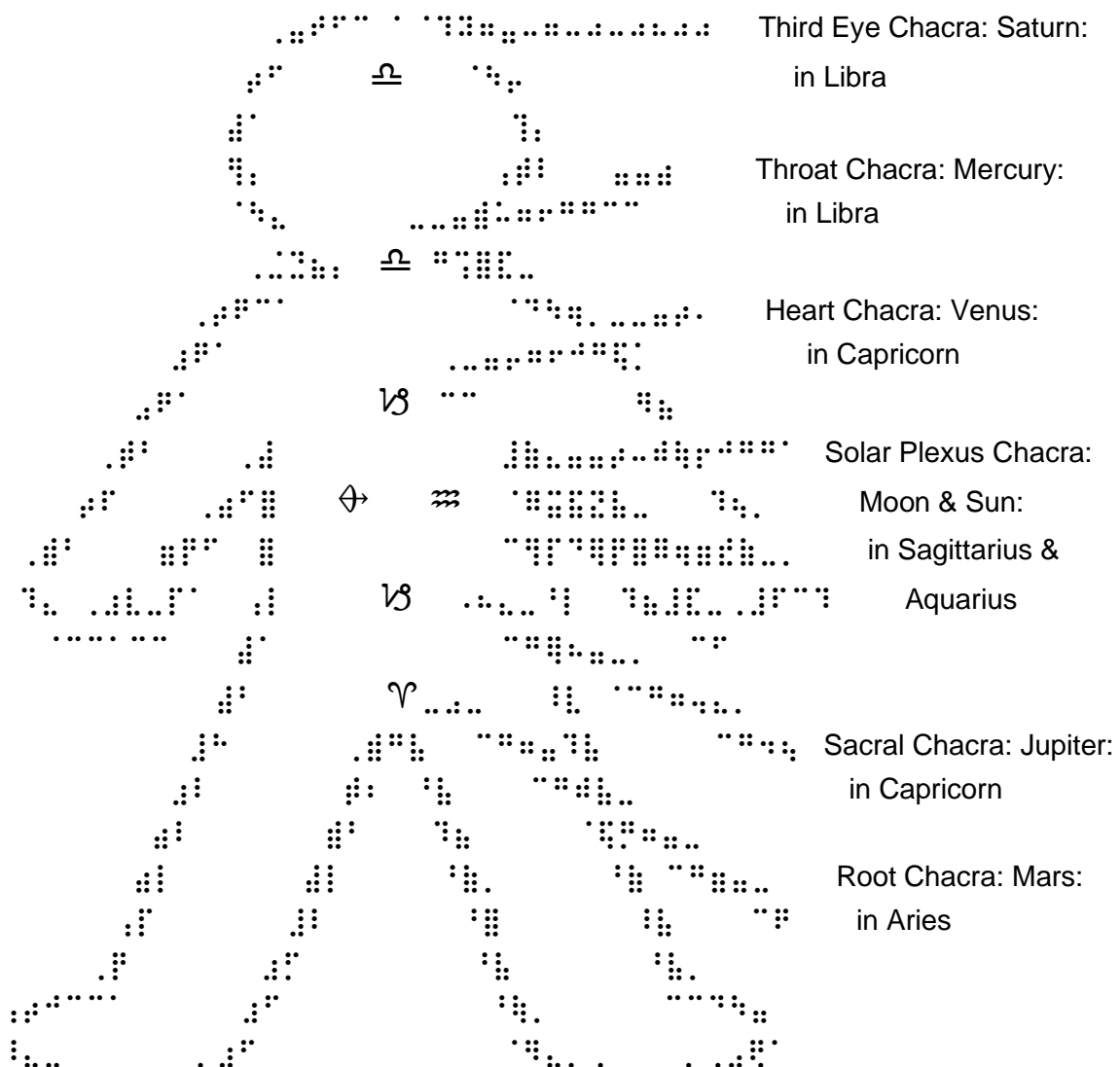


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Summaries

Aquarius Sun ☊ ♊ and ♋ ☾ Sagittarius Moon man

([843] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Freedom Seeking Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Glamorous, competitive and cerebral;

Negatives: Temperamental, hostile and imprudent;

Perfect partner: Someone who will allow them all the freedom in the world;

Advice: Be careful about future plans and consider consequences.

Sun ☊ in IV 4th House

([862] i.thehoroscope.co)

Slow but efficient - Summary:

Strengths: Loyal, dependable and happy;

Challenges: Worrisome and insecure;

Advice: They should not let anything make them lose their self-respect.

Moon ☾ in II 2nd House

([873] i.thehoroscope.co)

They are pretty straightforward - Summary:

Strengths: Generous, objective and resourceful;

Challenges: Detachment and stubbornness;

Advice: Be careful about hiding emotions in plain sight.

Neutral: Their home is their fortress

Moon ☾ in 20th Nakshatra: Purva Shadha

Short Version [2]

Strength: influential, artistic, handsome, popular, polite, patient faithful to friends, intelligent, loves the comforts of life, attracted to water, supportive, courageous, humble, wealthy, loves fine cuisine, has a enjoyable relationship with spouse, capable of having many children, makes a good manager, but prefers to be in service, valuable employee, seeks the truth.

Weakness: egotistical, inflexible, superiority complex, argumentative, not open to advice, works hard for little pay, incompetent manager, bouts of loud and raucous behavior, dictatorial, obstinate, settles for less, lacks patience with those who are slower to change.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in second pada

(16°40'-20°00' degrees Sagittarius): Virgo navamsa. You are intelligent and philanthropic. You have a natural flair for directing others.

Mercury ☿ in ♎ Libra man

([896] i.thehoroscope.co)

A principled individual - In a nutshell:

Positives: Principled and diplomatic;

Negatives: Obsessive and narrow-minded;

Soulmate: Someone who is expressive and full of vitality;

Life lesson: Reacting positively when in the center of attention.

Mercury ☿ in XII 12th House

([919] i.thehoroscope.co)

Visionary but rational - Summary:

Strengths: Communicative, insightful and talented;

Challenges: Brief, distracted and moody;

Advice: Be careful who you are sharing your secrets with.

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 III 3rd House

([947] i.thehoroscope.co)

The peace bringers of the zodiac - Summary:

Strengths: Tactful, emotional and motivated;

Challenges: Changing moods and lack of confidence;

Advice: Make peace with making mistakes.

Neutral: Many will see them as childish

Mars ♂ in ♈ Aries man

([957] i.thehoroscope.co)

A temperamental individual - In a nutshell:

Positives: Dynamic and persistent;

Negatives: Domineering and procrastinating;

Soulmate: Someone who will fight for their desires;

Life lesson: Focusing more on creative pursuits.

Neutral: He wants someone who will fight

Mars ♂ in VI 6th House

([986] i.thehoroscope.co)

Can't stand unfairness - Summary:

Strengths: Practical, organized and attentive;

Challenges: Demonstrative and stubborn;

Advice: Avoid unrealistic expectations.

Jupiter ♃ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1002] i.thehoroscope.co)

Don't judge a book by its cover - In a nutshell:

Style: Conservative and driven;

Top qualities: Serious, reliable and practical;

Weaknesses: Criticizing and prone to burn out;

Advice: Try to stress less about your reaction to emotional matters.

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 ♎ Libra man

([1023] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Astute and friendly;

Top qualities: Direct, receptive and generous;

Challenges: Insecure, fearful and indecisive;

Advice: Perseverance is key for your professional advancement.

Saturn ♄ in XII 12th House

([1040] i.thehoroscope.co)

A different view of the world - Summary:

Strengths: Flexible, generous and creative;

Challenges: Stern, superficial and manipulative;

Advice: There is no need to pretend they are happy when they are not feeling it.

Uranus ♅ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1050] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Uranus ♀ in III 3rd House

([1055] i.thehoroscope.co)

Natural free-thinkers - Summary:

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

Neptune ♀ in ♎ Sagittarius man

([1073] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Neptune ♀ in II 2nd House

([1078] i.thehoroscope.co)

A challenging position, Creativity enhanced - Summary:

Strengths: Elegant, indulgent and sociable;
Challenges: Unrealistic, resentful and superficial;
Advice: They should beware of too much speculation.

Pluto ♀ in ♎ Libra man

([1095] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Peaceful and idealistic;
Top qualities: Adaptable, diplomatic and analytical;
Challenges: Hesitant and worrisome;
Advice: Grace can sometimes be confused with naivety.

Pluto ♀ in XII 12th House

([1112] i.thehoroscope.co)

They're emotionally intense - Summary:

Strengths: Observant, sociable and wise;
Challenges: Overly sensitive, moody and distracted;
Advice: They shouldn't confuse their dreams with clarity of mind.

North Node ♋ in ♓ Pisces

([1124] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: disciplined, charming and spiritual;

Challenges: Controlling and anxious

Playing by the rules, An innate need of love

South Node ♍ in ♍ Virgo

([1130] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Loyal, attentive and charming;

Challenges: Individualistic, anxious and obstinate;

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

North Node ♋ in V 5th House (Leo)

([1117] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Spiritual, objective and adventuresome;

Challenges: Vain, isolated and overly emotional

Working from the shadows, A need of changes and transformations

South Node ♍ in XI 11th House (Aquarius)

([1135] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Supportive, confident and balanced;

Challenges: Criticizing, rushed and harsh;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♒ Aquarius

([1147] elsaelsa.com)

Neo-Creator

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in IV 4th House

([1152] elsaelsa.com)

Deep Roots

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars - (0°05')** ♎7 | ♍6

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

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

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

► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♀ **Lilith** - (0°09') ♄12 | ♀4

([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

► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♂ **Mars** - (6°42' S) ♄12 | ♀6

([164] astromatrix.org:) The Debater

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Other Perspectives 2. Channeling Your Intellect Productively

Challenges: 1. Withholding Judgement 2. Listening More than Speaking

► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°51' A) ♀1 | ♀3

([259] astromatrix.org:) Ease Of Expression

Opportunities: 1. Understanding People 2. Finding a Social Career

Challenges: 1. Avoiding Being Taken Advantage of 2. Giving Yourself Work-Life Balance

► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°31' S) ♀1 | ♀3

([260] astromatrix.org:) The Harmoniser

Opportunities: 1. Forming Tight-Knit Bonds 2. Accepting Help

Challenges: 1. Exploring Your Artistic Inclinations 2. Taking Lessons from the Past

► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Lilith** - (1°43' A) ♄2 | ♀4

([639] astromatrix.org:) Deeper unconscious insight

Opportunities: 1. Deeply understanding human motivations 2. Channeling sexual energy into creativity

Challenges: 1. Being emotionally open to others 2. Overcoming obsessive desires

► **Ascendant** ASC **Square** ☉ **Sun** - (4°15' S) ♀1 | ♀4

([385] astromatrix.org:) Inability To Face The Facts

Opportunities: 1. Forming Healing Relationships 2. Becoming Socially Graceful

Challenges: 1. Knowing Yourself Better 2. Embracing Your Personality Changes

► **Midheaven** MC **Square** ☉ **Sun** - (6°37' S) ♀1 | ♀4

([386] astromatrix.org:) Feeling Superior

Opportunities: 1. Learning when to Compromise 2. Overcoming Conflict with Authority Figures

Challenges: 1. Knowing your Limitations 2. Learning from Elders

► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°19' S) ♀3 | ♀6

([415] astromatrix.org:) The Demanding Lover

Opportunities: 1. Finding Outlets of Self-Expression 2. Showing No-Strings-Attached Love

Challenges: 1. Avoiding Destructive Habits 2. Remaining Mature in Relationships

► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (6°05' S) ♋2 | ♎6

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

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

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

► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (6°19' S) ♋12 | ♏4

([651] astromatrix.org:) Finding your purpose

Opportunities: 1. Creating a new lifestyle 2. Finding freedom

Challenges: 1. Believing in your abilities 2. Overcoming your reservations

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** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°38') ♀1 | ♀3
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°05') ♀7 | ♀6
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°36') ♀4 | ♀2
- 4) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Jupiter** - (1°27') ♀12 | ♀3
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°59') ♀12 | ♀3
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°43') ♀6 | ♀3
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°48') ♀6 | ♀12
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°18') ♀6 | ♀5
- 9) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°27') ♀3 | ♀12
- 10) ► **Uranus ♂ Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°55') ♀3 | ♀12
- 11) ► **Pluto ♀ Parallel** ♀ **South-Node** - (1°06') ♀12 | ♀11
- 12) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct** ♀ **Pluto** - (10°09' S) ♀1 | ♀12
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (9°36' S) ♀4 | ♀3
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct** ♀ **Neptune** - (5°18' S) ♀2 | ♀2
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct** ♀ **Saturn** - (8°11' S) ♀12 | ♀12
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct** ♀ **Jupiter** - (2°29' S) ♀3 | ♀3
- 17) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition** ♂ **Mars** - (6°42' S) ♀12 | ♀6
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition** ♀ **Saturn** - (1°29' A) ♀6 | ♀12
- 19) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°51' A) ♀1 | ♀3
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile** ♀ **Jupiter** - (1°38' S) ♀1 | ♀3
- 21) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°31' S) ♀1 | ♀3
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile** ♀ **Jupiter** - (4°00' S) ♀1 | ♀3
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile** ♀ **Saturn** - (4°36' S) ♀2 | ♀12
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°24' A) ♀3 | ♀5
- 25) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°53' A) ♀3 | ♀5
- 26) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°42' S) ♀12 | ♀2
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ☉ **Sun** - (4°15' S) ♀1 | ♀4

- 28) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♅ Pluto** - (5°54' S) ♄4 | ♅12
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (0°54' S) ♅12 | ♃3
- 30) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♂ Mars** - (3°19' S) ♃3 | ♀6
- 31) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♄ Saturn** - (4°48' A) ♃3 | ♅12
- 32) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (5°48' A) ♀6 | ♃3
- 33) ► **Jupiter ♃ Square ♄ Saturn** - (7°17' S) ♃3 | ♅12
- 34) ► **Uranus ♅ Square ♅ Pluto** - (3°42' S) ♃3 | ♅12
- 35) ► **Neptune ♆ Square ♎ North-Node** - (2°42' S) ♄2 | ♎5
- 36) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♂ Mars** - (6°05' S) ♄2 | ♀6
- 37) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (0°47' A) ♀6 | ♄2
- 38) ► **Mars ♂ Semi-Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (1°55' A) ♀6 | ♎5
- 39) ► **Midheaven MC Quincunx ♂ Mars** - (1°48' A) ♎1 | ♀6

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♒ Aquarius 3° 28'

(Betty Lundsted)

Aquarian children come into a very impersonal household. The father runs the show and instills in his child the philosophical basis for life. The father is interested in the unusual and the unorthodox, and may have what the neighbors think are strange or odd involvements politically or philosophically. He lives in his mind and is often quite distant from the child. Aquarian children want approval and acceptance from their father, so they grow up to pursue the world of 'the idea' even more thoroughly than the rest of the Air signs. For some reason, Aquarians don't fit into the expectations of the family or the environment, and they grow up feeling there is some mysterious plastic wall between them and the rest of the neighborhood. This instills a feeling of loneliness, causing them to spend a great deal of time as adults looking for groups they can join in order to achieve a sense of belonging somewhere. However, because so many years pass without the 'belonging' experience, Aquarians tend to question everything - every tradition, every group moral - and seldom stay involved very long with any one idea. This separation from other children (Aquarians can be alone in a crowd) serves to give them impetus to develop their minds more than other children, so the Aquarian types can be infinitely creative. Because the child doesn't fit in, the adult doesn't fit in either. Aquarians end up being the square peg in the round hole as far as society is concerned. The 'misfit' complex has benefits however: innovations and inventions are created by those who

hear the beat of a different drummer.

Aquarians bring new concepts to everything they touch. They make innovations in social work, spirituality, humanitarian areas and the scientific world. They take the traditional ideas that Capricorn presents, and bring them into new perspectives. This creative ability doesn't always make them popular, and can even compound the Aquarians' difficulty in fitting in with the group. Natural talents or abilities are seldom recognized when attention is focused on what is lacking: the Aquarian focus is on belonging somewhere when it should be on the creative process.

Aquarians are raised in an impersonal atmosphere - one of ideas, intellect and words. Life situations are handled by their parents with rationality. Aquarian children don't see anyone reacting in an intense and personal way. It is difficult for them to develop the personal side of relationships because they have so little experience from the childhood environment to guide them. When personal problems arise, they tend to be solved with theories and ideas, which is more appropriate for dealing with concepts than with people. Although Aquarians can be social innovators in theory, it becomes hard to put theory into practice in personal relationships; they feel more comfortable in groups than in one-to-one situations.

The Aquarian woman is interested in following in her father's footsteps. Like her other positive sign sisters, she wants to be known as a career woman. She's unsure of herself sexually for her mother doesn't present a sexually feminine image. Since her father is known for his unconventional stands, she wants to be known for hers - therefore, she will pursue anything that seems different or unusual. She remains unsure of herself as a woman, for when concentration is on mental abilities, the physical side remains unfamiliar. She may want to reassure herself that she is a woman, but she gets nervous when too much attention is paid to her body. The dilemma concerns which direction to follow, the intellect or the emotions, and she vacillates back and forth. When she's feeling emotionally insecure, she can become what is commonly called promiscuous. But she isn't promiscuous at heart - she's only searching for her identity. As she gains a sense of identity, or if she gets hurt enough, she'll stop. She has to learn that self-assurance comes from within and can't be gained through approval from others.

The Aquarian male has trouble settling into a relationship because he, as well as the Aquarian female, has a strong need for social interaction and intellectually stimulating relationships. Since he also questions his sexuality, he may experiment with sex for a while until he figures out which direction he wants to move in. Most of his problems in relationships stem from the fact that he is too impersonal. He doesn't know how to give personal reassurances or the emotional responses necessary to his partner. He needs to learn how to operate in a personal relationship. He doesn't know what is expected of him.

When he was a child, his mother often protected him against the violence (either mental

or physical) of his father. Consequently, the Aquarian male is chary of accepting help from a woman. His mother asks that he never forget her and that she helped him, and he's afraid all women will require the same commitment. He can be an interesting and diverse partner if his need for freedom is understood.

(Haydn Paul)

The Aquarian personality displays a tendency towards humanitarian service designed to benefit others. You are likely to be friendly and sociable with a large circle of friends and acquaintances, although you also have an impersonal attitude towards them. You are sincere, or at least you think you are, and usually have quite distinct likes and dislikes in life.

Your mental outlook tends to be dispassionate, based on logic and reason, dealing well with facts; and you have a good retentive memory. You prefer your attention to be directed towards intellectually appealing topics. Your mind is very fertile, imaginative and quick-thinking; but you may need to stop sometimes and consider before speaking, as you can create problems by speaking out first without giving due thought to content or effect. You may be interested in artistic expression, and can display some ability, too.

You are often motivated by strong ideals, which you try to use as a guiding force in your life. You believe in the values of a co-operative approach to life, but this can clash with your need for personal freedom. You often forcefully project your ideas and thoughts; and idealistic or practical disagreements with others can break down attempts at cooperation. Positively though, you are capable of applying great energy towards furthering any cause that you believe in, and are likely to tend towards unorthodoxy and unconventional behaviour, attitudes and ideas; sometimes you can be unpredictable, eccentric, and attracted to anything unusual, at least through curiosity. There can be a conflict within you of introversion or extroversion, where a part of you wishes to be quiet and unobtrusive, and another aspect wants to be a centre of attention and a dramatic focal point.

You can be impractical with possessions, and may need to learn how to deal with money more efficiently, as well adjusting any attachment to material possessions and the values given to them.

You usually overflow with ideas and talk about them at length, but there can be problems in application and seeing projects through; it is the mental world of ideas that fascinates and stimulates you, and you often lose interest when time comes for practical application. If you allow it, you can become obsessed and immersed in work, taking it very seriously, and this often leads to worry and nervous problems.

You do not fall deeply in love easily or often, as your mind remains detached from your emotions; when you do, however, you might have difficulty coming to terms with your

emotional power and intensity. Generally you succeed in keeping emotions away from many aspects of your life, believing that they distort the joys of the intellect. You may be late settling down with a partner, and need to choose wisely by seeking an intellectually compatible personality. You wish to retain independence and do not like being dictated to or dominated.

This extends to common Aquarian beliefs in universal justice, peace, equality, and radical change of anything that leads to suffering for humanity. Your views are strongly expressed, and radical enough if you persist in them to disrupt groups or upset people. You may need to avoid a tendency to make 'speeches' calling for progress, liberation etc., and yet, when the time comes for action, being engaged elsewhere. You could be a visionary, but will need to learn the values of persistence and action to make those dreams a reality. Prestige and achievement is important for you, but be careful not to get a mentally inflated self-image if it does occur.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Aquarius individuals feel they have the right to be different and unique; to be impersonal and objective in their search for individuality; to intellectualize the sensitivities of others.

Static

Your attention might focus on wanting others to reflect a public acknowledgement of the Aquarius uniqueness. This focus may lead to behaving in ways that do not actually contribute to the group or to individuals but merely serve as ego enhancement. You might want to be recognized as co-operative and fair, yet feel defensive about losing your identity in relationships. This may lead to responding in ways that are erratic and disruptive to others, and can result in alienating them.

If, under the pretence of objectivity, you try to impress others with the Aquarius certainty of knowledge, you may develop detachment and insensitivity to individuals as well as the group. This might result in a lowering of vitality if you become uncertain of your own wisdom in interplay with others.

Dynamic

When you focus on inspiring others, you may realize that your knowledge is less important than the individuality of other people. By allowing others to express their point of view, you can expand the facets of your intelligence. Then you can share appropriate knowledge that contributes to the situation for mutual inspiration. When you use your objectivity within the framework of other people's sensitivity, your unique talents are enhanced.

Awareness of the power of your identity and natural independence allows you to share insights in a balanced way. This revitalizes you and the relationship. You can recognize the power and the willfulness of the free child within yourself. This gives you the clarity to handle relationships with a sense of humor and perspective, to relate peacefully.

You possess the ability to view any situation objectively. Thus, you can inspire, enhance, and lead group activities without giving an impression of dominance. You have a soothing ability to take the vote or get the data effortlessly. This automatically leads to the cooperation of others, since they feel included in the government of the group.

Aquarius females

You can lead a horse to water, but.... So the saying goes, and it most certainly applies to an Aquarius woman. This lady can be as fixed and determined as any person you've ever met, but you can win her if you follow these hints:

1. Since she is idealistic and airy in temperament, take her bluster and show of pugnaciousness with a grain of salt. Smile at her; make her realize that, no matter what she thinks, you are her friend. She appreciates and understands friendship, perhaps above all else.
2. Let her know she is not the only person with Uranian interests. Tell her about a few of your own, including astrology! Let her know that you are on her side when it comes to bucking tradition and caring for the underdog.
3. This might be the most important hint of all: be charming and imaginative in entertainment plans; remember, she lives in a world where dreams can - and often do - come true. If you are drab in manner, in entertaining, in presenting your ideas and ambitions, she is likely to think you a fool - or worse, a bore. She is a stimulus in the manner that cold, bubbly wine is - and before you know it she'll go to your head!

