your cause so that others are stirred into action.

The reasoning behind your revolutionary actions and expression of individuality is based on idealism. You will probably not rebel unless you believe your cause is just. And once you have taken your stand, you may be surprised if everyone does not agree with you. Disagreement may occur because you have not worked out the practical details to accomplish your goals. It is the end result that is most important; and it may not always be easy to convert your dreams into reality.

Since you expect everyone to agree with your views, you initially believe that your ideas will gain momentum and succeed without effort. However, when you meet with resistance, you not only are surprised, but also could feel thwarted. Having contingency plans, just in case, may be helpful. But there are other choices as well. You could keep talking about your plans, in hopes that you can still rally needed support, which is a definite possibility with your ability to be a motivator. Or you might bottle up your feelings and suffer (an unlikely possibility when the sign of Leo is involved). Or, you may ally yourself with people who have Uranus in Virgo (or have Earth signs strongly emphasized in other ways in their horoscopes) and, thus, can help to make your dreams materialize!

The modern technology that was in the foreground during the period when Uranus was in Leo can give insights into the inventiveness and creativity of individuals with this placement. Nuclear energy was highly emphasized. Two atomic energy plants to supply electrical energy were approved to be built. Nuclear submarines were being used, and underground nuclear testing was begun in Nevada. This was also a time when the Advanced Research Projects Agency was set up by the Defense Department to promote space exploration.

There is nothing subtle about nuclear energy. Even underground explosions are not easy to cover up. Similarly, creative projects that individuals with Uranus in Leo undertake need to be dramatic, or at least noticeable. There is little excitement about being involved with creativity that is behind the scenes; and creative juices will flow as long as the enthusiasm is maintained.

The promotion of space exploration adds the possibility of another quality that is necessary in Leonine creativity - expansion. This combines challenge with the desire for drama and explains why the 'nuts and bolts' type of creativity would be avoided. It is interesting to note, however, that humans did not step onto the Moon until Uranus was in Virgo.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Leo during the last century between August 1955 and January 1956, from June 1956 to October 1961, and from January until August 1962. Leo is associated with self-expression in all its forms: artistic creativity, the entertainment industry, childbearing, romance, and egotism. Those of you who have this Uranus position in your birth charts will experience and be responsible for making change that provide greater freedom,

individuality and openness in these areas.

Uranus's entrance into Leo signalled an end to the U.S. government's 'black-listing' of artists and entertainers for their political ideologies. Those of you who have this Uranus placement in your birth charts encapsulate the energy of this time; and you insist upon creative freedom and the right to express yourselves without censorship. You believe that restrictions of any kind interfere with the creative process; and you want to be able to do and say what you please, to try new things, and to be uninhibited by social conventions or government regulations.

Sometimes you go to extremes to assert your individuality; you enjoy being outrageous and provocative in expressing yourself, and like to project the image of the eccentric free spirit. You also can be extremely willful, egotistical, selfish and stubborn in your beliefs and behavior. At the very least, you are outspoken and / or unconventional in your creative expression. You reject traditions; and your creations often display boldness, self-assurance, ingenuity and originality.

Uranus's most recent passage through Leo also heralded major changes in the entertainment industry, particularly in the music field. The first rock 'n' roll stars began performing during this period, and electronic music was born. Members of your 'mini-generation' have been involved in the development of rock music, electronic equipment and audio technology, music videos, and a multi-billion-dollar industry that did not exist before you were born. You also are among the first to use computer graphics technology in artistic ways.

Leo also is connected with romantic love - the self-centered, idyllic, fun-filled early stages of romance, not the committed, day-to-day, 'in sickness and in health' love of long-term partnerships. The Uranus-in-Leo group came of age in a time of relatively unrestricted romantic and sexual expression, after the legalization of abortion and before the discovery of AIDS; and therefore you were more free to experiment with all sorts of romantic relationships than earlier generations had been. 'Love' became more casual, easy and open than at any other time.

You seek excitement, change, new experiences and independence in love affairs, and find the responsibilities and limitations of deeper attachments less attractive. The attitudes of your 'mini-generation' toward love, sex and romance are less inhibited and more egalitarian than those of other Uranus-groups. You may be more willing to experiment with unconventional or alternative relationships, and are less pejorative about other people's love lives and sexual expression.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Leo indicates a generation of people who seek freedom in love and romance. Their ideas about courtship and sex may depart from traditional moral

standards, and they are likely to believe in free love.

Uranus in Leo can give strong willpower and creativity in the arts and sciences, as well as the potential for original kinds of leadership. People with this position seek to create a unique type of expression in order to be outstanding in their endeavors. They can develop new concepts in art, music and the theatre. Rather than conform to the standards of the society they live in, they prefer to create their own standards. However, there is danger of egotism with this position, as Uranus is in its detriment in Leo; hence they should get involved in matters of social or universal - rather than personal - concern.

These people can be stubborn, and they have difficulty compromising or co-operating with others. If Uranus is afflicted in this sign, they will insist on having their own way, to the extent that they will completely refuse to co-operate.

(Grant Lewi)

This position represents an extraordinary confidence in the dramatization of the total personality. Because of Uranus's position in the self-conscious and dramatic Leo, you are impressionable to the prowess of Great People. A kind of hero worship is natural to you; and the individualistic creative expression which will suit you best is the sort which will allow you to stand in the limelight and hear applause for your originality, your daring, your cleverness, your genius. The aim of your mental, creative originality is recognition, acclaim, applause; and you exert your deepest originality in its most characteristic form and to its best advantage when this goal is in sight.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

There is increased energy here, and a dynamic driving force. Sometimes, too, some autocracy and a liking for power are present. If the latter can be positively expressed, the talent for leadership will be such that others will gladly follow. Nonetheless, don't forget that Leo is a fixed sign, and since Uranus increases stubbornness, the subject may well become an immovable object. Leo is also a warm, enthusiastic Fire sign, while Uranus, albeit friendly, likes to keep its distance and is cool, calculating and unemotional. However, conflict will only emerge if Uranus is a personal planet, or if it is negatively aspected by the Sun.

Self-confidence is certainly boosted, especially in a chart in which this tends to be lacking. It is a lively, colorful placing, and will give a rather glitzy glamor if Uranus is aspected by the Moon or Venus. There may also be a sense of the dramatic which is used to excellent effect. This will be apparent if, for instance, Uranus is in the fifth house, and it would be combined with a need for power and a desire to influence the masses if Uranus were high in the sky in the tenth house.

Since Leo is a creative sign, there is often creative flair which may be developed through a hobby, thus encouraging the personal potential. This would be an excellent form of original expression in someone who is perhaps rather shy and apprehensive, lacking in self-confidence. However, if we reverse the coin, all the overwhelming, power-loving, showy tendencies of this planet may have to be countered.

(John Townley)

You will probably get the most out of a relationship that has plenty of room for growth, one that does not complete its development or define its direction too precisely or too quickly.

Many people in your age group prefer wide-open, ever-changing relationships that cover a lot of emotional territory. This style may or may not suit you personally, but it is important for you to understand it and participate in it to some extent.

This does not mean that you have to continually change your attitude or your partner; but probably you will be happier with an unrestricted, open-ended relationship. The larger the canvas upon which you paint your life, the more rewarding and actively creative your love relationships will be.

Naturally you risk some emotional injury by being so open-handed, but the more scope there is for you and your partner, the warmer and more beautiful the relationship will become. Arranging particular channels of growth in advance tends to be counterproductive; if you allow the relationship to develop naturally, it will eventually bear the fairest flowers and the richest fruit. Your best expression will come from freely nurturing its growth, rather than directing it.

(Robert Hand)

These children will find new ways to express themselves and make an impression on the world. In many ways they may be rather eccentric, which makes it difficult for them to fit easily into groups because they are so individualistic. But as a group they should be relatively honest and want others to be honest too. They value individual self-expression far more than self-discipline. In fact it may be quite hard to pin them down to fulfilling commitments, obligations and responsibilities.

## Uranus ♅ in 5th House

(Joan Negus)

With Uranus in the fifth house, you may consciously or unconsciously try to raise your

children differently from the way in which you were raised. Or you could have original, creative and / or rebellious children. Another possibility is that you might be inconsistent in the way in which you handle your children. You will undoubtedly say that you want your children to be independent, but probably not totally nonconforming. So if they become too defiant or too different, you could clamp down on them. This again demonstrates the need for defining or setting limits on the freedom of Uranus. I heard one parent with this placement say to her child, 'Of course I want you to be your own person. I just don't want you to be a total misfit.'

You may also have an objectivity in regard to your children. SO you are able to look at them in a detached manner and it may be difficult for you to be emotionally demonstrative with them. This does not mean that you are uncaring, just that it could be hard to express your feelings.

The fifth house describes the way in which you deal with children in general, and specifically your own (if you have any). And this may be especially true of your first child, but possibly somewhat softened for our subsequent children. Your attitude toward your second child may be modified by examining the seventh house; your third by the ninth; your fourth by the eleventh, etc..

Another definition of the fifth house is the house of creative self-expression. Producing children is, of course, a form of creative self-expression, but this area also describes the way in which you operate creatively and what some of your talents may be. With Uranus in the fifth, your creativity probably comes in spurts; so there could be times when you can't record your ideas quickly enough and other times when you feel that you will never be creative again. Since Uranus is connected with modern technology, you might find it helpful to put your thoughts into a tape recorder when they are flowing rapidly. You can evaluate and sort them out later. When you are uninspired, do not try to push yourself to be creative. It probably will not work and will only tend to make you restless and nervous. Do something else until the ideas begin to flow again.

You will probably not be patient when it comes to talent; and it might be a good idea to avoid artistic endeavors that require a great deal of discipline. For example, if you were to take painting lessons you could find it difficult to painstakingly practise techniques or to conform to the instructor's directions. Your talents need to flow freely; and you will probably show originality in whatever art form you develop.

Since your creative talents need not be in standard art forms with this planetary placement, you may not consider yourself creative. People tend to think that if they do not paint, write, dance, act, play instruments or sing, they have no talent. But, with Uranus in the fifth house, you may have computer skills, or a magic touch in fixing cars, or display talents in using other forms of machinery or technology. I have examples of people with this placement that range from telephone salesperson to playing the synthesizer (which of course combines music and technology).



Instead of, or in addition to talents, you may look to this house to explain how you gamble or speculate. Uranus placed there would indicate that you could be spontaneous when such matters are involved. In fact, it is easier for you to take action quickly and back off just as fast, than it is for you to hang on to an investment for an extended period of time. You would probably take risks especially if the potential gain is great enough, but the results would have to be seen soon after you take the initiative. Therefore, your involvement in speculation or gambling may be sporadic, and your successes intermittent. However, the more information you gather (even if it is done a little at a time) before you take action, the less likely you will be to fail.

The fifth house also describes what you need in courtship, and, I would add to that, it indicates the way in which you initially interact with others as individuals, whether the involvement is romantic or not. In this area you decide whether a person moves to the seventh house (intimate one-to-one relationships, be they marriage or close friendship), the eleventh house (acquaintances) or no house (out of your life). The sequence might work in this fashion. You go to a party or other group gathering (eleventh house) and find someone whom you deem interesting and want to get to know better (fifth house). Then you can determine if you would like to have that person as a close friend or partner (seventh house), as someone with whom you want to interact personally but not get close to (fifth), as an individual you may only see occasionally at parties (eleventh house), or as someone you never want to see again (no house).

Whether we are investigating potential courtship or friendship, with Uranus in the fifth house, you may be hesitant to form attachments with others quickly because you are concerned about having people interfere with your independence. You could socialise with others but probably in a detached way. You might enjoy intellectual interaction but keep people at arm's length on the emotional level. This, of course, can change when the relationship moves out of the fifth house.

Another possibility is that you attract, or are attracted to, people who are creative, exciting, unusual, unreliable, distant or odd. These characteristics are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Someone who is stimulating may be eccentric as well. In fact, it could be the eccentricity that leads to the creativity. But if you are really upset about those who are drawn to you, realize that you are probably asking for it. If you can start consciously seeking out those who are creative and exciting, then perhaps the less desirable people will disappear.

Whether or not you are involved with Uranian types, you will probably crave some excitement when you interact with others. If you come into contact with an individual who is totally predictable, he or she will undoubtedly also seem boring, and the chances of the two of you forming a close relationship are negligible. However, if you enjoy the company of the other person and think the relationship could lead to marriage or an intimate friendship, you might proceed to the next stage. Then there might be some

adjustments to be made. When someone who has been courting you becomes a marriage partner, or an acquaintance becomes a close friend, you are moving them from your fifth to your seventh house. And if the requirements of the seventh house are different from those of the fifth, you may wonder why the transition is so difficult. Astrology can help you get over this hump.

By looking at the signs and planets in the fifth house, you can see how the native interacts initially with others on a one-to-one basis and also determine the qualities that person is attracted to in others. If you then interpret the seventh house and compare it with the fifth, you can know whether the shift from courtship into marriage or from the getting acquainted stage to intimate friendship takes place easily or requires great adjustment. Awareness of personal difficulties can be the first step in helping to bridge the gap between the two areas.

Since we are dealing with the planet Uranus in the fifth house, let us use this as our example. You have possibly been attracted to the excitement and craziness generated by the other person and decide it would be great to be married to him or her. However, you have Capricorn or Saturn in the seventh house and you need stability and conformity in a partner. It is obvious that problems could arise. But if you are aware that this is eventually what you want in a partner, you can begin to think about it in the early stages of the relationship and weed out those who do not fit the picture before you become too attached to them.

(Haydn Paul)

This will involve the sudden movement outwards of 'emotionally based energy', where involvements with the external world, people and creative expressions will be the main sphere of activity.

Essentially this will be through the projection of emotionally rooted energy, and can involve spontaneous falling in love, inspired artistic creations and a search for pleasure, enjoyment, fun and excitement. A lack of self-discipline is likely, as you can easily submit to passing love affairs and the attractions of a carefree life. There may be an element of immaturity and childlike displays of behaviour at times. This is not necessarily 'bad', but they are often expressed at inopportune times; others may demand that you grow up.

It can be as if a brightly coloured bauble attracts your attention, fascinates you, and you feel that you have to have it; your emotional desires project outwards and you are pulled along with them to the object - only to discover after a temporary possession and perusal that it is not that fascinating after all; yet in that intense drive to achieve your short-lived desire, you may have caused problems and suffering for others. This can apply especially within relationships, where a tendency to desire new partners, experimentation and promiscuity can occur. Your love-life is unlikely to be static and stable. The need to have your own way - often expressed without due sensitivity - is

quite common, and can also lead to friction.

Children are likely to play an important role in your life, and you are liable to give them considerable freedom, which can have dual effects, especially if there is a reluctance to impose discipline upon them and you fail to give them sufficient attention and guidance for their needs.

Temperamentally, you are likely to have an artistic ability and appreciation. Natural talents can be present in art, music, literature and self-presentation through modern media channels of communication. There may be some degree of blockage in this area, which could reflect a lack of perseverance and discipline, rather than problems in confidence in your own ability or potential skills. It is the commitment to complete that can be a challenge for you, as you prefer that sense of freedom to follow your fascinations whenever they dominate you. Uranus intends that a change in this sphere of life is necessary, where modifying this tendency can eventually lead to success.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 5th house correlates to in human consciousness is one in which the individual can creatively actualize, express, project, and establish his or her egocentric identity and purpose for the life that is being lived. This is the power of the ego that is creatively expressed, the power of creativity emanating from the individualised ego. It is the ego that is full of itself, glorifying itself, an ego that demands and required recognition, acclaim, positive reinforcement that it has realised itself: the purpose for which the life is being lived. The egocentric centre of the personality within the 5th House is based on the composite effect of the matrix that involves the traditions and conditions of family, society, or the culture that the individual is born into, the immediacy of one's environment, and the subconscious memories that correlate to other lifetimes and other identities. The egocentric centre of personality is given form, a self-image relative to the inner gestation of subjective awareness of the current ego in the 4th house and Cancer: home, parents, and the early environment that we are born into.

With Uranus in the 5th house, there is a natural paradox, thus stress and tension, because of the oppositional nature of the Uranian (Aquarius) archetype and the Sun (Leo). On the one hand, a tremendous amount of energy exists to actualise the inner sense of purpose for this life. This tension induces a high degree of self-focus, egocentricity, a sense of narcissism that is simultaneously indulged in and rebelled against. This focus (the 5th House) requires freedom of expression, an independence of experience that allows for continuous self-discovery, and the actualisation of the inwardly sensed creative, egocentric purpose from within itself by way of that which is created by it: the egocentric centre of its subjective reality. In effect, the individual wants to be the director of his or her own play. On the other hand, a tremendous amount of energy exists to link and actualise the inner sense of purpose (subjective) to socially relevant needs, causes, group purposes, to be subjectively empowered by external

(objective) purposes, and to consciously actualise and link subjective creativity, expressed purely from the ego, to the Source of creativity itself: God. Thus the tension to egocentrically focus upon and develop the personality to the highest possible degree, and the need to simultaneously focus upon and develop a personality, ego, that is consciously linked and directed by the Source: God. Both exist. In effect, the individual wants God or the group to be the director of the play.

The liberation of Uranus in the 5th House occurs when the individual consciously attunes him- or herself to the Source of creativity and allows the egocentric sense of identity and purpose to be empowered and directed by this Source. The Source can be experienced by these individuals, or attuned to, by defining and linking the egocentric sense of purpose to the social group, society, and, in an expanded sense, to the global or planetary issues and needs of the times the individual is living within. The well of creativity, and the realisation of Self, will be ever available and continuous in so doing. This liberation involves giving up the security of tradition in the sense of tradition restricting required growth or innovation. It involves giving up a narcissistic self-preoccupation that promotes a sense of separation or detachment from humanity and its needs. It involves giving up the egocentric need to be considered special, important, to stand above the crowd, to give emotional displays whose motive and intent is to draw attention to the child who is still awaiting acknowledgement. The liberation occurs when the individual realises that the desired acknowledgement manifests from within, that validation comes from oneself, and that the Source, or God, will validate the individual once he or she actualises the sense of inner egocentric purpose by linking it to the greater needs of people, society, and the planetary concerns that exist at any moment in time. When realised, this liberation will produce creative dynamos whose lives and vision can transform those whom they touch. Freedom from the known means to allow the Spirit of creativity to change and transform the individual as necessary, to not become fixed or fixated upon that which already exists because of the current power, thus security, that this induces.

## Neptune ♆ in ♑ Capricorn 12° 41'

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune entered Capricorn in January 1984 and remained there until November 1998 (except for brief periods between June and November 1984, and February to August 1998). Capricorn is connected with conservatism, traditions, the past, business, materialism, work and career success, banking, government, stability, realism and practicality. Therefore, these are the issues that become important and fashionable during Neptune's passage through this sign. They are also the areas, however, where illusions, confusion, disintegration, disillusionment and deception are likely to occur.

As Neptune moved into Capricorn, the collective unconscious became attuned to conservatism and materialism. This mass response resulted in a return to traditional values and attitudes, and a renewed emphasis on financial growth and material success. Conservative politicians gained control, liberal social programs and issues were pushed aside, and laws and policies that benefitted big businesses were implemented. International banks expanded their power. In the United States, making money was more desirable than ever; and how much you were paid for your work became more important than what you did. Investment plans and tax shelters proliferated, 'networking' parties to make business contacts became chic, and finances, real estate profits, stocks, etc. were popular topics of conversation. Greed was fashionable, being poor became a disgrace, and the Reagan administration epitomized this attitude.

This trend toward traditionalism also brought about a resurgence of fundamental religions; and a renewed interest in the past was reflected in historical movies and books. Antique furniture and even traditional, classic clothes became fashionable again.

Neptune was last in Capricorn from about 1820 to 1834. This coincided with the Classic Revival period in architecture and furniture, when ancient Greek, Italian and Egyptian motifs were incorporated into current designs. Historical novels became popular, too; and in the United States there was increased interest in preserving and edifying the nation's historic buildings and sites. This also coincided with the founding of F.C. Lowell's textile mills in Massachusetts and the beginning of America's Industrial Revolution. Materialism was rampant and fashionable, leading Washington Irving to coin the phrase 'the Almighty Dollar'.

However, unseen and insidious ills were obscured by the rosy haze of Neptunian fantasies and flattery. Unchecked capitalism destroyed small businesses and undermined the free enterprise system itself. Relaxed regulations allowed corporations to damage the health of their employees and the environment. Tax breaks for businesses and the rich forced greater burdens on the poor and middle classes. Unsound economic policies created financial instability in many wealthy and developing countries, and produced a dangerously inflated national debt in America.

Those of you who have this planetary placement in your birth charts idealize all things associated with Capricorn. Your generation dreams of great wealth, success, social status and stability, but although you desire these things very much, they seem to elude you and are, perhaps, the most difficult things for you to achieve. Or, if you do achieve success you may find it's not all that you'd expected. When those of you who have Neptune in Capricorn reach adulthood, you may be confronted with financial burdens and a worldwide shortage of natural resources that are the legacy of earlier, wasteful generations. Because of declining birthrates in the developed countries, there will be fewer working people in the future to support a larger number of elderly, and maintaining social services might require individual monetary sacrifices. Economic stability - personal and / or national - could become an unattainable dream.

Neptune always involves some sort of sacrifice and signifies a conflict between ideals and reality. Those of you with Neptune in Capricorn might have to sacrifice your ideals and illusions of wealth and accept more conservative, practical and realistic lifestyles in a time of material scarcity. Or, you may come to an understanding that the physical world is just an illusion, that money doesn't bring happiness, and find contentment through relinquishing your desire for material things.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Capricorn indicates a period in which world government was in chaos and economic and political structures were brought to their knees. Out of this chaos and suffering came true spiritual responsibility and discipline, which is expressed in practical dealings.

People no longer have the luxury of abstract Sagittarian spirituality. In order to survive, they are forced to incorporate spirituality into their practical lives. Through these experiences of the karmic summing-up of the Piscean age, many of those who survived reached new heights of spiritual attainment.

New forms of government and political concepts were brought into being out of necessity. The end of this period produced the beginning of world government.

(Grant Lewi) - Note: this entry was expanded by Dr. Gordon Melton, editor of the 1990 edition

This combination resembles footprints in the sand: visible until the tide washes the beach clean. Strong intuition in business matters, even real genius, is qualified by possible miserliness and a penchant for fuzzy-headed schemes (the motives of which are always mixed). A barrage of LBOs sent the corporate world into a dither, and there was generally an attraction to conspiring against institution, fraudulently if necessary. There was heightened perception of opportunity, and the wherewithal to take advantage of it.

Neptune always has a strong Pisces side, regardless of what sign it is in, and connotes integration of the life function, a translation of consciousness from what is possible to what is real. Pisces is also the sign of boundaries. All too easily, with Neptune in Capricorn, you lose yourself in pursuit of opportunity. There is a nagging warning not to sell out or bargain with alien needs. You evince a subtle martyrdom to mass prerogatives. Too easily you may be tempted by peers to veer from your course. Neptune in Capricorn warns against a lack of self-determination which challenges all people embarked on the quest of self-knowledge. Be careful you don't end up with agendas and priorities you don't understand, much less can't execute. Regularly assess the nature of your needs. To what extent have you taken on dependencies or distasteful

customs, having let your convictions be manipulated by the forces of 'a foolish consistency'? Do not confuse usefulness with bondage or enslavement.

Neptune in Capricorn is characteristically revealed in drugs, both trafficking and addition, small- and large-scale. Being out of touch with the Self fuels a need to anesthetize pain. You compare yourself to others: athletes who think they cannot compete without steroids, teachers who loath learning because they cannot admit any capacity for error. There is a battle of learning versus suppression. Consider the People's insurrections against repressive government throughout the world in 1989, most successfully in Europe, horrorinly in China and Tiananmen Square, dramatically in Romania with the execution of Nicolai Ceausescu. And consider the flip-side of Neptune in Capricorn relative to these events: entrepreneurs buying up the tumbled Berlin Wall and selling it as souvenirs at \$10 / pound in retail stores (complete with certificate of departure). There were face-offs between the ruthless pragmatism and ambition of narrow-visioned political entities and every individual's genuine need for right and freedom. The Chinese students became Neptune in Capricorn martyrs by throwing themselves at a cause with such conviction and passion. Ask yourself if there are any people whom you permit rulership, anyone who justifies atrocities with a pretence of inalienability - for world events occur in microcosmic form within individuals. Neptune in Capricorn supports the survival of the clever and ambitious; and where it might seem that compassion would mitigate such Darwinian mechanics, beware how quickly kindness is diffused by the paralyzing loneliness which results from seeking salvation in others.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Neptune is in an Earth sign, and so the vital issue of the Earth's resources, of the harm that has been done by their exploitation, is powerfully focused. We hope we can save the planet, but it will be up to the children of the 1970s and early 1980s to do so - to right the wrong of many earlier, less caring generations.

We can only assume what the personal implications will be, but it would seem that for someone with Capricorn prominent in his / her chart, the sign's rather strident, severe qualities will be softened, and its rather low emotional level will be heightened.

There may be flair for the creative use of natural materials. Here are people who will be determined but cautious, able to control the negative elements of Neptune so that they will be less vulnerable to escapism, self-deception and taking the easy way out of difficult situations.

(John Townley)

In general, your contemporaries have a rather negative view of love and personal involvement, a certain expectation that disappointment and loss are necessarily involved in any commitment.

Naturally, that does not have to be the case, but it is certainly more likely if you go into an affair with a defeatist attitude. Love can certainly restrict your personal freedom in certain respects, particularly a permanent relationship. However, that restriction should be taken on joyfully and willingly, not as a sacrifice that will be regretted later.

You may find that your attitude toward love is quite different from this negative approach. In that case, you should follow your own direction and take on love without hesitation or worry that it will somehow turn out badly. However the affair proceeds, it does not happen because of the nature of love itself but because of the problems and joys you and your lover develop on your own.

You should thoroughly investigate your peers' preconceptions about love and sex, for they will certainly color and perhaps distort your own attitude. If you understand this, you can be true to yourself and can develop relationships in your own way, unhindered by others' prejudices.

(Robert Hand)

This generation should represent quite a reaction against the previous one. These children will probably idealize work, thrift, practicality and duty rather than the abstract spiritual ideals of the preceding generation. However, they may not be very effective in dealing with practical principles, which may decline considerably, simply because this generation does not deal with them in its daily lives.

Natal Neptune in Aquarius

Note: the books used for the other Neptune sign placements were all published so long before Neptune entered Aquarius that none of them bothered to cover it. Sakoian and Acker's speculations date back some thirty years and I have adapted them a little! Grant Lewi's were presumably courtesy of editorial intervention by the editor to the 1990 edition. Lewi himself died over 50 years ago, and Neptune was last left Aquarius before 1850, over 50 years before he was born!

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune entered the sign Aquarius in 1998, and its tenancy of this sign significantly coincides with that of Uranus here. A new civilization is being born, based on enlightened humanitarianism and on a science using new technology and new forms of energy. The intuitive, clairvoyant faculties of humanity will be highly developed, and universal brotherhood will be established in practical reality.

(Julia and Derek Parker)



The gentle characteristics of Neptune should marry well with the humanitarian elements of Aquarius, but the detached, independent, loving Aquarian traits are poles apart from the sensitive, intuitive emotion of Neptune. Those with the planet wellplaced should be able to get the best of both entirely different worlds.

(Grant Lewi)

Neptune's entrance into Aquarius brings deep interest in humanitarian causes. There is a tendency to messianic feelings of social and economic reconstruction, perhaps an inclination toward dubious methods of accomplishing worthwhile goals (an 'end justifies the means' attitude).

There will be a challenge to understand your true friends apart from manipulative and deceptive acquaintances. Watch yourself that you choose your friends carefully and plan around what you know to be ethically compromising situations. Creative originality will experience a heyday during Neptune's transit of Aquarius. On the personal level, eccentricity will accompany a dynamic of breakthroughs.

Your private life will take on new significance. Neptune in Capricorn fostered a need to insulate yourself against harmful influences. Neptune in Aquarius will ask that we confront dangers more directly. The question will be 'Are we ready for the reality of a greater human fraternity?' Vision will need the ballast of compassion. We will not be able to afford hating those with whom we disagree.

## Neptune ♆ in 10th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This connects the issues of father - or conditional love parent - and career with the ultimate values. Both are going to be extremely important in the individual's life, whether positively or negatively.

Positively, the person with Neptune in the tenth can be drawn into a deeply spiritual or very creative career, or a career having something to do with counselling, or with the sea, or with chemicals, gases, liquids and so on. She would be likely to be inclined to dedicate a great deal of her time and energy to her chosen career because it would provide such a tremendous sense of fulfilment, something she couldn't match in other areas of life. For this person, the rest of her life would have to revolve around her focation. As long as she is aware of her choice, and as long as she makes the effort to cultivate some personal relationships and some outside interests, she will stay balanced. She would tend to be happiest when working, and would not even consider it 'work', at least not in the sense of 'toil'. For her work would equal satisfaction of the highest kind,

yet there would be other satisfactions available to her.

It is possible, with Neptune in the tenth, to have a quiet sense of timelessness with regard to one's career. That is, the individual may feel that she has a responsibility to contribute something meaningful to the world, whether that is in terms of helping others or of creativity. This will be important to her yet she will at the same time feel that her contribution is just that, a contribution. She will have a sense tghat her work is necessary, that it has a place in the grand scheme of things, yet she will not harbour illusions about the special importance of her particular efforts. This individual is most likely to keep her career in balance with the rest of the variety of life experiences.

For many, Neptune in the tenth is expressed as an unconscious value placed on a life career. A person living at this level will simply be a great deal happier when she has a job, but she will also need to feel she is doing something to create improvements. She will be ambitious, whether or not she is aware of it. She will have an eye open for the possibility of promotion, for the tenth house relates not only to career but to success as defined in worldly terms. That usually means she will have an unconscious need to gain more and more, in position, status and salary. If this remains unconscious, there is the possibility of career ambition and expectations taking over her life.

This position holds the danger of illusions surrounding career and the satisfactions it can provide. Neptune seeks the ultimatge satisfaction, the ultimate high, but the tenth house focus is in a limited and limiting area. Few people can find a lifetime of satisfaction in their career unless it is spiritual, educational or artistic / creative. The problem is that with Neptune in the tenth, the individal unconsciously or halfconsciously expects the tenth house activities to provide this ultimate sense of fulfilment. Heaven is a job. Somehow the job is going to make the individual perfectly happy. This leads her to pour her energy into her job, as she happily assumes her whole life will be rosy and flow smoothly as long as she does so. It is an assumption she may never question.

Naturally her personal relationships suffer, yet she may simply turn more energy into her career, as it seems to offer the happiness she seeks.

The negative extreme is the person who cannot find any satisfaction or enjoyment in life or in any activity except those directly related to her job. Such a person lives for her job, and expects it to provide for all her needs, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. She may expect the job itself to be perfect in terms of salary, employees, working conditions or boss, and be miserable when it is not.

Sooner or later retirement looms, and the person with Neptune in the tenth may be unprepared. She may tend to wish away the idea of eventual retirement, refusing to deal with it realistically. Productivity, so important with Neptune in the tenth, has become a 'god'. She cannot envision life without a job for her life has been unbalanced for so long. As retirement advances upon her, she faces a choice: rebalance or continue to feed the

illusion. She may feed the illusion by switching allegiance - volunteer work may beckon; at least this choice will keep her physically healthy and happy. She may feed the illusion by simple refusal to rebalance, to foster interests in other pursuits, yet be unable to replace one job with another. In this case she is likely to live in misery, either wallowing in memories or retreating into illness and opting out of any life but the one she has vested with such value.

Another negative expression is that of continual confusion and indecision regarding a career. The individual may be unable to commit to any direction whatever. She wants to do something big and important, something perfect, something more wonderfully artistic or inspirational or of more help to humanity than anything anyone else has ever come up with. Yet she often wants to accomplish this without any training or effort. While she can't find the way to magically make it happen, she may be unwilling to settle for the ordinary.

With Neptune, we tend to either dissolve the trappings of the world or to invest them with imaginary importance. The tenth house relates to the use of worldly power. Neptune in the tenth is a statement that the individual could tend to cloud this issue in unconsciousness or fantasy. It is a statement of the need to get clear about the role and use of power, on a personal level and on worldly levels.

Father would have provided an early example of some possible Neptunian behaviours and attitudes. Positively, he could have been a person who was very spiritual, loving and visionary. He could have had artistic or musical talent and been able to discipline it and direct it, he could have been a caring, giving person who had a talent for helping others in practical ways, or he might have been simply gentle and peaceful and sweet-natured, yet able to make a satisfying life for himself. If he provided a positive model of how to express Neptune in the tenth, he would have been able to integrate his values and beliefs with the real world. The individual could think the world of her father, and wish to be like him.

Negatively, she may have expected father to be perfect. If she still thinks he is / was, she may have put him on a pedestal and cannot tolerate any inference that he is less than wonderful. She may copy his attitudes and ideas without question because she has to keep alive the illusion that he is / was everything she needed.

If father disappointed her, she may have felt bitterly hurt and disillusioned. She may have come to terms with reality and forgiven him or she may have clung to her belief that he should have been perfect.

Father may be a strange and perhaps mysterious figure. He may be very withdrawn, either through inability to cope with the world or through a desire to simply be left to his own inner workings. He may have gone missing altogether, and the individual is left with only a fantasy figure, a father who exists only in his or her mind. The temptation is then to build up this fantasy father, to see him as bigger and better than anyone else. The

individual may even have entertained notions about one day being rescued by him.

Father could also have manifested all that is unhappiest about Neptune: alcoholism, drug-addiction, chronic mental or physical illness, fatally weak character, or all of the above.

The flowing nature of Neptune can actually benefit greatly from the discipline and form offered by the tenth house. If the individual can accept these skills, Neptune's gifts are more easily translated into forms the world can understand and appreciate.

With Neptune in the tenth, the individual will profit greatly if she consciously examines her beliefs about the importance of her father in her life and about the nature of the world and reality. She may have fairy-tale attitudes about these, or a tendency to evade or avoid dealing with any of the issues. The same is true of career: she may expect far too much or deny its importance. With acceptance of the benefits of discipline, this individual could bring insight, compassion and inspiration into her chosen career. She will be able to thoughtfully direct Neptunian creativity into productive areas, to accept and meet deadlines, and to channel Neptunian spirituality into practical expression.

(Haydn Paul)

The themes which are indicated by this position include social status and influence, careers and leadership. How Neptune will operate through you in terms of your public or community life can vary, and may be reflected by the nature of planetary aspects made to natal Neptune.

The more negative aspects include a lack of achievement, acknowledgement and status. This can be due to an inability to clarify the direction that you should travel, Neptunian confusion and indecisiveness, and the work environment failing to satisfy for some reason. Perhaps through a lack of defined ambition or persistence in achieving aims, a lack of expressed talent or interest, your career life may be frustrated. You may lack practicality or just be erratic and unreliable in application, shifting with those fluctuating inner tides of Neptune and failing to be consistent at work or even in your relationships with professional colleagues. Attempts at manipulation or deceit may work against you, a transparent self-centredness may restrict opportunities coming to you, or scandals and whiffs of impropriety may circulate, tainting you by association or involvement.

Positive aspects can include a career of community service, where you become respected and appreciated for your efforts and social contribution, and this is an expression of a Neptunian social conscience seeking for that ideal utopian vision. You may become devoted to a cause, some type of idealistic social movement, and dedicate your time to its development. This can serve as a sacrifice to an inspiring ideal, where you offer yourself to be a channel for that 'something greater' which lies beyond the separate self. In this way, you may become a spokesperson for a visionary perception;

spiritual, ecological, humanistic and altruistic in content. For some this occurs through embodying such concerns within artistic creations, artistic, musical, or literary, and so communicating them to others as an inspirational channel. The struggle may lie in finding the appropriate form which fits the message and the need for right livelihood, and discovering this can involve you in a transformatory path of its own.

Having social power and influence can be a challenging role to perform; and you may need to understand the dynamics of such a position and the concepts of personal empowerment to ensure that you do not abuse any influence that you may achieve. Remember that Neptune's influence can lead to distorted perceptions, and always keep that sword of discrimination ready to use.

This position can also indicate an inner resonance with the Mother figure, your own or as an archetypal image. Associated with this are the typical Neptune themes of sacrifice, victim and martyr; and it is possible that your mother had to relinquish many of her own personal desires in order to raise her family. Many adults are unconscious of the sacrifices and demands of parenthood until they become parents themselves, then the realisations begin to dawn, and a greater understanding and appreciation of their own parents is born. Some adjustment of this mother image and ideal is probably needed, especially in order to realise your own nurturing and protective instincts, and to harmonise your emotions more effectively. It can reflect a need to give birth (mother) to a new self that can emerge from within you, a self that is intimately connected with the well-being of a wider society and one which is connected to the impulse of the Aquarian Age which is now emerging.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is the ultimate Neptune location for politicians and performers. It is also excellent for ministers, counsellors, doctors, nurses, political scientists, philosophers, artists, and entrepreneurs of all sorts. It gives great powers of charm and charisma, though rarely as intense as they'd like - though, in certain cases, more than they can handle. They usually have good instincts for what will sell. As performers and politicians, they are usually very attractive and so tend to age gracefully, keeping their powers strong and maintaining a hearty image until late in life. As writers or artists, they generally leave behind a considerable body of work. As scientists, they tackle immense ideas.

They like language and enjoy using it, sometimes getting very salty or slangy. Women with this can be very sharp-tongued and pointed in their speech. These people don't usually like to stay in one place for long. They are not stay-at-homes. Frequently, they will have ties in two or more places quite a distance from each other, which necessitates constant travelling back and forth. They usually enjoy boats and fishing as a sport for relaxation.

Instinctive healers, they have a strong inner knowledge of what will help another to

health, happiness, and fulfilment. They are often willing to give a great deal of time to causes or individuals they believe in.

(Howard Sasportas)

Neptune has many different faces in the 10th house of career and standing before the public. One manifestation of Neptune here is in those who find themselves idealised and worshipped by the public in general. In some way, they capture the collective imagination or come to represent a movement or force sweeping through society.

Tenth house Neptunes may embody various other principles, anything from representing what is beautiful, stylish and glamorous to that of the outcast and public scandal. Besides politics and cinema, other Neptunian careers include social work, art, fashion, photography, music, dance, religious work and healing.

However, foggy Neptune in the 10th can indicate vagueness or confusion about which career to pursue. Some will be dissatisfied with the work if it is not felt as all-absorbing and inspirational. A few I have seen have worked very hard and devotedly in return for less recognition or remuneration than they deserved. One man with this placement worked for a large company which did many shady and corrupt deals, and yet he was the only one to be arrested and imprisoned for it. Some will feel that their salvation depends on finding the right work or serving the needs of others. In certain cases, they may be forced to give up their careers because of a greater influence over which they have no control. Again, Neptune nudges us along the path of spiritual growth and expansion in this way, as if we are redeemed and purified by having to let go and sacrifice what we are overly attached to.

If we take the 10th house to represent the mother, then she will probably carry the Neptunian projection. She might have been seen as a martyr or victim, someone who gave up her own identity for the sake of raising the family. In some cases I observed, the mother had artistic or creative potentials which were cut short for these reasons. The child may be guilty about feeling happy if the mother is so frustrated, unfulfilled and miserable, or he / she could blame him- / herself for the mother's condition. Or the mother may be so over-sensitive and delicate that the child ends up having to mother the mother.

## Pluto ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius 4° 31'

Note: Skye Alexander's book was published in 1988 and stopped short of covering this period; Jan Spiller's was published in 1986 and did not even cover Pluto in Scorpio, which had already begun by then, let alone Pluto in Sagittarius. Sakoian and Acker's predictions some 30 years in advance have had to be restrained a little by my own

editorial eye!

(Steven Forrest)

Gypsy, Scholar, Philosopher - those are the central archetypes for Sagittarius. And all of them hold one cardinal quality in common: a sense of life as a Quest. The Gypsy expresses the idea geographically, questing through foreign lands and alien cultures. The Scholar expresses the same principle, but now it emerges intellectually, as the 'quest for knowledge'. Finally, the Philosopher brings in the intuitive dimension, as human consciousness seeks answers to life's meta-questions: why are we here, what is the meaning of our existences?... and so forth.

Stretching out in new, unknown directions - that is the passion for Pluto-in-Sagittarius. It wants to learn, to grow, to be amazed. The hunger for knowledge is high, but this is by no means a dried out, pedantic energy. It is the thrill of knowledge that the scholar seeks, and the thrill of realization that motivates the Philosopher. As to the Gypsy - here we see the epitome of the passionate, enthusiastic life, short on shame and long on appetite.

'I'd like to live a dashing, adventurous life - but only if I could do it safely.' Well, good luck. Risk and adventure are a matched set; you can't have one without the other. And Pluto-in-Sagittarius thrives on risk. Accordingly, its style is brash and devil-maycare, full of robust enthusiasm. It cannot abide boredom. It has little taste for conformity, and not much more taste for practicality. It appreciates boldness - in the human personality, in any enterprise, even in colors. There is a pronounced distaste for restraints or limitations, and a great focus on personal freedom and individuality.

New frontiers hold an elemental fascination for Pluto-in-Sagittarius. As I write these words near the end of Pluto's passage through Scorpio, I am anticipating a renewal of global enthusiasm for the space program, and new nations joining that great adventure. We may very well see a renewed curiosity about the Arctic, or the ocean depths. Cyberspace - that dream-reality created by computers - will become even more crowded, and the 'information highway' will create a new land to be explored and colonized. The fringes of human consciousness will develop deeper popular attraction, and probably there will be a renewal of interest in the study of paranormal phenomena, psychedelic media, and various altered brain-states.

Central to any understanding of the Sagittarian style is the notion that this sign is oriented toward the future. Possibilities fascinate it, and it is biased toward optimism. A concern with answers rather than a focus on problems is the trend. The visionary is valued above the doomsayer, and the hero above the whining complainer.

Optimism is survival-positive. An optimist is quicker to become aware of new opportunities and new resources than is a pessimist, since he or she expects to see

them.

But pessimism is survival-positive too. A pessimist is quicker to become aware of emerging threats and possible bad outcomes, since he or she is biased in that direction.

Human life seems to work best when a person can function in both modes and move fluidly between them. Pluto-in-Sagittarius, however, may be blind to the wisdom of pessimism. It can leap before it looks, 'trusting life' - and land headfirst in shallow water. Hope is a bright light, and it must therefore cast a dark shadow. The blind spot here, in a nutshell, is foolishness. Overextension, trusting too much to luck, an inability to foresee unintended consequences - these errors plague Pluto-in-Sagittarius.

Coming out of the stressful, dark mood of the Pluto-in-Scorpio years (1983-1995), humanity will be ready for some hope, some laughter, some sense that there is a future worth living. And probably those attitudes will make themselves felt more strongly than they have been felt for many years. More importantly, the kids born during this cycle, basically from 1996 to 2007, will carry in them the vision-seed of the human future, and they'll begin actively to build that future when the 'come online' as adults during the first half of the twenty-first century. but their rush to answers will be tempered and sobered, God willing, by the older, dark-seeing Plutuin-Scorpio kids and later by the practical Pluto-in-Capricorn kids who'll follow.

Mistakes happen. We've all done lots of dumb things - locking the keys in the car, forgetting the pot boiling away on the stove, punching the wrong button on the computer and erasing the letter over which we've just labored. It's universal, but no less embarrassing for it. When we make such a mistake we feel vulnerable; it brings to the surface a scared child who doubts he or she will ever grow up right. From the external perspective, the effect is often rather endearing: there is a kind of intimacy that can only arise between people who have laughed at each other's dumb mistakes and accepted that laughter with good grace.

But something in us hates humiliation. Something in you, me and everyone will go to ludicrous lengths to avoid being discovered in such a stupid error - the more so if the error is graver. And much of what is potentially really dark about Pluto in Sagittarius stems from that lamentable quality.

Sagittarius is an exploratory, experimental sign. Naturally, it is error-prone since the best way to avoid error is the opposite road: sticking boringly to the tried-and-true. But Sagittarius may descend into glib rationalization, glossing over its mistakes. Worse, it can easily develop compelling philosophical justifications for its mistakes.