This woman does like to have her own way. When she is right, let her. But when you feel she is in error, fight her every inch of the way! She enjoys a good fight; it has a tonic effect on her, and she will look at you with new respect. She'll lead you in circles if she can get away with it. Tell her where you stand, what it is you want and expect of her, and you will be on the way toward a happy, fruitful relationship. She loves the unusual. She wants you to be daring, dashing. Admittedly, this can be tiring; but the lady is worth it!

An Aquarius woman can bring out the best in you. Her own poise, mental and physical, can be an inspiration. It can also be damned irritating! That's part of the inspiration: being inspired to think of ways to shake her up.

In all, the Aquarius woman is loyal, is a wonderful person to take your problems to, and is able to help you to help yourself. There are likely to be very few dull moments with

her. Her intuition is developed to a fine hone; she can usually sense what the future holds.

Aquarius males

Sometimes this man's mind is so much on the future that he tends to overlook the present completely! Make sure he doesn't forget you. Let him be aware of your presence. Make yourself a part of his plans, for he is constantly planning, dreaming, inventing, devising, prophesying. He is airy in temperament, fixed, determined at times to the point of being stubborn. He isn't always easy to get along with, and he can be a bully, and absentminded: but those are the negative sides of his nature. On the positive side, he is worth working to catch!

This man has a tendency to make dreams come true. He can fight and work against the odds. But he needs someone to have faith in him: you can fill that role. Please do not expect the Aquarius man to be perfect: he has faults, loads of them - and he can be exasperating. However, he is generous, reasonable, and willing to help; to listen to your problems; and to offer intelligent, sometimes sage, advice. He practises what he preaches, too. You have to teach him to be practical. If left to his own devices, he might give everything away. He experiments; makes friends with persons others are apt to consider mere cranks.

He is willing to pioneer, to accept challenges, to lead a life of adventure and risk. Is that what you want? If it isn't, it would be better to forget these hints and to find yourself another, safer, more reliable individual. This man is not apt to fit into any pigeon-hole: he tends to sprout wings and to fly high.

This man possesses the ability to learn without formal study: his knowledge could be described as subjective or intuitive. His learning and abilities are not academic: he learns by doing, feeling, experimenting, making as many mistakes as any beginner, yet displaying a master's 'feel' for a subject. The Aquarian man is concerned with hopes, wishes, friends, loyalty, promises: a broken promise can mean a broken relationship as far as he is concerned. Here's an important hint: do not say one thing and do another. No matter how innocent or noble your intentions, this man can interpret your word to the letter; and if you break that word, it is a serious affair with him.

(Skye Alexander)

People with Sun in Aquarius are usually independent, unconventional, outspoken and fair-minded. You see your 'role' in life as the rebel, the person who rejects bogus authority and outworn traditions and ushers in the new order. However, you sometimes lack perspective in your battle with the establishment. At times, you simply provoke confrontations to see what impact you have on others; and you enjoy antagonizing people who are in positions of authority. You like to take chances, to keep things stirred

up; and relish a good argument now and again. However, you may become the rebel without a cause.

Always ahead of your time, you are seen by others as a bit different or unusual - an image you encourage. You like to shock people and shake up institutions that have become too rigid. You have the ability to bring a breath of fresh air into stale, stagnant environments.

Equality, freedom and fairness are important issues for you. You believe all people are created equal and should have the same rights and opportunities. You are willing to stand up and fight for the rights of others as well as your own, often without regard for your own safety or advantage. Most likely, you are socially and politically progressive, and are concerned with humanitarian issues. Though you are interested in the well-being of others, your interest is in an abstract, ideological concept and does not stem from empathy or true feeling. Unless you also have several water signs in your chart, you can be quite detached and impersonal.

Inventive and ingenious, you eagerly seek out new ways to do things, and may excel in scientific or electronic fields, aerospace technology, computer science, astronomy or astrology. Generally, you can be found on the cutting edge of technology and scientific or 'new age' thought. Always looking to the future, you run the risk of losing touch with the present and not learning from the past.

Friendly and sociable, you probably have an extensive and diverse collection of friends and associates; and your friends are very important to you. You are not status-conscious; you choose your companions for their ideas, and enjoy the company of others of like mind. Intellectually oriented (though not necessarily intelligent), you are happiest in the world of ideas. You love to share what you know with others, and become bored easily with people who don't provide grist for your mental mill. Although at times you can be a bit abrasive and tactless, you are usually good-natured, enthusiastic, off-beat, and willing to try almost anything - qualities which gain you popularity among your peers. You are most comfortable in group situations, and might belong to numerous organizations, clubs, and professional or social groups.

However, you may have some trouble in intimate, personal relationships since your feeling don't run very deep and you tend to be quite detached. Close emotional relationships also can threaten your independence. You insist on remaining 'free' to do your own thing, and to engage in relationships with whomever you please. Unless your Venus and / or Moon are in more emotional, possessive signs (such as Scorpio, Cancer or Taurus), you may decide to remain single or insist on an 'open marriage'.

At your best, you are the one who fights for liberty and justice for one and all. At your worst, you are the freedom-monger who seeks change for the sake of change, without offering a better alternative to replace the structures you've destroyed.

(Sasha Fenton)

Aquarians, while being very friendly, are actually quite hard to get to know; and some of them are so strange that it is difficult to work out what they are doing and why.

An Aquarian friend of mine who, unusually perhaps, is not interested in astrology pointed out that both he and his wife are Aquarians, as are seven members of their family. He told me that, as all these people were very different from each other, this proved to him that there couldn't be anything in astrology. I laughed and told him that all Aquarians are different from everybody else, including fellow members of their own sign and of their own family. Each one is an individual who marches to his own drumbeat and doesn't follow any kind of collective thinking. Each Aquarian must live by his own rules and needs to do his own thing most of the time.

Intelligent, logical, and blessed with the ability to think not only laterally but also around corners, these subjects are possibly the most exciting of the zodiac. They can also be infuriating because they choose to cling to their odd way of life and their ideas with great tenacity. Parents with Aquarian offspring frequently write them off because they cannot be made to conform to the family pattern. Aquarians make the most wonderful friends, but anyone who tries to cling to them or expects their friendship to be exclusive will be very disappointed. Anyone who needs encouragement can be sure of receiving it from an Aquarian friend, but they are quite competitive and won't appreciate being overtaken in their own chosen field.

Aquarius is a fixed sign, which ensures that these subjects stick to jobs and relationships through thick and thin. If they decide that they need to make a break, they do this in an almost clinical manner and, although they may feel guilty about leaving, they still go ahead with it. If possible, they try to remain on friendly terms with the person or group of people even after they detach themselves from them. Aquarians can be loners who feel stifled by too much closeness. They don't like to be closely questioned about their intentions, or even their whereabouts the previous night! But they appreciate a nonclinging relationship. Aquarians do need to relate to others on a deep and loving level, but it may take them some time before they can relax and trust others to love them or to be loved by them.

Aquarians can be stubborn and determined, and also inflexible in their attitudes; and they may have an attitude of superiority. They genuinely believe that they are special, and may patronise those whom they see as unfit or unable to come up to their exacting standards. Most Aquarians have fields of specialist knowledge, often in offbeat and interesting areas; and they are happy to teach anyone who shows an interest in their particular subject. Some become involved in politics or causes of one kind or another, and are often way ahead of the crowd. Their very stubbornness makes them the most loyal and wonderful friends; the kind who can be called up in the middle of the night and

asked for help.

Most Aquarians love to teach and have a real talent for the job, and many of them work in the field of education, while others are happy to coach others in a more casual manner. These subjects derive a real sense of achievement from improving the lives of others, either on an individual basis or by educating the world in general. I have noticed that most Aquarians are strangely blind to the pain and anguish of those who are around them. They can deal with problems on a distant level - for instance, by campaigning for political change - but, when it comes to their own families, they cannot. Some of these subjects genuinely cannot see that a child or a partner is suffering, while others can see the pain but are irritated by it. One Aquarius friend tells me that, if anyone in his family is ill, he gets out of the house because he knows that he will lose patience with them if he hangs around. To be honest, most Aquarians are extremely helpful and sympathetic, but none of them can stand moaners or the type of person who has a negative attitude to life. They will, therefore, help out immediately when faced with a practical problem; but they become distant or angry when faced with someone whose emotions are out of control. They respect strength of character, and have very little time for what they see as weakness or failure - even when this is their own failure. Aquarians need to see themselves as competent, clever, and successful in their chosen field. They need to stand out from the crowd and to be respected for their knowledge. There is a tendency for Aquarians to be tactless, and some can be bullies. This is because they are devastatingly honest about other people's faults and failing, and also because they sometimes fail to understand how their behaviour affects others. In some ways, these people are easy to respect but hard to love.

The typical Aquarian is tall and slim, while some are positively skinny. Many have a strong, bony frame. In white races, the complexion is pale and the hair blond or mousy. Many Aquarians have wispy and lifeless hair, and many Aquarian men go bald. If the Aquarian is blessed with good hair, then it is very good indeed, being thick, straight and dark. Their hands and feet are long and elegant, but they sometimes look as if they belong on a much older person. Many Aquarians have a strong jaw and a large, toothy smile and light-coloured or very bright eyes which look at others with a very direct and interested gaze. Their choice of clothes is totally individualistic and often downright peculiar! Aquarians adored the fancy dress which was fashionable in the late 1960s and early 1970s because they could indulge their personal fantasies to the hilt. Even in the staid and conventional 1990s, Aquarians were seen in jodhpurs, flowing kaftans, strangely patterned denims and top-of-the-range designer model clothes.

The ankles are the traditional Aquarian weak spot for health, which suggests that breaks and sprains are likely. Flebitis, thrombosis and leg ulcers are also possible. Quite a number of Aquarians have sensitive lungs, so they may suffer from asthma, and they may be uncomfortable when among smokers.

Aquarians are so varied in their nature that they can do almost any kind of work.

However, self-employment and owning a small business appeals to many of them. Some years ago, my friend Denise had to hire a fairly large gang of workmen at her place of work, and she commented to me that out of the twelve workmen with whom she was dealing, eleven were Aquarians! It's not surprising that Aquarians find their way into building and other practical crafts because they are the world's best problem-solvers and they are also very independent. This is the sign of the journeyman, craftsman and computer-whizz. Many Aquarians take up astrology, so much so that it would be a very strange group of astrologers that didn't include at least one Aquarian. Many are drawn to the world of teaching because they have a real gift for this. All Aquarians have extremely enquiring minds, and often have a great depth of knowledge in a variety of areas. Many are excellent advisors, counsellors and listeners, which leads them into either paid or voluntary counselling work. Aquarians are attracted to committee activities and to politics; and many of them find work in those areas where their sense of commitment, logical minds and humanitarianism can be put to good use. To be honest, Aquarians can be found in almost any kind of job, but they usually gravitate to something which has a humanitarian edge to it. Among my Aquarian friends I can count a bank clerk, the head of the central sterilising department of a large hospital, a designer of surgical instruments, the head of a large mail-order firm, the owner of a small publishing firm, shopkeepers, craftsmen and craftswomen of all kinds, computer experts, and astrologers by the dozen.

If an Aquarian cannot help people, use his intelligence or specialise in his work, he will use these skills in his hobbies. Aquarians take their spare-time activities very seriously. These subjects may look after animals, work for the preservation of our planet, or make ships in bottles, but they don't simply come home and sit in an armchair in front of the television. Perhaps the greatest Aquarian hobby is friendship, because they love to chat and learn about ways of life which are different from their own. Oddly enough, very few of them seem to be keen on travel, and some become very ill-at-ease when away from their usual surroundings.

Aquarians have a reputation for being non-materialistic, humanitarian and eccentric. These subjects are supposed to be elevated to an exalted level where all is love and light, and where money is unnecessary. Poppycock! Aquarians like money as much as the next sign, and more than many. Some Aquarians like money so much that they are prepared to work hard for it. Others are content to fiddle and dream their lives away while their spouses, relatives and friends pay their bills. Many Aquarians work at jobs which are far beneath their levels of ability, possibly so that they can expend their energies on more interesting pursuits. However, those who do pursue a career enjoy being well paid. Aquarians are so different from each other that few generalisations can be made. Some, for instance, live in pristine cleanliness in ultra-modern apartments, while others live in rambling old houses which are filled with children, animals, visitors, lodgers and filth. Many Aquarians work close to home by running farms or smallholdings; and others have offices or even schools within their homes. This suggests that their homes are viewed not as a possession, but as part of their general lifestyle.

There are Aquarians who have a multitude of fascinating and wonderful possessions, ranging from the latest in computers to mobile games, ornaments and even, perhaps, a spaceship in the garden. Others collect antiques, junk or animals. All Aquarians seem to collect books and bits of paper. Some Aquarians spend their money on experiences rather than things. Aquarians can be found riding horses, learning to paint, hunting for ley lines or attending astrology groups. However much friendships and experiences are valued, the Aquarian also values a comfortable home, a good, fast car, and whatever eclectic status symbol appeals most to him.

Aquarians need friends, but they don't all necessarily need lovers, partners, spouses or families. Their needs can change from one phase of their lives to another, so the Aquarian who starts out as a loner may end up happily surrounded by family and friends, or viceversa. These subjects are so unusual that they need partners who can understand their peculiarities and can put up with them. The best relationship for these people is usually with a partner who shares their interests and wants the same kind of lifestyle. It is not uncommon for Aquarians to live with other Aquarians or to choose partners who have a strong Aquarian cast to their charts. Hot favourites are Capricorns or Pisceans who have neighbouring planets in Aquarius. Anyone living with an Aquarian will have the benefit of his / her excellent mind, while another benefit is that boredom is unlikely to set in. Aquarians are not really homemakers in the old-fashioned sense of the word, but they do like to live in a pleasant area with enough space both indoors and out for them to be able to breathe. Some Aquarians are exceptionally neat and tidy in their habits, keeping a really well-run home, but many others seem to prefer living in a mess, complete with children, animals and neighbours wandering in and out. These homes, albeit untidy, are wonderful to visit, because the caller is always sure of a cup of tea, something to eat and an hour or two of wonderful conversation. Mess or no mess, most Aquarians are very good cooks who try to ensure that they and their families eat a healthy diet.

Aquarians are not as easygoing as they first appear, because this is a fixed sign, which denotes a stubborn and determined attitude to life. Aquarians tend to do exactly what they want to do, usually just when they want to do it, and it is no good trying to get them to behave in any other way. These subjects seem to have an agenda all of their own, together with a hidden set of rules by which everyone around them is supposed to live. They frequently have strong political views, or they may be 'into' some belief or peculiar way of life. Even the most ordinary, unassuming and 'normal' Aquarian chooses the kind of career which will help humanity in some way. Sometimes their beliefs take over the whole of their lives. Being highly intelligent, these subjects are sure that they can see themselves clearly and that they understand others just as well. However, they actually have quite a few blind spots which can make them difficult to live with. Aquarians can be unrealistic and impractical in some ways, while being very sensible and capable in others. This all depends upon the frame of mind they happen to be in at the time.

Aquarian women need a job or interest of their own. They may choose to do something unusual but, whatever they do, they will be wholehearted about it and will find it hard to be clockwatchers. This means that their families will have to learn to cope by themselves from time to time.

Some Aquarians are amazingly mean, being unable to see that others have any kind of claim on their income. Other Aquarians are amazingly generous because their values are mental and spiritual rather than materialistic, and they rarely worry about money or security. All Aquarians are incredibly independent people who are very hard to influence; but if they respect their partner's views and find them logical, they can usually be brought round to a different way of thinking. Most of these subjects lead very busy lives, and they would rather do almost anything in preference to sitting slumped in an armchair, staring at the television. Aquarians are frequently late for appointments because they try to pack too much into each day and they leave too much to the last minute. Aquarians enjoy going out with their families, and take an interest in their partner's hobbies or pastimes, although they may not want to join in on a permanent basis. These subjects need mental and physical space; and they are also prepared to give this to a partner. About the only thing they cannot stand is being probed and investigated, because they seem to need to keep a little part of themselves private. Aquarians can be rude, bad-tempered and arrogant, but if their partner can laugh off these foibles and concentrate on the Aquarian's virtues, the relationship will succeed. One thing Aquarians cannot cope with is an over-emotional partner, because too much emotion upsets their equilibrium and may make them ill. Oddly enough, many Aquarians are worriers, and this tension can translate itself into ailments such as asthma and eczema. All Aquarians can be kind, caring and loving if given half a chance, although I usually find that female Aquarians are nicer, softer and more genuinely caring than the males of this sign.

The vast majority of Aquarians are loyal and faithful lovers who won't break up a relationship without good reason. These subjects are not comfortable with duplicity; so if they meet someone they like whilst they are still in a relationship, they are likely to break up the first relationship before becoming involved in the second. Aquarians need freedom in a relationship; and a jealous or suspicious partner is absolutely no use to them at all. They find it hard to give reassurance when none is needed. The vast majority of Aquarians are perfectly reasonable people who like nothing better than to find a soulmate and spend their lives with them. Unusually, in this age of short-lived relationships, Aquarians tend to get married when young and then stay with the same partner throughout. They love to talk to just about everyone, but they don't usually allow emotional or sexual curiosity to get them into triangle situations.

The saving grace of Aquarians in all situations is their wonderful sense of humour. Aquarians vary so much from one another that it is not surprising that they vary in their sexuality. Many of these friendly, outgoing people are very attractive, but whether they will actually take up all the romantic offers they receive depends upon other factors on their charts. Some Aquarians prefer to be on their own, without any kind of involvement

other than that of friendship; while others only really enjoy sex when in a safe, comfortable partnership. These subjects have many friends, but are cautious when it comes to deeper relationships, and they prefer not to flirt or play dangerous games with other people's partners. Once they are in a happy relationship, they enjoy making love, and can achieve a greater sense of closeness through sex than they can in practically any other way. Aquarians like a bit of variety in their sex lives, and will take pleasure in a partner who dresses well and wears attractive underwear. They themselves are usually slim, elegant and good-looking people who can be quite vain about their appearance. They either are well-dressed, appreciating the pleasure that this gives their partners, or dress in an eccentric manner which pleases nobody but themselves. Aquarians can be fussy about their partner's appearance, and they appreciate a lover who keeps in shape and looks good. These subjects especially enjoy the sight and the feel of food underwear, and they can have fun by dressing up specially for love-making. If the sexual side of a relationship diminishes, they will remain friends, but they may not continue to feel as deeply about the other person.

Aquarians usually have many friends and acquaintances; and they are quite happy to have company or to go on holiday in a group. As far as the family is concerned, they try to avoid too much closeness. Aquarians see themselves as equal to other people; therefore if a member of the family demands to be treated with deference, the Aquarian will not accede to this demand. If any member of their family or of their partner's family needs help, the Aquarian will do whatever he can, but will not be bullied or dictated to by anyone.

Aquarians are good parents, especially if their children are reasonable and intelligent, but they will switch off if a child becomes awkward and demanding. They will try to do everything in their power to help a child succeed, but they are not good at handling a child's emotional problems, and they may not even notice when a child is unhappy.

Aquarian children are not difficult to deal with, as long as their parents respect their dignity and realise that they have strong opinions of their own. These children are usually keen on school and fond of a variety of outside interests. They have many friends, and adjust fairly well to whatever circumstances they find themselves in. Despite their logical and somewhat unemotional natures, they need to feel secure and to be understood in addition to needing space and freedom.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The Aquarian need for independence can't be underestimated, and it is essential that Aquarians develop and sustain the right lifestyle. Although they have the reputation of being friendly, in many ways they are very private and dislike having their privacy invaded. Their natural friendliness is linked to a genuine desire to be helpful, so anyone in trouble will always find them ready to help, approaching others' problems as they approach their own - logically, detachedly, and without undue emotion.

Aquarians have an original, idealistic streak; and the more positively this is shown, the more fulfilled they will be. However, this originality must not become too idiosyncratic or perverse, as others can then be at best embarrassed and at worst seriously annoyed.

Aquarius is an air sign, and its inhabitants need air, both physically and metaphorically. They must realize how very stubborn they can be, and should try to counter this tendency. When young, they are usually leaders of their generation; but sometimes they continue to cling to youthful opinions, so that what was once a splendidly forward-looking nature becomes ultra-conservative. Again, awareness of the problem will go far to counter it.

Positive and optimistic even when life gets difficult, Aquarians rarely lose hope; and their natural humanity always reminds them that many others are less fortunate (in every sense) than themselves. Their chief fault is usually unpredictability; but their independence can also make them very remote, causing emotional problems. Partners and friends may be justified in suspecting that sometimes Aquarians act out of sheer perversity.

Of all the Sun signs, Aquarians can find it most difficult to settle into and sustain a close emotional relationship. Their powerful need for independence makes it particularly hard for them to let others into their lives, for they realize this will mean modifying their lifestyles and tolerating an invasion of their living space - psychological as well as physical. They often decline to enter into a relationship until they are so set in their ways that it all seems impossible, so remain permanently single. Even so, there is a strongly romantic streak in many Aquarians, who like the glamor of romance, and once committed are - like their Capricorn cousins - very loyal. The placing of Venus will color this aspect of an Aquarian's life, and may modify the attitude considerably.

Aquarian individuality and the need to be different will soon emerge in children of this sign, who on the whole will be happy and positive, with a great desire to do their own thing. Parents should watch for waywardness; the best antidote is to suggest that they do the opposite of what you really desire! Bear in mind that they will truly need to be unconventional, so a school devoted to rigid discipline, with very strong or obsessive academic aims, may not be suitable. They are rational, however, and always listen to reason. This will be a distinct asset in later life.

Aquarian children are naturally friendly, but alas this means they may be overtrusting and too ready to wander off with passing strangers who take advantage of that friendliness. It must be very firmly impressed on them from an early age not to do this. It is particularly good for young Aquarians to become involved in charity work; it will help them to develop their strong humanitarianism, which is likely to be one of their strongest and most positive traits. Creative and scientific flair should be eagerly encouraged when and if it develops. These children often have an interesting sense of drama, but it can be

exaggerated.

Aquarian parents can have a very individual attitude to the education of their children. They must remember that the child may be more conventional than the parents, and it is a mistake to force him or her into a particular mould just because they wish it. Security and discipline may be really important to a child; and the parents, however adventurous, should accept this. Aquarian parents should always ask themselves whether they have moved with the times. Their immediate reply will be 'yes'; but they should realize it is unlikely (especially for them), and should not assume automatic and complete understanding of their children. They must learn to really listen to them. Despite possible problems, they usually make lively parents, always ready to bring out their children's potential and make the most of it.