Cynics say we all make a religion out of the choices we've made, or that we can always find 'scripture' to justify whatever course we've chosen, even for the basest of reasons. These notions provide insight into the darker side of Sagittarian functioning. They



constitute the gravest danger while Pluto passes through that sign, and in the lives of those who carry its mark.

In a word, we are talking about the dark side of pride. The Pluto-in-Sagittarius Shadow threatens to undo the hard, dark-facing work accomplished under the Scorpion, replacing it with games.

The darker dimensions of Pluto in Sagittarius are just garbled expressions of the positive meaning of the symbolism. Expansion, risk, and sheer adventure are essential spiritual nutrients; without them, we become automatons. At its best, Pluto in Sagittarius represents pure aliveness: an energy that epitomizes the human willingness to go beyond the confines of familiarity and therefore to create rich, unimaginable futures.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Sagittarius is a sign of religion, law, philosophy, higher education, and travel. Pluto entered Sagittarius around 1995, marking a period of spiritual regeneration at the beginning of the Aquarian age. At this time, there is a fundamental understanding of deeper spiritual values among all people. Religions as they were known are being completely transformed. A single world religion based on man's direct intuitive communion with the One Creator has been taking form. New spiritual leaders are arising to teach the fundamental laws governing all life in the universe. The new world religion combines all the highest expressions of the great religions of the past, with a more comprehensive scientific understanding of the underlying forces of life.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

We can only speculate on the personal and generational influences of Pluto from this sign. In essence, the sign and planet are opposites; Sagittarius is open, freedom-loving, independent, and couldn't be less secretive, while Pluto is very secretive, finding it difficult to unburden, intense and possessively jealous. However, when Pluto's influence causes purges, a great deal is brought into the open. Is it in this way that Pluto will act from Sagittarius? It is to be hoped so, provided of course that there are not such powerful reactions to situations that the disturbance and disruption they cause is a problem in itself. It seems hard to think of any Sagittarian influence causing revolutionary tendencies, so the chances are that reactions will be tinged with wisdom and the sage-like traits of Sagittarius / Jupiter. It is these qualities which we hope will add an interesting dimension to the children born while Pluto is in this sign.

(Grant Lewi)

If we found wisdom with Pluto in Scorpio, we are able to use it with Pluto in Sagittarius. We are developing new laws, new ideals, and new philosophies. Look for a blending of nations. Revolutionary fervor continues to be great. Dogmas are ripe for challenge, and

the world is ripe for synthesis. Pluto in Sagittarius represents the opportunity to effect permanent changes in the fabric of culture. Beware, however, of wanderlust and a mindset of dabbling. Also guard against the extremes of ego which all too easily accompany a revolutionary's attitude. Your base of wisdom, developed while Pluto was in Scorpio, will serve you well. The dark side of change is warring faction, the 'angry young man' dynamic, dropping the philosopher's stone through the glass floors of perceived progress.

(John Townley)

Your generation has a very robust, simple, almost pioneering approach to love, a direct but rather romantic way of looking at people. This is an innate point of view, but in part it is a response to the last two rather turbulent generations. They did not look at love as a pure concept that needs no tampering to make it more whole or perfect.

In general, the potential partners in your age group prefer to let a relationship take its own course; if it is headed for the rocks, they let it happen. They won't alter the pattern of a relationship for better or worse, except to abandon it altogether and start anew.

If you are more introspective, this will seem like a disastrous attitude. You may feel that a viable relationship should not fall apart for lack of correction or restructuring. There is not much you can do about this generational point of view, however, except to find an older partner or someone of your own age whose style is like yours. If you have a flair for the romantic, you will be right in tune. For better or worse, love will sweep you along into, and sometimes out of, relationships that are very powerful.

(Robert Hand)

During this time, many more of society's cherished beliefs are being destroyed, and new religious, spiritual and cultural values are taking their place. Few of us would be able to deal with these changes comfortably; and the children of this time will probably be quite iconoclastic, even by the standards we have known.

## Pluto ♅ in 9th House

(Ginger Chalford)

Very often, this PLuto child is brought up in an environment of strong-willed parents. Often the mother feels she knows all the answers or has at least to look as though she does, and the child is fooled by the grand show put on by his / her superparent. However, what the child feels and intuits about the nature of life is often disregarded by the parents as being charmingly meaningless. This child, who so easily tunes into

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

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

For those who continue searching outside themselves for a solution to life's mysteries, meanings and purposes, advertising can be hypnotically effective - it can even brainwash them. These are the people who, even though they are adults, will still use a particular brand of toothpaste because the advertisement impressed them. They will buy the correct and best dishwasher detergent, wine, or pain reliever, because they believe

the ad. Women with this placement could become obsessed with their appearance, attempting vainly to look like an Eileen Ford model, feeling that something in life is tragically missing because of their lack of physical beauty. Men may become excessively defensive over their masculinity, and befriend others who have the same political or business axes to grind. One never discusses politics, religion or morality with this type of man, because he will always quote the ultimate authority, whether it be the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, the government, scientific documents, etc.

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

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

However, the fanatical extremes of belief are relatively rare in these people; and although they bark loudly, few of them have any real 'bite'. Although their philosophical narrowness can continue for a while, it is often dramatically shifted at some point during the lifetime. The world view changes as they begin questioning their parents' philosophies and attitudes. Often this change is expressed initially in a rebelliousness against learned attitudes, even to the extent of refusing to read the papers, watch television or go to church or synagogue. Then a dramatic restructuring of their views occurs, which can initiate changes that bring upheavals over a period of several years. They begin to get in touch with their inner visceral comprehension of the world. They begin to expand their mental horizons so much that they will observe other cultures in order to provide grist for the mental mill. They will study a great variety of philosophical ideas in order to get a grand perspective on life, and may express this mental expansion with statements that tie opposites together by way of their common

denominators. For example, such a person may find the common thread between various religions or political systems. As controversial as this usually is, the individual is merely trying to find what makes a polarity a polarity. The commonality is enthusiastically pursued, and when found, it gives access to a perspective that is beyond either extreme.

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

Dramatic crises in life come as a result of changing belief systems. Sudden understandings of a larger scope, or even the glimpse of another possible reality beyond the mundane everyday one, can bring this about. As a result, careers may be changed. Students may suddenly drop out of school, wondering why the motivation to do what they had been doing is no longer there. A period of questioning may create rifts in familiar or traditionally based relationships. The affected individuals may retreat into the country, hoping to get back in touch with some peaceful dream lost from another era. Or, people under this influence may just seem to withdraw from society in some kind of alienated protest. Fortunately, this protest seldom lasts very long. These rebellious individuals will soon discover that broader perspectives could bring about a rebellion against the very things they have recently embraced! And on and on it goes, as the perspective expands. Some people join organisations at this time, in the hope of finding security within a group. Again, few in this type of crisis are destined to stay in narrow confines for very long.

Pluto transiting this house can bring about any or all of the above-mentioned crises. Yet, with this transit often comes an emphasis on challenging the beliefs and social attitudes of the mother or adult female guardian. Remember, these beliefs or world views are assumed on the part of the Pluto person, and may not objectively describe the mother. Other children in the same family could have another Pluto house placement, and might

feel that the mother represents something totally different. So the person hit by Pluto in this house will have to deal with these concepts within himself or herself, by re-evaluating who and what the mother represents specifically, and what attitudes must stay or go.

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

A good way to go about developing the positive potential of this aspect is to question everything. Be willing to have what you believe to be true thrown out of the window if it's shown to be false. And how do you know if something is false? An idea is false for you if the choice to believe it is based on fear, rather than on self-esteem and love. A child would rather believe the world view of the parents because it creates a sense of security. Disagreeing with or moving away from the parents' beliefs can create anxieties, fears that what you are doing is not quite right. You do not want to have your current crop of beliefs and attitudes based on insecurity and anxiety. If you are willing to examine some possibly scary alternatives, you may find out that what you were originally taught really is correct. In that case, you can now make a positive choice to keep that belief - because you want to, not because you are afraid not to. And the same goes for a belief based on childhood anxiety, which you don't want any more. Throw it out - you are the one who decides now what you wish to believe, feel and know! Take a belief that causes you a lot of trouble, such as 'People can't have both love and money at the same time'. Admit that you have it! Then acknowledge the ramifications of that belief in your daily life. Writing down examples of how you express the belief over a period of a couple of days is very helpful in identifying the impact that the idea has on your daily life. Then forgive yourself for having held onto that belief for so long, and forgive your mother or father who taught it to you. (See the fourth house Pluto for a description of forgiveness.) Now decide what idea you want to put in its place. Ask yourself why you haven't let yourself activate this new idea already. What are your resistances? Acknowledge them, and then decide to change. Gradually increase the amount of time each day you spend in the new mental framework. You'll begin to see the difference in your life! (Haydn Paul) You will feel the need to have a strong ideological support structure guiding your life, to give it a definition, clarify your choices and offer a clear direction to follow. In many ways, your beliefs help to create your sense of personal identity, as they act as a centering energy giving a sense of solidarity and permanence.

The areas which will interest you, and from which the ideological base will emerge, are

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

The transformation which Pluto requires is for you to develop your own unique ideological approach to life, not one which relies upon following a group belief structure, and to have the strength to stand on your own feet and have the courage to follow your own path and convictions. This implies an eventual sharing with others of the individual freedoms to search and discover, not merely an attempt to convert; and an encouraging of each to find his own unique path by releasing the need to feel secure by reflecting group beliefs uncritically and without question. Such a new approach to the underlying tendency will act as a liberating force, potentially leading to more personal experience of the reality and validity of your essential beliefs, or to their unsuitability and failings. Pluto will act to undermine your compulsive need to adopt a structure to guide your life, by stimulating conditions that cause it to fall apart and erode your confidence in the beliefs. However, this is only because it wants to lead you towards new horizons, which are more fully expressive of your unique individuality and through which your own light can shine in freedom.

(Donna Cunningham)

This shows a deep, analytical mind; yet this person may balk at completing a higher education. This type resents having to get a degree to succeed, as getting one would mean his or her parents won. Many such people go all the way through school, then

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

(Ulla Palomaki)

Through the ninth house we acquire the sense of belonging to society, its order and hierarchy. The ninth house often determines the nature of this belonging and eventual difficulties and challenges inherent in it. The ninth house also has strong connections with traditions and cultural background. Thus, Pluto is not necessarily very comfortable in the house. The individual is easily estranged from his domestic, religious and cultural background. That sort of hierarchy and values are not naturally adopted by him. Sometimes fate has determined that the individual has a family whose traditions and way of life differ far from those prevailing in society at large. Pluto's position in the ninth house brings feelings of rootlessness so that the view of life or religion has to be looked for in other horizons, perhaps far away. Other countries and cultures may be sources of inspiration for new spiritual concepts. This kind of 'wandering instinct' often results in a lot of spiritual wisdom (Nostradamus), and may lead to a continuous spiritual search for higher truths. Instead of wandering physically, some wander in their minds. This individual is apt to live a solitary life if he so desires. The search for vision and beliefs may become obsessive, so that the views are defended strongly and considered as absolutely right. This attitude may lead to intolerance. The zeal to convert other people to follow the individual's own views is sometimes very strong. Jeff Green calls this a 'Billy Graham archetype'. In a positive way, the individual is able to get near the truth after a long search, and transmit his knowledge to others. Important is to remember that the truth is never held by a human being. In a positive way, he can also contribute to questioning old religious systems. He has an inner capacity to see their flaws, and thus can contribute to their transformation. Pluto in the ninth house symbolises transformation (Pluto) of religion (ninth house, analogical to Sagittarius). This house position allows the



mind to develop because the ninth house has to do with higher thinking and non-trivial matters. The mind is usually very sharp and performing, especially if Mercury is also strong and not disturbed. It may lead to erudition, theoretical work and studies in different kinds of fields. Many have a deep-rooted view that knowledge is power, and thus are keen on studying and not letting their minds languor in disuse. According to the French astrologer Jean-Pierre Nicolas, a lot of time, studies and experiences are needed before life starts to express itself. One of the best means to channel this planetary position is to participate in changes in social life, hierarchy and politics, all of which represent the ninth house.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

Their dogmatism and self-righteousness could stem from the fear that if another person's philosophy contradicts their own, then what they believe in may have to be questioned. Rather than endangering the sanctity of what they worship and adore, they may try to control what everyone else believes in or convert all others to their side. The image of God is often coloured by what planet is in the 9th. For those with Pluto here, God may not be all justice, beauty and light. He may have a dark side to His nature and occasionally decide He doesn't like them. He could delight in leading them to the edge of

a precipice, dangling them there, or destroying them altogether no matter how 'good' they were. It is no wonder many of the people I have met with Pluto in the 9th have difficulty conceiving of a rosy future. As dire as this may sound, some real benefits arise out of their dilemmas. Firstly, they are forced to take a stand on suffering and find some meaning through it, even if it is a fate they can do nothing about. Secondly, they will try to derive as much as they can from every experience, engaging themselves in each and every moment far more completely than others who have a less harrowing concept of God. I said earlier that some may not welcome Pluto in the house at all, although he invariably finds a way of sneaking in. Along these lines, I have met people with this placement who, afraid or thwarted by the search for truth, turn nihilistic. Diametrically opposite to those who use Pluto's constructive probing, these people are aimless and apathetic, and don't see the value in anything. Why bother if it all ends in death anyway? But this is exactly why they should bother. Death is probably the most important event in life; and we can't die well unless we have lived well. Cicero said: 'To philosophise is to prepare for death'. Unlike those with Pluto in the 8th, these people are not necessarily suffering from the repression or malfunctioning of sexual or aggressive instincts, but from the repression or frustration of an equally important and particularly human drive - the will to find meaning in life.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

(Robert Pelletier)

You are tuned in to current social and political problems and disturbed by the failure of those who are largely responsible for dealing with them. Your reading includes philosophy, religion, metaphysics and psychology. You feel that government officials must have a more comprehensive understanding of the great social problems that cut across the barriers of race, creed and national origin. By developing your own skills, you could make a substantial contribution through political or social activity. You obviously care enough to make this effort; but you need training to accomplish your objectives. Finding a suitable career should come first on your list of priorities. Serving the public's needs would exert a positive influence where it's most needed, and would give you a feeling of spiritual enrichment as well.

People often seek your counsel, because you listen attentively to their problems, and they know you can offer them valuable advice. You generally hear more than is being said, as if you were reading between the lines of their conversation. This gives you keen insight into people's problems and an understanding of what motivates them. Your partner must share your interest in social issues and should be similarly concerned about finding solutions to them. It is not likely that you will ever retire, because you

consider it a waste of time when you can still accomplish so much. Though you may not require it, you can always turn to your friends for help. Be prepared to revise your past opinions as you gain new information. This will assure that your views are always current and will allow you to withstand those who try to intimidate or gain control over you. If you are troubled by conditions that you observe in your environment, the only answer is to learn whatever skills are required to do something about them. You can be instrumental in guiding people to greater freedom by helping them find solutions to their problems. You should incorporate this objective into the duties of your career. You are deeply sensitive to human suffering, whether the cause is physical, social, political or economic; and you can do much to relieve these anxieties.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: Your higher mind undergoes periodic purges. At certain points in life, you discover a new philosophy, and it hits with unbelievable conviction. All previous ethical understanding is swept away, obliterated by the new clarity. Your entire approach to living changes overnight as the new allegiance galvanises your mind. Then you stabilise until the next mental housecleaning. Each plateau of mind has immense power. It can be a surgical scalpel, cutting to the essence of life, or it can be a weapon, bludgeoning others into submission. The challenge is to choose the former and avoid the latter.

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

curious about alternate ways of living; and your pursuit of change through cultural relativity becomes a whirlwind of insights.

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

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

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... the ninth house bore a rather romantic name. It was the 'House of Long Journeys'. The implication was that of a mythic Quest, a journey into strange and perilous places, a journey from which one would return, if at all, a changed person. The ninth house was also associated with religion... and that is not as much of a leap from journeys as it might at first seem. Religion is a human attempt to impart meaning to life, or to discover life's meaning. And we learn about life by living it - by fully accepting and undertaking the 'journey'. It is this 'religious' dimension of the ninth house that is really the heart of the matter, as we shall see.

Furthermore, nothing will so challenge and focus our own beliefs as an encounter with their passionately held alternatives. Generally throughout human history, such encounters have been hard to come by. 'Multiculturalism' has been a rare phenomenon; cultures have tended to be monolithic, with a particular set of commonly held values, morals, and mythologies binding them into unity. To experience the full-blown reality of alternative perspectives, one didn't have a long list of options. And travel was high on the list. Just leaving town. Going among the foreigners, the 'heathens', the 'infidels'. It would

provide an 'education' unavailable elsewhere.....At least until 'education' became widely available - and that is yet another traditional meaning of the ninth house: universities, learning, scholarship. Closely linked to those notions was the idea of the dissemination of knowledge. Hence, the association of the ninth house with the publishing industry... and who hasn't ever been taken on a 'Long Journey' by a book? But it all comes back to the endless search for meaning, pattern and significance in our lives: our 'religious' needs.

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

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

Your High Destiny is to be such a figure. The responsibility here is enormous. Whenever you speak of Right or Wrong, or the Meaning of Life, people will naturally listen to you. It is as though something radiates from you, a kind of message from God saying, 'Take what this person says seriously'. And if you put out the notion that life is a hopeless mess unfolding in a random universe, people will be mightily influenced by that viewpoint. You can do a lot better than that, but first you must face... Your Distorting Wound: We humans are pretty brilliant as monkeys go. I suspect that perspective is not terribly far from the way the angels look at us. We are inventive, cunning, and creative, but our knowledge of this vast, multidimensional universe is exceedingly limited. When the preacher ascends the pulpit on Sunday morning and begins fulminating about the nature and purpose of life in the cosmos, imagine the angels having a good laugh. Even if the preacher's heart is in the right place, his head is still stuck in the three-dimensional, time-bound world.

But preaching is his job, and he prides himself in it. And when he was a young seminarian, he was deeply inspired by a teacher no older or wiser than he himself is now. What doubts he had in his inherited belief-system were dispelled by that teacher. On top of that, the congregation isn't paying him for his doubts; they want

certainty, clarity, and confidence - 'faith', they call it. It's a commonplace observation that religion has caused more bloodshed and unfeeling, self-righteous sadism in this world than money, sex, and the territorial imperative combined. People will do things for 'faith' that they couldn't stomach for any other reason. And their 'preachers' egg them on with 'messages from God'. With Pluto in the ninth house, you instinctively see all that. You have a sceptic's capacity to ask the right, embarrassing questions. Reflexively, you question the assumptions underlying whatever metaphysical cardcastle you are presented with. You have an especially wary eye when it comes to observing the 'preachers', sniffing out the subtle traps their own egos lay for them, and places where their Shadows leak out into behaviour.

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

However we read the story, your Distorting Wound is a learned response of doubt, cynicism, and hesitancy to believe. Your Navigational Error: Those of us raised in the Christian tradition know the story of Christ's encounter with the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. The gospel accounts give an impression of Pilate not so much as a bad man but as a weak one. He seems motivated to afford Jesus a way out of the crucifixion, if only Jesus would plea-bargain a little. But of course Jesus won't. Near the end of their dialogue, Pilate despairingly asks "What is truth?". In Sunday school, we are encouraged to view this as an example of Pilate's perfidious character, but in fact it's a pretty good question. What is truth? The world is full of people, nefarious or merely gullible, making large sums out of claiming to provide the answer. You figured that out before you were very far into your adulthood; and such parasites make your blood boil. In your compulsion not to get fooled again yourself, and to roust out the tricksters into the bargain, you might make any of several fundamental errors.

The first error lies in adopting doubt and cynicism as your 'religion', and doing so without realising that they are as narrow and limited as any other doctrine. And not nearly as uplifting, we might add. A person under the spell of that dogma will live a life full of fear, hesitant to reap the real joys of love, charity, and fellowship. He or she might withdraw from real sources of inspiration, and recoil from the pleasures and advantages of simple faith. The second error involves reacting unconsciously to the 'religion' of one's childhood - and moving fanatically into another doctrine as far removed from the birth-religion as one can find: a classic 'out of the frying pan, into the fire' move. Daddy was a right-wing entrepreneurial capitalist; daughter is a leftwing Marxist saboteur. Joe was raised

Pentecostal, but then he found Zoroastrianism. Wherever we wind up, if we are in the grips of this error, one eventuality is sure: the preachers of the new religion will prove just as fallible or morally culpable as the preachers with whom we grew up.

A third possible error lies in becoming an Inquisitor regarding either all religions or the religion of one's childhood. Down this road, one zealously, fanatically seeks to discredit belief at every opportunity. The attacks may very well be cogent; our concerns about them lie more in a consideration of their motivations and their benefits to the attacker. Typically, there is a big element of unconscious anger in such attacks, and they accomplish little that enhances anyone's life. A fourth error is an attempt to escape the whole issue, and in fact to shirk one's high destiny. It can be made to sound pretty good, though: "Everybody has to figure it out for him- / herself. Who am I to judge? We should all just trust our inner guidance". These are certainly laudable ideas in many ways. But they miss something. We all wear shoes, but not everyone is cut out to be shoemaker. Most of us drive a car, but only a few of us can rebuild the brakes or the ignition system. Similarly, not everyone is wired to distill the chaos of daily life down to a few reliable moral principles. That's as much an inborn, unique skill as the shoemaker's or the mechanic's. And not everyone possesses it. You are mentally wired to be a philosopher. You carry those instincts and reflexes. And you are not the only one who knows that - anyone sizing you up is going to come to the same conclusion. That's how it works with Pluto. Like it or not, you're set up for that kind of destiny, and people are going to see through that kind of filter. They'll take moral cues from you no matter what you do.

**The Healing Method:** The first part of your healing method is simple to say, but absolutely essential to the recovery of your high destiny. You must physically leave the land of your birth. This leaving is not necessarily permanent, although it often is. Nor does it necessitate crossing international boundaries; cultural lines count for more here than political ones. If you're a native Californian, moving to New Hampshire might do it. The point is that there is something liberating and refreshing for you about culture shock. Your ninth house wounds are tied up with the 'religion of your people' - your church or temple in youth, or the collective attitude of your ethnic group, your neighbourhood, or your extended family... or any combination plate of such factors you might assemble. Just getting away from that environment clears the air. And in that clear air, you will naturally begin to think more freshly.

A second part of your healing depends utterly upon your committing yourself to an educational journey. This may very well involve matriculating in a formal degree programme, complete with the diploma to hang on your wall. It may just as easily take a less official form, as, for example, when a person sets out to master the practice of astrology and commits zealously to the formidable intellectual exercise that entails. Again, what is at stake here is a stretching of the boundaries, an extension of consciousness beyond the narrow framework of one's early life. Synchronistic principles declare that in the course of travelling far from home and acquiring an education, you will



encounter a religion that works for you. That is part of the shape of your destiny. The third step in the healing lies in accepting it. By 'religion' we refer to a world view or a moral perspective; a set of values to live by. It may or may not be a religion in the customary sense.

The religion that works best for you will be Plutonian, of course - that's what suits your nature. How do we recognise such a belief system? For starters, a Plutonian religion is one that isn't quick to view doubt as a sin; it will encourage questioning, scrutiny, and testing. It is a religion that makes some satisfactory account of the problem of evil in the world; no greeting-card philosophies will work. It is a religion that encourages and supports introspective psychological self-analysis, and ties it inextricably to the notion of the spiritual quest. Typically, it will deal energetically and at length with the realities of death and the dying process, and be willing to embrace positive views on the spiritual potentials inherent in consciously directed sexuality. All these notions are simply Plutonian; a Plutonian religion, which is natural to you, will embrace them all to some degree.

The Energising Vision: What are we if we believe nothing? What would life be if everything came down to meaninglessness? What would be left? Only appetite....'Man shall not live by bread alone', Jesus said. And it is a simple truth. We need more than mere appetite. We need purpose and meaning. But if, as some tired modern intellectual theologians say, purpose and meaning are purely human creations, it all rings a little hollow. Why bother? Here's the essence: in your guts, you know that life has purpose. You were born with that certainty. Some early experiences of disillusionment nearly knocked that faith out of you, but it only went underground. Employ your healing methods and the faith is resurrected. And it radiates from you. And that faith is given an integrity and a legitimacy by your own fierce commitment to doubt. How strange that phrase sounds from a conventional religious perspective! But your willingness to question yourself and everyone else, always to go deeper, always to let the truth be more than what you already know, those qualities lift you out of the morass that so often captures the evangelist and amateur guru. You are called upon to speak as one of the moral voices of your community. And as long as you are willing to stay in communion with your own Plutonian shadow, you'll not slip into mere moralising. Need renewal? Then go questioning again! Journeys will punctuate the conscious life for you, and each one will stretch your spiritual frontiers a little wider.

(Jeff Green)

Individuals who have Pluto in the Ninth House have had the desire and evolutionary need to understand life and themselves in a cosmological, metaphysical, philosophical or religious context. In the broadest possible sense, the Ninth House and Sagittarius are the archetypes through which humanity has a need to explain its connection to the phenomenological nature of the universe and the world in which we live. The Eighth House and Scorpio generated the awareness of 'larger forces' in the universe and the

world, forces that were sensed as originating outside the individual. Consequently, there was a need to form some kind of relationship to these forces in order to become identified and united with them. In effect, the relationship allowed the individual to experience these forces directly, and thus to undergo a metamorphosis of his or her personal limitations. The individual became that to which he or she formed a relationship through the osmosis effect. Because of the direct need to experience these larger forces, people and cultures have developed rituals, methods and techniques to harness, possess, control and know them. As a result, this desire and need has led into an understanding and explanation of occult or hidden knowledge. It has also led into internal psychoanalysis or psychological investigations of the inner dynamics or laws that explain who and what we are and how we work. In the Ninth House, the desire and need has been, and is, to explain one's relationship or connection to larger forces. Whereas the person with Pluto in the Eighth House sensed this connection, in the Ninth House the connection is known. As a result, individuals with this placement have needed freedom to pursue whatever experiences are necessary to discover the knowledge that explains those larger forces. As with Pluto in all natural Fire houses, the Ninth House placement gives the individual the feeling that he or she has a special destiny or identity. In the Ninth House, the special identity is directly linked to the individual's relationship to the cosmological, philosophical, metaphysical or religious principles that explain their connection to the universe and the world. These people recognise the phenomenological nature of the universe at large, and in contrast to those with Pluto in the Third House, are not as focused on the immediate physical environment. They understand that, in a phenomenological sense, the world or universe simply exists; that it exists of itself beyond labels or classifications. Yet, because it exists, Ninth House Pluto individuals have desires to understand the fundamental truths that explain the existence of the world and the universe. Truth implies natural laws or principles that govern the totality of life as well as the individual's life.

On this basis, these individuals desire to be free in order to generate whatever experiences are necessary to discover the truth of their existence. They need to understand and explain their relationship to the universe via the principles founded on cosmological, metaphysical, philosophical or religious terms. As a result, many of these individuals come into this life as natural loners. Many of these individuals have travelled far and wide throughout many lifetimes in the pursuit of truth and knowledge. Many have incarnated into diverse cultures all over the planet. It is also common for many to leave a culture, society, or nation in which they felt inhibited or stifled in their pursuit of truth and knowledge. Consequently, many Ninth House Pluto individuals have experienced and will experience a fundamental alienation from their own culture and society. Alienation occurs because most cultures, societies or nations are based on a specific religious or philosophical system, arrived at by general consensus, that serves as the framework for understanding or explaining its relationship to the world and the universe. Because the desire and drive of the Ninth House Pluto person is to search for and discover truth in an unrestricted way, alienation arises from the limitations of society. These limitations lead to external, and therefore internal, confrontations for these individuals

.The confrontations reinforce the sense of alienation from the culture or belief system into which they have been born. Given a prior-life history of incarnating into diverse cultures, many of these individuals will experience alienation because each new culture or society will be different from the one that they have just experienced. The unconscious 'memories' of the most previous life experience will induce the alienation relative to the 'new' culture. This produces a cultural, emotional and philosophical shock that threatens the unconscious security needs of the individual. The experience of restriction, alienation, confrontation and shock reflects the evolutionary impulse to discover the comprehensive truths, principles or laws that underlie the diverse expressions of phenomenological truth as defined by any culture, at any time. Alienation is a necessary experience because it fosters an elimination of any barriers, be they individual or cultural, that are preventing a direct understanding of the fundamental laws and principles that govern this comprehensive and total truth of existence. Because of this evolutionary impulse, many Ninth House Pluto individuals will feel rootless; rather than identifying with any specific nation, they will consider themselves citizens of the world. On the other hand, many of these individuals will naturally gravitate to certain philosophical or cultural expressions that reflect their own inner intuitive sense of how life should be explained or understood. For some this natural gravitation to a specific philosophical or cultural expression of truth is at odds with the society or culture that they were born into in this life. The memories of the past often create a desire or need to rediscover or align themselves with a religious or philosophical tradition from another time and another place. For others the culture that they are born into will mirror perfectly the philosophical or religious tradition necessary to continue their evolutionary journey and to fulfil their karmic requirements. For these individuals the experience of alienation will be minimised or eliminated altogether.

Because Ninth House Pluto individuals desire to understand themselves in these ways, there is a concentrated development of the inner intuitive faculty. Because these individuals know that they are connected to larger forces beyond themselves, and because of the desire to discover the natural laws that explain this connection, they have necessarily had to develop an intuitive faculty - a 'sixth sense'. Intuition is the inherent ability in each of us to 'know' something without conscious reasoning. This knowing or understanding occurs without any effort on the part of the ecocentric and subjective mind. Because these individuals know that they are connected to larger forces in the universe, they have 'tapped in' to those forces. By intensely focusing upon those forces, they become aware of their nature and, therefore, of the laws and principles behind those forces. Laws and principles translate into concepts or conceptualisation of those forces. Concepts and conceptualisations translate into beliefs. A composite of concepts, laws, principles and beliefs translates into a comprehensive philosophical, metaphysical, cosmological or religious system. The specific nature of mankind's belief systems is determined by individual and collective evolutionary development and geographic locality. In other words, the fundamental laws or principles are the same for all individuals or cultures, but are conceived, conceptualised and expressed in a diversity of

cultural and individual ways. This becomes clear when we observe the world's amazing array of religious and philosophical systems. Even though the basic laws and principles are the same for all peoples and cultures, the individual and cultural interpretation of those principles reflects not only diversity but individual and cultural necessity.

Individuals with Pluto in the Ninth House will interpret these intrinsic laws and principles according to their own natural evolutionary condition and karmic necessities.

The evolutionary need to focus upon and develop the intuitive faculty in order to know the truth of reality creates many problems for the individual and for society. These problems are rooted in the two co-existing desires within the Soul. The desire for separateness results in an egocentric overidentification with a specific philosophical or religious system that reflects the needs of the society or the individual. This overidentification is based on the need for emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual security and stability. This need for security and stability gives rise to the need for the society or the individual to defend against the intrusion of other interpretations of the same intrinsic laws and principles by other cultures or individuals. In this state of delusion and separateness, the individual or culture will either attempt to impose its system upon another or will withdraw from the threat posed by another individual or culture. The history of human experience on the planet abundantly demonstrates this fact. The recent turmoil in Ireland, the Middle East, and South Africa, China's imposition on Tibet, and so forth are only the latest manifestations of this sad evolutionary development.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°49')    ♄11 | ♃10
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°56')    ♄11 | ♃2
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42')    ♄7 | ♃10
- 4) ► **Saturn ♀ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°46')    ♃2 | ♄5
- 5) ► **Saturn ♀ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°38')    ♃2 | ♃10
- 6) ► **Uranus ♂ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°08')    ♄5 | ♃10
- 7) ► **Pluto ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°35')    ♄9 | ♄12
- 8) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♂ Uranus** - (7°47' S)    ♄5 | ♄5
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (4°59' S)    ♄8 | ♄9
- 10) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♀ Neptune** - (0°12' A)    ♃10 | ♃10
- 11) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♀ Saturn** - (1°27' A)    ♃2 | ♃2
- 12) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♀ Pluto** - (5°18' A)    ♄3 | ♄9
- 13) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♂ Mars** - (4°24' A)    ♄11 | ♃2
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (1°17' A)    ♃10 | ♄12
- 15) ► **Neptune ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (1°05' A)    ♃10 | ♄12
- 16) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♀ Pluto** - (5°23' A)    ♄11 | ♄9
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♂ Uranus** - (3°44' A)    ♃2 | ♄5
- 18) ► **Jupiter ♃ Square ♀ North-Node** - (3°57' S)    ♄3 | ♄12
- 19) ► **Saturn ♀ Square ♂ Uranus** - (2°17' A)    ♃2 | ♄5
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♂ Uranus** - (3°03' A)    ♃1 | ♄5
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Pluto** - (0°18' A)    ♃1 | ♄9
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ☾ Moon** - (6°13' S)    ♄5 | ♃1
- 23) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♂ Uranus** - (7°44' S)    ♄8 | ♄5
- 24) ► **Saturn ♀ Trine ♀ Neptune** - (7°42' A)    ♃2 | ♃10
- 25) ► **Uranus ♂ Trine ♀ Pluto** - (2°45' S)    ♄5 | ♄9

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°49')    ♄11 | ♃10

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

Nevertheless, with rather easy-going Venus at this place, we need to avoid the trap of taking things too easily where social position is concerned or of relying too much on our backers. Laziness and passivity can spoil the promise of easy success.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus conjunct the MC might be indicative of a Venusian career; a vocation in art, beauty, diplomacy or somewhere where there is a requirement for taste, comparison or harmony. Certainly, whatever the actual work, the individual will be able to bring diplomatic skills to it. Usually people with this placement know how to charm and get on easily with those in authority. Venus conjunct MC might also be expected to confer public popularity, or at least an urge towards trying to create it. Some with this configuration may become well-known because of their romantic life or the relationships they form. Still others might wish, beyond all else, to be known as a loving parent.

Venus on either end of the MC-IC axis may be descriptive of the experience of their own parent(s) as being very loving or popular. For others it may be more descriptive of a parent's vocational activities or their wishes for the career of the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect favors people in artistic professions, public relations work, and diplomacy. Females are often able to promote their careers by charming their bosses or those in authority.

Natives are often prone to social ambition. Their status can be improved through marriage, and marriage is sometimes contracted in order to achieve this, especially if Venus is in Taurus or Capricorn. They also have the ability to attract money through social prominence or by forming partnerships with those in positions of power.

2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°56')    ≈11 | ♃2

(Robert Hand)

At a very early age you will learn that life requires hard work and ceaseless activity if you want to get ahead. Also you want to be a person of significance when you are older, so you will start working while quite young to get where you want to go. Since you have so much internal discipline, your parents won't have to impose it from the outside, nor should they make unrealistically high demands, because you will try very hard to fulfill them. Whenever you fail, you condemn yourself strongly, and if you decide you are a loser, it would be very difficult to change that belief. This placement of Saturn can signify that you will be very successful or very unsuccessful, depending on how you experience success while you are young.

You respect those in authority even when you feel they are giving you a hard time. You understand that they have earned the right to their position and that to challenge them you must earn that right as well. Only if you have very negative experiences with authority while you are young - and your parents will have a lot to do with this - will you be negative about it when you are older.

No matter what career you choose, you will be a teacher and a guide for others. You may be a teacher in the literal sense in some kind of school. In any case, others will look to you for guidance when you achieve the goals that you set for yourself now.

As you work to get ahead in life, however, be very careful not to neglect your friendships and other relationships. Otherwise you may be very lonely later on.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Saturn at the MC, we are often tormented by feelings of inferiority. Vulnerability is great; in many cases because the support of one or both parents was missing during childhood. We feel an urge to do well when still young, either to overcome an inferiority complex or else to let it be seen that we account for something. Hence this aspect can indicate tremendous ambition: we can work hard and long for the goals that we have set

ourselves, but may also be harsh and pitiless.

Traditionally Saturn conjunct Midheaven is supposed to signify a public fall or disgrace. But this is true only when the groundwork of success has been prepared too quickly and carelessly, or when what we are building is hollow. If we get down to work like a real child of Saturn, that is to say slowly and thoroughly, we can go far later in life.

We need to provide not only ourselves but also our environment with form and structure, so we have a liking for regulations and for laying down the law to others. Much of this arises from an inner feeling of effectiveness and a diligent search for an individual form in which we shall be valued. If we resist any tendency this conjunction may have to disturb our inner equilibrium, we should be able to display thoroughness, determination and tremendous consistency.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Saturn conjunct the MC often feel they have to keep up some kind of position in society, perhaps maintain a position of responsibility or duty, or follow in a parent's footsteps. Classically, they feel they have no choice but to do this. There is sometimes a very fated feeling about the choice of vocation which the individual may or may not feel comfortable with. It's a common enough combination for members of the Royal Family, whose public face tends to be a very controlled one, full of responsibility, protocol, handwaving, and never putting a foot wrong.

Very often those with Saturn contacting the MC-IC axis feel that they have to submit to their parents' wishes as to their choice of career, and there is sometimes a feeling of an enormous weight on their shoulders because of this. Very often the background is a fairly conservative, middle-class one, or the family aspires in that direction. The choice of vocation often seems limited to Saturn conjunct MC especially, and to some extent it often is limited because the individual requires that his / her position in society be one of respectability and security.

I have seen this placement in the charts of those who have at least one very successful parent in their field, although the success is usually very hard-won; but it's also a common placement in the charts of those whose parents didn't reach their aspirations - parents who feel a failure to themselves and their family in terms of their professional accomplishments. Thus the individual with Saturn conjunct MC carries more than his / her own fear around with him / her. There is often a fear of succeeding (for it might hurt the 'failed' parent) as well as a fear of not doing so.

Having a proper career and direction in life is often such a weighty issue that individuals with this placement often feel at a loss to decide what to do with their lives. Saturn conjunct MC are often late-developers. Classically, the type is frightened to take risks with their future, which is fair enough on one level, but on another, it is often by taking



risks, by exploring first one kind of work and then another, and simply going where life and one's unconscious takes one, that an individual is able to find his / her particular niche in society and some sort of personal fulfilment. I have also known people who have spent their lives blaming their parents for work they happen to be doing. They feel that in their working life they are 'doing time'. Usually the parents are not to 'blame'; the problem lies with the individual who is too frightened to risk doing what he / she really wants to do.

Saturn conjunction MC is an ideal combination for vocations that involve skills that take a long time to learn, and careers concerned with age, tradition, time or structure. The conjunction and other aspects to the axis can be associated with hard work and slow, sure success.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Saturn conjunct Midheaven aspect characterizes those who rise to high stations through hard work and steady ambition. If the conjunction is well aspected, they are honest, responsible, and foresighted in their dealings. They make good executives and administrators. In politics they tend to be conservative, seeking policies which lead to stability and to the expansion of existing institutions along traditional lines.

If this conjunction is afflicted, disgrace and fall from a high position are possibilities.

3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42')    ♄7 | ♃10

(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 selfindulgence 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.

4) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ⚡ **Uranus** - (1°46') ♈2 | ♏5

(Haydn Paul)

During the twentieth century, the conjunction aspect was made during 1942 and in 1988. It offers the possibility of an effective balance between these two antagonistic planets. Apart from those born under this aspect, the energy released into the collective mind at these times can aid in the interplay between forces of order and chaos, conceivably bringing the opposites into equilibrium and allowing a space for something new to be born.

For the individual with this aspect, there should be the ability to fuse ideas with practical application, to ground and anchor those sometimes slightly intangible and ephemeral Uranian ideas, thus transferring them, from the level of mind into material existence. You should be able to take advantage of your personal resources and talents; and these can be effectively expressed through efficient organisation. The flow of Uranian energy should seem more consistent and reliable; and you will be able to apply persistence and focused will to achieve your objectives. Often, you will find enjoyment from becoming involved in situations where you can create order from chaos. Whilst this may appear Saturnian in nature, Uranus is not chaotic for the sake of it, but is only disruptive in order to create the conditions for a higher order to be superimposed.

You can function in a 'bridging role', carefully restoring a balance between order and change, and re-integrating this into a new structure which is an improvement on the previous one. In modern life, where so many changes are occurring so quickly, such a role can be most important, and utilises both of these planetary characteristics in a positive way. You have a sympathetic understanding of the past, and of the values and attitudes of conservative stability, yet also intuit and appreciate the necessity of change and evolving of social structures, organisations and individual development. You will try to integrate these threads, uniting what is worth retaining from the past with the ideas of the next step forward. Doing this, you work with both your intellect and intuitional faculties, and so reflect the next stage in human development towards the consciousness of unity.

You are likely to prefer a form of expression that involves a social contribution over and above mere participation in society; you would like to feel that you have some influence in improving things, and that your preoccupation is not totally for personal gain. This need can often give you a sense of direction in your life, and one which can absorb both of these planetary energies. If you begin to feel that you are having to keep down inner pressures of certain kinds, perhaps through a lack of channels to release them into, then it is a likely sign that you are not fluently expressing both the energies. Look at your life pattern and see which one is being repressed. In most cases, this would be the Uranus energy, as the Saturn energy, which is one of order and discipline, is often expressed through social conditioning. To free this blocked energy, more spontaneity, more experimentation, and exploration of new interests, would help. These would stimulate needed changes to happen, and so break down any fixed lifestyle patterns that are becoming inhibiting. If the Saturn energy is repressed, more self-discipline, commitment and perseverance to achieving your objectives would help. If the lifestyle lacks control, too much freedom could also lead to a loss of personal centre and stability, leaving you feeling lost and unsure of what to do or in which direction to travel. You will need to draw through the Saturn qualities of boundary-making and structure, so that your life and inner nature begin to take distinct form again, creating a stable foundation from which to work.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have the ability to give form to many creative ideas. You are unusually mature in your attitudes, which enables you to derive some benefit from everything you do. Your desire for freedom is matched by your capacity to earn it by carefully and efficiently mobilizing your resources for particular objectives. This self-discipline will always sustain you. You have a healthy respect for authority and its lessons. You also have the drive and ambition to accomplish important, long-term tasks that can assure your future security.

Your professional potentials are almost unlimited because you are not afraid of responsibility and the demands of leadership. Almost certainly, you have much to offer

the world in terms of understanding and experience. You comprehend the lessons of the past, and you act aggressively to help rid the future of ignorance. These contributions should be harnessed to group enterprises or socio-political endeavors. Fields such as science, mathematics, research, politics, the occult, and especially teaching are some of the areas in which your talents would be useful.

You are most comfortable in the company of rugged individuals who have high aims and ideals. You need to associate with adventurous types whose grip on the future is firm. People 'on the move' and on their way up in the ladder of achievement are those to whom you can relate meaningfully. You are impatient with trite, superficial people, since you doubt that they can serve the needs of the masses. Your life has purpose and direction, and your closest associates have similar goals.

You must relax periodically in order to recharge your energy centre. You can easily drive yourself too hard, unmindful that your physical reserves are being depleted. When tired, you may become pessimistic about plans that would otherwise seem to be going well.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two very conflicting factors are brought together here: a need to carve out an identity for ourselves, to define limits and to preserve form (Saturn), and a need to break structures, to overstep limits and to develop individuality (Uranus). Clearly, this will sometimes make it difficult to decide whether to preserve or to destroy.

Whenever we are engaged in giving life a certain shape (Saturn), we suffer from the urge to break out of or alter this shape (Uranus), and so we become tense and restless. Attempts to bring about change are impeded by a desire to proceed along fixed lines or according to a set pattern. There is no stagnation with this conjunction, but a restless activity continually generated from within, which can make the native feel insecure. Nevertheless, the conjunction does have a creative side that can be put to very good use. We regularly break free from anything that might hamper us (Saturn), and are unlikely to be rigid in our opinions. Tendencies that are too revolutionary are held in check, as is the temptation to be provocatively iconoclastic. Generally, one of the results of all this is a democratic attitude born out of tension and uncertainty.

If we are assailed by fear and doubt (Saturn), the conjunction with Uranus can really wind us up, so that disruptive tendencies are increased. The development of personality (Uranus) may be accompanied by feelings of anxiety and guilt (Saturn); we are always trying to improve situations and want to stop them getting out of hand. Therefore this conjunction often produces great self-control. With this aspect, we are very determined because Saturn and Uranus encourage stubbornness and willfulness. Uranus in full flight is a poor listener, and Saturn dragging its heels is not likely to change course. When linked with personal factors in the horoscope, this is not a bad combination for doggedly pursuing personal interests.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual's developing psyche and Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation, the father will have some unusual or unconventional effect on the child. In the personal chart, Saturn represents the part of ourselves we are 'cautious' about; that part of personality we view with apprehension. The conjunction to Uranus can also indicate certain kinds of erratic or self-willed behavior that directly relate to a father influence. The conjunction indicates a person who may be unruly or recalcitrant about his fears. He may hang onto beliefs long after they have been proven invalid.