Aquarians must have a free rein to do whatever is expected of them in their own way, uninhibited by continual advice or the insistence on a particular régime. They have to express their inventiveness in their work, whether creative or scientific (or both). They may become inventors of some kind. Some do extremely well working in communications - the airlines, or the technical areas of television or radio, for instance. Despite their keen sense of ambition, they enjoy and are good at work which allows them to express their concern for humanity. They make excellent field or social workers, or administrators for large charitable organizations. Not obsessive about income, they must avoid wasting their money on trendy fripperies.

Aquarians are often quite seriously disturbed if they are kept waiting for final decisions, or feel some change hovering over them without knowing precisely when it will happen. A sudden decision (whether their own or someone else's) is not nearly as difficult for them. Their quick reactions may even make them sweep out of a well-established job given enough provocation. They should try not to let the prospect of retirement make them miserable for ten years before the event, instead gradually building up new areas of interest which can fill more of their lives when the time comes. If their work has been dull, uninteresting or too conventional, they should surely look forward to being able to express fully their originality and creative or scientific flair. They should give special thought to any necessary adjustments they may have to make, perhaps thinking of ways in which spare-time work can bolster their retirement income.

The circulation can be vulnerable. Aquarians are often at their best in cold weather; and, like Capricorns, they usually enjoy it; but they should keep warm, wearing light but windproof clothes which won't restrict their movements. Regular exercise should be creative rather than dull or repetitive. Like all air signs, Aquarians thrive best on a light, nourishing diet. The ankles are ruled by this sign, and can be vulnerable; exercises to strengthen them, perhaps shoes with good ankle support, are desirable, especially if skiing or winter sports are enjoyed.

(Robert Hand)

You like new things and new ideas, and are bored by old ways of thinking and acting. The friends you choose are people who feel the same way. You are an individualist and a free spirit, but at the same time you need to work and share your life with other people. Friends are very important to you, although if they try to hold you back or make you conform to their ideas, you will rebel and go your own way.

However, even though you are attracted to new ideas, you don't readily change your thinking once you have made up your mind. Actually you are quite stubborn, which may confuse other people, who interpret your interest in everything new and different as evidence of a very changeable mind.

Because of your fondness for new ideas, you enjoy studying science, technology and other subjects that enable people to control the world in some way. As you get older, you may be attracted to more offbeat studies, such as astrology and the occult.

When you are with a group of friends, who think about the group as a whole rather than just about yourself. You try to do what is best for everyone, without at the same time going against your personal needs. This can cause problems for you if your needs conflict with the needs of the rest of the group. But basically you are fair, and you try to make sure that everyone gets the same deal. You will stand up for anyone who is not being treated fairly.

(Grant Lewi)

The motivating force behind Aquarius is some form of gregarious, or herd, instinct. He likes folks. He is sociable. In a higher manifestation, he is social. In a lower manifestation, he thinks that the world - the folks - owe him a living. Any way you look at the Aquarian, and whatever Aquarian you look at, you will find folks at the centre of his attitude. Either he depends on them or they depend on him. Whether he is a social reformer, or a hobo, people will be around him; he will be holding them up, or they will be holding him up. He thinks himself a great individualist, and he may be, but you'll rarely find him alone. Rich or poor, great or small, deep or shallow, he is the life of the party. He may put his mind on the woes of humanity, solve their problems, give his time for theirs in a figurative or literal sense. Or he may fritter away his time in pool halls. But he will always be where there are people, in the flesh or in theory. His best expression comes when he has hitched his wagon to a star of social work or one of the social professions: invention, medicine, law, politics, architecture, literature, science, music or art with some social application. His worst expression is going places and doing things to no purpose. Some prime examples of wasted talents come in this sign - as well as some of the greatest martyrs and benefactors of the human race. Aquarius is generally misunderstood even when he has achieved greatness - and always think he is misunderstood when he is wasting himself. In love, Aquarius is noble but not necessarily conventional; loyal, if not faithful; affectionate, if not independent, and resentful of

intrusion on his private studies, which may irk the spouse because they never seem to produce anything except big electric-light bills. Aquarius the social or sociable can be anything or nothing, but the one thing he will almost never be is lonesome. He may think his spirit yearns for understanding, but he will never be far from someone to listen while he attempts to explain himself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Individuals born under the sign of brotherhood and fraternity have as their symbol the water-bearer, who spills out to mankind the life-force and spiritual energy. Since the planet Uranus rules Aquarius, friendship and companionship are extremely important to Aquarians. Those whom Aquarians befriend have their unswerving loyalty.

Born under a fixed sign, Aquarians have eccentric temperaments and are determined and stubborn. They sometimes feel that those who are listening to them are unreceptive and incapable of comprehending their ideas, and they tend to become annoyed when people fail to understand them. Then Aquarians argue; and when they do, they stir up opposition from others. They are capable of discarding these people from their intellectual circle. The key phrase for Aquarians is 'I know'.

There is no affectation or snobbery in the Aquarian personality, but a dislike of spurious imitation and hypocrisy in any form. Aquarians operate as equals among equals. However, they are not dependent on their environments for their security, because they derive this from being in the company of others.

Persons born under Aquarius can be anything or nothing, but they are never lonely. The influence of Uranus promotes an honest enjoyment in meeting new people and exchanging ideas. Aquarians' group instinct will always direct them to where there are people, or else people will come to them.

Since Aquarians have friends of both sexes, they see no reason for giving them up, even after marriage. Because Aquarius is an intellectual air sign, those born under it relate to others at a mental level.

Aquarians love the beauties of nature, but they like to admire them in comfort. They long for material possessions but are not greedy. They are disinclined to engage in sports as a rule, except as observers. Their pursuits are more intellectual than physical.

Women with this sign should watch their tendency to exaggerate their problems. However, one can forgive them, for their charm and brightness of expression make them very attractive.

The Aquarians' appearance of calmness is deceptive; their anxiety can even make them feel ill. Since they take their work very seriously, nervousness and apprehension seldom

leave them. They do their best work with others or with organizations that attempt to bring about some ideal. In such pursuits, their excellent memory, creativity, knowledge, love of freedom, an humanitarianism find their outlet.

Their interest in and sympathy for human problems win the respect and confidence of those about them. Their sympathy is impersonal and their response intellectual, but once aroused, Aquarians are tireless workers.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have an open, though potentially indifferent, heart. You should aim to have the will to use generously your sense of impartiality - without your becoming impersonal. Your life should be led in a spirit of liberation and reform - as opposed to your being aloof or antisocial. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is cool and friendly, and / or icy and remote.

You generate a regard for Other's uniqueness and quirks of personality, thereby making him / her feel special. You create an electric and unusual atmosphere that is a constant source of surprise. You assume an air of gentle detachment that does not judge other, giving him / her space to be free.

You can alienate Other with your oddness; or, by way of compensation, with your being a nonentity. You can also alienate with an unpredictability that is borne of your refusal to accept the limitations that make possible a measure of stability. Or you can alienate Other by a failure to tune into where he / she is at emotionally.

You overemphasize your idea that Other and the world in general should fit some kind of social or scientific theory. You overstress an insistence that you be treated in some special way, and that you be unconditionally accepted, for all your foibles. You overaccentuate a set of values that often finds Other wanting, but always exonerates yourself.

You can feel weak when having to live in the real world of material / emotional things, or even within your own physical body; when you realize that this imperfect world will not offer you very much until you offer up your own imperfections; and when nobody accepts or is impressed by your version of how things ought to be.

When you are alone, it is because you have allowed detachment and eccentricity to run rife and develop like a virus until Other can no longer be bothered with trying to relate to the absurdly non-negotiable front you present. More than any other sign, you are capable of making being alone into an art form. The trouble is that this might not amount to quite what you originally had in mind. Beneath all your rationalizations of you-versus-the-world lies a deep fear of being seen to be just another human being, complete with emotionally tacky bits. But the paradox here is that they are partly what make anyone

special! And the more we look at and allow others to see our emotional interiors, the more we grow and develop as people, rather than remaining frozen at some icy altitude of emotional immunity. A failure to evolve and mature in this way can mean that Other changes but you do not - leaving you apparently outcast. You must track back to when in your life you cut out emotionally in the first place - and why, for it holds the key to how you got to be this way.

(John Townley)

You are a very understanding lover, with a special ability to be helpful when a partner is having emotional difficulties. Your sympathy of others' foibles may even appear excessive to some people. But you do draw the line in what you will put up with, and when a partner goes past that point, he or she will find it very difficult to get back into your good graces.

You can enjoy a wide variety of sexual experiences, and if you limit yourself to one partner, that person should enjoy lovemaking as a continuously changing adventure, not just as a series of repetitions, however affectionate.

You are not the type to be tied down intellectually or emotionally, so you must have a partner who respects your freedom; and that respect will bring you closer to your lover. True freedom and equality bring a closeness, a mingling of mind and body that can't be attained in any other way.

Achieving the kind of communication you want requires contact on many levels with your partner, so a close relationship will develop slowly. Once established, it will last a long time and be strong enough to withstand the heaviest assaults.

Although you find sex by itself naturally satisfying, you are quite capable of carrying on a love affair without any sexual contact at all. You can transmit the same deep and loving communication through other channels of expression; and that is the essence of an affair for you.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of originality manifests through inventiveness.

Symbol: A plane loaded with passengers rises gracefully into the sky.

People born with the Sun in Aquarius are charged with a subtle electricity which works quietly but effectively to make them more dynamic than they seem. There is a power as paradoxical as that of a heavy metal plane which uses the air to overcome the pull of gravity. The Aquarian who lives up to his inner potential can transcend ordinary limitations by invoking nature's higher laws, and he sees nothing mysterious about so doing. Therefore, the sign is associated with both Saturn (law) and Uranus

(breakthroughs).

Since Aquarius stimulates the mind, as its opposite sign Leo arouses the emotions, the native of this sign is governed by his head rather than by his heart. His love nature is more altruistic than egotistic, and he prefers to express it in an impersonal manner. This coolness may seem enigmatic to the sentimentalist for whom love is a warm, spontaneous feeling rather than a mighty cosmic energy which can be tapped and utilized as scientifically as the physical energies of heat and light.

At first, it seems a contradiction that Aquarius should be both a fixed and airy sign, for air must move and circulate. However, by one's broadening one's perspective, it becomes apparent that the only really fixed mass of air is that which envelops the Earth, remaining with the planet while it circles the Sun, and serving as an insulator and as a medium for the transmission of light. Analogously, the Aquarian temperament is programmed to regard things from many points of view and to think on a global scale rather than in terms of the needs and desires of its own chauvinistic group. Abstract principles rather than outward appearances are sensed to be the enduring realities of life.

If many Aquarians seem aloof and detached, it is not because they are indifferent to others. Often they are too deeply concerned with the plight of humanity as a whole to expend themselves catering to the foibles of individuals. To the Aquarian, time is energy; and he is choosy about the people with whom he spends this precious gift. Since he is relatively unegotistical, he may not bother to exert himself to win approval. He would rather tend to his job and let others curry compliments.

Despite his underlying impersonality, the Aquarian is human in the most literal sense of the word. When one says, 'Oh, be human', he is appealing to an individual's higher nature. To be a humanitarian means to show compassionate concern, not only for family and friends, but for all mankind. Man is called *Homo sapiens*, the creature that thinks, and it is the rational faculty that the Aquarian glorifies, believing that intellect is the most purely human part of any person. Because man transforms himself and his world through the application of his mental abilities, the Uranian sign of transformations is associated with the higher mind.

Aquarians seldom fall very low or engage in criminal acts, but too often their energies are short-circuited and they fail to fulfill the promise of what they might become. If they have not evolved to the point of being able to express individual love in the impersonal manner of dedication to a cause, they may remain uncommitted to anything. Then they become drifters because, like the air, they must move and circulate. If their unusual ideas cannot find a responsive audience, Aquarians may simply slide into a superficial existence.

Sometimes so much of their energy goes into cogitation that little remains for tangible achievements. Aquarians can rationalize their lack of accomplishment by declaring that

the game is not worth the effort, and think that the world is unprepared to be awakened. Their outlook may be too panoramic to make the everyday struggle to eat, reproduce, and survive seem worthwhile. Then, if an Aquarian is unable to rise to the challenge of Uranus, he falls back into Saturnian pessimism and inertia. Some modern-day 'dropouts' seem to be tuning in on the vibrations of the Aquarian Age in this negative fashion.

The Sun is in detriment in Aquarius. Symbolically, this shows that the desires of the individual personality must now be subordinated to the requirements of society as a whole. The scientifically enlightened Aquarian realizes that there are many suns in the heavens and that, of these, Earth's Sun is but a minor star. This broad view makes him a co-operative member of a group or association. Since he does not seek power for himself alone, people instinctively trust him and elevate him to a position of authority.

As the most liberty-loving members of the zodiac, Aquarians can relinquish their petty egotism because they realize that it is man's self-centeredness that makes him a slave of unworthy impulses and an enslaver of others. The lesson this sign teaches is that the more charitably people behave, the greater are their chances of enjoying the benefits of freedom. Consequently, Aquarians are simultaneously the most individualistic and the most group-oriented of all the zodiac types. If, however, this individuality is carried to excess, it becomes mere eccentricity.

Aquarians instinctively realize that true liberty grows out of freedom of thought. Yet Saturn's practicality, carried over from Capricorn, reminds them that the goals they seek must be won through the betterment of material conditions. Therefore, they often devote their talents to the task of making this earth a more comfortable place in which to live. They are concerned with abstract reasoning mainly because their experience has demonstrated that ideas are the most potent forces at work in the world today.

(Isabel Hickey)

The Sun in Aquarius is represented by the 'clear crystal electric air of winter'. The keyword is 'I know'. It rules the ankles and the circulation in the physical body.

Aquarians are the mental pioneers, the forward-thinking individuals who live in the future and not in the past. They are outgoing and impersonally friendly, and appear to have a great deal of confidence. The fixity of the sign is not apparent on the surface, but Aquarians are inflexible in their ideas and cannot be pushed into anything they do not want to do. There is an impersonality and a detachment that is maddening to those who are completely immersed in their emotions. Aquarians approach life through their intellects, and it is difficult for them to understand those who respond to life emotionally. Aquarians function exceptionally well in the scientific fields or in research work of any kind.

Aquarians are much more emotionally involved in their work than they are with people. It

is important that they like the type of work they do, for it occupies most of their time and they invest most of their vital force and energy in their occupation. The Aquarian's home is important as a status symbol. It has to be a home that increases his / her sense of pride and prestige.

Aquarians heartily dislike any restraint. They are rebels and individualists that have to go their own way. Independent, imaginative, creative and inventive, they possess a genius about them if they are evolved. If they live on the destructive side, they can be mentally cruel, sadistically so, and totally lacking in love or mercy. Because of their strong will that brooks no interference with their desires, they have difficulties in marriage or in unions.

They have strong physical bodies, though they would rather use their minds than do physical work. Aquarians are critical and demanding in positions of authority, and it is not easy to be their employees. There is a coldness and a detachment that repels rather than attracts, especially if the Sun is afflicted. When they are evolved and their emotions are tenderized, no sign is more magnanimous or as monumental. When they 'feel' love instead of 'think' it, they are great souls. No-one can 'think' love; one has to 'feel' it.

The Aquarians usually have two types of friends, and never the twain do meet. They have the conservative, traditional type and the unconventional bohemian friends. One type represents the Saturnian side of their nature, the other group the Uranian side.

Aquarians work well in organizational work or in big business. They are capable of being good leaders and organizers. They are the individualists who are ready and willing to break new trails where inventive ideas and new procedures are concerned. When Aquarians are of the higher type, they make lasting contributions to the world.

Aquarius has two rulers: Saturn and Uranus. They must work together or chaos will result. Uranus is the shattering force that breaks up old forms. Saturn is the agent which crystallizes forms or structures and establishes them in an ego complex. Saturn is the oldest of the gods, and represents the first law of manifestation: the law of limitation. Without the concentration of energy within a defined field of activity, there would be no power or focus. Uranus represents the power or life force; Saturn represents the confining form that makes it useable on the earth plane.

Sun ☉ in 4th House

(Haydn Paul)

The search for the path of development lies in 'your roots', which can include family heritage, ancestral patterns, social traditions, the collective mind and your home life, both as a child and as an adult. These roots represent individual identity and security;

and it appears as though part of you has been submerged and requires a conscious raising to the light through an inner investigation and integration of the creative roots that have been influential in forming your nature.

Look towards your early home life, childhood environment, social conditioning and relationship with parents, especially your father. These may hold clues as to the later development of your personality tendencies. Try and evaluate if you have succeeded in asserting your identity by now, or do you still reflect childhood conditioning and live a life formed by powerful social traditions or family attitudes? Do your choices have to conform to parental or social pressures, or do you feel free (and guiltless) when you follow your path? Is your father figure a symbol of social authority, or a supporting parent who encourages the unfolding of your potential and identity, and who never condemns if you take wrong turnings? Can you stand free and alone from the shadow of your parent's presence? How do you perceive your father, as a source of strength and power, or as an absence in your inner life? What are your attitudes towards social traditions? Do you accept their validity, and conform accordingly to their directives; or do you challenge and question them, eventually creating your own response and way of living, irrespective of issues of conformity and social approval?

While you may look externally for roots, their real anchoring point is within your nature. Creating a beautiful, secure and safe home environment may be certainly an advantage, but unless those inner roots are secured will still remain unsatisfying. Family life will prove necessary for you, providing that you do not depend on it for your sense of life meaning and purpose. Otherwise, changes in family composition and relationships will have great effects on your state of well-being, especially at times when children mature and leave home, or teenage friction with parents may be rife.

It may be during the later part of your life that you begin to shake off the influences of earlier conditioning, or find the path which redefines your sense of identity. Probably the earlier part of your adult life will be spent in following socially acceptable life-tracks with relatively little questioning. A reorientation towards inner unfoldment may be required, so that your attention is less focused on attaining security, stability and roots only in the outer world.

The point to be realised is that childhood foundations are present only to build the adult life upon successfully, so that individuality can flourish. Most adults fail to build upon their foundations, taking those patterns as boundaries and directions that they have to conform to for fear of losing parental approval; and so they fail to become free and independent. Through integrating those roots firmly in the ground of your being, you create the opportunity to grow and become self-assertive, confident in your nature, responsibilities and individual expression. As self-belief matures, a sense of inner security begins to form and a renewed degree of vitality flows, enriching your life again. You will feel that finally you have arrived home, and that your past is now fused and integrated correctly into your present.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Deeply concerned with basic values, these people generally have a philosophy of life that makes them uncomfortable with mere surface show. They crave to live righteously, to be a meaningful part of a healthy society. They will work hard to own their own home or a piece of land. If they grow up in comfortable surroundings, they may find it hard to leave. They usually stay near their childhood roots, maintaining the family and neighbor relationships they have known since childhood. If life forces them out and they must live far from 'home', they will miss it, sentimentalize it, and yearn for it.

They gravitate toward the kind of work they can do at home; if they must have an office or place of business away from home, they will usually contrive to do their creative thinking at home.

Politically they seek a just society, with equal opportunity for all. To this end, they will work hard, usually on the thankless, organizing, detail end. They tend to shun the limelight and, when they must step forward, are known for their modesty and concern for issues rather than ego.

They tend to be shy and undemonstrative (unless other aspects contradict), but their feelings are deep and active, and they never forget love or kindness. They have great endurance, usually work into old age, and, if forced to retire, soon find something useful to keep them active.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with the Sun in the 4th need to delve deep inside to find themselves. What is achieved in the outer world is perhaps less important than what is accomplished in terms of soul-growth and inner spiritual development.

The struggle to define the self rages on the home front. They need to distinguish their own individual identity as distinct from the family background, without denying that they are also part of the family. On one side, the danger is deriving the identity too much from the ancestry and becoming just a replica of what it represents or how it has shaped them. On the other side, however, there is the danger of totally rejecting the background altogether as a means of freeing themselves from its imposition. The first instance denies their own uniqueness and originality; the second denies their 'fate' - their biological and psychological roots. The task at hand is somehow combining the two: acknowledging their heredity and links with the family of origin, and yet at the same time developing an identity in their own right. They may carry something of the tradition of the family, and yet do it in their own way.

If the 4th house is taken to be the father, energies here may be experienced through the

father or projected onto him. Those with the Sun in this house might have experienced the father as so powerful and authoritative that they subsequently cannot surmount a crippling sense of their own smallness or inferiority. They may have to do battle with the father to sever the hold he has on them. In other cases, the father may have been physically or psychologically absent. For the boy-child this could mean that there wasn't a clear sense of a father upon which to model his own masculine qualities. These would have to be found from within the self. For the girlchild, the experience of the absent father could entail a lifetime search for the lost father. She, too, would ultimately need to 'find' father qualities inside.

There is a strong need to own their own homes where they can exercise authority and influence. Sometimes there is a prolonged search for the right place to root.

The Sun in the 4th suggests that they come more into their own in the second half of life. A renewed sense of creative potency, vitality, and the joys of self-expression are potentially available in the later years.

The nature of the Sun in the 4th is similar to Leo on the IC. A deep need to express their own unique and special identity is the foundation upon which much of the life is built.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: A 4th house Sun indicates that you have come to the Earth to realize that you are ultimately the center of all things in life. This is the essence of the life purpose, to experience fulfilled self-centeredness in as personal a way as possible. You're decidedly modest where overt expression is concerned, as the 4th is not only conservative, but private; and the Sun's placement here shows that you plug into life energy by maintaining essential privacy, as a way of guarding your importance. The challenge is to protect your sense of divine centeredness without denying others their own subjective experience of Godliness.

Personal security: Home, family, and the traditional values that form our cultural sense of personal security are at your core. Your life goal is to achieve and maintain security, to define what family means, and to experience the fulfillment of total safety for yourself and complete acceptance by those you emotionally value. At any given moment, you may or may not feel secure, but you inevitably return to the search for the perfect nest. The sign and aspects of the Sun reveal the type of family security most suited to your particular evolutionary dance. In a crisis, you will sacrifice everything else to protect your family.

Emotional imprints: Emotional imprints and the conditioning of early family life form the center from which everything grows. Though the matrix of family systems is important to each of us, regardless of the Sun's placement, for you it is the hub of existence. You experienced an early sense of self-importance in your family system, but curiously, what

was even more critical was your reception by the world outside your family. This is likely to have been either a triumph of confirmation or a trauma of contradiction. Insofar as the imprints were positive, your life unfolds in a kind of perpetual, happy sentimentality; and where they were negative, your life becomes a long and painful ambition to dig up, reveal, and free yourself through understanding and acceptance.

'Inner-link' parent: One or both of your parents had extraordinary importance in your development, even more than we would normally expect. You were very attached to nourishment, since you needed more emotional warmth than other individuals. This attachment occurs whether your experience was positive or negative. Whether the inner-link was your mother or your father, you tend to 'maternalize' the memories. What you learned from and about your own parents has direct and powerful relevance to the way you understand the central role of parenting as an adult, since your life-purpose revolves around the issues of protection and security. It is often helpful with this placement to unearth your parents' backgrounds, to separate myth from fact, for your challenge is to amplify what was best about them while improving on their flaws.

Private intuition: Private intuition is a natural method of rejuvenation, something too important to be overlooked or taken for granted. The radar of inner guidance is often more compelling than the rationalities of ordinary life. You seek to contact the deepest, most personal inner sanctum of selfhood. Every time you truly feel your inner self, life-energy rushes into your whole being. It is a 'coming home' to oneself, a life built around private answers to the question, 'What do I need to feel whole, safe and secure?'

(Robert Pelletier)

You have strong family ties, and you need to have the security of familiar surroundings in order to feel at ease. Because of this need, you would be more comfortable working in an environment where you know most of the people you deal with. To win approval for your accomplishments, you must first understand what people need and then get the right kind of training to satisfy that need. Indulging in daydreams about your future accomplishments is futile unless you accept the responsibilities that go along with success. If you are somewhat apathetic and content with only a modest level of achievement, it is highly unlikely that you will ever gain public recognition for your efforts. With proper motivation, however, and by using the resources of your creative imagination, you could make a substantial contribution to fulfill your social obligations.

You are afraid that you cannot earn enough to feel secure; but this anxiety will diminish as you start putting your ideas to work and more confidently assert your right to think for yourself. The value of your ability to solve problems can be determined only when you apply when you know. You will become independent and free from obligation to others according to the amount of effort you put into developing your creative talents and resources.

The public at large will provide every opportunity you need to achieve distinction in your career. When you live up to society's expectations, you also live up to your potential. Fearing failure, however, you tend to withdraw from a challenging opportunity when you feel intimidated by competitors. If you can resolve your selfdoubt and fear, you will soon have proof of your capabilities. You will become more aggressive and determined to reach your goals as soon as you realize that setbacks and reversals are normal for most people who are pursuing an objective. Someone you love, perhaps your partner, will give you the stimulus you need to exploit your talents. This will win that person's respect and also improve your own self-image and feeling of self-respect.

The future is yours to shape and mold. You can make it comfortable and secure or dreary and dull, depending on how ambitious you are. You must slowly pull away from depending on others or allowing them to depend on you. Then you can begin to lay the foundation on which to build your future. The best motivation for this is education and training. Start by turning a deaf ear to people who try to make you feel guilty for refusing to help them when you know they can help themselves.

You will progress more rapidly and become more self-reliant if you live apart from your family. You must learn the joy of being truly independent and realize that you are competent to make the most of your mental assets and resources. Only then can you be sure enough of your talents to dismiss anyone, including a member of your family, who says you can't do this or that.

Moon ☾ in ♐ Sagittarius 17° 58'

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

Static

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

You may unconsciously search for the elusive ideal of the perfect solution that gives you proof of your righteousness. In the absence of an ultimate ideal, you may feel unable to act, and can become lost and confused, lacking confidence in your perspective.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating closeness with others, you may find that

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

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

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

General

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

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

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

(Tracy Marks)

If we have a Sagittarian Moon, we need to be free to expand our boundaries - to discover and actualize new possibilities, to travel, and / or to develop our understanding.

We have a generous heart, and seek to give from our own bounty; we also seek to rise above our difficulties through humor and enjoyable companionship.

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

Intellectualism and idealism are likely to be present, as well as futuristic and optimistic attitudes. The need for a distinct belief system with high aspirations will be noted. This belief system may not be conventional or traditional - although you may have absorbed one from earlier social conditioning - provided that it satisfy your idealistic nature. Most beliefs are ambivalent in their actual application to real life; and, with your outlook, this is

likely to be the case, whether the beliefs are expansive and universally tolerant or narrow and sectarian. Looking through the rose-colored glasses of your perception, social beliefs will be heavily influenced by unconscious emotional factors, and may lack objectivity. Sometimes a trusting gullibility may let you down or involve you in directions that may not be in your best interests.

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

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

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

If inner barriers are continually erected against contacting those agitating feelings, the higher Sagittarian qualities may become distorted. You may impose a rigid belief system on your worldview; you may physically seek escape from the situation, running away from commitment to your decisions and to people. You may avoid confronting issues by adopting the ostrich position, putting your head in the sand and hoping that problems will go away. You may dream about long-term plans, instead of applying your efforts in the present to achieve them. You may evade making decisions, defer your actions, absorb yourself in idealistic fancies rather than accept a less glamorous reality, or amplify your intellectualism at the expense of your repressed feelings.

A reorientating balance between Moon and Sagittarius energies is needed, so that the

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

Your love relationships probably are romantic friendships rather than deep emotional commitments. You can be affectionate and enthusiastic, but your emotions are somewhat shallow and you are probably happiest with a partner who will play, socialize and go places with you. One of your deepest, most fundamental needs is to be free and unfettered; and intimacy is a bit frightening to you. As soon as you start to care about someone you begin to feel trapped. When this happens, you usually end the relationship or simply keep your emotional distance. Obviously, this can cause serious problems if

you are involved with someone who is more serious and intense emotionally, such as a Scorpio- or Cancer-Moon individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your mother (or nurturing parent) was probably quite lenient with you when you were a child and encouraged you to be independent and adventurous. Perhaps she also

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

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

(Sasha Fenton)

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

Any physical problems which you may experience are more than made up for by the excellence of your mind. Everything interests you, but you accept nothing at face value. You enjoy reading and, on the rare occasions when you watch the TV, you enjoy programs which have something to say. Some of you are deeply philosophic in your manner of thinking. You may have been brought up in a religious family, rejected their ideas, and later on found others which suited you better. There are many solar and lunar Sagittarians in the spiritualist movement and also in the psychic world, all trying to make

life that bit more meaningful for others. You are intuitive, exceptionally clairvoyant, and probably a good healer as well, although you may not yet have discovered that you have these gifts.

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

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

The Moon is associated with the home, and Sagittarius is a dextrous sign; therefore, you should be good at do-it-yourself jobs and also cooking. This might at first seem a peculiar thing to say, as the vast majority of you will spend as much time away from the home as you can, and would hate to spend your lives decorating and cooking. However, I have noticed that all lunar Sagittarians are absolutely inspired when it comes to cooking for guests; and, even if you don't actually do the decorating yourself, your tastes and choices in materials and décor would be perfect. If there is some Cancer on your chart, you would definitely go in for home carpentry work. Whatever you do, you don't

like mess and dirt, and cannot stand living in chaotic surroundings. You need peace and calm in the home, as you expend a lot of energy in your career, and need to refresh yourself in a peaceful, loving atmosphere at home in order to rest your delicate nervous system.

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

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

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

You can be a bit dual in the world of work too. You are highly ambitious, but not necessarily money-minded. You need money to pay the bills and to make life fun, but not for power or to impress others. Women of this lunation like to control their own

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

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

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

You don't give up on a relationship at the first hurdle; you try to do all that you can to make it work. You will adapt your own nature and your own needs to that of the partner as far as you can in order to make the relationship work. There is a possibility that you could find yourself stuck with a partner who suffers from some kind of mental illness. I discovered while researching this book that lunar Sagittarians have many connections with mental illness, whether through senile parents, a schizophrenic child or a dotty spouse. There are times when you are so busy trying to adapt to their unrealistic behaviour that you begin to wonder just who is the dotty one!

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

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

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

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

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

The travel trade would attract you, as you love to expand your horizons in a practical sense as well as in a mental one. Some of you can work on dicey projects which involve intuition and the ability to guess right. This could be something like the futures market on

the stock exchange, or any other business connected with gambling. Your being over-optimistic at times, this could occasionally run you into trouble. Whatever you do, and even if your own confidence deserts you at the wrong moment in your career, your pixilated sense of humour will always see you through. Lunar Sagittarians are excellent salespeople as long as they believe in the product they are handling.

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

The urge to move forward physically and intellectually is very strong - impatience when waiting in traffic jams, for instance, is common! These individuals will enjoy feeling that their intellect is being stretched, but can sometimes give the impression of knowing and understanding much more than is really the case.

Hope and optimism run high, until other, more sober elements of the personality take over (if they are present elsewhere in the chart). Balance is needed if the individual is not to incline towards bluster, with blind optimism clouding common sense.

Nevertheless, he or she has general keenness and enthusiasm, and is the complete reverse of the 'wet blanket'!

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

You gravitate towards expansive, cosmopolitan Others where travel, abundance and sophistication are the style; towards Others who are outgoing and exciting, often with strong opinions and beliefs; and Others who are easy going and fun to be with.

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

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

Moon ☾ in 2nd House

(Haydn Paul)

What will feel essential to satisfy your inner needs is material and financial security associated with a stable life-style. The foundation for this will be establishing a loving family home; and achieving this will be a preoccupation. You prefer a controlled life, minimizing the threat of unsettling changes; and you erect barriers to keep those changes at a distance. Money is important in this respect to protect against financial concerns, although this is unlikely to be absolutely secure, due to the lunar fluctuating nature. If the Moon is placed in a fixed sign, then your financial situation may be more stable than if it is in a mutable sign.

Home is seen as a castle protecting you from the storms of life. Sitting there, surrounded by family, material possessions, and comfort, you feel a sense of solidity, emotional security, and well-being. If anything threatens this, you feel extremely vulnerable, as your center of identity has been displaced into the external world. Your feelings have been projected onto family and possessions, and they become the center of your life, the heart on which everything depends. Losing a favored life possession becomes emotionally damaging, reminding you that life cannot be controlled and that instability lurks around every corner, pointing out the impossibility of erecting inviolable barriers. If this need for emotional security is allowed to become too powerful, it can become claustrophobic and suffocating to loved ones, and can leave you too vulnerable to the independent actions and choices of others.

These needs may have developed during childhood, where you felt protected and nurtured by parents; you wish to recreate this feeling in adult life. You may have

received social or parental attitudes related to security and stability needs; perhaps beliefs concerning the maintenance of the status quo and conservative attitudes in life were stressed, or perhaps pursuing financial prosperity was emphasized as an essential adult objective. Certainly, such attitudes and values have influenced your adult behavior.

If you develop some flexibility within these security needs and withdraw any projections onto others or onto possessions, a more sensible balance can be achieved, one that is less vulnerable to being shattered by unexpected experiences. The sense of emotional well-being should be found within, through integrating feelings and dependency needs, and by an awareness of what is necessary for self-nurture. The most fulfilling roots are those which exist within yourself, not in the external world.

You may be attracted toward mankind's history and heritage, or to family traditions, a trait which could be used for personal interest or for business purposes. You may have an instinctive talent for understanding the marketplace, using your affinity with material possessions and comfort to sense what consumer products people need or can be persuaded to desire. Such a perception could be exploited effectively through business concerns for your future prosperity.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

There is a quality of reserve or silence to this position. Still waters run deep. The Moon here absorbs impressions but does not easily find ways to give them outward expression. This is a good placement for artists and writers who will use their craft to translate their impressions into effective ideas and images. Generally well-spoken in any given situation, people with this Moon will usually not be the first to speak, nor will they speak often, or long. They delight in plain, straight-forward speech, direct and to the point. Sometimes they are masters of the witty aside. Garrulousness with this position is an indication of serious sexual frustration.

Sexual fulfillment is extremely important to this position. They are generally powerfully attracted to potential sexual partners. If, for some reason, this attraction does not bring them a fulfilling relationship, it will cause a variety of mental and emotional problems. Both sexes seem to radiate sexual energy. They are very aware of sexuality in others from an early age. The Moon's sign and the aspects to it from other planets will show whether this is a positive and healthy development, or if it leads to repression and a fear or hatred of sex on the one hand, or to a cynical exploitation of it on the other. In our sexually confused society, children with this location need a lot of healthy physical love in babyhood to avoid the pitfalls that a second house Moon can bring to those without a strong early foundation.

Men with Moon in the second house will be attracted to sexual partners by their sexuality, by their possessions, or by both. If the Moon is in a fixed sign, they will be too possessive of partners. Some men deal with the sexual pressures of this position by

turning to prostitutes.

Some women with this position are so afraid of sex that they hide behind ugly clothes, unbecoming hair styles, and off-putting facial expressions. Others revel in it and have no qualms about taking anyone who pleases them to bed, maintaining all the while a virginal façade and a total and lifelong silence on the subject, even to best friends (whose partners may number among their conquests). Then there are others who advertise their sexuality through tempting clothing and attitudes, whose only real pleasure is the material gain they receive from their lovers. Conversely, some may be the prey of such persons.

For men, the intense sexuality of this position can lead to homosexual episodes, though more often it leads to a fear of potential homosexual tendencies in themselves, or a paranoia towards homosexuals and a fear of possible homosexual advances from friends and acquaintances. With the Moon in Cancer, the sexuality may be so responsive and intense that it results in bisexuality or bisexual episodes.

Love is very necessary to these people, although it may or may not be directly connected with sexuality. If others show it, they may make fools of themselves for love. Powerful attractions that are hard to deny and may last for years occur. Artists with this Moon position will seek a 'muse' or love object for their talent to revolve around.

A second-house Moon creates a strong instinct for acquiring money and property. For less highly evolved souls, this might mean acquisition by illegal or immoral means. On a higher level, there may be an appearance of disinterested love or affection that somehow results in the fortuitous acquisition of wealth or property. The most highly evolved souls will cheerfully acknowledge their love of beautiful, valuable things and an interest in acquiring the means to obtain them. Along with the acceptance of this acquisitiveness as a natural desire goes a willingness to use property for the benefit of others and the desire to take good care of it.

If there are stressful aspects to the Moon, there may be long bouts of poverty, particularly in childhood or youth. This can result in intensified efforts to acquire money and property later. It can also result in a painful awareness of the inherent injustice of a social structure that allows the rich to get richer while the poor get poorer, and an interest in the reform of property laws.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: With the Moon in the 2nd, the psychological evaluation of self-worth is linked with the ability to emotionally respond to needs. If you protect yourself (and others) in a sensitive way, you'll feel good about yourself. However, even in the best living, the Moon is connected to the ebb and flow of the temperament. There will be fluctuations, mood shifts from good to bad feeling, and back again. These are cyclic and should be

understood as temporary. Flow through the changes. Also, when personal needs for comfort or security go unfulfilled, good feelings invariably decay. The challenge is to provide yourself with what you need, not as others define it, but as you feel it.

Possession: The experience of 'mine' is tied to personal security more strongly here than with any other planet in this house. There is an attitude of sentimentality attached to possessions; and the older they are, the more attachment is likely to be felt. On the other hand, the sense of 'mine' tends to wax and wane - when needs are strong or go unmet, possessiveness is heightened; when needs are fulfilled, however, the grip of ownership fades quickly. Thus, possessions tend to come and go with momentary tides of feeling. Don't get stuck demanding a particular type of possession; try one thing, and if it's unsatisfying, move to another form. The pitfall is conscious possessiveness, while the challenge is to recognize ownership as a tangible way of grounding the emotions.

Money: Money is a primary source of security, an issue of regular daily concern. To feel comfortable, you need to know that you have enough. The pitfall is a feeling of constant 'hunger' no matter how much money is stockpiled. Fortunes tend to fluctuate, and your anxiety level mirrors the monetary ups and downs. Don't just sit around and worry - you'll make yourself crazy. Channel your concern into pragmatic, disciplined efforts to acquire the wealth you need. The challenge is to protect your personal security by conservation of your finances. Save, but do not scrimp; and when you spend, get your money's worth in full emotional satisfaction.

Self-exertion: Work is strongly influenced by changing moods. As with the Sun, there is considerable immersion, but here it is not the center of the consciousness that is immersed, but instead the level of personality we might term 'habitual' or 'automatic'. You need to exert yourself physically in order to remain centered in the flow of day-to-day well-being. The pitfall involves inconstancy; working only when you feel like it. The challenge is to moderate effort in tune with the ebb and flow of inner feelings.

Sensuality: You need sensory pleasure to feel nourished, to maintain regular emotional balance. The pleasures of physical movement, of muscles and skin, trigger interpersonal warmth and sensitivity, producing a maternal consciousness. Conversely, feelings are palpable sensations, linked strongly with the body. Whenever you feel responsive, it's natural to want the pleasures of touch. You need sensory stimulation, for it's a kind of food, and will satisfy many hungers. The challenge is to fulfill basic needs through adequate sensation, to see the necessity of physical pleasure in life, and to luxuriate in the comfort it provides.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your worries about security are unnecessary, for you can convert your creative talents into tangible assets. You never refuse any unsolicited gifts, though you may not reciprocate. It isn't that you aren't generous, but that you are anxious to have the

necessities of life. You are preoccupied with having what you want always at hand. You enjoy life's comforts and feel that if you don't take care of yourself, who will? Because you are a deep-feeling person with unusual sensitivity to the pain of unsatisfied desires, you seek a career that will provide security and fulfillment. In your career, you do whatever is necessary to achieve stability and security and to get everything you want. You easily win the approval of your superiors for your efforts, and you know they consider you an asset. You would work well before the public because you can identify with people's problems, and you earn appreciation for your accomplishments. You learn new skills easily and adapt yourself to the requirements of any situation. Basically honest and sincere, you win the respect and admiration of your fellow workers as you handle your responsibilities with patience and dedication.

You are compassionate to the needs of less fortunate people; and although you do not give material gifts, you give of yourself to help those who truly need you, and that is a far greater gift. You realize your social obligations, and you do extend yourself when others won't. But it is just as important to develop your creative ideas for your own sake and to indulge yourself in them. Don't let your preoccupation with security interfere with your social life, however. You may be lonely if you sever the lines of communication with people who can make your days happy with the joys of sincere companionship.

Avoid making comparisons with other people's success and what they have gained thereby. This will result only in much inner tension as you try to match their accomplishments. You have to live up to your own potentials and capitalize on your resources to achieve financial security. You are attracted to people who seem in complete control of their destinies; but you can do just as well if you focus on exploiting your own talents. Don't be afraid to take measured risks on occasion, if only to reassure yourself that sometimes that pays dividends. Although you prefer friends who don't make demands, by being an isolationist you are likely to miss many opportunities.

You know your earnings will increase if you are well-informed; and you are willing to work if necessary to pay for your education. But you are a realist and will probably select a course of study that can easily be translated into increased security and even provide tenure in your occupation. You are not the most adaptable person, but you can adjust to learning new skills when necessary. You are responsible and trustworthy, but you are suspicious when people make demands, and you are curious about their motives.

Your fear of asserting yourself may allow people to try to take advantage of you. Learn to be more aggressive in promoting your ideas and programs; and don't be afraid to let others know that you won't allow them to use you. It isn't wrong to concentrate on accumulating material resources; but this should not take all your time.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whereas the Sun in the 2nd enhances its sense of identity and power through money

and possessions, the Moon in the 2nd is content with the emotional security these things bring. The Sun must find its own value system, but those with the Moon here might swallow whole the value system of the family of origin or those around them. The Sun projects prestige onto possessions; the Moon projects feelings onto what it owns. There can be a sentimental attachment to objects, especially those inherited from the family or linked with the memory of key people or situations in life. Often there is an interest in heirlooms and antiques - anything from the past.

Like the changing Moon in the heavens, financial circumstances might fluctuate. Money can be earned through professions related to the Moon such as those which serve public needs, careers in catering, pub or hotel work, child-care, housing and real estate, or even work at sea. This position suggests inner resources of adaptability, sensitivity and the ability to instinctively know what others want or need.

Mercury ♀ in ♎ Libra 5° 11'

(Grant Lewi)

Sense impressions reach you through a strict moral and aesthetic censor. You see, hear, taste, smell and feel with the proprieties of art and society in mind, and have few sensory reactions that do not have to submit to this type of judgement. A color is not just red to you; it is a warm red, or a cold red, or a beautiful or ugly red. Further, in addition to the artistic standard, you apply the standard of good taste; and what you see or hear will revolt you if it doesn't conform with your idea of what is 'out of the top drawer'. You are a kind of sensation snob, and the simple meaning of sense experience is likely to be lost on you if it in any way offends the standards of nicety you set up for yourself. Needless to say, you are very sensitive to odors and all kinds of physical surroundings. Your house must be spick-and-span (so that your sight will not be offended); noises if any must be subdued and quiet (not to affront your ears); the odors of cookery must not penetrate to the living room (for your nose's sake); what you eat must be seasoned just so (or your tongue and maybe your stomach by attraction will revolt); and last, but not least, your spouse must be well-groomed and presentable, so that your reaction will be pleasant when you touch. All these niceties can make you fussy, but, if turned to their best use, make you gentle, considerate of others, and gifted in one or more of the arts where your great sensitivity is translated to creations that reflect it in beauty.

(Sydney Omarr)

Mercury in Libra is sensitive, artistic, socially aware, politically mature, attracted to the arts, and able to transform the commonplace into the beautiful. The native is creative and attracts to him those engaged in creative activities. He thinks along lines of balance, justice, and a blending of many elements into a whole.

His mental pursuits are broad - he sees potentials better than actual details. He is sometimes accused of being absentminded. But, it is very likely, the truth of the matter is that he sees or remembers only what is necessary for him to remember, rather than allowing his mind to become cluttered with details.

He wants things in order, but is not necessarily an orderly individual. He knows how to appeal to the public in general but is often puzzled when dealing with individuals. He possesses good taste and favors quality over quantity - he does not appear attracted to bargains.

(Skye Alexander)

You have the rare ability to see both sides of any issue and to remain detached, impartial and objective. You weigh the strengths and weaknesses in a matter and make judgements based on the facts without letting your feelings get in the way. This tends to make you more fair and equitable than most people; and you could be a good judge, mediator, lawyer, negotiator or umpire. Because you can see the pluses and minuses of everything, however, you have trouble making decisions or sticking with the ones you finally do make. Too often, you let others make up your mind for you or you go along with the crowd because it's easier.

This dispassionate and orderly way of thinking enables you to be an expert strategist. You also have a knack for understanding what your opponent is thinking. As a result, you could be a successful general, chess master or sports team manager. Or, you could use your logic, planning skills and good judgement in almost any segment of the business world. You are able to evaluate others' talents without feeling threatened by people who are more gifted than you are; and you are especially good at organizing individuals so that they work together as a team.

Always tactful, well-mannered and diplomatic in your speech, you rarely lose your temper and always try to avoid an argument. You may debate issues cleverly, even forcefully, but you never become emotionally involved. Always cool and rational, you can appear bloodless and unfeeling at times. It is this lack of personal involvement, this separation between the heart and the head, that allows lawyers to defend heinous criminals and generals to send men into battle knowing they'll be slaughtered.

Libra is concerned with balance and harmony, and loves beauty in all its forms. With Mercury in this sign, you might express your aesthetic appreciation as an artist or a patron of the arts.