Since Saturn represents authority, the conjunction indicates that the individual has little respect for it; that his life is bound up in learning about his concept of authority. The Uranus influence can indicate that he has the energy (in his generation) to lift the consciousness of tradition to another dimension. If the conjunction is involved with hard aspects to other planets, it can indicate an individual who wants to win at all costs.

A young person with this conjunction will be involved with group values, or the establishing of personality in the face of what he considers a stringent world. After the age of thirty, the personality will be somewhat settled and other aspects of maturity become visible.

The conjunction indicates the ability to rise above the father, to remedy the father's influence, to change and uplift the traditional. This individual may be able to bring into being a new approach to tradition because of his work and his attitude toward life. Because Uranus can represent willfulness, it's important to consider it in this conjunction - this may be the mark of a self-centered individual, one who is interested in living a personally erratic or eccentric life at the expense of those around him. When this occurs, check the other aspects in the chart that may also indicate a fear of approaching life - for instance, if the Moon afflicts this conjunction, the individual may be emotionally apprehensive, and because of that apprehension he may be excessively harsh with others.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful combination, characteristic of a person of considerable self-will, varying from the selfish and obstinate to enlightened determination. It tends to the unusual; and those having it are rarely concerned at all to please the conventional-minded. They are as a rule democratic in spirit, though autocratic in method; and they have considerable breadth of outlook, originality, and energy of mind and body. The temper is inclined to be masterful.

There is often bodily strength and hardihood if the appropriate houses are involved, but

there is a likelihood of accidents and possibly of suffering violence.

The affairs of the houses occupied and ruled are likely to present difficult problems; and the native will require the utmost tact, patience, and will-power to solve them satisfactorily, for the conditions caused by these heavy planets are not likely to be ephemeral or superficial in character, but may last for years or even be life-long.

Any good aspects to the conjunction will indicate the direction from which help may be sought.

5) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°38') ♃2 | ♆10

(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 deglamorise 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.

6) ► **Uranus** ⋈ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°08')    8.5 | 13.10

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction came within a nine degree orb in November 1988, was exact in February, August and October 1993, and stayed in orb until 1998; the last time before that was 1821-3. These children will have a strong degree of identification with the collective mind and group consciousness, which in some cases could revert back to fervent nationalist affinities in countries that have a powerful controlling religious, racial, political and social structures. Yet in most cases it is unlikely that this will result in the emergence of charismatic demagogues as in recent examples of the manipulation of the masses.

There will be a directing sense of social responsibility, and an awareness of participating in a social community, which will be expressed in positive ways for the betterment of all. The merged energies of this conjunction will inspire concepts of brotherhood, which will reject the ideals of Uranus and Neptune, as a form of revolutionary mysticism emerging from an acute mental and emotional sensitivity connected to an intuitive imaginative faculty.

Personal freedoms and rights will have a high priority, and there will be a new perception of 'leadership' being formed, which can dissolve those old patterns of a powerful leader and hundreds of following 'sheep'. There is a distrust of leaders, based on an intuitive perception of their real motivations and characteristics, which will also develop into a new understanding of authority and power in society. Those born under this aspects will be willing to 'fight' for the maintenance of personal freedoms and rights if they are under threat by the decisions of social leaders. A new balance of power between the people and the state will begin to form, and a new politics should rise into view, reflecting this increase in individual rights and power. Generally, this should be a period of spiritual and

scientific development, where breakthroughs occur in the exploration of nature and mind.

Changes that became inevitable by 1994 will have to be more fully achieved and realised by this new generation, imbued with a more conscious spirit of human unity and solidarity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune shows that you are aware of your obligations to the social structure to which you belong, and that you identify closely with its mass consciousness. You are keenly observant of the deception that the leaders often use to gain and maintain complete control of the people, and this disturbs you deeply. You recognize that this pattern can lead to loss of personal freedom unless steps are taken to eliminate the offenders. Since you belong to a generation that will not tolerate abuses of authority and power, you realize that freedom can be lost if not protected against political erosion.

When the conjunction occurred in 1821-3, among the important achievements were the invention of an ingenious process for waterproofing fabric and the development of cement, which later played a large role in the industrial revolution. These physical phenomena - cement and waterproof fabric - exactly parallel the strong foundations of the courageous individuals who have this aspects and the process they use to protect themselves and their rights.

You respond to people who need your understanding of their social predicament, whether it is a personal problem or one they share with others. Although you know that you can do little by yourself, the combined effort of those sharing your concern can be a powerful force against social injustice. Working together, you can restore order and freedom where there was chaos and privation.

(Betty Lundsted)

It seems that the conjunction of these planets would make for some interesting life experiences - the concept of individuality or humanity is brought together with that of creative expression. These are the times when important changes in attitude and / or consciousness take place.

When this aspect occurred in the early 1820s, it brought the world Mary Baker Eddy, Dostoevski, Clara Barton, Louis Pasteur and Johann Strauss. If this conjunction also involves a personal configuration, a personal kind of creativity emerges - for example, Clara Barton had this conjunction also conjunct her natal sun.

(Charles Carter)

This potent aspect occurs again and again in the charts of the great. It stands midway between the harmonious and inharmonious contacts, and produces the great savant or prophet, such as Pasteur and Ruskin, and people of remarkable but more doubtful repute, such as Nell Gwyn and Caesar Borgia. Dr. A. R. Wallace exemplifies the spiritualist tendencies of the aspect.

It seems on the whole to be self-willed, but frequently extremely able, and rarely to be lightly disregarded. One would expect eccentricity, but on the whole good intentions and kindness, Neptune softening Uranus, as it softens Mars.

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.

7) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Parallel** ♋ **North-Node** - (0°35') ♄9 | 0012

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The conjunction gives the native a special knack for seeing through prevailing social trends and provides the necessary drive and willpower to take advantage of them. As is the case with Neptune conjunct North Node, there is an intuitive ability to understand the forces shaping present trends.

However, in the case of Pluto, the native is much more deliberate and calculated in taking advantage of this ability. Whether it is used for selfish or for altruistic purposes depends upon the aspects of Pluto and the overall tenor of the horoscope. On the negative side, this conjunction gives a dangerous tendency to try to manipulate social forces too large to be handled with safety. The natives may become entrapped or crushed by the weight of circumstances in which they have involved themselves. The affairs of their lives can get out of hand, with subsequent danger of collapse. (This is the tiger-by-the-tail aspect.) In what department of life this condition arises depends on the house position and house rulership of Pluto.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The common destiny of a large mass of people. Unions or associations brought about by the particular circumstances of one's destiny, a karmic link. Sociological correspondence: Crowds or large groups of people, mass meetings. Large business concerns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, large scale changes are utilized or the person chooses to utilize destructive means to convey his message. The idea is to transform and revive the society or surroundings utilizing the past-life energies or counter-acting the previous life's functions. This is often done as a total destruction and then rebuilding the dream all over again. Basically, it is a karmic lesson, reward or punishment, utilizing the Plutonian means. Depending upon the house location of this conjunction, you can get more details of the focused area in life.

(Donna van Toen)

The person often seems to be forced to take some sort of separative or eliminative action in order to grow. Relationships with groups or individuals seem to play a major role in the growth process. Leadership qualities enhance growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction with Pluto will activate the Node and initiate the first step in personal development. Everything with which it comes in contact is intensified. The natives strive for personal and spiritual growth. Many (according to the sign and house involved) put all their eggs in one basket, develop an inflated idea of their own importance, and have an inner urge to achieve something exceptional. With Pluto, there seems to be an inner calling, and a powerful motivation towards self-improvement and growth in maturity. However, power is also desired for its own sake, and further development may be sought in order to gain more influence over others. In the opposition, the will-power is employed selfishly and often roughly too. The ego-transformation which should be produced by Pluto stagnates, and then erupts with a breaking of old rules, a bringing of repressions into the open, and a sweeping aside of obstacles.

8) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (7°47' S)    ♈5 | ♈5

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun conjunct Uranus, you are highly aware of yourself. You move freely in your environment, expressing yourself in your own unique fashion, unmindful that some people regard you as an eccentric. A very willful person, you are shocked if anyone dares to restrain you in any way. You jealously guard your rights to be yourself and

speak your mind without compromise. When your freedom is curtailed or denied, you have the courage to fight to regain it. You are intolerant of tradition and the social limitations resulting from it. Your permissive attitude could hinder success, because even people who are impressed by you may misinterpret you as being essentially unstable.

Your arrogant nature developed early in life, in keeping with your accelerated individuality. In childhood you were as difficult to control as you are now. You took much less time than most to reach maturity, for you were too impatient to endure the restraints imposed by your elders. Because you grew up so quickly and had such a short childhood, you were maligned by some and admired by others.

You love being free, and your profession must provide you with freedom to perform your assigned tasks in your own way. The possibilities for a career are almost unlimited. Politics, science, education, or some technical aspect of industry would allow you to exploit your creative potentials. Your philosophy is progressive, and these fields would benefit from your intuition and forethought. Progress is your most important product; you accept the lessons of the past only as a basis for continued development.

You enjoy the company of others who share your excitement and expectations for the future. Your free-wheeling temperament, however, needs to be balanced by having a more down-to-earth mate. Otherwise it is too easy for you to lose contact with reality and meaningful social contact, which can enrich your life.

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to experience ongoing clashes and discord with others and society. This is due to your essential tendency to be highly individualistic and no-conformist, and this will inevitably bring you into conflict with the social traditions and lifestyle patterns of your country, by your determination to follow your unique path through life. You will not have a passive nature, or acquiesce easily in what is required of you by parents, school, religion or the state-approved ways of social living; but you will be a passionate rebellious spirit rejecting, questioning or opposing those pressures with which you disagree or which you believe are intending to hinder your freedom.

This 'passion', however, is not really emotionally rooted, but is your way of releasing a build-up of energy within your nature which has to find some means of release, similar to the boiling of water which transforms into steam to escape from a container. The slightest threat or fear of 'imprisonment' will cause you to begin looking for the escape route.

This need for freedom - in whichever and however many ways you define 'freedom' - will be a dominant factor influencing your life. The urgent need to express this tendency will create an unsettling impact upon your adult choices and life direction, and will probably interfere with focusing on your solar path. As a result of experiencing this inner pressure



for change, you are likely to observe the elements of unpredictability flowing into your established life patterns. In some ways this could be beneficial, but an energy acting in uncontrolled unconscious ways can severely disrupt a relatively harmonious lifestyle or family, because someone under its influence begins to act in a potentially destructive manner. Just 'throwing the energy away', attempting to reduce the inner pressure, is not constructive or sensible. This inner process indicates that change is needed, that this will usually be associated with a particular sphere of life (indicated by this natal house conjunction or by planetary transits activating this aspect), and that a conscious attentive focus is required to tune into the messages being internally triggered so that the energy can be directed into suitable channels of expression.

You will have to acknowledge and confront the implications of any innate hatred of restrictions, as life will invariably impose them through family, employment, and type of social environment. You may struggle against restrictions all your life, wanting to be 'free', but free to do what? And free to live in what way, and where? Probably you'll lack real answers, but a search to find a satisfying direction is crucial for you, and will reflect your quest for your higher social path; otherwise in gaining your freedom you'll discover that through cutting the binding ties you have become lost or have destroyed those foundations that are now recognised as being important and meaningful for you.

In your intimate relationships, you will have to be aware of a tendency to invest your needs with supreme value and importance, where you insist upon individual rights and freedom to express your own nature without compromising, yet often fail to offer the same to your partner. You can have a problem of impatience tinged with intolerance, which can create friction, as can your attraction towards areas of experience that some may consider to be unorthodox or deviant from any socially acceptable norm. Not that such reactions unduly concern you; in fact you may feel tempted to flaunt any such preferences in the face of others.

Probably you will be attracted towards entering sudden, intense, exciting physical and emotional relationships, especially spontaneous ones that can occur without too much consideration of any future implications. You prefer 'newness', through exploring the unknown, and may often shy away from commitment and responsibility, partly based on fear and on your inability to often consider your partner's needs as highly as you do your own. The problem is how to balance your need for novelty and new experiences, your hatred of restrictions, and your desire for individual freedom, with the demands of living with people in society.

You need to become more mature in relationships, to become more aware of the value of mutual sharing, to care as much for your partner as you do for yourself, and, by helping him / her to express his / her own totality and not subduing his / her personal development by the dominating insistence of your needs, to learn to walk side by side with your partner into freedom and fulfilment.

Recognising these tendencies is the first step to beginning taking conscious control to use innate energies, so that your life begins to work better, and becomes more meaningful and satisfying by gaining a greater social cohesion through integrating these planetary energies.

One direction that may help in this self-renewal and personal re-orientation lies in expressing your urge for exploration, to investigate new horizons and interests; try not to live this out in a purely self-centred way, but instead attempt to redirect any benefits towards the well-being of others too, especially through improving the quality of relationships.

Your mind may have an attunement to the Uranian 'higher mind' or 'Universal Mind'. This implies that there can be mental power, perhaps by your mind taking sudden logic leaps and making connections which can offer new insights or ways of looking at life. While sometimes this can be too erratic and undisciplined to be fully utilised, the natural direction that it moves towards is futuristic. This is both a reaction against the restrictions of predictable staid and static social traditions and also potentially a tool to be used in the visualisation and formation of possible future societies. Combining your natural tendencies to permissiveness and creative expression, you may develop in terms of progressive futurist philosophies and attitudes, associating with like-minded groups and individuals to help build the Aquarian New Humanity. Embodying new lifestyle patterns and more open attitudes can offer a new world for you to explore and one which can benefit others too. Here lies a freedom with less restriction, allowing you to express a rebellious nature against social limitations while helping to build a more understanding and free world for everyone to share. Taking such a direction can enable you to dissolve previous self-preoccupations into participation in group endeavours. This fusion of your Uranian tendencies with a projected heroic path can build a lighted way in your life, where the positive contributions of both Sun and Uranus can be released for individual and collective benefits.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The great need here is to develop as an individual, and, where feasible, to break through set patterns in order to create profitable new openings - even though Uranus does not necessarily encourage practicality.

The pattern-breaking can sometimes be destructive from sheer perverseness and an unwillingness to be trammled by convention, because the passion for freedom is sometimes unbridled. To those around, the native's liability to shock and to make sudden breaks can be seen as irrational, deliberately provocative and very unsettling, and to some extent they are right.

Nevertheless, the same lack of restraint and need to break through existing structures that make the Sun / Uranus conjunction so unpredictable are responsible for a glittering

cascade of original ideas. Some of these ideas will have little value, but many will be useful innovations. Not for nothing do we think of Uranus as the planet of the inventor.

All the same, the native is often too impatient to spend time developing ideas. Restlessness finds expression in many different areas: changes of occupation, of opinion, of life-style, etc.. But one thing is always central: personal freedom, independence and individuality. Certainly, someone with a Sun / Uranus conjunction can have ties, but then he must (in his own eyes anyway) enjoy freedom of movement within those ties and must be able to be himself. As soon as the ties start to tie him down, we may expect a shattering explosion.

The person with a Sun / Uranus conjunction goes whirling through life; perhaps like a fresh breeze bearing the seeds of renewal, perhaps like a devastating tornado - it all depends on the rest of the horoscope.

(Betty Lundsted)

These people are honorary Aquarians. The qualities of Aquarius are added to the Sun sign characteristics. These are the people who have chosen to be a part of the new age, for they are involved with the uplifting of the consciousness of the sign type. The responsibility of these people is awesome. The energy forces a particular soul to grow, to transform itself, to become conscious.

The life will be unusual, perhaps erratic, perhaps eccentric, as they look for the right path to walk. The influence of the father is important, for he is an unorthodox and unusual man in some way; he sparks his child's growth because of his effect on the personality. The father is forced out of his particular 'rut' when this child is small, and his child will be forced out of the rut of his sign type

The person with Sun conjunct Uranus has to learn to channel the energy of the aspect or he will be controlled by it. One of the problems here is an unorthodox approach to life that may not be understood or appreciated by folks who don't have it. Parents have problems raising this child, for the child picks up the father's unorthodox behavior and ends up harassing the parents by being difficult to manage, hard to train, and stubborn and eccentric even early in life. This is a highly independent child. In certain atmospheres, the child will or can be overwhelmed by the stronger parent, sometimes by sheer force, for the child doesn't fit acceptable childhood patterns that the parents require.

As the individual learns to use the energy, the interpreter of the chart can evaluate the circumstances with an eye to the growth of the personality, and help this energy to manifest itself in a constructive way. The possible effect is the chance to be a far-reaching example of the sun sign - grow and be different from those who have come before.

(Charles Carter)

The conjunction of these bodies is a powerful configuration with an influence not dissimilar from the harmonious aspects, but liable, if the rest of the horoscope inclines in that direction, to some of the features of the malefic aspects, such as rebelliousness, perverseness, and obstinate persistence in unwise courses. It seems to favour a scientific or literary career; it is averse to conventional occupations and must be permitted to make its own way through life.

Since the planet is said to rule, or to have a marked affinity with, Aquarius, which is the detriment of the Sun, it may be supposed that the two have little sympathy. Yet there are unquestionable points of resemblance, and I have not myself observed disastrous consequences from the conjunction. On the other hand, it is very frequently indicative of great talent.

9) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♅ **Pluto** - (4°59' S) ♀8 | ♃9

(Haydn Paul)

You should have a powerful, penetrating and incisive mind, which is attracted towards delving deeply behind appearances. Whether these are social facades or intellectual theories or philosophies, your innate curiosity will enable you to look beneath the surface. As you tend to see your mind as a resource which you can utilise, you often collect many fragments of information on your searches, which you attempt to collate together into a workable source.

You feel 'at home' in your mind, enjoying applying it to a multitude of challenges and problems, confident in your ability to resolve them or make some kind of sense out of them. Following your natural investigative ability, you have an inner process occurring whereby you attempt to extract meaning from your studies and experience, hidden meanings that are mostly relevant only to yourself, although some may be of value to a wider audience too. There is a purist streak in your mind which prompts you to take quite an impersonal attitude to people and events, especially attaching a high value to 'truth' over the social games that people play; your directness is likely to stimulate reactions from others.

As usual with the Pluto energy, there will be an unknowable depth and dimension to your mind, with a tendency towards powerfully expressed extremism and assertiveness as you proceed to manifest your objectives. Your ability to concentrate your willpower and sustain it for as long as necessary will aid you in achieving your dreams. Your beliefs and opinions will tend to be fixed; and you will be difficult to shake from any position that you have decided to take, preferring a vigorous expression of your standpoint against any opponents. As you hate to be seen to have a weaker or fallacious argument, you tend to be well-prepared and confident upon any theme that you may be challenged

upon; otherwise you have already prepared some way to evade a confrontation if you feel that you could be defeated. There may be a tendency to hold a grudge against any who have opposed you, or who stand in your way; and you will remember them, waiting for a suitable time to settle the scores.

Unnecessary social problems and suffering for people will draw out a sense of aggrieved anger in you, as will social and political hypocrisy. You will tend to respond to these feelings by becoming more involved in reorientating your energies into channels which directly oppose those who appear to be creating or amplifying such problems. You feel that you can contribute towards changing things for the better; and this can lead you towards involvement with radical politics. The nature of your political views will depend on your personal analysis of causes; but in extreme cases may tend towards anarchism. Any tactics of subversion will appeal to the Pluto energy, as will the emphasis upon change and transformation. If the social emphasis of Pluto dominates, then much of your life will be directed by the theme of transformation, social and political.

You will tend to be demanding in your personal relationships, expecting a high quality and strength from any partner. But even though you may attempt to force him or her to submit to you psychologically, it will be much better for you if you fail, for a good relationship needs equality and mutual respect. You often tend to use your persuasive power to influence others to agree with you; but you have to learn more tolerance and a broader understanding of the freedom and rights of others to hold their own views. Ideally your long-term partner should be similar to you in outlook, motivation and interests, because you may tend to turn the relationship into a form of intellectual power struggle, which would probably turn it sour before long if you did not have these in common. The obsessive tone of Pluto may cause some difficulties, both in your mental preoccupations, and in your relationship, especially if you are unaware of this aspect to yourself, which can easily turn you towards being excessively self-centred if unmoderated. The positive side of a relationship is that it can break down such tendencies, and open up the awareness of 'the other'; certainly you should learn to appreciate any relationship as bringing a more expansive quality into your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Pluto shows that your mind is deep, penetrating, and inclined to extremes. You interpret your experiences like a detective reconstructing a crime, looking for hidden meaning in obscure detail. You evaluate matters subjectively, and your psychic sense often reveals clues that are hidden from less sensitive observers. Curious almost to a fault, you go to extremes in gathering the information you need to solve your problems.

You have a genius for asserting yourself persuasively whenever it seems the only way to accomplish something. You are fearless in pursuing your objective, and others admire your determination and persistence. Once your mind is made up, you don't change it

unless the evidence is overwhelming. But because you defend your views so vehemently, people may find your attitude offensive.

You are fascinated by the mysterious and the occult. With your quick observation of details and understanding of their value, you could succeed as an analyst or investigator. Such fields as crime detection, chemistry, research, pathology, or surgery would enable you to apply your skills and potentials constructively. You could become an explorer or a financial analyst and advisor.

You should moderate your anarchistic inclination. Even when you are not actively vindictive toward those who defy you, you nevertheless think revenge. Social injustices are a particular irritant to you, and you could vent your hidden anger by directing your talents toward correcting them. You know how to dramatize situations to gain the attention of people in power so that changes can be made. You could easily become the spokesman for those who lack the courage to speak for themselves. Perhaps politics would give you the leverage to accomplish many worthwhile objectives for yourself and others.