Libra also is the sign of one-to-one partnerships; thus you tend to think and talk a great deal about relationships, especially those which involve love and romance. You are inclined to idealize romantic attachments and usually think the best of your partner(s). If

you are a writer, you may write about love and relationships; if you are a therapist, you may do marriage counselling. Often, your thoughts are centred on your partner; and you are strongly influenced by him / her and his / her opinions. Since you rarely have firm convictions of your own, you may simply parrot your loved one's ideas or agree in order to avoid arguments.

Your beliefs and attitudes are usually quite traditional and conservative; and you tend to accept the party line rather than diverging in any unique, individual way. This is partially because you don't want to cause friction or seem disagreeable, but also because you are easily convinced by those who have strong opinions and express them forcefully. At best you are open-minded; at worst vacillating and weak-willed.

If Uranus or Mars aspects your Mercury, you will be more outspoken, forwardthinking and individualistic. If Neptune aspects Mercury in your chart, you'll be less orderly and rational in your thinking.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Libra indicates a mind that is primarily concerned with human relations and psychology. The natives have an intense curiosity about the thinking and behavior patterns of others; they gravitate, therefore, to fields such as psychology, astrology, public relations, sociology, and law. Good communication and happiness in relationships are essential to them. They prefer to work in mental partnership with others; and they are usually easy to communicate with because of their interest in what others think. Their strong sense of justice generally makes them honest in their communication. The Venus rulership of Libra seeks harmony, and Saturn's exaltation in Libra seeks justice, making the Mercury Libra honest and balanced in all mental dealings. These people like to consider all sides of an issue before making a decision; but if this desire is used in the wrong way, it can lead to indecisiveness, and the opportunity to act is lost. When decisions are reached, however, they are generally just and well-considered. If other factor in the horoscope are favorable, this Mercury position is good for the legal professions, counselling, arbitration, and other public relations work such as sales and negotiating. But unless there are some planets in fixed signs or houses, there can be impatience in these matters.

People with this Mercury position seek association with those who possess refined minds, good manners, and honest reputations. Uncouth manners and unfair motivations are distasteful and are avoided whenever possible. These people are highly sensitive to odors, personal appearance, and mannerisms of others. They regard inappropriate dress and coarse speech as social affronts. Gentle and considerate in communication, they can be stern where principles are involved. They make the mistake of expecting from others the same degree of mental discipline that they require of themselves.

Because of Saturn's exaltation in Libra, the mind can be stern and hardworking. In

highly-developed types, this quality leads to profundity; but superficial people with this Mercury position may appear to lack the firmness of their convictions because they tend to agree with their companions in order to gain popularity and acceptance.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The thinking processes tend to be slowed down here; and although there is always increased sympathy, understanding and a desire to communicate with friends and loved ones, procrastination and indecisiveness are likely. The powers of concentration are not usually very good (positive aspects between the Sun, Moon and Saturn will help); and sometimes a lackadaisical attitude is taken towards important issues. The speech can be slow and drawling, with plenty of time taken when answering questions or responding in conversation. The Libran need to keep the peace is also present, making the subject avoid discussing anything remotely controversial. Even so, there is plenty of charm and a delightful turn of phrase. Sometimes the attitude is 'Que sera sera', with the subject spurred into action by loved ones. Studying does not come easily or naturally; and a desire to achieve results without much effort is likely.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, hastiness, a sense of urgency, and to a certain extent tension, are all eased; and the ability to unwind is also present. The attitude to life and its problems will be quite calm, with less Virgoan worry, although sometimes the powerful critical acumen of Virgo will cause undue carping or even nagging at loved ones. But there will be a sense of fairness, and partners should learn to appeal to it. Indecisiveness must be recognized and countered.

If the Sun sign is Libra, the Libran will be more indecisive and often mentally lazy - sometimes giving the erroneous impression of a lack of intelligence. If there is a lack of self-confidence, laziness will be feigned as a cover-up. The subject should weigh up every aspect of a situation before reaching conclusions. Gentle encouragement from parents to children with this combination, making quite sure they realize they have made progress, is important if intellectual potential is to be developed; nagging will have an adverse effect. Procrastination will be a problem - especially for loved ones.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, some of the harsh, deeply incisive edge is taken off the Scorpio Sun sign traits, and there is the ability to listen sympathetically. There is greater flexibility of thought, so stubbornness is less of a problem. Popular and charming, the subject communicates well. The tendency to brood, especially over personal problems, is not as apparent, since he or she will find it easier to talk to friends and loved ones. The mind works well but in a relaxed way.

Static

When you indulge in fears of not saying the right thing and look to others for a reflection of immediate acceptance, communications can stop. By your withholding honest

interchange for fear of rejection, your mind may bog down in a swamp of considerations that brings indecision. If you withhold disclosing what is actually on your mind, you may lose perspective, integrity, and perceptual balance.

Dynamic

By focusing on your point of view and sharing your independent opinion, you can discover the spontaneous awareness of your impact when communicating with others. Concentrating on what needs to be said rather than on what you think other people want to hear can contribute the justice, truth and balance required by the situation. You then may discover that you have a natural talent for diplomacy and communication that spontaneously restores harmony without compromising any sense of personal integrity.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a fair, though potentially superficial, mind.

You see life in terms of creating harmony and avoiding conflict; and so you are very skilful and diplomatic with Other, and aware of his / her position. Such awareness and flexibility can solve or even pre-empt relationship problems quite easily and efficiently. You also see life in terms of social and moral justice, which enables you to treat Other fairly.

You tend not to see that harmony is often created through conflict and confrontation. Consequently, you talk around the point, which can infuriate Other - and then you start all over again! You also tend not to see that maps are not the same as places themselves - meaning that you relate from a theoretical base, not an emotionally real one.

(John Townley)

With your lively imagination, you prefer a love affair that is constantly in motion. You don't want your role in a relationship to be static; you like to continually change your position in relation to your partner, rather as if in a game. This can be a fine way to enliven a relationship, but do not let it devolve into a competition or a series of rounds of one-upmanship, which can happen if your partner takes the game too seriously.

You envision love as an intrinsically beautiful structure that requires continual upkeep, both physical and emotional, to keep it as close as possible to perfection. You enjoy physical lovemaking, but only if you are personally involved with your partner. A one-night stand does not allow that, and is likely to be a disappointment. Because of your appreciation of the art and technique of love, you may keep careful mental notes on your lovers, comparing them to each other in various ways. This helps you understand the variety of factors that make up an enjoyable relationship. Probably no partnership can

live up to all of your ideal criteria; but don't let that get you down. Much of your pleasure in an affair comes from constant change and improvement, always reaching new levels of beauty and enjoyment.

(Robert Hand)

You make up your mind very carefully, for you don't like to jump to conclusions. You prefer to spend as much time as possible looking at each choice and weighing every point of view. This can be very useful, but sometimes you take so long that other people get impatient. Every choice looks so good that you find it difficult to choose. Whenever two points of view conflict, you prefer to compromise and combine the two, rather than reject one of them. You are moderate in everything you do, and won't ever go to extremes.

You like ideas and objects to be neat and elegant. You have good taste and a sense of balance. Often this position means that you are fond of music and art, and perhaps talented in one of those areas. When you talk to people, you avoid harsh and ugly words, and you try to soothe over anyone's ruffled feelings with pleasing phrases. You are a born diplomat, but there are times when you should speak out clearly and forcefully. Then you must not hang back from using strong words just for fear of making someone angry. Sometimes in relationships with others you have to get down to unpleasant emotions. But on the positive side, you are very good at making compromises, either for yourself or for others.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in Libra denotes a mental orientation which seeks intellectual harmony and balance with others. This placement can lead to much curiosity about the workings of the human mind and relationships; people with Mercury in Libra often show a great interest in what others think. They can be too concerned about seeing the relevance of all arguments and issues; this characteristic may lead to an inability to be decisive, particularly in crises. They may be good communicators with a wish to appear upright and just in all forms of mental expression. Sometimes, though, their wish to please others, their concern with what others think of them, can lead to prevarication in speech and thought, if not outright dishonesty. Occasionally defensive of their carefully thought-out honesty, they can be unbending if they think their principles are being challenged, though they often have trouble making up their minds about relationships. This tendency is reminiscent of Persephone's part in the judgement processes of the underworld, and of her initial reaction to Hades. People with this placement may need to cultivate the ability to act humanely and mercifully when circumstances require it.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and impartially.

Symbol: An art museum curator discusses the merits of his acquisitions.

Mercury in Libra gives a flair for knowing what to say, the savoir faire to say it gracefully, and an easygoing air of assurance that one's words will be well-received. This individual will attend to the fine points of a literary or artistic production because he can see how each detail enhances the whole picture. He thinks in terms of balancing related groups of elements so that each one complements the rest. His mind is less concerned with particulars than with the overall patterns which endow individual forms with value and significance.

Mercury, an Air planet, blends agreeably with airy Libra. The charm bestowed by Libra's ruler, Venus, lends a soft glow to Mercury's somewhat stark intellectuality, while the exalted Saturn adds the weight of authority. As a result, head and heart cooperated in assessing the worth of things. A person with Mercury in Libra would be likely to agree with the poet Keats, who wrote: 'Beauty is truth, truth is beauty - that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know'.

If the Sun is in Virgo, the basic outlook on life will be more practical. Then the finesse of Mercury in Libra is suited to dress depressing realities in an eye-catching garb. People with this combination may be dedicated to the service of the poor and needy, but able to present their message to the world with tact and refinement.

The Sun and Mercury conjoined in Libra encourage artistic accomplishment. A contemplative intellect modified by balanced judgement gives polished expression to abstract ideas. Music, writing, oratory, and the arts which rely upon a mastery of the traditional laws of form are usually preferred to the more unstructured modes of selfexpression.

When the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into the relentlessly probing sign of Scorpio, there may be contending stresses in the character which the judicial Libran Mercury will endeavor to resolve. The mind is inclined toward business and psychology.

The main problem encountered by the Mercurial-Libran is indecisiveness. He has a proclivity to depend upon accredited opinions and then to be torn between disputing factions, each one claiming to have an option on the truth. Vacillation may stem from the desire to consider all possible alternatives impartially as his divided mind is torn between the conflicting testimonies of so-called authorities. He prefers detached observation to irrevocable action; but if he delays too long, he may lose the battle while still trying to settle on a strategy.

This is a fortuitous placement for professions which require the ability to function cooperatively. It can make a polished and persuasive speaker with considerable organizational ability but not much liking for physical work. Normally, this individual would rather advise others on the relative merits of their handicrafts, their opinions, and

their pleasures, than outperform, express more cogent opinions, or enjoy more aesthetic pleasures than those discussed. His mind is facial and flexible, but the manner in which he employs it depends largely on the people with whom he chooses to associate.

(Isabel Hickey)

This is a masculine, positive type of mind, so it is better in a man's chart than in a female chart. In a female chart, it shows an over-masculinity that needs the building in of a more feminine attitude. It can be a very positive type of mind and yet at the same time inwardly indecisive and vacillating. It gives judgement; and there is sensitivity and pliancy on the surface. Tendency to fussiness because aesthetic sense is highly developed. A strong perfectionism which isn't too comfortable to live with. This position does help to stabilize Mercury, for Saturn is exalted in this sign. Do not be surprised to see a strong Saturnian trend in those who have planets in Libra. Remember: Saturn is exalted in Libra.

Mercury ♀ in 12th House

(Freda Edis)

If Mercury has this placement it can lead people to some intellectual understanding of the unity of all life. Able to use their considerable mental powers to tap into the collective, these people may develop an awareness of the archetypal and mythic roots of being. Mercury here can be at its most alchemical, trying to connect the worlds of the conscious and unconscious minds, both for their own and for others' understanding, successfully or not according to the aspects made by other planets. The placement can lead to introspection and, occasionally, to obsessive thoughts; and there may be an occasional need to retire from society in order to think difficulties through clearly. Often, Mercury in this position is in touch with collective forces which may not be consciously felt by other people, but are experienced at the feeling level. It indicates people who sometimes may not find it easy to distinguish their own thought processes from those of others; boundaries around thinking are clearly an issue here.

Part of the process of change Mercury has to submit himself to in the twelfth house is the neptunian dissolution. The black and changeable water breaks down all that has gone before, becomes formless and uncertain before it is transformed into the dark substances which eventually becomes the philosophical stone. Purification in the chaotic waters of the unconscious is a necessary and feared part of change, before the separation from unconscious identification can occur. Those who take the risk of fishing in Neptune's waters must face being swamped by what they find there, if only in imagination. If Mercury is to rise again in purified form, he must first submit to the death of old ideas and associations, allowing his old boundaries to be penetrated and to

dissolve.

House cusp signs can reveal the way in which this sometimes impressionistic Mercury works. Mercury with Cancer may prevent objective thinking and encourage a clinging attitude to sometimes outworn ideas and emotions. Becoming aware of the appropriateness of a response to difficult circumstances is often a problem for these people. Mercury with Capricorn on the cusp of the twelfth house can incline people to overemphasize or repress the practicality of their thinking when they feel threatened by structures imposed on them by others; it may impede the process of necessary dissolution. But aspects from other planets to Mercury here will often indicate in more complexity just what it is that Mercury picks up from the collective at an unconscious level. Where the twelfth house is involved, dissolution may take place whether the person is aware of it or not.

People with Mercury placed in this house may come to develop their potential as wayguides between the everyday world and the world of a universal and archetypal imagination. Thinking and speaking in images to the collective would be of some importance to them, or they may draw on the collective for the kinds of symbolic language they need in order to communicate their knowledge of deep levels of the psyche. In any case, they may find a periodic need to be sunk in the collective, neptunian waters of the unconscious. But they may also need to guard against the effects of obsessive thinking, and to protect themselves from the invasive thoughts of others.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Individuals with Mercury in this position may have a damaged ego; if not, then their ego has suffered in childhood from pressures that have toughened it. Their sense of self is often damaged in childhood, which can make them wary of exposing themselves and their feelings. They may even hide their own feelings from themselves, trying to be a different person from who they really are.

They are usually sensitive to the pain and trouble of others, though they may react in a variety of ways, one trying to help while another turns away. Some feel that they have such a hard time solving their own problems that they have no help to spare for others. If there are no other aspects of twelfth-house planets, they may try to help by preaching or lecturing, or by recounting what happened to them along the same lines, rather than by giving warmth, sympathy, or real assistance.

It is not a good position for self-acceptance. They are likely to spend a good deal of time fantasizing about themselves, refusing to face themselves squarely. It is hard for them to accept their own faults and weaknesses, and equally hard for them to believe in their own virtues and strengths. They often enjoy reading stories of other people, watching movies, plays, and so on, that give them the illusion of getting to know the truth about

people. This is the soap opera position par excellence. They may even pry into the lives of others, looking for similarities to themselves, seeking justification for their own foibles (even, in extreme cases, watching people through binoculars, reading other people's mail, etc.). They are inclined to gossip about others. In most cases none of this is malicious, just the result of curiosity.

If they respond to this position at a higher level, they will want to understand themselves and will seek help from counsellors, astrologers, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychics, or the like. They may study these subjects themselves in an effort to achieve more self-understanding, possibly even becoming practitioners.

This is a good position for a writer once the tendency to fantasize has been put into perspective. There is an instinctive quality to the mental processes. Sometimes they have trouble with straight facts, reacting better to the vibes in the air. They learn by absorbing ideas, not by study per se.

On the lower levels of response, they are inclined to overdo on eating, drinking, or drugs. Actually, sensible fasting is probably the best way for them to deal with problems.

They are inclined to be overly susceptible to praise, because they are so hungry for self-acceptance, and for the approval of others that will allow them to approve of themselves. If they rise to positions of power, they are apt to be led astray by flattery, if they are not careful.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your rational mind is an open and inspirational screen for the projection of your dreams. It extends into your own unconscious and beyond, into the collective unconscious of humankind. However, communication is often confused or misunderstood. Sometimes you don't know how to express yourself in clear language, and sometimes others aren't tuned to your imagery. More often, you misinterpret what they're saying, infusing their words with images from your own unconscious. The challenge is to communicate your thought-dreams in as clear a way as you can. Realize that your mind is sometimes not your own, and learn methods for communication other than verbal.

Unfocused intuition: Intuitions are perceived as thoughts, as if they were the conscious product of your own rational processes. But they're not; they're signals you convert into thought-patterns. Your own thinking tends to flow with the patterns moving through culture, so you are a bellweather for currents at the cutting edge of society. New cultural vocabularies are natural to you, and your thinking changes with the times. To maintain clarity and minimize the dangers of misunderstanding, you must learn to be quiet mentally. The challenge is to understand that your mind is not merely a rational machine. Listen for the signals, and locate both their origins and their destination.

Withdrawal or isolation: You need to clear out the clutter of other people's thoughts from your mind, to take out the garbage. Too much input or exchange can fry your brain. If you don't get relief from the strain, your thoughts become garbled. It's not that you need to stop thinking. It is no more possible to stop the mind than the beating of your heart. But you can take a break from attending to your thoughts. Allow your mind to go its merry way without paying so much attention. You don't need to 'read' every thought. Direct the focus of your consciousness upward, beyond the cacophony of thinking. Leave it behind for a while; and when you return, your understanding will be clarified and refreshed.

Selfless giving: You love to figure out solutions for the psychological puzzles of people's lives. Be careful, however, that you don't turn into an advice machine. However pure your motives may be, there is a tendency to get carried away in trying to solve other people's problems. Even when they seem to want exactly that, you're better off letting them come to their own solutions through probing conversations. Remaining neutral is an essential part of your service. Occasional periods of silence - 'speech fasting' - are very beneficial, since too much talking can overwhelm your sense of order.

'Past lives': The way you perceive, think, and communicate is linked with past life patterns. Your nervous system is already programmed to interpret life in specific ways, ways that now must be made conscious. Misunderstanding with others are frequently a carryover from prior incarnations where the dissonance originated. Don't presume that communication is clear, especially if there is conflict or difficulty. Assume the opposite, that there is something beyond what meets the eye, and investigate the possibilities by visualizing images of yourself and the other person in past life settings. The more you distinguish then from now, the easier it is to reach the satisfaction of mutual agreement. The challenge is to work into your past lives to establish the origins of disagreement or misunderstanding, to finally reach clear awareness of the facts in any current situation.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of your early upbringing, you feel free to pursue your own life and establish a foundation that is comfortable for you. Your parents probably had more faith in you than you realized, and they undoubtedly brought you up so that you could succeed on your own terms. Although you are cordial to others, you reserve the right to make your own choices and achieve goals that you alone define. You are rich with ideas, but at first you have some difficulty finding ways to apply them. You generally try not to attract attention, especially when you are attracted to someone and don't want the relationship to gain public notice. You are clever at negotiating your financial affairs quietly until you feel confident that they are sufficiently developed to be made public.

Your interests are diversified, so you always have an alternative direction to follow if your current program fails or becomes uninteresting. Because you work quietly behind the

scenes to develop your skills, your career is far more advanced than anyone can tell from appearances. You have the ability to apply your basic talents and resources to achieve your goals. The financial rewards of such a career will satisfy your need for security.

Developing your skills should have a high priority, because others may not always be available to help you. A good education will teach you how to use your potentials to accomplish your objectives. You cannot afford to neglect the trivial details that you encounter in your career, even though they seem like a waste of time. Through dealing with these chores, you can become independent of the people you would otherwise have to rely on. This is the only way you can be in complete control of any situation that develops in your career. Your career should involve working with the public in some way, for you are qualified to solve many kinds of social problems. Social service might be an attractive field for you, and it would give you freedom to come and go as you choose in performing your duties.

You don't mind making some sacrifices for those you love, but you resent it if sacrifices is expected as a condition of the relationship. you should choose a partner who sympathizes with your goals and who will work with you to reach them. You would resent a partner who is unwilling to share your highs and lows, successes and failures, or someone who constantly asks you to indulge him or her. You will work without recognition until you feel qualified to establish yourself firmly in your career. You consider this a good investment in developing your creative talents.

Careful self-analysis may help you appreciate your creative potentials and understand how using them positively can help you reach your goals. You tend to underestimate your abilities and credit others with more talent, even though theirs is no more significant than your own. You are sometimes more generous and thoughtful to your friends and associates than they deserve.

(Howard Sasportas)

Mercury doesn't exactly wander into the 12th house - he falls into it. And, like Alice, he finds himself in a strange land, encountering things that are awesome, helpful and fascinating.

Primarily, a 12th house Mercury attempts to build a bridge between the conscious and unconscious minds - to integrate into conscious awareness what is operating in the hidden depths of the psyche. This involves a twofold process. First, those with this placement must venture into the imaginal realms of the unconscious, although if they don't choose to take that initial step, it doesn't matter - what is down there will sooner or later come up to get them. Secondly, once in that realm, they must look around, take notes and then come back up again. If they get stuck down there, forgetting to return up again or unable to do so, then someone else will have to be called in to rescue them.

What does all this mean? Those with Mercury here - through introspection, soulsearching, psychotherapy, good literature, or dreamwork - need to explore the unconscious to find out what makes them tick. Depending on the aspects to Mercury, some of what is stored there will be useful and productive and well worth bringing to the surface. However, other stuff may need to be sifted through and sorted out - especially learned impressions and memories from the past which, consciously remembered or not, distort and obscure how information received in the present is being interpreted. In order to see what is in front of them more clearly, they will have to clean up some of the early life (or previous life?) debris cluttering their immediate perception and awareness.

Venus ♀ in ♄ Capricorn 8° 34'

(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 old-fashioned, 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 find 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 3rd House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: creative (particularly with regard to writing), media-orientated, detached, talkative, eager to share ideas, desiring freedom in love.

When Venus occupies the intellectual and communicative third house, there is an enormous passion for learning that is usually satisfied through travelling, devouring books, magazines and newspapers, attending media events (theatre, film, concerts, lectures) and, most significantly, by observing and conversing with others. Empowered by constant intellectual exchanges and the wealth of information amassed therefrom, people with Venus in the third house revel in the creativity and productivity that these interchanges stimulate. Particularly suited for professions that encompass communications (oral and / or written) and the media arts, these individuals are drawn to writing, journalism, filmwork, public relations and advertising - third house fields that may provide the artistic fulfilment and potential economic stability craved by Venus. Possessing eloquent speaking voices and powers of persuasion, they are as comfortable with the sales and marketing end of these professions as they are with the

creative facets. Influenced by the versatility intrinsic to the third house, such individuals also have an enthusiasm and willingness to share ideas and work towards a common goal, making them adept as team players where communication and co-operation are of the essence - for example on the editorial staff of a magazine, as a member of a film crew, etc..

Because their self-confidence hinges on peer approval, these individuals, unwilling to fight adversity, usually form friendships and partnerships with those who can provide intellectual stimulation and instruction as well as encouragement and support. Due to an innate restlessness, they often choose vocations that do not require being chained to a desk, and partners who share their passion for mobility and are willing to travel or even relocate should the opportunity arise. By the same token, partners of these people need not share their interests; it must merely be recognised that a wide circle of friends and range of interests is necessary to their well-being and, as a result, to their ability to love.

Most important, the partners of people with Venus in the third house must never feel that they can be all people to their mates. It is important to recognise that while the placement of Venus in the airy third house requires that verbal communication and / or spiritual contact be the essence of a committed relationship, the detachment of this position can just as easily lend itself to short-term liaisons with no obligation. The dispassionate quality of a sensual planet (Venus) placed in a house that thrives on human connection (third house) is often found in individuals who do not place high value on monogamy, since they sometimes view sex as a means of communication and not necessarily as an expression of love or a testament to devotion.

Their short attention span, need for constant mental stimulation and never-ending appetite for travel usually impede long-term domestic planning. If Venus is conjunct the I.C. (the cusp of the fourth house), however, restlessness will be abated in favour of a proclivity towards the establishment of a home and family.

If Venus is positively aspected, these individuals bring an inspirational presence and originality into relationships, which will never suffer from boredom. While a well-aspected Venus indicates that these people have integrated, or attempted to integrate, their need for freedom with their desire for love, an afflicted Venus often creates an emotional detachment that desensitises them to the feelings of others. Individuals with Venus in the third house (to whom personal and professional freedom are imperative) must recognise that perpetual stimulation and mobility are not necessarily synonymous with independence or the fulfilment of artistic expression. With the realisation that freedom is, in actuality, a state of mind, the constant search for new horizons may be abandoned in favour of challenges closer to home, such as the rejuvenation of long-term relationships, jobs and / or creative projects that may have grown stale.

Because Venus is indicative of the desire to proliferate, its occupancy of the house representing communications and restlessness challenges the ability to maintain a

committed relationship amid a variety of other activities (work, hobbies, friendships). Because the need for constant stimulation can present seemingly insurmountable obstacles, it is important to open the lines of communication with any romantic partners. Through rational and logical discussion, it may be discovered that it is indeed possible to nurture a family without surrendering personal freedom - the biggest fear confronting those with Venus in the third house. If Venus in the third house is conjunct the I.C., these people will be more inclined to balance their desire for outside stimulation with a need for a loving relationship. Furthermore, they may be writers, authors, musicians, artists, interior designers, real estate salespeople or involved in any profession in which they can earn a living by using their creative communication skills and affable personalities.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The third house rules all kinds of communication, links and connections. It rules siblings and neighbours as well as our neighbourhood. Someone with Venus in the third house will be able to communicate easily and harmoniously with others. This will be someone with a persuasive and charming way with words who enjoys communicating.

These people's delight with words may be intellectual or academic, and there could be a love of literature; but equally this could be someone who gets pleasure from casual conversation about everyday affairs. This can be someone who enjoys exchanging the odd few words in the newsagent's or with a neighbour, and who recognizes the value of the community and enjoys feeling part of it. The TV programme 'Neighbours' demonstrates one level of a third house Venus; and perhaps its popularity is to do with an unfulfilled longing in many people to be part of a close-knit community.

Not only will people with Venus in the third house enjoy participating, on some level, in their neighbourhood, but they will want a partner who is equally interested in their everyday world. It will be important to them to have a partner with whom they can discuss topics of mutual interest as well as the day's events.

They may enjoy sharing doing the crossword, or playing word games with loved ones, or watching TV together, in which case they will also enjoy talking about the programme they have watched afterwards. They will want a partner with a lively mind who is gifted with words, and who enjoys playing with ideas and concepts.

They may also want to talk about their relationship, and need things stated. They rely a lot on things being clearly said.

They will value the friends they have within their neighbourhood and appreciate being able to have frequent contact with them. They will also want to keep in touch with any friends living further away; and they may write or telephone a lot. They often develop letter-writing to a fine art. This will be an important means of conveying their feelings to those they love.

They may have a close bond with a sibling. This may be a sibling living nearby, with whom they have a lot of everyday involvement, or simply a sibling for whom they feel a lot. Where such a bond exists, any partner will have to be prepared to accept its importance.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is focused towards the experiencing of harmonious communication. The individual seeks to share and exchange the beauty of ideas in all of his relationships. Through a poised and graceful manner, he finds popularity, success in public relations, and the ability to experience a sense of pleasant co-operation with others.

Venus here gives a refined sense of social ease, a natural warmth to the character, and a 'joining' instinct which helps the individual to feel a sense of belonging to all that is going on around him. There is an affinity for the beauty of language and the achievement of culture through the media. The individual finds the need to experience the smoothflowing activities through which man communicates the beauty of his feelings. He sees life through a lyrical poetic quality which helps him balance the yin and yang of ideas that are always flowing through his consciousness. Many with this placement experience a natural sense of co-ordination which manifests as talent in artistic expression. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, it can be extremely difficult for the individual to balance his love nature.

Sometimes gullible, often naive, and almost always carelessly casual, he can have a lackadaisical or frivolous outlook which makes his relationships too superficial to be fulfilling. He can dissipate his feelings in idle chatter, entertaining ideas that have little purpose or meaning; or his life can lack substance, and little that he says or hears can bring him the fulfillment of beauty that his soul is seeking to experience. Some with this placement dissipate their energies by trying to please everybody. This eventually leads to an imitative lifestyle through which the mind can become lazy. Thus, the individual experiences a tendency to follow or be pushed by others, rather than realizing the beauty of his own harmonious intellect. Instead of following the thought currents of others, simply because it is easy to do, it is important for him to reach the love through which he can center his lower mind. From this, he begins to teach himself how to transcend wasteful thought; eventually to realize what Buddha meant when he said, 'You are what you think, having become what you thought'.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, there is a change in the individual's level of consciousness. His interest in petty gossip or idle chit-chat becomes a genuine devotion towards expressing love in human relationships. He sees the value of his words, and begins to consider the social effect he has on others. This teaches him how to experience the refined beauty of thought, from which he begins to establish a

meaningful sense of harmony in his mind. From this, he learns how to filter out the momentary attractions of fads and fancy which could scatter him, reaching instead for the timeless beauty of knowledge and wisdom which helps him to play an active role in the evolution of human ideas. Thus, he often finds himself using the beauty of his intellect to harmonize the uncentered thoughts of others. As he does this, he begins to attract to him the teachers, the mentors and the disseminators of information who form the integrated network through which humanity is able to respond to meaningful thought. He develops a love of reading, and begins to explore the libraries, cultural centers and museums which help him to experience the beauty of man's knowledge. And, the more he learns, the greater his love for learning becomes. Thus, his life experience becomes one of gradual unfoldment as he opens the portals of knowledge and wisdom.

His very special Gift of Love comes from his ability to experience and share the lyrical beauty of humanity as it unfolds through ideas, stories, literature and artistic media, forever bringing man into the flow of harmonious communication which brings him to enlightenment.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Venus gives the ability to communicate ideas through a variety of means and forms. It gives a love of ideas for their own sake and, with Mars contacts, a willingness to argue or fight for them.

The love of ideas may interfere with the ability to fully experience love itself. This mental aspect to the Ascendant (sixty degrees) isn't really the perfect spot for the true nature of Venus to manifest at its best. Venus's power is to relax tension so that beauty and happiness can be experienced fully. The vibratory level isn't right at this angle, so these people often let their thoughts and ideas get in the way of the comfortable intimacy and long-term love relationships that are the promise of Venus at her best. There is almost always a certain amount of frustration involved in love relationships with this position, and it is a partial testimony against marriage. This is just as well, for when they marry they often do so for the wrong reasons, so the marriage won't last or isn't happy.

These people are usually extremely creative and, given more testimonies, should concern themselves more with establishing a career than with marriage and family. Once they are well on their way to making a name for themselves in their chosen field, it will become evident whether or not marriage and children will fit into their way of life. The offspring they will leave to posterity are very often 'brain children'; works of art and ideas that are very difficult to produce along with the flesh and blood article. They are usually fond of children, but are often quite content to play the role of uncle, aunt, godparent, and so on to the children of their relatives and friends. They need affection just as much as anyone, but what they don't need is the constant pressure of demands on time and emotion that drains them of the energy and time they need to get things - their things - accomplished. Usually, there is a strong lifelong relationship with one or more siblings,

neighbors, or friends, and it is often through sharing these lives from the sidelines that this position achieves its richest emotional fulfillment. Venus at this angle is very susceptible to difficulties from tension-producing aspects, and, where this is true, there may be a good deal of suffering connected with these relationships.

They usually love speed and vehicles that can give them the thrill of rapid motion. They may also love horses and riding. If Venus is squared or opposed by Mars or Uranus, there may be the possibility of accidents (if squared and / or opposed by the rulers of both the eighth and the first houses, potentially fatal).

These people are usually attractive to others, but often present a cool or unconcerned exterior, one that is not openly warm or inviting. They may be rather abrupt or disconcerting in their mode of speech or behavior towards those who don't know them well.

The Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche illustrates the difficulties of the planet of love in this mental house. The curiosity (intellect) of Psyche (the subconscious mind) overcomes her vow to her husband Cupid, the god of love, who always comes to her under cover of darkness, that she will not look at him or try to discover his real name; and so she loses him. This myth illustrates what happens when the mind oversteps its natural boundaries and becomes too concerned with the sources and mechanisms of passion.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: This is a somewhat paradoxical placement, for although Venus shows what is loved or appreciated, and thus indicates an appreciation for movement, in the 3rd house Venus is sometimes drawn more toward the mental or emotional realms of experience. The appropriate image here is one of dance, of flowing movement within and through an environment. Daily activity and the immediate environment must reflect beauty and harmony to be satisfying to you. The challenge is to represent grace in motion, to develop an aesthetic appreciation of the kinetic relationships that form and flow through any environment.

Concrete mind: You derive immense pleasure from the workings of mind. There is an almost geometrical aesthetic in mentality, an appreciation of the music of thought processes with their individual fact melodies and overriding chord patterns. Thinking becomes here more artistry than reason, more warm sensuality than cold logic. The pitfall can appear through an unwillingness to acknowledge any information that is perceived as ugly, confusing the content of mentality with its form, while the challenge is first to experience and then to express the natural beauty of logical associations, to enhance appreciation and the joy of mind itself.

Curiosity: You are not so much curious as you are appreciative. Additionally, things do

not interest you nearly so much as people, so you tend toward interview rather than inquiry. You may be less interested in a person's essence than you are fascinated by all the details of his / her living, the infinity of small facts that contribute to an overall impression of personality. In this regard, you may occasionally succumb to the pitfalls of superficiality or gossip, but the challenge is to develop your ability to pinpoint the heart of a person by composing these individually unimportant factors into a relevant matrix.

Basic education: Although arts are more pronounced than sciences with Venus, the general sense of learning as an enjoyable activity is paramount. The sheer pleasure of education can be emphasized, so the child regards learning with positive feelings of anticipation. Later, this person will love to be in the flow of new information, especially when the information comes from someone seen as intelligent. A good teacher is very similar to a good lover, and romance blossoms around the exchange of information.

Communication: Unless there are other planetary positions or modifying aspects to the contrary, you probably have a very pleasing, even beautiful speaking voice, and a charming manner of presentation. There is smoothness, a rounded and soothing quality to the words, sometimes extending into the word choice itself. You love beauty in conversation, and strive to reach the ideal of a perfect aesthetic in speech and writing. The content is not nearly so important to you; and because tact is of such fundamental importance, we can extend the statement to say that truth is not nearly so important as interpersonal harmony.

(Robert Pelletier)

Most people are comfortable with you because of your charming manner and your willingness to compromise. You enjoy the company of refined persons like yourself who can express themselves easily with groups and individuals. You bring out the best in people, which helps in realizing your objectives. You make many concessions to others, especially your partner, in order to win approval. You want to always have the respect of your mate, because you feel that is important in making your relationship endure. You aren't too worried about your future security, because you have planned for any conditions that may arise. You are more concerned about keeping compatible ties with your close friends who share your desire for the comfortable circumstances that you so thoroughly enjoy. The chances are that you can always count on the favors that life seems to bestow on you.

Generally easy to get along with, you try to cultivate the most favorable relations with everyone in your immediate environment. You feel that it is especially important to avoid conflict at all costs because you are so disoriented by lack of harmony. You usually include your children in your plans; and as they grow up, they will have fond memories of their formative years. You keep the lines of communication open so that they will always share with you their fortunate experiences as well as their problems. They know you will help them with their burdens, just as you naturally apply psychology in relating to your

partner.

You always endeavor to improve yourself, thereby adding to the essential values that you bring to the people with whom you are personally or socially involved. Basically an ethical person, you cringe when others expect you to take liberties with your high standards. In such instances, you must assert yourself as protection from those who would take advantage of you. Your gentleness gives the impression that you would not resist. It is painful for you to listen to people who constantly berate others and never have a kind word to say about anyone. You may encounter this among the people you work with. But they will serve as a stimulus to improve your skills so that you may choose a better work environment.

Your aversion to manual labor leads you to seek an occupation that deals largely with the public in a social environment. You handle your responsibilities thoroughly, as your supervisors know; but it is essential to determine just what your duties are. Otherwise you will find yourself taking on more than you should. You work best in personal contact with your patrons, because your willingness to make concessions in serving their needs endears you to them.

You will get the greatest yield from your creative resources by putting your best foot forward. You generally display your most advantageous qualities so that people will approve of you and of what you are trying to accomplish with your skills. Your admirable values help you win the co-operation you need in order to earn a comfortable living. It wasn't always this way, however, for you remember that your parents or guardians did not always approve of your decisions. They probably disagreed with your chosen partner as well as your other friends. But it was up to you to decide on your most important priority.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement have the ability to communicate in an easy, fluent and nonthreatening manner if Venus is not hampered by difficult aspects. They are sensitive to the needs of those around them, although some may try a little too hard to speak only what they think will please others. People generally find it easy to communicate and 'open up' to someone with Venus in the 3rd, as if they sense the atmosphere of loving receptivity this placement bestows. There is usually a fondness and appreciation of brothers and sisters, and there are usually benefits through them, although certain aspects to Venus (from Pluto for instance) suggest an intense sibling rivalry or incestuous urges. Unless Venus is difficulty aspected, the educational experience should be fairly enjoyable. There is often a love of words, knowledge and languages, or the capacity to express the self through some form of artistic medium. Weekend jaunts here and there are likely to give pleasure; and these people normally fit easily into different situations and environments.

Mars in Aries 11° 53'

(Donna Van Toen)

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

This is a powerful Mars in that it provides a great deal of energy, but unfortunately there's often a lack of stick-to-it-iveness. You're inclined to leap before you look, with the result that you often find you've got too many irons in the fire to successfully control. There's a hot temper here, although normally there's no tendency to violence. However, if Mars is under heavy stress - in a Grand Cross for example - you could be a heavy drinker or a brawler. This Mars gives a slight tendency to attract cuts and burns, which of course would be more likely if Mars is under stress.

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

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

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

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

processing, politics, or psychology.

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

The person with Mars in Aries often appears much more confident than he / she feels, and may tend to look for an identity through his / her lovers, and try to prove him- / herself through sex. These people may go to great lengths to prove how independent they are, when they are really trying to define themselves through sex. Sex, therefore, to these people can assume huge symbolic significance; and they may invest the object of their desire with almost mystical status. They are searching for a hero to fire and inspire them, to help them discover the hero within. To this end, they may have to go on a long and lonely journey, facing many difficulties and rejections before they become the truly independent individual they need to be. Life holds many hard lessons for people with Mars in Aries. They step into each new sexual involvement with careless impulsiveness, naively believing that this one will be much easier than the last, and forgetting that Aries must pit itself against adversity in order to develop strength and self-reliance.

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

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

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

have become one with their lover.

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

Men with this position can be the ultimate 'macho men'. A 'man's man', you love hanging around the gym with the other guys, hunting, and going out drinking with your buddies.

You'll stand up to anyone about anything, and never walk away from a fight. In fact, you are often the instigator. You particularly enjoy provoking authorities; and there is a rebellious, individualistic spirit in you that won't bend to the powers that be. The feistiness and violence inherent in this planetary position can indicate lack of feeling and compassion; and you can be cruel at times.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

courage.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

Your usually abundant energies are directed primarily along lines of ego assertion. You feel best and act best when you are not limited or restricted by elders, superiors or

authority of any kind. You are swift to anger at any intrusion on your personal rights; you are quick on the trigger - the adrenal gland, controlling fight or flight, is sensitive, reacting sharply and generally on the aggressive side. You are a formidable adversary, for all your vitality is brought at once to bear on anyone who challenges your preminence. Even in the chart of an otherwise timid soul, this will lend scrappiness to the nature. If your life aim is more detached, and if you are ambitious for worldly success, popularity, or any of the things that require self-control, your Mars will periodically trip you by directing your energies toward self-assertion at times when you ought to be thinking of something else. The abrupt, aggressive speech, the sharp retort when your independence is assailed (or when you imagine it to be), can stand between you and the rewards of self-control. To serve the deeper ends of life that frequently require forgetfulness of self, you must continuously stand guard over the tendency of your energies to flow through the millrace of the ego into strife and disharmony.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

Mars in 6th House

(Donna van Toen)

When working with others, you're inclined to be bossy; but as you're a hard worker, you'll be respected if not always liked. If you employ others, you'd tend to attract energetic workers. You have a tremendous amount of vitality if Mars is in a Fire or Earth sign; and even in Air and Water signs this placing can increase physical energy a bit. You may suffer from headaches as a result of this Mars, especially if it's under stress. And if Mars is part of a Grand Cross, you may overwork to the point where your health is adversely affected.

Mars here says you have quite specific requirements; notably you want a mate who is discriminating, enjoys going into details and is sexually cautious without being hungup and inhibited.

You're reasonably energetic, a hard worker, and are motivated by praise. There can be a problem with this placing: since Mars here says the primary use of your energy is to serve others, these others can keep you from getting the breaks you deserve if you don't choose your 'masters' wisely. Co-workers, relatives, your mate - all can enslave you or conspire against you (consciously or otherwise) if they feel your progress wouldn't be to

their advantage. You have to be aware of this, and should refuse to let anyone become too dependent on you in any capacity. Opportunities tend to come in the areas of health, writing, and / or service or support staff positions.

The sixth house is that of health and improvement. Planets in the 6th house symbolize things we haven't done well - misguided efforts. The chances are your intentions were good but your ideas were flawed. Or perhaps you chose to attempt things that were for one reason or another beyond your capabilities. If Mars is here, there'd be a tendency to try to push your way through life, to try to make up for lost time in the past. This could also mean that your karma involves a great deal of physical work or work involving machinery. There would be a tendency to run high fevers when ill. Illnesses may or may not be of karmic origin, depending on your overall chart.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars in the sixth, energy is directed largely towards work, and this person may be something of a workaholic. Hence, these people often meet their sexual partners through work. Being of service to others is of great importance to them; and they like to do practical things for those they desire, and enjoy looking after them. They need their partner to show, in turn, that he or she wants them in practical ways; and they enjoy working alongside their lover, doing things together. It is hard for these people to relax and just enjoy life. It is vital for them that their work is stimulating and physically active. If they are doing dull sedentary work, they are likely to become apathetic, losing their vitality and sexual desire.

They can be very self-denying, putting work and duty before pleasure. They will want to feel that everything is in order and well-organized before they can enjoy a relationship, and will put things off if there is something they need to accomplish first, deferring gratification until things are right.

These people can be very anxious, and tend to worry a lot, which can interfere with their sexuality. Problems at work are often translated into sexual difficulties as the two are closely bound up for them. Overwork and stress can cause ill-health too, and they may suffer from a lot of minor illnesses. This is often the only way that they can allow themselves to let up from their punishing work schedules and give themselves a rest.

People with Mars in the sixth can be very analytical about sex, seeing it as a skill that has to be learned properly, so that they become obsessed by techniques and lose sight of pleasure and passion. Sometimes they see sex as a duty, and relationships may develop out of obligation rather than desire. They become involved with people they work with or who are useful to them, and find it difficult to extricate themselves because they are so conscientious. They also tend to fall into comfortable routines with people; and this too can make it hard to break away.

These people can be fitness fanatics, channelling their sexual energy into sports or exercise. They find these things a turn-on, and get sensual pleasure from them. If they are in a relationship, they will find it stimulating to share these activities with their partner. They will also enjoy things like massage, which they may use as a leadin to sex.

They may use sex like some kind of physical therapy to relax and restore themselves; and sex with them can be a very healing experience for their partner. They can be extremely considerate lovers who give a lot of time and energy to those they desire, helping them in every way possible and showing genuine concer for their welfare.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a placement of obedience. Mars in the sixth house gives these people the ability to work diligently; but they must find a field they like, or they'll suffer from psychosomatic ills, accidents in teh workplace, or fights with co-workers. Mars here is more or less trine the Midheaven, but inconjunct the Ascendant, so the energy moves more easily from the ninth and tenth houses, the houses of bosses and 'superiors', than it does from the first, that of the self, with the result that this is inclined to be somewhat of a self-sacrificing position. These people will often work themselves into the ground for the good of the company. With tenth-house planets, this is a good placement for a team athlete or coach, a member of a ballet corps, or a ballet teacher. Most men with this Mars location spend some time in military service. Some make it a career.

These people are slow and hard to train as children; but, once trained, they become good, dependable workers at whatever they do. This Mars is good in any field where daily practice is necessary. They may tkae a long time learning to practise; but once the habit is developed, they will adhere to it religiously from then on.

As children, they are the opposite of those with Mars in the fifth; they must be pushed. They need early training and discipline, as the older they get, the more ingrained bad habits will become. They may seek to avoid work if Mars is in Leo, Sagittarius, Libra, or Pisces, or if it is conjunct or opposite Saturn, the Moon, or Neptune. There can be trouble with relatives and bosses over lack of work effort until they find their true field. Those with Mars in Aries, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, or Capricorn can work hard at anything, if they must.

A sixth-house Mars needs a square or other hard aspect to give it a kick from time to time, or these people may fall into a rut, working for too long at the same job and living a life that leads nowhere. One way out is to develop a hobby by constant practice. Eventually, this will lead to a freer and more satisfying existence.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is linked with the sharp edges of reality. Fevers, rashes,

cuts, and other sudden or dramatic conditions are more likely here; and the relation of infection to deeper disorders is more pronounced than with other planets. Excess or misdirected heat is a relevant pitfall. Psychologically, desire and maleness are possible areas of misunderstanding or oversensitivity. This is true with both your own desires and those expressed by others. The particular pattern of vulnerability depends on other factors in Mars's condition (sign placement, aspects, and the overall planetary pattern), but we presume that you'll struggle with 'wanting'. The challenge is to cleanse the pathways of desire. Both the causes of and treatments for disease involve vital self-expression.

Unequal relationships: You fight over inequality, and struggle with others over authority. Otherwise normal exchanges can result in affront to personal dignity. This occurs in both directions: in your feelings, or in the feelings of others who are relating to you. It's as if there's a chip on your shoulder where power is concerned, a built-in red flag waving in front of a bull. Your challenge is to learn to judge which rituals of submission are appropriate and which represent abuses. Opposing abuse is imperative. However, to fight simply because two individuals are not equal is a waste of precious life-energy.