In personal relationships, you are demanding and sometimes extremely intolerant of weaknesses. Although you seek out those who will submit to you, then you are contemptuous of them for doing so. This is the paradox of this planetary combination, and accounts for the difficulty others have in relating to you. The fact is, you admire strength and respect authority, so you challenge others to demonstrate these qualities. Ideally, your mate should be strong and be able to take a position with you so that you could contribute to each other's development and objectives. Sharing goals and motivation would produce a permanent bond between you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need to make contacts, to communicate, to reflect and analyze, and an ability to give factual descriptions (Mercury) is greatly intensified by Pluto. Not only do these people have a compulsive need to get in touch with people, but they may be dogmatic when talking to them. The unconscious power of Pluto builds up such a charge that they impress others as being forcible, and the effect of words is often greater than they can foresee and may create problems within the circle of acquaintances.

Thinking is concentrated too. If they want to know something, they set themselves to research it thoroughly. The same intensity is seen in the way they regard and analyze facts, although here the unconscious power of Pluto may have a distorting effect. Once they make some discovery or form some opinion, they fail to examine it further in the light of reality. It forms their reality, and any facts and figures they gather are intended to support it. They present ideas trenchantly, and can be obstinate and inclined to use their reasoning to 'disprove' every counter-argument.

The forcefulness and intensity of this conjunction can lead to quarrels and differences of opinion. These people hold their ground against all-comers, and actually meet with a great deal of opposition. A sharp tongue is dreaded: they never shrink from confrontations or their consequences. Because of great powers of penetration (Pluto), they often put their finger on an opponent's weak point.

This is an outstanding combination for research work, especially in unexplored fields or in fields which have long been taboo; all Pluto's aspects have something defiant about them. These natives cannot tolerate being balked, and will not stop until they have bulldozed a road to any matter in which they are interested. With Pluto aspecting Mercury, they persevere until they completely understand (or completely demolish) some topic.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Pluto can be called the symbol of the collective unconscious in the chart - Jung's definition of the intuitive history of the species since time began; that part of ourselves which transmits knowledge over generations; that part of ourselves which combines instincts with conscious development - then this aspect can understandably be a powerful one.

In everyday activities, the person with this aspects doesn't always know what he is talking about, for the words come out before he knows what he is saying. If he uses this energy constructively, he has the beginnings of a great writer, a great social commentator. The childhood experience with the family may be an overwhelming one in terms of communication; words are controlled, or words are used to control others. the power parent is the most controlling influence, unless the aspects indicate otherwise.

For example, when a child is born into a mother-dominated household and Mercury conjuncts Pluto, it can indicate that the father attempts to stay in control, but from a passive controlling point. Passive control can be called the tyranny of the weak, and, if this is the case, the conjunction will have strong or hard aspects to the Sun or Saturn. If so, the child will attempt to control from a passive point as well. The child with this conjunction is controlled and manipulated by his parents, and his investigation of new ideas may be suppressed. When the child becomes an adult, this energy will place limits on relationships because his conversation may not be spontaneous. Manipulation via words can be used in career; copy editors often have this aspect.

10) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♃ Neptune - (0°12' A)**    ♃10 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction of Neptune and Venus indicates that there is likely to be a high degree of idealisation in the spheres of romantic relationships, images of 'perfect lovers and

partners' emanating from an overshadowing by either the anima (if male) or the animus (if female) inner patterns arising from the unconscious mind. When evoked by powerful emotions of love, lust, passion and attraction to another person, these images of perfection are projected onto the loved one, forming a glamour which is quite bewitching - until frail human nature eventually reasserts its presence and the image collapses through a phase of disillusionment, when the lovers fail to conform to that pattern of perfection which has been superimposed upon them.

Essentially, you'll have a simple, trusting attitude, which can become unwisely gullible at times, resulting in consequences of deception and exploitations. This emotional sensitivity makes you extremely vulnerable, and is often the source of difficulties in your personal and intimate relationships. You hate confrontation, tending to be more passive and giving, and will shy away from any emotional aggression and insensitivity shown by anyone. Part of your ideal relationship includes refined culture, art, music and literature as common interests or personal talents, and where the concepts and environments of harmony and beauty predominate in a peaceful and tranquil lifestyle. You have an appreciation of the more subtle delights of life, with a sensitive and perceptive aesthetic sense, and your standards of partner and lifestyle will be quite high and demanding.

There will be an active and vivid imagination at play, looking to see or create harmony and beauty, perhaps reflecting in an artistic manner contemporary fashions in art, music, literature, fashion and culture. Your heart will be soft and tender, and often that sensitivity will be unsuitable for many of the more jarring and discordant environments of the modern world; you will hate having to rush around jostling in large groups of people. You prefer those sophisticated cultural scenes, with perhaps a small grouping of successful and intelligent people. Being delicate in the modern world which is swept by powerful collective changes can be a disturbing sensitivity. This is why you often wear those rose-coloured glasses, so that the stark reality and grim harshness of certain aspects is not clearly perceived or is kept at a distance. You can't avoid the wholeness of the world, and such abrasive experiences often stimulate disturbances in your life, as if trying to force you to look at them without distortion. This tendency continues into evaluating others in a realistic manner, especially when projections are evoked; often you are disappointed when their true natures are revealed.

You can be too impressionable at times, especially through that emotional empathy with others, and can revert back into being an impractical, idealistic and ineffectual dreamer if clarity and focus are lacking. You may need to learn to stand on your own feet, and be less reliant on others. Some can succeed in expressing degrees of universal love, healing through their spiritual understanding and acceptance of others; but in treading this path, there is also the crucifixion of the heart, and a willingness to share in the world's suffering.

(Robert Pelletier)



With Venus conjunct Neptune, you are a romantic idealist. Your trusting nature makes you vulnerable to deceptive individuals who may try to take advantage of you. You have a kind of delicacy and aesthetic refinement that finds comfort in art, music, and literature. You are artistically imaginative, and thus can find beauty where others cannot.

Your tender qualities are best suited to professions in which calm conditions are the rule. Avoid any occupation in which turmoil or aggressive behavior is expected, for you would find this intolerable. Any of the non-physical arts, such as music, writing, fashion, or cultural functions, would be suitable expressions of your creativity.

The idealism of your romantic nature may cause some problems in your personal relationships. You seek relationships that are serene and trouble-free. but you are susceptible to and defenceless against attempts by others to exploit you negatively. It is difficult for you to see others realistically, so you can readily be victimized. This kind of behavior appals and emotionally crushes you. Since you are not a fighter by nature, you may simply withdraw. If such experiences occur, and it is very likely that they will, you could resort to imaginary safe alliances. On the other hand, you may decide to protect yourself by employing similar deceptive tactics. Your rose-colored view of life can cause disorder in your affairs, unless you can understand that coarseness in some people and abrasive elements in the environment are natural aspects of reality.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for emotional and material security and for harmonious relationships (Venus) gives, when combined with the refining and idealizing of Neptune and with Neptune's tendency to blur the line of demarcation between the collective and the individual, a great deepening of the emotional life. The danger is that this deepening will take place at the expense of the personal level, and we shall try to idealize friends and loved ones and drift about wrapped in a pink haze of romance. Also, by idealizing reality we often court disappointment. Being very sympathetic, we do whatever we can to console others. Therefore, with this aspect, love may well spring from compassion; moreover, we are susceptible to emotional blackmail.

What we have to offer is not very satisfactory. For, because we pursue universal love, we embrace everyone and appear to be loving the whole of humanity in any partner chosen. Obviously, this stands in the way of a true person-to-person love match - the partner is unable to enter our visionary world.

Quite often, we seek spiritual values in friendship and love, and often have a penchant for mysticism and the like. Where the material side of Venus is concerned, the combination with Neptune gives refined artistry; and, because Neptune is the planet of the collective, we can reach a wide public with our skill. We have a fine sense of form, color and proportion, and know how to make good use of it. But there is a danger of dallying in a tinsel-town fantasy-world (the world of film stars for example) which has

nothing in common with the world in which we live.

When this combination is present, we need to choose our associates with care. We are not very good at refusing requests, are easily browbeaten, and are too self-effacing - all because we have difficulty in seeing relationships in their true light.

(Betty Lundsted)

There are many ways to look at this conjunction. The Venus placement indicates the psychological influence of the mother, and when attached to Neptune it indicates that this influence or the impact on the psyche is clouded, unreal. It may be difficult to consciously realize just how Mom influences this person; or how or what she does that keeps him from being comfortable with the outlook on life that is developed. The aspects to the Moon and other aspects to Venus may give us a clue as to what the emotional disorder may be, for usually more than one aspect will describe serious conditions in the emotional life.

Venus indicates how we appreciate love, our ability to give and receive affection, warmth and love; it represents our intellectual concept of what love should be for us. When Neptune conjuncts, or influences, this part of life, it becomes cloudy, veiled, deluded, or overly spiritualized. We could say that this conjunction gives a person an unrealistic concept of love in some way - many times this shows up as a tendency to spiritualize sex, to make a love affair so special that it condemns everyone else's as not being good. People may become involved in spiritual love affairs that are not consummated sexually, for they feel that sex and the physical expression of emotions is too animalistic. It confuses religion or religious piety and love relationships. The Venus-Neptune conjunction can develop many kinds of sexual phobias depending on the gender of the owner and the additional aspects to either Mars or the Moon in the natal chart.

A woman with this aspect may look for a great spiritual relationship, sometimes being drawn into the soul-mate syndrome; and usually the soul-mate is a homosexual or a married man with five kids and a happy wife. She sees the potential in someone's soul and can be drawn to relationships with an alcoholic or drug type. At any rate, she seems to be drawn to unhealthy people - and the problem is caused by the fact that she relates to them from a spiritual or ethereal point of view and sees something there that no-one else can. This situation makes it difficult to grow in a relationship, for the person she is attempting to relate with is not capable of giving anything back and she may become very lonely, or make up a life for herself.

A man with this conjunction puts women on a pedestal and may feel guilty about expressing love physically. His mother projects a quality onto women that doesn't add up - for she presents women as a special group of people who are excessively good. The male's guilt about his own sexual and emotional needs can come from the fact that he was taught that 'good women' don't like sex, so he feels guilty when he wants it. This

conjunction can go so far as to force him to be unfaithful in a marriage for he can't defile the woman he loves; he would rather defile a stranger. A woman with this aspect doesn't know what she wants from a love relationship, and most of her insecurity about what a woman should want comes from the mother figure.

For some reason, there seems to be a cloud of illusion / delusion around the mother as well. For her own reasons, the mother presented an unusual or delusory image of what women are, along with a cloudy picture about her own history. This untruth gives the native a strange image in the psyche that will affect his adult relationships. The mother may have good reason to delude the child, for she may be hiding something about herself. Sometimes, the reason for this misinterpretation seems ridiculous later, but it doesn't seem so at the time. The psyche drives us to live out the dreams and delusions held on that level, and if we want to change our circumstances, we must know why we have created the unhappy ones in the first place.

It is important for the child to discover what the mother's reasons were for hiding what she was, or what women are, so that the power of the aspect can be diminished and he or she is free to establish his or her own values.

(Charles Carter)

The temper is usually very kind-hearted, with particular fondness for animals, but it is rare to find persons with this configuration who are not highly-strung, temperamental, and more than averagely sensitive. Frequently there is a peculiarity of the temperament which is best described by the hackneyed adjective 'sweet', with the most abundant sympathies for all suffering. There may be interest in art, or in mysticism, or in mystic art, but it is necessary not to expect too much from any aspects of these planets unless the remainder of the chart is of a high order. Though often weak in itself, this conjunction may form a constituent part of the natures of artistic geniuses.

It often happens that the affections are disappointed or denied full expression. There is a tendency for this conjunction to bring sorrow and loneliness into the life, often with some inhibition of the health, such as nervous weakness or a general delicacy of constitution. It does not favour any kind of worldly success or ability to combat or overcome the harsh realities of life. Frequently the native is in some way sheltered or he seeks or is brought into retirement. It often denotes disappointed attachments or anxiety through the partner, such as his being sickly, in which case the aspect may take on a markedly protective and cherishing character.

In two cases at least, this conjunction has been associated with murder, although it can only be regarded as an accessory in such matters, being scarcely of a violent nature.

11) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°27' A) ♃2 | ♃2

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct Saturn shows that you are fortunate in being able to use your energy constructively. The normal desire to assert yourself on impulse is balanced by realization of the consequences of such an action. This quality of restraint can mean great accomplishments for you because you don't waste energy on unproductive efforts. Your sense of economy and efficiency are characteristics of success; you know how to use your talents purposefully for specific objectives.. You are realistic in applying good judgement before taking any action.

Your early training enabled you to take on major responsibilities without difficulty. Knowing your limitations, you rarely go beyond them. You are prudent and yet fearless, cautious and yet aggressive, hard-working and yet able to accomplish a great deal with economy of effort. Although you are a complex person, you use the most simplistic approach in solving problems. You represent the ideal in terms of a balance between aggression and self-control.

You are never indifferent to the feelings of others, but can become angry when others try to interfere with you. Frustration brings out the most dangerous kind of energy in you. You are not accustomed to having your plans challenged, and can launch vicious attacks against your adversaries, even resorting to physical violence. Other factors in your chart may indicate whether you would go to this extreme, but the potential for it exists in this planetary combination. Many professional pursuits are possible with this combination. Especially suitable are occupations requiring physical endurance and stamina, such as archaeology, exploration, geographic surveys, and forestry service. In the industrial field, research and development seem appropriate. Military service would be another means of expression for your controlled energy.

In your romantic pursuits, you easily play the roles of both prey and predator. You carefully evaluate the partner's line of least resistance in order to decide which techniques you will use. The remark 'pursued until you caught the pursuer' is descriptive of your method.

It is very important not to become chilled when indulging in physical activities. Cool off gradually and avoid cold liquids to prevent cramps. Use as little salt as possible when not doing strenuous physical work.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A Mars / Saturn conjunction gives problems with our expenditure of energy. The enthusiasm, fervor, energy and executive ability of Mars are restricted by the tenacity and confining action of Saturn. At best, this produces well-thought-out activities, but generally speaking there are difficulties to overcome. Saturn tends to hold us back whenever we feel the urge to make our presence felt (Mars); and yet Saturn itself

promotes a form of ambition born of the desire for greater security. So, on the one hand, there is the fear of being too forward which may express itself in a withdrawn or passive attitude, and, on the other hand and by way of overcompensation, there is possibly a determination to prove ourselves or to outshine everyone else come what may. In the second case, the assertiveness is great, but the motivation is really an enormous vulnerability.

Strange as it may seem, both forms of expression can be found in one person, and stop-go is characteristic of many with this conjunction. Sometimes they are busy moving mountains; at other times, a fire lit beneath their chairs would hardly rouse them.

Mars has much to do with resilience, and, when it is conjunct Saturn, mental and physical resilience are not always very strong.

Usually, with this conjunction, we pass through one or more difficult periods during life, when we are hampered by internal or external causes and are tied hand and foot by (for example) too much responsibility, too heavy a work load or mental pressures of some kind. But the conjunction of the two planets also supplies the strength to break these shackles. Saturn can apply the energy of Mars to a certain goal or project with great concentration for a very long time - which is the other, very profitable, side of the coin with this conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle is affected by the influence of the individual's father. Mars indicates the ability to act out the energy of the Sun. The conjunction indicates that the actions may be limited or restricted because of something the father does while the individual's personality is forming (age 0-3). This influence inhibits the person's ability to react constructively and to feel confident about the action he takes. The conjunction usually has some effect on the sex drive.

Saturn says 'I take seriously', and conjunct Mars means 'I take my actions seriously'. This can serve to inhibit or restrict any action taken; it can indicate harsh action, for Saturn symbolizes the concept of law in each individual, causing this person to act out (Mars) the law (Saturn). This energy is sometimes used for law enforcement and can indicate a person who will enjoy a career that involves enforcing the law. This energy can create a sure-footed, slow-moving individual who moves cautiously in life; or an extremely hard individual who becomes an enforcer of the law regardless of the circumstances. It is wise to consider the other aspects to this conjunction for it will give a broader picture of how the personality will operate.

In a personal sense, the conjunction can indicate a serious outlook regarding sexual expression. It can limit sexuality, cause one to avoid sexuality, indicate symptoms of frigidity in both the male and female, make one afraid of sexual expression, or cause one

to attempt to force sexual standards on others. The Mars-Saturn conjunction indicates that the father inhibited the individual's sexual concepts or perhaps his early sexual expression in some manner. What he did is an unknown factor, but he did something. Other aspects to the conjunction may tell more about what happened.

It seems that this type of individual is rarely chemically attracted to another. The sexual difficulties cause guilt, and then the conscious mind decides to have a sexual relationship because the prospective lover will be 'good for me'. Or, because the individual is so rarely physically attracted to another, when the chemistry does happen he jumps into bed without going through the normal courtship period. Then the guilt begins because he feels he responded too quickly. This individual can respond sexually to the right person but he finds few people appealing.

The father may have had his own guilt about his sex drive; the father may have had a harsh attitude as the small child explored his body as all small children do. The rest of the chart will help tell the story. The pressure of the aspect can be relieved when this person investigates the relationship between sexual expression and universal law. Sex is not unhealthy; only people are.

(Charles Carter)

A very powerful and in some cases dangerous combination. If other influences agree, there may be a distinct danger of unusual physical suffering. It occurs in the nativities of several victims of violence. All inharmonious combinations of these planets appear to point this way. In one case (conj. in Virgo in 2nd) there was great suffering from eczematic gout with chronic irritation. In two more instances there were severe burns, illustrating the marked tendency of this combination to cause injury to the skin, said by some to be ruled by Saturn as the significator of the limits of the body. Blows, cuts and stabs sometimes occur, often as the result of falls.

Although this configuration must be regarded as of serious import, it is necessary to judge it carefully, and to give full weight to possible counteracting influences.

12) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°18' A) ♃3 | ♃9

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter in opposition to Pluto, you need vision to cope with people who resist you in your desire for growth and expansion. You are disposed to question every ideology and to challenge dogma by asserting your own. Therefore you search for answers to life's mysteries and will create conflict with others. Your social values are often not in step with those of society, and you alienate the very people who can help you make dramatic changes in social attitudes. You have a 'saviour' quality that people will sometimes disdain, if you pompously declare your mission to serve mankind.

On the negative side, you may be inclined to seek positions of power in order to more effectively manage other people's lives. You may try to gain financial advantage over people as an additional pressure on their destinies. In this way you may win a qualified victory over them, but if you use them in your anarchistic rise to power, you will never gain their respect and admiration.

Be careful not to become affiliated with illegal enterprises merely because they offer better returns. The society you manipulate can legally restrict and even confine you - even the wealthy are imprisoned. You must carefully weigh your activities against the risks involved. What may seem right for you may be completely wrong for society.

On the other hand, you may be motivated to correct social injustices and start a crusade against social harassment. You may focus on how you can best serve others through intimate response and spiritual dedication to their problems. Your dramatic flair can arouse the general public both through skillful personal contacts and through the media.

Be specific about your aims to serve as spokesperson to help others achieve their objectives. Also, it may be better to be chosen than to immodestly elect yourself on the assumption that without you they will suffer disappointment or defeat. You have a lot to offer people; don't spoil it with arrogance.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates how the relating principle will manifest; it tells how we reach out and open up to another person, to new life experience. Pluto indicates our unconscious motivation, those sensitive qualities caused by unhappy memories that come from early childhood.

When the opposition occurs, every relating experience will be influenced by the unconscious motivation caused by a need to control outgoing and incoming experience. These individuals will want to stay on top of all relationships, so they may be controlling or manipulating; but the need to do this comes from a subconscious point. In order to develop a free and easy relating ability, they must become conscious of their personal motivations in the matter. Once this occurs, they can then use some of the creative energy available to them, because the opposition is a strong aspect. They can proceed to care more about people and constructively use the mythic images alive in their psyche instead of fearing them. The controlling or manipulative types of behavior are not necessarily conscious, and in the process of curing these kinds of attitudes a lot of conscious effort must be put into the cure.

A relationship, whether with a friend, a lover or a family member, is a process that involves sharing. You listen to them and respond and care, and they listen to you and do the same. The relating process is a special sharing process whereby one personality is

integrated with another for a moment in time. This process engenders a feeling of closeness and caring that surpasses the idyllic love fantasies that are projected on another, for there is genuine feeling going on in the relating process. When Pluto opposes the Jupiter principle, the issues become cloudy because of the inner motivation to be in control. When this control need is recognized and let go, the individual may flounder for a time, much like a ship without a rudder. But eventually this same individual will begin to recognize how much fun this relating process can be. The biggest single factor discussed by clients who have worked on this aspect is that of the inner security that can be realized when a friend or lover likes them - not because of excess giving and other little manipulation games, but because 'you're you'.

#### Jupiter square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The danger of things getting out of hand or piling up on top of us is greatest in the hard aspects between Jupiter and Pluto. Since Pluto insists on getting to the bottom of things, and Jupiter wants fullness and breadth, half-measures never satisfy us for we are always looking for more. If necessary, we work hard to this end, but we can easily overload ourselves. In the tense aspects, we find it difficult to control the energies of these two factors, and they tend to whip one another up. Therefore we can be extremely ambitious; so that, even when we reach the top of our profession, we remain dissatisfied.

Willpower and stubbornness are so great that, once we get hold of an idea, we do not deviate from it by so much as a hair's-breadth. Obviously, this is bound to arouse opposition, especially as we are liable to express opinions vigorously. With the hard aspects, we are not good at measuring the intensity of what we are saying. We can be fanatical; what is more, others generally perceive us as fanatical, even though we imagine we are being very accommodating.

With these active aspects, we devote ourselves to social reforms and the like, and want to play an important part in bringing them about. The idea of power is extremely attractive to those with the Jupiter / Pluto combination, whatever the type of the latter may be. There is, in any case, a desire to pit ourselves against the prevailing mores and, when the aspect is hard, we find an added spirit of contradiction. Taboo-breaking Pluto is a genuine revolutionary; although not the same as Uranus. Under the influence of Uranus, natives may achieve a quick, explosive breakthrough into a new form offering freedom for individual development to self and others. Under the influence of Pluto, natives require a personally chosen pattern of society into which everyone must fit regardless of convention, and where the native's will is sovereign. The battle fought under a Pluto conflict has far-reaching implications. Natives bide their time, are skilled



strategists, unyielding, and are not afraid to use force if necessary. Often they bring about tremendous transformations.

Because we see and tackle things on such a large scale, we run the risk of never being satisfied by past achievements. We also run the risk of spiritual or material failure because we want to do everything at once. A sense of proportion is likely to be lacking with these aspects.

13) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (4°24' A)    ♁11 | ♃2

(Robert Hand)

You are very independent and self-reliant, but you are able to balance your own energies with other people's and work in a group, as long as you know what you personally will get out of the effort. You have the ability to work for others unselfishly, but in the end you will always defend your own needs.

You may express your will in subtle ways; but you do express it. You know what you want, and you already have some understanding of your inner self as well. This aspect is usually a sign of self-confidence. But even more important, you will learn very early in life how to capitalize on your strengths and minimize your weaknesses. Also you will choose your life course while you are quite young, and for the most part you will stick to it.

Purpose is very important in your life. You do not like to do anything that doesn't fit into some higher scheme relating to your long-range plans. For this reason, in your youth you may be less fond of fooling around than most people.

Your relationships with your father and with other male authority figures should be quite good. They will teach you to stand up for yourself and be your own person. Probably they will encourage you; and it is very important that they do, because if they choose, the men in your life have more power than anyone else to tear you down and make you feel bad about yourself. Fortunately, that is not likely to happen.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration is favorable for constructive action in professional and domestic affairs. There are opportunities for career advancement, which in turn leads to fulfillment in the home. Sometimes the home is used as a base for carrying on professional activities.

Mars trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are not averse to hard work; and are active and enterprising when it comes to carving out a place for ourselves in society. With the harmonious Mars / Midheaven, we are as ambitious as people with the Mars / Midheaven conjunction, but are not so uptight about it. Others see us as industrious; and this can be an advantage in job applications or in anything where first impressions are vital. Mars in harmonious aspect with the MC gives a degree of self-assertion and independence which others can find stimulating. We make good self-starters, provided that we are able to follow our own bent. We feel free to speak our mind when anything is amiss, and usually know how to promote changes in the desired direction. All Mars / MC aspects enable the native to enter active social life. In the harmonious aspects, self-image contributes substantially to success in this field.

14) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°17' A)    ♃10 | ♀012

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration bestows social grace and good manners according to the native's culture. Generally the natives know how to use their charm to gain the approval of their society and of the established institutions with which they must deal. Often they possess good timing in relation to financial affairs, public relations, partnerships, social activities, and marriage. This aspect especially favors business because of the natives' ability to keep in step with current vogues and economic trends.

(Donna van Toen)

Making sacrifices for others may either provide opportunities for growth or contribute to personal stangation, depending on how the person chooses to handle the nodal potential.

Venus trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptability and adaptation, obligingness, a pleasant and engaging personality. The stage of entering into a love-union, the preference for associating oneself with artistic friends.

Venus conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

The person with this aspect is affectionate and warm-hearted. He may tend to be very expressive, and, with an aspect to Jupiter, to the point of being gushy. This adds to the Venus charm and makes for great popularity. This aspect in a man's chart makes him attract beautiful women with much charm of manner. This gives a nature that is dependable and well able to put action behind the feelings of affection.

15) ► **Neptune** ♀ **Sextile** ♁ **North-Node** - (1°05' A)    ♃10 | ♀12

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates the intuitive ability to harmonize with and subtly influence existing social customs and institutions. The natives instinctively ride the currents of public mood, opinion, and action. Their understanding of cultural trends allows them to circumvent this influence on their lives if they so desire - always by subtle evasion rather than open confrontation.

(Donna van Toen)

A readiness to sacrifice can contribute to stagnation. Plans are carried out in a more methodical way, with less striving for new heights. Growth is a slow process, sometimes involving intense suffering or guilt pangs about leaving the comfortable rut behind; rejecting opportunities for growth may hold the person back.

Neptune trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Peculiar or strange conduct in communal life; occasional unreliability. The inclination to expect more than is possible from a community or from an association of people.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet

Neptune.

16) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♅ Pluto** - (5°23' A)    ♁11 | ♃9

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you will have to make a special effort to get along with people. You must make it clear that you not try to fulfill your goals in life at their expense, and that you will not allow them to take advantage of you either. A very ambitious person, in youth you probably picture yourself as being quite important when you are older. This can be a very constructive attitude, but it will be difficult to achieve your ambition unless you are able to get along with others, to give them a constructive part in your goals. Also it is very important that you play the game of life honorably and adhere to high ethical standards. You don't need to worry that doing so will be dull, because whatever you get involved in, you make it exciting and powerful.

You have a strong desire to bring about change in your world, and you may want to be a reformer and rebuilder. However, you should not try to get power simply for its own sake. You have to use the energies of Pluto for a purpose higher than yourself. It is perfectly permissible to be personally rewarded by your work - you do not have to be totally self-denying - but personal gain should not be your principal motivation.

A born psychologist, you should be able to gain great insight into human behavior. But again, you must not use this knowledge for personal gain or to manipulate others. Eventually you may choose a profession that will use this knowledge.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the desire to transform existing conditions can cause conflict with employers, immediate superiors, parents and families, constituted government authority, or landlords.

When the natives are at odds with their employers it is probably because they feel they know a better way of doing the job or because they want more power in the decision-making process. When their revolutionary tendencies are directed against the government and social institutions, they can incur official disfavor.

If they are in positions of domestic or professional authority, they may display autocratic or dictatorial traits, which will usually cause disharmony.

Pluto square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven are particularly powerful in their effects. Friendly though we may otherwise be, there is something about us that warns others off trying to take advantage of us. Whenever we give vent to irritation, we should bear in mind that the Plutonian energy we radiate will make us sound much harder than we suppose, and that we can really upset people or drive them into such a tight corner that they feel compelled to strike back.

With the disharmonious aspects, we have an enormous need to prove ourselves and to keep a grip on ourselves and our surroundings come what may. If we are not careful, we shall turn into slave drivers. Obviously, this will lead to power struggles, especially over social and business status. The tense aspects make us pugnacious and we are likely, sooner or later, to attack the things that displease us. Once again, caution is advisable. Pluto always goes hand in hand with tremendous intensity; and, in the hard aspects, it is difficult to adjust this intensity to the desired effect. Consequently, it may prove to be destructive rather than constructive.

Inquisitiveness is well-developed, but we do not always know how to control it. Thus we can catch someone on the hop with a completely tactless question, and surprise him into blurting out the answer. But, very often, this method leads to confrontations, although, with Pluto / Midheaven conflicts, we generally ferret out what we want to know. Also, it is quite common for us to use knowledge indiscreetly or at the wrong moment; and, given certain other indications in the horoscope, we could divert knowledge to bad ends by being manipulative.

When we begin any task, it is with complete dedication - maybe too much dedication. We might even undermine our efforts by an all-or-nothing attitude. Others do not always understand this lack of give-and-take, even when we are obviously being well-intentioned, because they simply cannot see why we should get so het up about things.

Nevertheless, we have great perseverance combined with enormous energy and love of action - all flowing from a need for power and recognition. If we learned to channel energy a little better, we could relaly move mountains. Then it would take an exceptional opponent to stop us.

17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°44' A) ♃2 | ♄5

(Haydn Paul)

The square will be felt as an inner tension: you are torn between the Uranian search for freedom and a deep need to feel safe and secure. This is a clash between the familiar patterns of the known and the siren call of the potential of the unknown.

This is likely to be felt as a fear of commitment and risk. Whilst you will be attracted towards greater freedom, with the possibility of creating a context where you can be more fully yourself, the likelihood is that you will resist the impulse. As you analyse your options, you prefer to play safe, as you cannot obtain these cast-iron guarantees that you would like as to the future success of your choices. This inner frustration that is likely to build up can cause stress, as a part of your nature is being denied and repressed.

You are liable to feel some emotional unease, where you are afraid of allowing full emotional expression, or even properly acknowledging your emotional nature. It is a fear of 'letting go' that is the root of this difficulty, where emotional or material losses are to be avoided if at all possible. This may have arisen through childhood experiences of loss which deeply affected you, or through a pattern developing that too strongly identified your self with people or possessions, so that with any withdrawal or removal of them from your life, you felt that you were losing part of yourself.

You will feel that you need to keep a tight control on life, trying to ensure that chance and predictability are fended off; in this sense, you accept the more grounding energy of Mars, whilst denying the unsettling but potentially liberating energy of Uranus. You apply the Mars energy in terms of conservation, ensuring a protection of your resources through prudent and cautious organisation. You intend to apply yourself diligently to your objectives, even if you expect that they will take longer to achieve without taking risks; the problem is that for varying reasons, your intentions often fail to be realised, perhaps through an impatient Uranus unravelling those attempts at persistent effort. Or your interest wanes as you reach a point where a more risky decisive step has to be taken. When that journey of a thousand miles requires the taking of the first step, you may decide not to travel anywhere, preferring established security.

Yet you may find that you are willing to allow the Uranian impulse to move freely in your life. This could initially arise as a result of a phase of denial where some external circumstance beyond your control throws you into a period of confusion and turmoil. Redundancy or the sudden collapse of a marriage could be triggers for Uranus to break through that dam. Certainly, it will not be denied expression for all your life, and that side of the square will need to be accepted and integrated.

There is potential that even while maintaining your relative control you could safely begin to open up to new horizons, to explore other interests, to expand and liberate your limiting conception of your nature and life. There are strong foundations there, and you should be able to build efficiently upon them. To achieve those ambitions and personal desires, you will have to take some risks at some point. If you are not committed to achieving them, then it is unlikely that you will ever succeed, because your focus and energy flow will be too diffused and unconcentrated to generate the necessary momentum. That erratic will-power needs to be drawn through into a regular consistent direction. If you can succeed in liberating that inner frustrating tension, you would be surprised how effectively that energy could be applied to reach your aims, instead of

clashing within you. Your personal relationships would also improve as the stress began to disperse, and you felt that a great weight was lifting away from your shoulders. Releasing that pent-up, potentially violent energy could mean the dawn of a new era of personal creative enrichment. To free yourself from the restrictions of this square aspect, you have to open up to life's insecurities and risks. It's your choice.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mars to Uranus shows that you have a strong desire to be free to exploit yourself without hesitation or restraint. However, the fear of emotional or material losses reduces this drive to prudent levels. You must have self-control in order to conserve your personal resources, and you should have some guarantee of safety in any deliberate action that you take. You may feel much anxiety and apprehension for accomplishing less than you could if security were not an important consideration. Before you begin any contemplated action, you must be assured that the effort will not have been wasted.

An undercurrent of measured caution always accompanies your professional activities. Because of this, it will take longer to realize your goals. Once you achieve your objectives, however, they will be far more permanent because their foundation is solid. You will still be impatient, though, for postponing projects can be aggravating. There is no alternative, unless you go ahead, taking the chance that others won't resist you and challenge your desires.

Your romantic needs are strong, since your desires are well-developed. But the responsibility associated with emotional satisfaction may deter you from every marrying. If you readily accept responsibility, then the urge to marry may occur early in life. Otherwise, you will have to relate to someone who can accept an arrangement without legal sanction.

You should avoid machinery until you learn to protect yourself. You must acquire a healthy respect for safety. Try not to exceed the limits of your physical capabilities, and if you are in doubt about whether to indulge in a physical activity, your decision should be negative.

If you are in charge of others in your work, don't expect them to perform as you would. They may not have your drive. Above all, moderation in all things should be your guide.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars is the indicator of the action principle and how the qualities of self reflected by the Sun archetype will be expressed. Uranus indicates the overall behavior of the generation we are born into, as well as how eccentric or self-willed we are.

The square indicates that the peer interests or behavior patterns of the individual may keep him from taking action that reflects the interests of his Sun. Action taken may be more impulsive than well-thought-out; and impulsive action is sometimes somewhat self-destructive. The goals, the overall scheme, the best-laid plans can be totally forgotten in a moment of anger. The early childhood environment reflects parents who may have impulsively put a stop to the individual's activity in some way. This aspect can indicate some form of abuse toward the individual, either physical or emotional in nature. If the square also ties to planets that symbolize the mother and father, the source of the abuse can be determined.

On a sexual level, the individual may bring a great deal of anger into relationships. The aspect is sometimes found in adults who have some need to hurt either themselves or others because of the sex drive. The energy will manifest differently depending on the signs involved.

A woman with this square will function a bit differently from how a man will, for she may get into a self-destructive situation apparently caused by the kind of lover she chooses.

The energy can be creative once it is channeled properly, but that has to be learned. Part of the learning process includes taking responsibility for one's actions, learning to see how behavior patterns conflict with what one wants. Because Uranus represents the behavior pattern of a generation, this can indicate a person whose action conflicts with that of the peer group, and the conflict can manifest in either a constructive or a destructive manner. The choice is ours. If this energy is rechanneled, it brings out the creative genius that lies buried beneath the anger, for this aspect can indicate a brilliant mind.

#### Mars square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects are the most difficult to live with: we find it extremely hard to curb energy (Mars) because Uranus keeps it under constant tension. Strained and restless, we easily become irritable and quick-tempered. The (often unintentional) disruption caused by this combination is great; hence its traditional association with separation and divorce. Reactions are usually too sharp, too rash, too thoughtless and too energetic in situations which call for calm. Also, with these aspects, we are inclined to go our own way at all costs; and this can cause conflicts at school when we are still young. Whenever possible we do as we please, and being prevented from doing as we please drives us wild (to an extent that depends on the rest of the horoscope). In any case, we enjoy being provocative.



We are virtually unable to control our energy: Uranus itself would make energy control difficult, even if it did not throw a hard aspect. It is impossible to stick at the same thing for long. We frequently hop from one thing to another without getting anywhere. This is a shame, because the combination packs enough power to move mountains.

We are eager to express (Mars) our longing to be free and our originality (Uranus); but, with tense aspects, are liable to emphasize them unduly. The consequence can be asocial or even antisocial behavior; but at epochs when a break has to be made with outworn values, we come into our own. The destructiveness inherent in the Mars / Uranus combination can be channelled into fighting sports (preferably not dangerous) and into occupations such as woodcutting, where we literally break things up: the release of tension helps us to handle energy better.

(Charles Carter)

Here we get a good deal of self-will and eccentricity. There is no lack of energy, but it is often fitful and ill-directed, and the native is often a relative failure, being unable for some reason to make as good use of his talents as might reasonably be expected. Ill-temper is common, but is not always present; sometimes there is a tendency rather to fretfulness and erratic self-will; the native may be blunt and abrupt, or irritable and querulous. Sometimes the nervous conditions lead to shyness and retirement. The native is often what is known as edgy or cornery, and is frequently not well fitted for ordinary existence; it is distinctly unfavourable for married life or for any restricted or ordered way of living, but it is not an aspect which as a rule indicates any essential ill-nature or vice.

Like all combinations which create a desire for freedom and unrestriction, this often externalises in the shape of suicidal tendencies, the native being unfitted to brook patiently the check and delays that occur in most walks of life. Patience is a virtue that is seldom present, and humility is also rare. The native is likely to scorn diplomacy and any kind of manoeuvring, and is prone to throw up the sponge as soon as this is called for. In a word, he wants his own way at all costs.

As we have mentioned before, there are often attacks on the native's morals or honour, and sometimes there are direct assaults on his person, provided other more vital points are afflicted as well.

Accidents are not infrequent, and these aspects do not make for longevity, for there is seldom much placidity with Mars-Uranus; and the ability to acquiesce cheerfully and readily in the dispensation of Providence is not often very noticeable. There is often a disposition to take risks, and to overwork.

18) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°57' S)    ♀3 | 0012

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The square produces a situation in which the natives' religious, educational, and social attitudes are not in harmony with the trends and policies of the culture in which they find themselves. They are likely to have difficulty adjusting to social institutions.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Hindrances in good luck or opportunities are often seen in this aspect. For these people, learning from children is quite common and prominent. Their personal philosophies often get crossed by others. As a result of this, considerable modification of their philosophies has to be done or seen in this lifetime. Unexpected problems caused by children are coupled with financial tensions in this configuration. These difficulties and the necessity to overcome these problems are the major challenges and learning experiences in life. Thus, this aspect will not deny children, but at the same time, coping with children will be a tough issue. Similarly, financial and philosophical matters will have to undergo a drastic change in life.

(Donna van Toen)

The tensions caused by the nodal imbalance can trigger religious fanaticism, extravagance, and bandwagon-jumping along similar lines to Jupiter conjunct South Node. A tendency to play both ends against the middle is commonly employed as a coping mechanism; other times there's a 'What's in it for me?' approach. Note the tactics used to gain material or relationship advantages; this will tell you a great deal about nodal balance. It's very common for the person to complain of bad luck in romance or just plain all-around bad luck.

Jupiter square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of good fellowship, the tendency to look out for one's own gain first. Disharmonious or anti-social conduct in associations.

(Bernice Grebner)

Here there is a lack of temperance; this person is at one extreme or another, never down the middle of the road. He can be overly religious or extravagant with possessions, and that can lead to catastrophe. He can be revolutionary and reckless. It gives great love of adventure, always seeking new experiences of some kind. Optimism is difficult to maintain at a steady level. It can give legal problems, especially in affairs of the Nodes. Example: third house, or Gemini, with brothers and sisters, people in the immediate

environment.

19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ⚡ **Uranus** - (2°17' A) ♃2 | ♅5

(Haydn Paul)

The main theme of this square is the likely dominance of the Saturn qualities and a repression of the Uranus ones, with a personality expression being restricted by responding to the Saturn viewpoint on life.

This will be seen in a preference for the familiar and known, both in a ready acceptance of social convention (which in its reactionary phase is often rooted in a backwardslooking perception of a 'return to a golden age'), and in the desire for a personal life lived in a controlled, predictable manner and in a stable environment. The personal identity will be focused within strictly defined parameters, with self-imposed limitations on freedom of choice and action, wrapped around with concepts of allowable thoughts, emotions and physical acts. Much of this is a protective guard against the actual insecurity of life, and emerges from a personality that is afraid to relax fully and which is inwardly insecure.

Difficulties may arise in life when you are attempting to solve problems by applying existing attitudes which then fail to work. You often find the need for change deeply disturbing, and have an intuitive fear that if you allow that process to occur, then your life would fall apart. When you have to make decisions regarding new situations, you can find it hard to make a final choice, unless you discover a way to do so which reinforces your existing attitudes and preferences; if it involves a new direction, then you become uneasy, trying to find a way to retreat back towards your old familiar patterns.

In those attempts to impose control on life, you can be too dictatorial or authoritarian in your relations with others, perhaps through an insistence upon your point of view being right, or in having everything done in an established manner without deviation. Your life can become highly patterned, locking you into a circumscribed experience of life. This can define your identity for you, offering a way for you to evade those feelings of insecurity and lack of real confidence; but this will restrict you taking advantage of many opportunities in life. Often, you seek social status or approval in order to gain a reflected sense of self-worth.

Denying the Uranian vibration of change can lead to problems of life adaptation and inner tensions, especially as there will be an underlying struggle between an affinity with traditional patterns and an attraction and fear of something new being released into your life. Saturn will embody the more inflexible end of the square; and if you begin to respond to Uranus (or a transit stimulates its activity), then these inhibiting patterns will begin to be eroded and destroyed. Part of you - a repressed aspect - would secretly love to break free of all binding ties, to become unconventional and liberated; if the pressures rise too strongly, then attempts to throw off self-imposed shackles may be made, just to

release the tensions. Marriages and careers can be destroyed through such activity, with the end result being a collapse of existing patterns with no real comprehension of how to build a more suitable lifestyle, and just a feeling of an inner void and loss of direction being common. Ongoing transformation is the wisest course of action, as the transitions move more smoothly and the person is capable of slowly adjusting to new ways in a more harmonious manner, integrating the arising new tendencies more successfully and easily.

Even within these Saturnine confines, the Uranian undercurrent is at work. The operation of your mind - where you focus yourself in order to control life - is more inconsistent and contradictory than you believe. Others probably notice this; but you will oppose any attempts to point this out to you, in your belief in your logic and rationality. Yet in the background of your mind lurk those more eccentric ideas, thoughts, desires and emotions that you rarely acknowledge. Sometimes, the strains of living with denied aspects can make you touchy in relationships, where people have to treat you in certain ways so as to avoid 'triggering those buttons' which stimulate areas in you that you choose not to explore. For real health, these need to rise into the light, so that the pressures and energies can be released, and that you can integrate parts of your being. If you choose not to, it is likely that at some point in life, Uranus will erupt with a vengeance, and sweep away all those pretences, patterns and controlled lifestyle, forcing you to confront your denied selves and to change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square between Saturn and Uranus refers to the difficulty you have in making decisions, especially when old attitudes must yield to the process of change. It is the kind of apprehension you may have experienced when you learned to drive a car after going everywhere on a bicycle. Your fear in unfamiliar situations is really the only deterrent to your progress.

Perhaps you were so conditioned by parental discipline that you still look for approval before asserting your creative potentials. It is probably more difficult for you to break with the past than for most people, but it is imperative that you do. Your future depends on successfully breaking old ties, even if it means alienating others. You may be 'reminded' that you can't do this or that because you're not old enough or you lack the experience, but you must persist. Once you overcome your fear of the untried, you can climb to any level you choose.

You are especially suited to work in large organizations where the sky's the limit for your potentials. You have sufficient self-regard to know your limitations; and once you recognize your own worth, success will be yours. Your respect for the lessons of the past should serve you well in the pursuit of your goals. Politics, industry, science, research, and even the occult fields would benefit from your contribution.

You must be prepared for occasional setbacks and reverses, but these will make your credentials more secure and establish your worth in the eyes of those who need your talents. Success sometimes is made more precious by the failures encountered along the way.

In your personal relationships, this dynamic planetary combination suggests that you will seek out people who will give you approval. Don't underestimate your virtues, which include a sense of responsibility and the ability to give form to your ideas. Saturn opposition Uranus (Haydn Paul)

With the opposition, you will tend to project inner tensions outwards onto others through your social and intimate relationships. These tensions arise as a result of the clash of the Saturn and Uranus energy patterns within you, and will continue to remain operating until you succeed in resolving the causes of the inner friction, through transforming the relationship of Saturn to Uranus.