Duty and service: There is an urgency to helping others. It has the feel of surgery: you want to penetrate and cut away obstructions with the sharp edge of your own desire. You're compelled to seek out blockage or resistance, to break through those walls, however hard you have to push. However, keep in mind that others are people, not problems to be solved, not walls to be smashed. You'll want to perform miracles; don't bite off more than you can chew. Service is a basic desire, so you'd be welladvised to consider a helping profession as a full-time career. This enables you to spread your heat over many interactions with numerous individuals, allowing you to hone your scalpel into a fine tool, while insuring that you don't overwhelm any single individual by too many repeated 'operations'.

Technical mind: Thinking is passionate and direct. The speed of your mind is impressive; you learn voraciously if you can get a foothold in basic understanding of an issue or idea or process. But be aware that the very desire that drives you mentally can also trip you up. You push so hard to reach the end of a logical sequence that you're prone to error, sometimes glossing over an important step. Remember, the program won't run unless every bug is isolated and replaced by the correct instruction. Your mind is best suited to basic and direct problem-solving; it's where you shine. If the situation is too inverted or laced with complexity, frustration may override desire, and you'll lose interest before a solution is found. The challenge is to keep your mind focused in the present.

Discipline and routines: Routines are often experienced as a continuing series of confrontations. You stay with one issue until it is solved or exhausted, then turn your attention to the next urgency. With Mars, lifestyle is not so much regular as it is imperative. You could be downright irregular, always backed up, having more to accomplish than you can possibly achieve; but as long as your days are full and your

ratio of victories is high enough, you're happy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your willingness to really apply yourself in your chosen field of activity helps assure your success. You work hard to develop your creative potentials, for you believe that your skills will be appreciated. You are able to effectively capitalize on your basic resources to increase earnings. You have confidence in the value of your creative abilities, so you don't hesitate to take a chance when you know there are material benefits to be gained. But you can significantly reduce the risks you take by getting a formal education. Being better informed increases your options and gives you more leverage in dealing with competitors on your terms rather than theirs. It is especially satisfying to know that you can succeed honestly and gain the respect you deserve for a job well done.

You are grateful for your early parental conditioning, which taught you to be selfreliant in making your own way in life. You've accepted the responsibility for your actions, and you understand that you must apply yourself with determination in order to succeed. With this belief, you respond to people's needs and give them the services they require, for which they will pay you well. This is how your future security will be achieved. Your partner gives you the co-operation you need, which makes the effort worthwhile.

Until you have greater self-confidence in your ability to succeed, you may have to work without getting recognition from those you hope to impress. But if you are patient, recognition will come as your capabilities grow and you take on more responsibilities. You don't have to accept obscurity if you are geared to take advantage of your creative resources. Most of the people you deal with know how competent you are to assist them with their needs, and they appreciate your efforts in their behalf. Your skills are especially valuable in helping those who can't help themselves. As your talents are recognized, your services will be increasingly in demand. People know that they can trust you to do your very best, and that you take responsibility for your actions. The sincerity and dedication you bring to your career endears you to everyone; and they know they can depend on you.

Take care not to make a nuisance of yourself by trying to do tasks for others that they can do for themselves. It's fine to be helpful; but some people resent the inference that they can't succeed without you. Find people who have real deficiencies, and let them ask for your help. You can get yourself into a lot of trouble by taking on more work than you should, which may lower your physical vitality. You only have to prove yourself to you. You will win your partner's respect and admiration for your accomplishments when you compensate for his or her inadequacies. The bond between you will be strengthened when you know your mate considers you indispensable.

Always strive to improve your skills, for this will assure your future security, increase your self-worth and improve your image. You hope to win the affection of your loved one

by showing that you expend a great deal of energy to earn a comfortable living and that you are sufficiently motivated to get ahead. You hope that your children will take advantage of the benefits you've provided and that they will succeed in achieving their goals. If they appreciate your efforts, you will feel amply rewarded.

(Howard Sasportas)

The possible manifestations of Mars in the 6th house become clearer if we compare and contrast the ways in which the Greek Ares and the Roman Mars would approach the affairs of this house.

First, picture Ares mounting an attack on the housework. Within ten minutes, he would have whizzed through every room and nearly all the corners as quickly as possible, it is to be hoped not knocking over too many things in the process. His motto might be 'A job worth doing is a job worth doing in a hurry'. Or, after losing yet another battle with his sister Athene, he might immediately take out his rage 6thhouse- fashion by furiously scrubbing the kitchen floor, yelling at a servant, or kicking the dog.

Ares would push his body hard. Besides exhausting himself continually chasing around from one thing to another, he could attract accidents due to recklessness and inner discord.

Although it is not like Ares, if he did hold in his anger, he would probably suffer regularly from headaches or more generally turn his aggression against the body. (With the planet Mars in the 6th, feelings and impulses register very strongly in the body and must find some sort of expression if it is not going to short-circuit and blow a fuse.)

Of course, Ares would be a big hit at the office. Unlikely to tolerate someone lording over him, and probably exhibiting a tendency to run roughshod over co-workers, it's fortunate that he prefers to attend to his job independently.

In striking contrast, the Roman God Mars handles the affairs of the 6th house very differently. Seeing every little thing he does as a reflection of who he is, he would take fastidious pride in his work down to the last detail. Concerned with achieving independence and self-sufficiency in the running of everyday affairs, he would welcome the opportunity to learn new skills, and gain great satisfaction mastering tasks which challenged him.

Although he could be obsessive at times about the body's smooth functioning, much energy would be directed into caring for and maintaining the body. He recognizes the body as the vehicle through which he can express himself and prove his power, and naturally he wants to keep it in good shape.

Somewhat reminiscent of his Greek counterpart, and due to a strong belief about how

something should be done, the Roman Mars (in the 6th) may experience difficulty and impatience with co-workers, although in the right situations a joint effort could prove stimulating. But usually Mars in the 6th wants to run the show himself. He might, however, fight battles for workers' rights or stand up for a colleague whom he believes is being mistreated. Mars in the 6th might equally support an animal rights group.

In general, a well-aspected Mars in the 6th tends to act like the Roman Mars. But difficult aspects to Mars in this house (hard angles to it from the Sun, Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto especially) are more likely to manifest, initially at least, as the Greek Ares.

Jupiter ♃ in ♑ Capricorn 6° 5'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

In delaying or postponing the use of the Capricorn natural talents to fulfil your desires, formulate plans, or manipulate business dealings, you may experience insecurity about your inner integrity that is aimed toward achievement. Thus, you can be at a loss to manifest those talents within you. If you give in to righteous ideas about controlling others or repress your fine managerial abilities, you may undergo frustration and doubts about yourself.

Dynamic

When you trust your integrity and utilize your natural managerial talents to organize what you truly believe in, you may discover that your abilities to manage others bring joy to everyone as well as yourself. By taking a leap of faith and putting yourself in situations where you can delegate authority and manage resources, you can experience an expansion of faith in yourself to use your talents with integrity.

(Marilyn Waram)

When the expansive, inquisitive, optimistic Jupiter drive has to express itself through the cautious, reserved, and often pessimistic sign of Capricorn, something has to give! Sometimes the person will live frustrated for years, unable to completely hold in the Jupiterian exuberance and tendency to gallop off into the future only half-prepared, and equally unable to stop the regrets and Capricornian recriminations and guilt which follow such behavior. If she allows the Capricorn to prevail most of the time, her Jupiter nature is even more likely to break free at unexpected and usually completely inopportune times.

There is something of a clash between the Jupiterian tendency to invest faith, particularly in intellectual concepts and coherent systems of philosophy, and the Capricorn tendency to not believe in anything unless it can be eaten, put in the bank, or slept on. Capricorn deals with what is material, and judges this and often only this to be real, and therefore acceptable. Jupiter's territory looks like so much hot air, smoke and mirrors to the Capricorn side of human nature.

The Jupiter nature may, however, invest Capricornian principles and traits with great value. The individual with this placement is often a committed employee because she upholds the work ethic, puritan-type virtues, reality as it is, and the need to succeed in the world's eyes. She may find traits such as dependability, reliability, conservatism, frugality, strong career devotion and ambition, and hard-nosed realism very appealing. She could preach to others about the superiority of these characteristics.

The person with Jupiter in Capricorn may bring optimism, confidence and far-sightedness into a business environment. She may infuse reactionary philosophies with new insight and enlightenment. She could express her values in practical ways, expanding the vision and scope of society's structures and conventions until they deal more effectively with current problems and issues. She has the capacity both to work effectively herself - that is, to be ambitious and hardworking - and to envision a better future. She may make a highly valuable leader, whether in business or government, as she can combine idealism with pragmatism, high principles with effective action, a vision of the future with the ability to deal with the structures available today. She could also swing back and forth between all of these, feeling hopeful and full of faith in the future one moment, and crushed by the realities of the present the next moment.

Usually, the person with Jupiter in Capricorn has some strong ideals about government, business, career goals and the way to deal with reality. She can make an ultimate value out of career or public success, and place all her faith in control and power, or monetary gain, or discipline and denial. Her approach to philosophy may be somewhat dry - if it will advance her ambitions or status or wealth, fine; if not, what's the point? This is more likely when the placement is backed up by other chart factors.

If projected, the individual with Jupiter in Capricorn may see her father, or the conditional-love parent, as well as subsequent authority figures, as intellectual, bright and full of knowledge. She may think they are just blowhards. She could expect them to have answers and be disappointed when they fail her. She could expect material resources and career success to give her a sense of complete fulfillment, and be very frustrated when they do not. She tends to place a great deal of faith in the work ethic and the puritan virtues, and may suffer great disappointment when one of life's crueler vagaries happens to her. She expected to avoid these by prudent living.

This is another of the transpersonal placements of Jupiter. The individual may grapple with the seemingly selfish tendencies of Capricorn, wherein personal security is sought -

but by being competent and successful in the larger world. She may find she is most fulfilled when she expresses and lives her values at work and through her career choices.

Jupiter in Capricorn is one suggestion that difficulties with beliefs originate with too much focus on materialistic goals, too much scepticism and fear of expansion, and too much demand for scientific proof. When Jupiter in Capricorn is positively expressed, however, the individual has the capacity to be a visionary executive, that rare leader who has self-discipline enough to deal with the realities of the present, but who also sees into the future with hopeful expectation that things will improve. She not only hopes; she thinks about how to act today to ensure that the improvements actually occur. She balance fear with hope, scepticism with exploration, cold facts with future possibilities.

(Skye Alexander)

Through work, you expand your understanding of yourself and your place in the world; and some of your most important learning experiences are likely to come to you through your career. Actually, you enjoy working and derive much pleasure from seeing a job well done. However, you might become a workaholic since so much of your self-esteem and your satisfactions in life are connected to your job.

You possess natural managerial ability, have a good head for business, and are known for your shrewdness, common sense, reliability and diligence. Supervising and organizing operations gives you a sense of satisfaction, and you like being in a position of responsibility. You assume authority easily, and are comfortable in a decision-making role, believing that no-one is quite as capable as you.

Status is important to you, and you want to have the respect of your peers, your community and society in general. Though you are ambitious, you do not desire glory or riches as much as honor and authority. For instance, you would prefer being president of a colleg to being a movie star. Success, however, is likely to come to you slowly, little by little and as a result of your own efforts, rather than being dropped in your lap by Lady Luck.

In the extreme, your ambition might cause you to do just about anything to achieve your goals; and you may believe that 'the ends justify the means'. Above all, you are a pragmatist, and you do what you believe must be done without letting your emotions or ideologies get in the way. Thus, others often see you as cold and calculating.

You respect traditions; and unless something has stood the test of time you don't place much value on it. Consequently, you tend to stick with what you know rather than taking chances on new ideas, techniques or practices; and you can be extremely rigid and oldfashioned. The 'god' you worship might be tradition. Upholding the status quo benefits you, and through becoming part of the establishment you are likely to increase your

wealth, status and / or sense of security. Therefore, you see no reason to make changes or 'rock the boat'. You might even become well-known as a result of your conservative views.

You also seek security, stability and a predictable, well-defined, orderly life. Thus, you might go to the 'right' schools, work hard, plan carefully, hold on to your resources, invest in blue chip stocks, support the established order, and associate with people who can benefit you so as to provide the best possible future for yourself and your descendants.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Capricorn is in its fall because Capricorn is opposite the sign Cancer, in which Jupiter is exalted. This situation is manifested in an overconcern with the letter of the law rather than the spirit. However, Jupiter in Capricorn, if well aspected, can give great integrity, especially in moral conduct, business ethics, and the responsibilities of high office.

Natives generally have conservative, traditional values concerning politics, education, and moral conduct. They support the value system of the social, economic and political status quo, overlooking its injustices, faults and hypocrisies. The resulting rigidity of social outlook can alienate the younger generation and those who embrace a universal point of view.

People with Jupiter in Capricorn often acquire positions of economic or political responsibility. They will exercise prudence, caution, and a mature judgement therein, but may lack imagination, creativity, and the ability to innovate.

They have a strong drive for power and status, prompted either by personal ambition or by a sense of duty to society; this drive can interfere with their home life and the personal, emotional values associated with it. The corporation executive who spends all his time at the office dealing with those in power, and neglects his family, is typical of persons with Jupiter in Capricorn. These people often acquire a cold, austere personal manner in their later years, and they hide the inner feeling of emotional frustration and loneliness engendered under an attitude of dignity and importance.

With this position of Jupiter, great wealth is often attained, through ambition, patience, managerial ability, and the wise use of resources. Since these people seek the status conferred by wealth and high position, they automatically adopt the values of those with impressive status who can help them achieve prominence.

These people abhor extravagance and waste. If Jupiter is afflicted and this tendency is carried to extremes, there can be miserliness or an inclination to economize in small matters and at the same time to be extravagant in large ones.

(Grant Lewi)

This position presents opportunity to you from very practical sources. Anything will appeal which helps present you as an authoritative and consequential person; and you will follow most readily those beacons that lead to the mountain tops of public acclaim. You combine daring and caution in a nice mixture. Money is not important in itself, though it may be as a means to power or as a symptom of success. You will risk money to get fame or power; but you'll never risk fame or power to get money. Because you see only such opportunities as tend to advance you in the eyes of the world, irrelevant bypaths and blind alleys don't distract you, and you plug mercilessly along the only path you see, leading upward and onward to the High Place.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, Jupiter is a contradiction. The native wants to be generous, but also has a deep respect for security. He wants to travel but has a need for an 'anchor', a place to stay, to feel secure. He wants to pioneer, but has enormous respect (or fear?) for tradition. He wants authority, yet hesitates to bear down in order to earn it. He has the ability to organize, manage, direct; he has great interest in challenges, things that seem far off in the distance - but when the challenges are met (or come closer) he seems to lose interest. The astrologer should help him to see the obvious, to keep his mind open, to remain intellectually curious and excited, or his life will sink into the morass of the conventional - and, eventually, he will drive loved ones away because he grows so sure of himself he becomes a downright bore.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Capricorn, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through hard work, discipline, and steady progress. One needs to express qualities of self-control and confident conservatism in order to improve the self; one has an innate sense of authority that inspires trust from other people. Optimism and expansion can be squelched by an overly serious, fearful attitude. One's faith and trust is based on reality, experience, and one's innate understanding of the value of history and tradition. Opportunities come through one's ability to be reliable, responsible, and patient - qualities that are usually well-developed.

In Capricorn, Jupiter is opposite Cancer, where it is especially well-placed and therefore traditionally considered to be 'exalted'; in Capricorn, Jupiter is in its 'fall', a position where its innate qualities are not so easily expressed. However, that does not mean Jupiter's power should be underestimated here, as we shall see in this section. Nothing in Capricorn comes quickly or easily, although at times one must wonder why these people make things unnecessarily difficult for themselves. As Isabel Hickey wrote, those with Jupiter in Capricorn are 'too cautious for their own good'.

The extreme caution with which these folks approach everything, from close relationships to handling money, is of course typical of the sign Capricorn. Those with Jupiter here don't trust anything that is not 'proven' or validated by traditional acceptance. The sceptical streak in their minds is pervasive, but they are not without practical ideals! The fact is that tradition plays a large part in molding their ideals. They will look at the history of any action or ideal that they are evaluating, and will slowly test it to determine how much risk there really is. They are not fools and don't ever want to appear to be such; dignity is immensely important to them. They feel that knowing the risks in advance is simply practical. They have little need for the sheer excitement of taking risks, as so many people do; once they have determined that there is little risk, or at least that it is acceptable for the goal being pursued, they can act decisively.

However, those with Jupiter in Capricorn will take extra risks in order to gain authority. Oftentimes, those with Jupiter here seem to attract especially powerful enemies, because of their power or prestige. This Jupiter certainly inflates the ambition, and the result is well-described by Moore and Douglas: 'Having achieved the position of eminence for which they have labored, they may be obliged to pay the price once more in a sense of isolation and loneliness. Then they should try to forget their dignity and enjoy the simple pleasures of life without worrying about an image to be maintained or an impression to be made'.

The resourcefulness of these people should never be underestimated, nor should their determination. They may well simply outwork those endowed with more cleverness or imagination; and their sense of duty and responsibility is legendary. They can of course be austere and heavy-handedly judgemental; a Jupiter in Capricorn evidently often becomes rigid and easily lapses into self-righteousness. Carter, Mayo, and Davison all use the term 'conscientious' to describe this person; and Ebertin relates Capricorn Jupiter to 'consciousness of goal', which I take to mean the innate ability to patiently act with a view to long-term plans.

Carter wrote of this placement: 'Reticent, self-controlled, righteous'. Mayo wrote: 'Enthusiasm for duty; expands ambition (autocratic) and organizing ability'. Ebertin wrote: 'A sense of responsibility, trustworthiness... qualities of leadership, hypocrisy, egotism'. Hickey wrote: 'A tendency to be miserly with the expression of loving feelings, as well as with money'.

This last quotation brings to mind the inherent conflict with Jupiter in Saturn's sign; it can create a tension between thriftiness and extravagant arrogance, or the need to be recognized and respected for being generous while at the same time wanting to maintain one's financial security by not spending unnecessarily. Although they are more concerned with appearances and being 'respectable' than are Jupiter in Scorpio people, those with Capricorn Jupiter are quite similar in that they may alternate between penny-pinching and spending prolifically. They do not like waste, but they may invest huge sums in

either business ventures or goals that they deem to be in accord with their higher values.

Essential qualities of the Jupiter-Capricorn personality are precisely captured in Moore and Douglas's following comments: 'Jupiter-Capricorn people work in a practical and conservative manner without the inclination to indulge in risky speculation. They conduct their affairs according to the tried-and-true rules of tradition, and are satisfied with slow growth and gradual gain. Generally, they flourish in business; and when given the opportunity to manage established enterprises of proven merit, they justify the faith invested in them. They want to know precisely where they stand financially and to feel that the ground is solid beneath their feet. This position is conducive to a career in government, politics, or large corporations where business is carried on impersonally and strictly according to protocol'.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This gives a blend of positive, extrovert qualities (Jupiter) with powerfully negative, introvert ones (Capricorn). Together they produce a set of remarkable characteristics. The individual is ambitious and determined and will not shirk responsibility. He or she is able to work very hard and persistently, and usually has excellent powers of concentration. Parents of children with this placing must not expect their offspring to make meteoric leaps to the top of the class. Nevertheless, they will make very steady gradual progress; and what is learned will be remembered. This is generally the pattern throughout life.

The outlook is extremely sensible, neither shirking the acceptance of challenge nor being blindly optimistic. Common sense and some caution should dominate, and hard-earned success will be the eventual outcome. There can be times when the more serious side of Capricorn will be to the fore, resulting in a tendency toward a rather bleak and marginally pessimistic attitude or outlook; the generosity and flamboyance of Jupiter will not often be evident when the planet is in this sign. However, the jolly Jupiter sense of humor combines with the offbeat Capricorn one to emerge when it is least expected, to the great amusement of those present; it is most certainly something to look for!

The individuals are usually kind and thoughtful, but sometimes pigheadedness and the tendency to think that they are always right can be evident. At times, this will tend to make them their own worst enemies, but these more extreme tendencies usually only occur if Jupiter receives a square aspect from the Sun or Moon. Pay extra attention to the placing and influence of Saturn since, if that planet is heavily aspected or personalized, the Capricorn influence on Jupiter (i.e. the more serious personality traits) will tend to dominate.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a constructive, though potentially conditional, giver. You have the goodness to

live up to material responsibilities - without it becoming a slog. You have the morality to uphold traditional values - without them becoming restrictive. You have reverence for time-worn customs and rituals - yet should pledge to do so without incurring a loss of meaning.

You can be trusted to keep to certain tried and true methods and patterns in one or more areas of your life, even though they may not be that obvious; to deliver what you promise, mainly because you don't promise what you cannot deliver; and to endure and make the most of times of difficulty or scarcity.

You may be excessively dependent upon the rules and regulations laid down by someone else, be that Other or the State, or whoever appears to have the authority; excessively reactionary towards this; excessively cautious in what you give out - and then you expect something back in return; and excessively caught up in the seeking of status, and overlooking your true worth in the process.

You believe that life is basically a proving ground, a working situation, and that any kind of luxury must be well-deserved; that any spiritual belief should be based upon and around practical needs and natural laws and cycles; and that 'by their works shall ye know them'.

You disagree with fanciful or newfangled beliefs and ideas that have no proper roots in older systems; and with giving time or space to anyone who is all talk and no walk. Be aware that today's radicals are tomorrow's conservatives; constructive criticism is better than outright dismissal.

When you are alone, it is as if you yourself have barred yourself from rewarding and sustainable relationships by imposing certain limiting conditions, or by allowing yourself to be subjected to them. This has something to do with the idea that you are what you believe you are - an idea that Jupiter in Capricorn will possibly sniff at. If you believe you are not capable of having a successful relationship, then that is what the case will be. From your point of view, there are probably some very practical and logical reasons for being on your own. But it is the other way around - you are choosing these restrictive circumstances, when the real reasons are to do with more emotional and internal qualities of your being. In short, you attract apparently limited or limiting relationships that reflect how you are limiting yourself - because you do not want to explore an area where you have no control. I recommend you to look for the real reasons for being alone under your other Planet-Sign combinations, especially the Moon and Venus if you are male, or the Sun and Mars if you are female.

(John Townley)

You are happiest when a new affair can be guided along familiar paths. Then you can provide your partner with enrichment and fulfillment. In an unpredictable relationship,

you will spend too much time coping with change to fully unleash your capacity for expression. Your style is solid and substantial; continual fluctuations diffuse your energy and do not suit you. You need a fairly well-defined relationship.

For this reason, you will probably be happiest with a lover you know well and can be certain of pleasing, a comfortable companion who also knows how to give you maximum enjoyment.