You may feel torn between two polarised directions, past-future, order-chaos, orthodox-unorthodox, stability-change. This may make it difficult for you to decide on life directions, or you may become biased towards one pole to the repeated exclusion of the other, and some degree of repression of the ignored planetary qualities will occur. This can give you a hard edge to your personality, which is partly a result of trying to maintain a fixed inner centre against the other inner planetary attraction. You prefer to remain clearly in control, but can express this with what seems to others an overly aggressive approach.

There can be a lack of relaxed relationships, partly because you have a competitive attitude and desire to become personally important and authoritative in a social sense. It is doubtful if you will have many close friendships, because of an attitude of exclusion and distancing that you put up around yourself.

One area that can create conflict for you is a lack of openness to others, and that attitude of righteous knowing; this can block any real relationship from occurring, and often will generate antagonism from others, who look for opportunities to 'bring you down'. Learning to listen more to what others have to say is one lesson you need to apply; there is something of value to be gained from communication with every person, because the wisdom of the whole is reflected through each individual, and the routes that guidance and messages can take are infinite in variety. If you are not open to the world and people, you will miss them, and just circle around in your own limited world. Life can be greatly enriched by sharing with others in an attitude of equality. Co-operation and compromise should then flow by such an adjustment in your attitude to others, as you break down that restrictive egocentric shell.

It is likely that the Uranian energies will be less expressed than the Saturnian ones, so some degree of rebalancing may be required to free that planetary influence. This can

be released through personal creativity and allowing yourself to be more free and less tightly bound. This can involve the dissolution of limiting self-images, and an inner granting of freedom to others, so that you do not insist that they conform to your image of them. Often you attempt to direct their lives for them, especially in the more personal sphere of relationships, because it makes you feel able to control life. In the way that you are applying this, the results just inhibit a vibrant life.

The Uranian characteristics can also emerge if you become involved in social reforming groups, where you may release that aspect of your nature in an active manner through questioning the Establishment. What you may have to be wary of is a bias towards Uranus that leads to losing the awareness of the essential Saturn values in life. What you should be aiming towards is a way to create a workable balance between these energies within your own nature and through relationships, so that the positive aspects of each can shine through.

#### Saturn square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the tense aspects between Saturn and Uranus, the planets express themselves much as they do in the conjunct, but with more unrest. The shaping of our lives is continually disrupted by Uranus, or we leave most things half-finished. Uranus spoils the patterns we are so busily weaving. We never settle down: something always crops up to force a change of plan; something new always has to be incorporated in the schedule. With a hard aspect between Saturn and Uranus, we often undergo several (possibly quite radical) transformations, partly of our own volition and partly because we unconsciously attract them.

But when we strive in Uranian fashion for individual development and personal renewal, the strain set up by Saturn produces a certain amount of anxiety, and we have to overcome all sorts of inner and / or outer resistance; also it is hard to envisage the most suitable form for development to take. Though doing our best to break away, we still seem bound by certain formalities (for example, by having to give long notice before we can leave a job), and thus suffer conflicts between personal freedom on the one hand, and rules and regulations on the other hand. However, the tense aspects supply sufficient energy for coping with these conflicts.

Because of the inhibiting effect of Saturn, we seldom rush headlong into new ventures and seldom feel inclined to break links with the past. Yet, because of the restlessness induced by Uranus, we have no wish to become ossified. Although this is a tense, unsettling combination, it provides the chance to look for new ways of expressing ourselves within existing forms, or of adapting our life-style to our individuality. And this

is something for which we are prepared to struggle hard.

20) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☿ Uranus** - (3°03' A) ♈ 1 | ♎ 5

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus trine the Ascendant means that you will always be able to express your creativity when you want, mainly because you let everyone know that you will not be denied this privilege. Your creative potentials are considerable, and you only need self-discipline to develop them. But it is useless for anyone to pressure you to do so, because you resent interference in this matter and consider it an invasion of privacy.

Nothing seems to bother you, and your bright, optimistic outlook shows that you are not troubled by personal problems you can't take care of. You live each day as it comes and are not unduly worried about all the tomorrows, for you know you will take care of them in due time. Generally you are not bothered by subconscious problems because you refuse to dwell on anything negative. Not a clock-watcher, you are freed from being dependent on time. You enjoy a variety of pleasures, some rather ordinary but others bordering on the ridiculous or bizarre. You are a rebel and in many ways a loner. You don't really care whether others have freedom; that is their problem. You only know that you must be free.

You have an adventurous mind filled with ingenious ideas that you can exploit if you want to. All that restricts you is the money needed for developing them. Since you are not interested in public admiration, you don't feel any obligation to gain status. Your love relationships must be based partly on intellectual rapport, or you easily become bored. You like to believe that you are important in the lives of those you touch; chances are that anyone who forms a close friendship with you is affected by your concern. You understand people better than they understand themselves. You are pleased that the trend among young people is toward greater individuality and that they are more determined to seek their own desires free from the confinement of tradition.

Uranus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Individualism and independence play a big role in the harmonious Uranus / Ascendant aspects. But, with a surer instinct than someone with a conjunction or tense aspect, we know how to integrate these traits into daily life. However, this does not alter the fact that nothing will stop us from setting out on our own path; it simply means that we go about things rather cleverly and avoid conflicts with existing patterns.

We like variety, newness and renewal, and often react very quickly and adroitly to what we encounter. The impulsiveness of Uranus can play us false here, and its restlessness can make us alert, taut, and occasionally nervous. There is something provocative about our behavior. This does not necessarily cause trouble for us, but we make it clear that we are fond of change, that we are our own person, and that we are going to need plenty of elbow room. No Uranian aspect excels in adaptability, and, even in the harmonious aspects, the emphasis is laid on pursuing personal objectives. Yet although adaptability is not great, we can cope well with new situations - and what is this but adaptability of another kind? Apart from that, restlessness makes us very lively.

People with harmonious Uranus / Ascendant aspects are a stimulus to those around them; their activities are like a fresh breeze. There is no denying that some of them make good pioneers.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a trine or sextile between the Ascendant and Uranus occurs, these individuals are exposed to new ideas and new attitudes because the parents were encouraging of new concepts.

21) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♅ Pluto - (0°18' A)** ♄1 | ♃9

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto trine the Ascendant shows that you have an enormous source of energy to draw on in using your creative abilities. There is literally nothing you can't do if you set your mind to it. You have the strength and self-confidence to project your ideas and win the full support you need. Tolerating the past only for the lessons it teaches, you look eagerly to a future made more secure from the lessons you have learned. You are eager to communicate what you know to others; but you will not force it on them, preferring to wait for an indication that your suggestions are welcome. Lack of funds is no excuse for inaction in your view, for you feel that there is always a way if one wants something desperately enough. You are clever in converting all your resources into the tangible assets you need to implement your projects.

Knowing your failings, you work hard to transform your negative qualities so they do not limit you. Even more important, you understand your capabilities and emphasize them in seeking your goals. The task of making the future secure challenges you to use every resource you have. You know what you're worth, and you expect to be fully rewarded for the contributions you make in your career. You admire people who seek an education, if they are motivated by a desire to be the best in what they do. Ignorance is no defence for a lack of accomplishment, you believe, because you know that being well-informed is as accessible as the nearest library.



You know how to get along both with competitors and with associates; and you strive especially to be worthy of the people you deal with. You want to know that you have made an important contribution in stimulating them to reach their goals. But don't assume that without you these people would not be able to succeed. You must realize that many people are quite capable of transforming their own lives, and may not need your self-righteous assistance. Be available when they need you, but don't be a nuisance when they don't.

#### Pluto trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The easy aspects between Pluto and the Ascendant possess the same intensity as the conjunction. As in the conjunction, we give the impression of being purposeful and filled with an unfathomable sort of strength. We do not open up to others readily, but probe deeply in their psychological make-up and motivations in order to discover what is going on.

We have a great craving for power, and give others a taste of our strong will. Quite often we are able to take the reins in our own hands without having to fight for them. There is something compelling about our personality; and, since these aspects are harmonious, we know how to avoid stirring up opposition. In any case, people with Pluto / Ascendant aspects are often born leaders.

Because outwardly we appear to be so forceful, self-assertive and independent (although inwardly we may not be feeling any of these things), but do not show the 'real us', others may regard us as more open and friendly than we are. For this reason, we often attract individuals who look for some advantage from us, or whom we can mother or father in some way. But this state of affairs is quite different from that brought when it is the Moon that is on the Ascendant. The caring of Pluto is more impersonal and all-embracing, and is like that of a possessive, heavy-handed mother from whom one is unable to escape.

So, with these Pluto / Ascendant aspects, we have a hold on people that is firmer than we may imagine. Others will frequently pour out their troubles to us, ask advice, seek protection, or just tag along. In dealing with them, we acquire a fair knowledge of psychology. Nor are we averse to delving into human relationships and so on, as long as we ourselves are out of range and untouchable. This attitude stops us from making ordinary, simple emotional contacts with peers. First, we invite everybody to put us on a pedestal, and if they hesitate we put ourselves on one; second, we do not wish to be known intimately; third, we make big emotional demands on those we allow to come near us. Sooner or later, therefore, even with harmonious aspects of Pluto and the

Ascendant, we shall be brought face to face with these problems. Once we see where we have been going wrong, we are quite capable of making a radical improvement.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile or trine between Pluto and the Ascendant relects a childhood environment that was encouraging of group participation and co-operation. It sometimes indicates an individual who may be totally involved in the needs of the generation; an individual who strives for the peer group goals without questioning why the goals are important.

22) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°13' S)    ♁ 5 | ♃ 1

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of the Sun and Moon indicates that there is a certain harmonious balance between your will and your habits and emotions. You naturally react to stimuli in such a way that your ego can continue to develop properly. There is a good balance between the lessons you have learned from your past experiences and your ability to use these lessons to realize your destiny. Your relationship with your parents was generally favorable to your continued growth. They might even have inspired you to assert your own individuality so that you could become your own person rather than a reflection of their desires. You should enjoy a pleasant relationship with them and with other members of your family throughout your life. Only stress contacts between the Sun or the Moon and other planets in your chart could complicate the foregoing. In such instances, you would be responsible for the difficulties; the favorable influence here would still hold true, as you would eventually realize.

Your greatest problem, if it can be called that, is your tendency to be apathetic when you could deliberately assert yourself. You have an abundance of creative talent that can be usefully applied in situations that involve people and close relationships. Young people and children are comfortable with you and are on their best behavior because they want to please you. They respond to your attitude of protective caring for them, and they would never forget your contact with them.

You have the opportunity to rise to prominence if you want to. There is a luck factor in your favor, but you also have the temperament to feel completely at ease in positions of authority. You always exercise your will with an understanding of how people will react to it. Persuasive but not offensive, you have a knack for getting people to do what you want without appearing domineering. Your refined nature is a decided asset if you choose to pursue a professional career.

Your sincerity and honesty make you attractive to both sexes. You are warm and friendly towards casual acquaintances as well as close friends, and wherever you go you leave a lasting impression.

You underestimate your potential to climb to the top in any endeavor you find attractive. You should choose a field that has possibilities for growth. Land or land development, homes, and domestic enterprises in general are some of the areas in which you could build a very rewarding future. Working with the public is advised because you have the calm disposition to cope with any situation that could develop.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there can be a positive harmony of conscious will and your instinctual, emotional, and habitual response patterns to life; fewer inner conflicts between your feeling reactions and the application of your purpose should occur. You are likely to feel self-confident and optimistic about fulfilling your potential, aims and ambitions, and you may discover that doors open for you at the right times, or people offer support and help which enable you to move forward; luck may be a factor in your life.

Your early life experiences, parental relationships and childhood social conditioning are likely to have been generally favourable, and little negativity has made any deleterious mark on your development. There may be benefits from hereditary influences, possibly in natural talents and gifts, and some of your habitual pattern tendencies may be family traits, although the likelihood is that they are essentially positive and constructive. In your adult life, you will try to maintain good family relationships, both with your parents and with any family that you are responsible for creating. You tend to relate well with young children, who enjoy your sincere concern, care, understanding and attention.

You ensure that you learn from all experiences so that lessons do not need to be painfully repeated. One area where extra prompting may be needed is in application. As your basic temperament is relaxed and laid-back, generating sufficient momentum towards achieving aims can sometimes seem to be too much hard work to bother. You may be unwilling to stretch and really challenge yourself to develop, and thus may fail to realise the depth of latent potential that you actually possess. In fact, you should have considerable natural talents waiting to be exploited, and you should become alert to any opportunities that offer the prospect of growth and unfoldment, so that your creative drives and ability to unite feelings and will are successfully released in your environment.

Self-assertion may need a concentrated focus for you to progress in a career; although the potential is there for good advancement to be made, there may be a question mark against your level of commitment and desire actually to enter senior positions. Your sensitive good nature may be less of an asset in such positions, however, where harsh impersonal decision may be required for business viability. Yet you could effectively serve in an authoritative role, especially in spheres of interpersonal contact and communication, where your assets of friendliness, sincerity, persuasiveness and understanding people's motivations can make you a very good mediator between levels of employees.

Feeling right with yourself is important, and you recognise that is a key to good personal health and enjoyment of life. The free-flowing nature of this Sun-Moon contact helps you to appreciate your strong physical vitality, stamina and ability to recover easily from any temporary illness.

In social situations, you tend to act as a 'bridge' between people, being able to understand and empathise with different types, and through that reconciling aspect of your nature can help people to join together more easily. You can be sexually attractive, and this can lead you into successful relationship experiences. The main issue is to use this aspect's positive and constructive nature as fully as possible, and not just allow that stable, tranquil and contented nature to cast a soporific spell over you. You need to awaken your solar nature and qualities, in addition to expressing your lunar qualities comfortably, because that will become your path of selfdevelopment.

23) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (7°44' S)    118 | 85

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect tends to add the qualities of creativity and intuition more easily to the characteristics of the conjunction and the sextile. There is a subtle shift from the urge to acquire knowledge as a predominant tendency, to one of being capable of utilising it for the benefit of self and others.

You apply your mind to establishing a firm foundation for future work, where your investigative and research interests are directed towards a clear aim and purpose. Your basic orientation is humanitarian; you prefer to put your talents and energy into spheres that you believe will make a positive contribution to human progress. This could include scientific or medical work, or knowledge communication. You see that the point of knowledge is not just to acquire it, but to use it to improve the quality of life; your inner fascination has a more practical dimension.

There is likely to be an interest in the mysteries of life, and in universal and human behaviour; and a sense of the subtle, intangible energies that animate life. This can develop into exploring the occult realms; and you will probably gain a personal understanding of their existence if you take that path. Uranus can offer those lightning flashes of holistic insight which cut through the separative analytical mind, giving access to the unitive dimensions. You should be capable of integrating the spiritual perspective into the mundane material world, thus cross-fertilising the levels and forming an inner balance within yourself. If you do choose to venture along the occult path, then your mental foundation pattern of logic and rationality (Mercury energy) can be of considerable use in moving through layers of illusion and spurious belief thought-forms. Bewitched by the glamour of the exotic and mysterious occult worlds, many fall prey to illusion and an unconscious submission to the occult mystery and authority. They fail to

apply the conscious logical mind to the teachings, generally accepting them without serious questioning or personal effort to discover the truth for themselves. Certainly, the rational mind does not have all the answers; and its failure is clearly seen in the world today; but a bridge needs to be established between that level and the more universal holistic perception that Uranus offers, so that the two spheres of mind can work together creatively and harmoniously from the wider conscious perspective. This is a major task for the Aquarian Age, and one that we are all asked to participate in by achieving the integration in our lives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have a fertile, intuitive mind, which you express creatively. Your opinions are always based on sound principles, and you speak with conviction. You rarely make superficial statements because your mind does not dwell on trite matters. You seek after the truth, knowing it is the only way you can feel free. And freedom is very important to you.

You understand occult matters and may become involved in some facet of this field as your life's work. Your flashes of intuitive insight are amazingly accurate, and you could excel in the study of psychic phenomena. Mysteries fascinate you, so you might also become proficient in solving problems in the scientific world. You find the human factor equally interesting, and you could master the fields of psychology, philosophy, or social programs.

Although you have carte blanche in deciding what to do with your vast resources in human understanding, teaching should be high on the list. The truth has been revealed to you, and you could communicate it to those who are eager to share in your good fortune. You have leadership ability, but your best choice would be to stimulate others to develop their own. You are way ahead of your time in comprehending matters that usually require many laborious years of study.

Your spiritual values are highly developed and well integrated with your material responsibilities. There is no conflict between your inner and outer lives, since each sustains the other.

You are restless with those who are satisfied with knowledge for its own sake. For you, the only justification for increased knowledge is reaching toward human perfection.

Mercury trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects between Mercury and Uranus, thinking is imaginative and independent but, even here, it is to some extent erratic. Wherever there is the chance to break fresh ground, this person works wonders, but it is not so easy to contend with humdrum everyday life. The latter is experienced as dull and irksome because it offers nothing new and creative or sufficiently original. In fact, in all Mercury / Uranus aspects - even in the harmonious ones - there are impractical people who, although very gifted in a certain field, have little idea how to manage ordinary affairs. Their fellow citizens regard this type as eccentrics who live in a world of their own and want to go their own sweet way. When the aspect is harmonious, these others hardly raise a protest but just let them get on with it.

Any aspect between Uranus and Mercury will make the native inventive, so the combination has a lot of useful potential. But in the harmonious aspects especially this type must learn to persevere and carry projects through to completion, because he or she suffers from a streak of laziness in spite of all the mental activity. So, although what we have here should be an ideal position for original scientific research, Saturn will have to be strong in the chart for anything constructive to be done.

Often there is a keen interest in anything a bit unusual: an interest in certain fringe activities such as astrology, fortune-telling or occultism, or in revolutionary creeds or utopias.

The same sharp tongue and the same liability to overtax the brain are present as in the conjunction and the hard aspects, but not to the same degree.

24) ► **Saturn** ♄ *Trine* ♅ **Neptune** - (7°42' A) ♄2 | ♅10

(Haydn Paul)

The high idealism of Neptune and the awareness of social responsibility of Saturn will be prominent, and will stimulate an inner motivation intent on sharing in the ongoing work of social improvement. You should have a natural insight into social issues, and this coupled with a keen perception can help you to indicate those core problems that require resolution; in addition, you are able to offer constructive solutions to such problem areas, and are able to work with or within existing social organisations or governmental bodies to influence suitable changes to be made. In particular, you enjoy restoring 'order from chaos' and making use of forgotten and ignored resources.

There can be a tendency to sit back and observe social decline and contentious issues without choosing to become more actively involved, but this would be a waste of your own talents and a denial of that sense of social obligation. Your idealism has strong moral and ethical roots, and you could feel uncomfortable if you ignored those inner promptings. Direct activism may not be your preferred mode of involvement, but you may find your role perhaps through communicating to others the facts about certain

problematic social issues, especially through the medium of writing and analysis.

You tend to have an absorbent intelligence, which accumulates considerable information and knowledge easily, and which is a resource that you should be able to utilise. The level of imagination is high and active, and this too can be personally used in a variety of ways, giving a spark of life to the ideas that you have for personal and social development. You may have difficulty in deciding exactly how to use your own resources, and the ideal may be to become involved in work which has a definite social dimension. Such work can include community welfare, law, social services, environmental concerns, finance, management, media, film, photography.

Friends find that you are a reliable support in times of crisis, and you are equally willing to lend a helping hand when necessary. Neptune inspires you towards compassionate feelings, both for people you know and for strangers.

If the spiritual quality of Neptune is active (and not so overshadowed by a dominating Saturn), then you are likely to be attracted towards spiritual or occult groups, where your talents can find ways of expression. Meditation and visualisation work should be enhanced by Neptune, and anchoring the energies in suitable forms should be enhanced by Saturn. Learning to trust your intuition will lead you to rely on it even more over time, and this could be a vital step forward in your own development.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Saturn trine to Neptune, you have the ability to take on enormous responsibilities. You are motivated by a powerful spiritual compulsion to bring about positive changes in the negative social conditions you observe. Early parental training established your high ethical and moral standards. You are sympathetic and understanding toward anyone whose circumstances are more burdensome than yours, and you strive to find ways to demonstrate your concern for your fellow man. When a helping hand is required, you are ready and willing to give it.

To your professional interests you bring wisdom and sincerity. You can express your gifted imagination in many ways that seem inspired. You are intolerant of deception and collusion and will not compromise your ethics for personal gain. Occupations related to the film industry, photography, law, social services, the stock market, or the entertainment field in general would provide you with much personal satisfaction.

Your environment can benefit from your talents. You are keen in appraising conditions that must be changed and in determining the causes. You know how to enlist the services of the proper authorities, and you are familiar with the legal mechanisms that will help restore order out of chaos.

These are the resources available to you. What you do with them is up to you. You can

remain a spectator, detached from active participation, if you choose, but it would certainly be a waste of your talents. At the very least, you may decide to alert others to the problems of their environment and offer some plans for achieving their objectives.

You have the necessary faculties to succeed as a writer. Your inspiration and talent for observation can give form to the ideas you have. You derive many benefits from every experience. With your vast resources of knowledge, you have the ability to solve any problem.

Saturn trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Building up and breaking down work together harmoniously here, enabling us to forget fears and inhibitions by taking a lively and sympathetic interest in others. The goals we set often originate in deep religious, metaphysical or spiritual insights, which form an underlying motivation for our activities. Subconsciously we sense how we ought to plan and manage things, and this helps handling everyday affairs. A tendency to follow feelings and a quickness to detect odd undertones may even turn to our social advantage. Being both visionary (Neptune) and matter-of-fact (Saturn) can endow us with tactical abilities: instinctively knowing what to aim for is no small advantage in business. The aspect is also good for devising military (or other) strategy.

Constructiveness could show itself in the spiritual and intellectual fields. We appreciate the irrational, and find that making allowance for it helps to straighten our thoughts. This is a good aspect for people who study religious, metaphysical or esoteric matters. Saturn introduces orderliness to Neptunian concerns, but Neptune prevents Saturn from making this too cut-and-dried. In the easy aspects, idealism and materialism form a well-matched blend of suppleness and strength which enables us (in spite of the Neptunian influence) to keep both feet on the ground. With far-sighted patience we endeavor to promote ideals and spiritual insights (Neptune). The way in which we express them often reveals a serious outlook. We are prepared to make great sacrifices for them; probably with characteristic austerity.

25) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (2°45' S)    8 | 5 | 9

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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