One technique that may particularly heighten your lovemaking is abstinence, followed by fulfillment in a very carefully delineated and predictable fashion. In this way, you may reach a special intensity of expression that can't be found in regular sexual release.

On the nonphysical level, it is best if you have the reinforcement of continuous love from your partner. If you can count on love, you are able to keep your creativity flowing in other areas. Similarly, you are most appreciative of a lover who treasures your daily affections and is aware of the variety of your attentions, however small.

(Robert Hand)

Your growth in life will come through concrete achievement in the world. You feel that ideals are all very well, and it is good to be moral and ethical, but you want to translate your ideals into action. You want to see real results that others can point to as yours. With your fine organizational skills, you will be good at putting other people's ideas into practice, and you will understand what can and cannot be done. You are, or should be, a practical person and a realist, because if you are not, your life will not work out very well. Capricorn planets must deal with reality. With this placement, you may feel that the universe will not meet your needs unless you work to justify your existence. This has the effect of dampening the normal exuberance of youth to some extent, although you should have plenty left. Most of the characteristics of this placement will be expressed more clearly as you get older.

You are quite concerned about being right; and you will argue very hard for your point of view. Anything that is not right, you condemn as weakness, and you may be very hard on yourself when you make a mistake. Also you are likely to be hard on others when they make mistakes. You must work to develop a sense of compassion for your own and others' weaknesses, for otherwise you will gradually become cold and unfeeling. In that case, people would begin to avoid you.

You enjoy taking responsibility and being in a position of authority. You work hard to gain the approval of authority figures, such as teachers and parents; and you may identify with them rather than with people of your own age. This could alienate you from your peers, however, if you carry it too far.

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 ♎ Libra 13° 22'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

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

General

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

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Libra is a natural square which calls for integration between activities as an

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Perhaps you will be denied a meaningful relationship, at least until you are mature enough to balance your needs and desires with another person's. Indeed, one of your tests in life might be finding this delicate balance and learning to compromise without sacrificing yourself. Although relationships are very important to you, it may seem as though you are unlucky in love. External or internal obstacles - cultural, ethnic or religious barriers, age differences, poverty, work or family obligations - might stand in the way of your happiness. Your relationships could develop very slowly, or you might have to wait a long time for a lover to become available. Physical problems, such as illness,

handicaps or ugliness, could make it hard for you to attract partners.

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

relationships.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

You appear to have little need to defend yourself, because your justification comes directly through others. You are capable of being one of the best adjusted of mortals, living easily with your associates, in getting along with whom your deepest ego is vindicated. This position of Saturn is bound to take you out of yourself and turn a major portion of your attention to the outer world and the people in it. If you're a naturally aggressive and extroverted person, this gives you great tact and charm, because of which you get what you want with a minimum of struggle. You don't have to fight your way along because your deepest intuitions tell you how to win friends and influence

people graciously. If your nature is passive or tends to be introverted, you devote your life wholeheartedly to service of others and satisfy your tendency to inwardness by selffulfilment through sacrifice. In any case, and along whatever lines the total personality leads, this position of Saturn is one of the best insurances of usefulness, and will tend to strengthen and lend significance to an otherwise undistinguished chart.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

Saturn's inner authoritative voice from this sign will sharpen the subject's conscience by arousing a guilty sense of shame; 'If you do that, you will be treating me very badly, after

all I've done for you. You are toally selfish and if you do this dreadful thing I'll never forgive you.' Ask if the subject had a parent who always grumbled in this way and was never satisfied with what his or her child produced or did.

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

fantasy will conjure up frustration, deceit and disillusionment.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

If you are not encouraged to encounter other people and to believe in yourself, you may prefer to be alone, unburdened by the necessity of relating to others. Or you may feel that others do not understand you. As you get older, this should diminish.

Saturn ♄ in 12th House

(Liz Greene)

The twelfth house, as the last in the circle and lying hidden behind the Ascendant or outward behaviour, symbolises both endings and beginnings. It is the end because it represents the sacrifice which must ultimately be made of the conscious personality as a separation unit. From a more abstruse point of view it represents the beginning because it refers to those causes from the past which, operating from birth and below the level of consciousness, draw to us those situations which require that we lose ourselves and die to be reborn into group consciousness. From water all life comes, says the Koran; and this house, reflecting Pisces and Neptune, the ancient god of the waters, suggests that plane where life, undifferentiated and without individuality, first sprang, and where, wise with the lessons of individual consciousness, it must eventually return. Even shorn of its more esoteric associations, the twelfth house refers to isolation and submission, and to the dissolution of the personality.

This is often called the house of karma, based on the idea that planets found here are in some way denied normal expression and are often operating as unconscious rather than conscious drives. It is also called the house of self-undoing because isolation, incarceration, helplessness, and bondage are often the lot of the person with the heavily active twelfth house - literal or symbolic - and it is his own actions which draw these conditions to him. Whether a long past is considered or not, the inference is certainly present that the ego, built through the efforts of the previous eleven houses and signs, must eventually be laid on the altar of sacrifice so that the man may become a functioning part of a larger whole and give of his wisdom and energy for the good of the group. For the man who refuses to comprehend this, it is the house of hospitals and prisons, for only through the loss of individual power can a man realise that he himself is nothing without a link to the rest of life.

This is always a difficult house, unless the path of service is pursued. Somehow the release of energy in this way alleviates much of the frustration and loneliness which accompanies twelfth house planets, and makes the required sacrifices bearable. Great pain often occurs through the twelfth house, for the loss of the will after so much careful building is a great blow to the man who has come to identify himself with his personal desires. Yet loss of will is the price which all planets pay when found in this house, although the finding of inner serenity is often gained in exchange.

As the last sign of the watery trigon, Pisces symbolises the completion and fulfillment of all emotional strivings - unity not with another person but with life itself. This is the mystical marriage, and is most difficult for the average man, centered in his personality,

to deal with. There is no battle required; only acquiescence and devotion. It is almost impossible to make any sense of the twelfth house from a purely mundane point of view, for, even more than the eighth, this is a non-material house and pertains to matters which bring a man into closer touch with subjective reality. Any planet in the twelfth is subject to the dissolving and transmuting influence which blocks the ordinary personal expression of the planet and forces its energies inward and upward. That which occurs here occurs in secret like the gestation of a child. Only when the term is complete can this facet of the individual unfold like a newborn baby into external expression; and by then it is changed.

Saturn in the twelfth house, and to a lesser extent in Pisces, is difficult from the point of view of the personality because the Saturnian energies, geared initially toward selfprotection and defense against the environment, are rendered ineffectual. This may in extreme situations be through hospitalisation or imprisonment for a period of time; and the man may learn through his own helplessness how ultimately impotent the personal will is against the forces of his own past which he himself has set in motion. The feeling that one is helpless and must submit to something larger and greater is frequent with this placement of Saturn, although it may occur on a very subjective level. This is a cadent house and refers to states of mind; and Saturn here often generates a vague fear that someone or something, a misty or generalised fate or destiny, is going to destroy him or control him. He may isolate himself and attempt to shield himself from contact with others at the same time as he is weighed down by an oppressive loneliness and sense of powerlessness.

The sacrifice of one's material ambitions is often concurrent with a twelfth house Saturn; and this is also one of the commonest signifiers of the child who dedicates his life to the care of an ailing or helpless parent at the cost of his own development. This is often done not because it must be - there are always alternatives - but because there is an intense feeling of guilt, obligation, and an instinctual understanding that he must make some sacrifice or pay some debt. It is also often the reflection of a fear of confronting external life and a sense of impotence in being able to handle practical affairs.

Guilt looms large with this placement of Saturn although it is generalised rather than specific guilt. It may cause a man to seek penance through solitude, or there may be religious penance in the literal sense resulting in the monk or nun. It may be apparently involuntary penance as is the case with incarceration; but the man himself chooses this course although he may not consciously believe he will have to pay. It may result in sickness or withdrawal from conscious awareness through drugs, alcohol, or insanity. Or it may be much more subtle and less drastic, as in the case of the man who is always alone and always feels separation from the rest of humanity and the rest of life, no matter how many people he surrounds himself with.

Typical Saturnian ambivalence occurs with a twelfth house Saturn too, and there is both a compulsive fascination with and a great fear of losing one's identity and individuality.

But whatever the specific mundane situation which is reflected, the individual is generally called upon at some point in his life to endure helplessness and aloneness and the sacrifice of his control. When this occurs on an inner level, the individual is frequently unable to communicate his feelings to others, which only increases his sense of isolation. He does not understand what it is that he is trying to protect himself against, any more than he understands the abyss which draws him with such fascination. He only knows that he feels powerless, and may overcompensate for this feeling by attempting to prove that he is totally master of his life. This may land him in hospital or in jail without his understanding the inner motives which have brought him there.

Saturn is representative in his disguised and baser form as the most personal kind of power, that which a person seizes for self-protection through manipulation of his environment. It is man's defense mechanism which is necessary for a long time while the unfolding of consciousness needs defending; however, when Saturn is found in Pisces or in the twelfth house, the time has come for the scaffolding to be taken down, for the inner structure is nearly complete, and stripping this away is initially like stripping off one's own outer skin and exposing the raw and tender area beneath.

As opposite to the sixth house, the twelfth disorganizes that which the sixth has put in order, and offers chaos instead. This is not the chaos of sickness and madness, however; it only seems so to those who have built their conception of reality on a mundane base.

Understanding the meaning of this position takes us beyond the field of orthodox psychology, which has certainly mastered the fourth house and some of the eighth but is lost when confronting the mysteries of the twelfth. Recognition of the urge for evolution, for meaning, for the spiritual side of life, as a valid psychological drive in man, is now becoming widespread, however; and when it is understood that this is perhaps the most basic and most important instinct in man - although an instinct of the psyche rather than of the body - then it will not be such a painful experience for a man to sacrifice his personality to permit his total self-expression. The real potential of Saturn in the twelfth house is unfortunately only available now to those of a mystical bent who are inclined toward the path of inner contemplation. To them it is the final sacrifice of the sense of separateness, and is willingly undergone because it is the last door between man and his freedom. It depends in the end on one's perspective. Trying to hunt Saturn down through the mazes of the unconscious is difficult enough in the eighth house where there are still some personality links; but the twelfth is wholly of the soul, and analysis does not help understanding unless it is backed by a knowledge of man's innately spiritual nature. The gold available from a twelfth house Saturn is the power to serve, not to 'do good' - which is not service at all - but to experience the sense of unity which the mystic is forever seeking and the sense of responsibility and detached love which accompanies this unity. This will, of course, make no sense to the earthy man, and may offend more pragmatic astrologers; but the fact remains that the twelfth house has not yet been satisfactorily explained any more than has the nature of man. It may be that as scientific

evidence piles up, slowly but surely, in demonstration of the occult teachings of the past, the interrelationships of all living things and their essential underlying oneness will be a fact on the objective plane as well as a subjective experience on the part of the mystic.

Saturn in the watery signs and houses is worthy of first place because it is in this area that he displays his greatest ambiguity and also his greatest emotional suffering. As man is only now beginning to learn how to think objectively as a group, and as the majority of people are still polarised in their feeling natures, Saturn in water is responsible for a great deal of the loneliness and isolation so apparent at the present time. It is of some help for the individual who has Saturn in a watery house or sign to recognise that his potential in terms of inner peace, understanding, and wisdom is as great as his potential for despair if he will only turn inward to the realm of the feelings and of the unconscious.

(Bil Tierney)

It's well established that the Twelfth House is the perfect place to retreat when we want to get away from the bustling, hectic world and find a little tranquillity. Peace and quiet are what much of this house is about, even though paradoxically the Twelfth House also drums up nightmarish images of bedlam where the insane howl and the disoriented abound in a hellish place of jarring noise and chaos - and that's just of our own inner demons! But for Saturn, it's the silent places of the soul that are most sought after. Neptune in the Twelfth House is much like this too, except that Neptune has a special talent for zoning out - meaning it closes its eyes and flies at the speed of mind to other dimensions where time and space pose no barriers, perfectly unaware of its everyday mundane surroundings. Neptune is quite a trance-maker.

Saturn can never get that far away from its ability to be aware of form and limitation. Saturn retreats to the Twelfth House to deeply contemplate why things turn out the way they do. Saturn will dig deeply to understand the purpose behind the endings of situations and relationships, especially when they've ended badly or without sufficient explanations. The Twelfth House is where we hide a lot of our loose ends, but Saturn always finds them and gets very anxious. However, its strong point is organizational power, which is no easy feat in this house of formlessness and anti-matter. What could be suggested is soul structuring, where we learn to build consciousness carefully on our most internal levels. Saturn is learning not to fear the limitless world of the spirit within. By establishing a meditative atmosphere where stillness is emphasized, we can learn to recognize the reality of our spiritual self and feel its constant, protective presence. Saturn always wants a solid connection wherever it's located; and in the Twelfth house, we have an ability to bring more of our Higher Self into earthly manifestation, perhaps through the power of visualization. But first we have to dissolve a lot of barriers that block our path to such self-awareness.

Some of us may have to deal with burdensome situations as part of our karmic plan for growth in this incarnation. We can suffer in solitude - at least, our pain is invisible to

those we deal with in the day-to-day world. We learn to become excellent concealers. But since this is the house of behind-the-scenes activities or hidden circumstances, we are reluctant to come out and expose our more serious problems to others without feeling inexplicably guilty or more embarrassed and humiliated than is reasonable. A few of us opt to lock away and guard our troubling fears (Saturn rules locks and bolts), while moping around like a martyr or victim of fate, figuratively wearing a 'kick me' sign.

Maybe we don't even mope, but instead show a false self-assurance and an assertive drive to accomplish that keeps others from prying into our hidden parts. We overachievers may try to conquer the hypnotic pull of the unconscious by putting all our energies into establishing ultimate values of the earthly kind. Winning the game of material life is then the ideal we put on a pedestal, while our soul needs are little understood or woefully neglected. It's not a common manifestation, but it can occur. Actually, Saturn does call for a sensible embrace of both spirit and matter. Making peace with being in the world while doing what we can to bring peace would be a goal to envision, but Saturn needs to know how far it can realistically fulfill this dream to avoid disenchantment.

Retreating for purely escapist reasons, to avoid people contact rather than to confront the Great Oneness of life, can be the unwise way Saturn deals with anxiety. We can be hyper-vulnerable to our own crippling doubts or plagued with self-pity. We hardly want to realize that we are so fearful, much less have strangers or loved ones know this about us. We will need to do some honest self-confrontation to determine if we are allowing imaginary limitations to hem us in. Are we assuming certain negative Saturnian responses from others ("they loathe me... they really loathe me!") while being too chicken to get the facts straight by being direct and addressing certain issues face to face? If so, we choose to remain blind to the real truth, and thus hurt ourselves. Being in the dark about anything is not what Saturn's all about; but the Twelfth House can symbolize covert enemies, and that includes engaging in hidden self-destructiveness.

Uranus ♅ in ♐ Capricorn 23° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Joan Negus)

Although Uranus in Capricorn may not be as free or flexible as it is in Sagittarius, its

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

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

The idea of authority was also obvious in the American political arena. Theodore Roosevelt, in his first annual message to Congress, announced that in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine, the United States would deal with any problems which foreign countries had with countries in the Western Hemisphere. In his words, 'Chronic wrongdoing... may force the United States... to the exercise of international police power'. In 1905, he was called upon to fulfill his promise when the US government began to supervise the Dominican Republic's payment of national and international debts.

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

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

Applied to the individual, if you have Uranus in Capricorn, you probably live with the

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

Capricorn is the so-called World sign, and it is natural that the genius Uranus therein should produce people that will upset old traditions. With this position, you are likely to feel that you are giving expression to your truest genius in rebellion against things as they are, or as they were, for you will always remember the revolt against conventions that occupy your youth, when to be part of the general iconoclasm is considered personally daring. Mass individualism is the product of Uranus in Capricorn. To progress from the conventional unconventionality to truly finding yourself and your individual expression is quite a task. When you find it, you will discover that your great contribution must be along lines of social progress, probably quite conservative in aim, even if unusual in method. You seek not to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them with all vigor and individualism.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

Uranus ☿ in 3rd House

(Joan Negus)

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

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

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

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

Even though you have your own ideas and do not hesitate to express them, you respect the right of others to their opinions. You may actively debate issues but will not force your views on others. If, however, others try to make you conform to their opinions, you will not only resist, but might even become more outrageous with what you say. This does not necessarily mean that you believe every opinion you voice. Sometimes you simply enjoy playing Devil's Advocate. It is one way to determine what is right. You don't like to be told how or what to say or think. However, if your opponent offers a convincing

argument for a particular point of view, you could change your mind. You may stick to your guns until the end of the conversation, but in the next discussion you have on the same subject with someone else, you may espouse your former opponent's thoughts as though you had originated them. So others may see you as inconsistent, but you know that you are really a free thinker.

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

changeable, always ready to rush onward towards the next 'bright idea' or information that is attracting your attention.

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

The 3rd house involves the application of intelligence in adapting to the environment, a fairly pragmatic approach, yet a necessary life skill. It is a 'learning to do', an ability to function adequately within the structures of that particular society, and implies a certain degree of restrictive specialisation to live in prescribed ways. Uranus will probably subvert this in a twofold way. First, a reorientation is required in the activity of the analytical mind; this is towards a more unifying structure of synthesis, of drawing together a multiplicity of fragments into a cohesive whole, creating a revelatory centre of wholeness which then reflects a totally new perception of life. This is the way of the future; and you can share in the task of making that dream a reality. The second is perhaps a lesser task, but still personally important. The task of improving your own adaptation and functioning in society, and in communication with others. This can require more self-discipline in focusing your mind, and directing that talent for making the best use of ideas. This is an anchoring within matter of ephemeral ideas and thoughts, making them tangible and capable of a practical application. All movement towards these dual aims would greatly help the revolution in this house.

(Jeff Green)

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Restless and adventurous in mind and spirit, and to some extent in body too, people with Uranus in the third tend to leave home early, and usually go away to school, or as far from home as soon as possible in order to broaden their life experience. They are

usually too restless to spend any more time in school than is necessary. They tend to be romantics and idealists and, no matter how hard their experience may be, or how much evidence they find to the contrary, will continue to believe that their ideas can be found and that happiness and justice are possible somewhere, somehow, someday. They always prefer the unknown to the known, the adventurous to the secure, and as a matter of course will take chances that would frighten others - with their bodies, their investments, their careers, and their feelings.

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

Men with this Uranus tend to have strong, muscular physiques, though not overly so. Neither men nor women with this position are inclined to put on weight, due probably to the restless overflow of nervous energy that keeps them on the move and also due to the romantic idealism that reflects in their image of themselves. They tend to stay physically healthy and mentally active into old age, with only the barest tolerance for the natural decline of their powers.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

another which a slower-thinking mind may fail to perceive. Uranus's thinking is often non-linear or 'lateral'.

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

You are even more clever than you think, but you need formal training to direct your mental faculties properly and better utilise your ingenuity. Without such training, your

contemporaries might steal your ideas and capitalise on them. Get advice from sincere and trusted friends, for they are probably more aware of your potential than you are. Though you consider routine painful and unnecessarily time-consuming, your impatience for instant results could be disappointing. If you want enduring benefits, you should prepare an orderly plan for achieving your goals, and adhere to it.

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

It goes without saying that your destiny, as you define it, is far more important than any goals suggested by your parents, which probably served their interests rather than yours. You are so resourceful in finding ways to capitalise on your assets that it should be unnecessary to submit to anyone, except to ask for advice occasionally.

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

Neptune ♆ in ♐ Sagittarius 12° 40'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 2nd House

(Marilyn Waram)

The person with Neptune in the second house tends to be idealistic about the use of money and personal resources. Often she is not terribly attached to her personal assets. She tends to look upon her possessions as wards in her care; and while she may be saddened when the time comes to part with something, she can let it go where others simply cannot. She has, deep down, an intuitive awareness that 'you can't take it with you'.

With Neptune in the second house, there may be an indifferent attitude toward personal finances, earning an income and taking care of possessions. Some of these people are very generous and will give away one of their belongings to someone who admires it. They can believe that possessions do not truly belong to anyone but are there for the good of all, and should be with the person who is happiest with them. Such an outlook greatly satisfies the Neptunian idealism. They may be just as easygoing with their money, and can easily be taken advantage of by acquaintances.

Neptune in the second house can signify a fairy-tale attitude toward money - either that it will always be there when needed, or that it is simply another one of the world's idiotic preoccupations and a delusion.

Sometimes this position simply indicates forgetfulness or impracticality with resources. Bills may be overlooked, costing the individual in interest charges. Checkbook balances may be forever incorrect, resulting in N.S.F. checks. Purchases may always cost more than planned because the person is somewhat naive and doesn't know how to ask about additional charges, or she simply forgets about them. She may not be willing to sit down and figure out which item is the best buy, preferring to simply go on her intuition. Purchasing decisions may be based on the fact that she hasn't eaten yet today rather than what she can afford. She often has no clear idea of what she can afford. She frequently doesn't care much, either. She is not inclined to read the small print in a contract, and may easily lose money through trusting the wrong people, through impractical investments which appeal to her altruistic nature, and through outright con games. She can often be talked into making loans to people who cannot repay, simply because she yearns to help out. She may leave her finances in an incredible muddle year after year rather than impose effort and discipline on the issue.

Sometimes, with Neptune (beliefs and ultimate values) in the house of money and possessions, there is a strong tendency to value and perhaps overvalue material possessions. If there is an emphasis on Earth in the chart, this person may be inclined to take great care of her things and her money, putting a great deal of time and effort into upkeep. She will usually want her possessions to look attractive and to be aesthetically pleasing. If there is enough drive in the chart to do this upkeep on a continuing basis, it may be possible to turn this into a career.

Neptune and the second house share a strong creative tendency. It may be expressed as interest and possible talent in pure art, or in music, or in other artistic / creative pursuits; but it will certainly be inherent. This person will need at least periodic access to music and to lovely surroundings, including pastoral outdoor settings where she can soak up the peace and serenity. If there are any other indications of possible artistic ability in the chart, this individual needs to have some background training and some way to express the creativity. Music and / or other creative pursuits as well as visits to parks will all be ways for this individual to relax and let go of built-up tensions.

Since the second house also relates to sensual pleasures, it is possible that the person expects these to provide a kind of ultimate ecstasy. She may retreat to herself whenever life threatens to get too nasty, looking for reassurance and fulfilment in an area which can only provide temporary pleasure. She may make pursuit of sensual pleasure an ultimate value, something she will cling to in the face of much difficulty.

With Neptune in the second, the person needs to face up to her tendency to create illusions about money, possessions and sensual pleasures, or creative pursuits, to expect more from them than they can provide, or to ignore or deny their importance. With patience and insight, this Neptunian can achieve a truly wholistic perspective on the role of material possessions and sensual pleasures in a balanced life. That is, she can come to understand that possessions and pleasures contribute important experiences, but are not to be clung to as ultimate values for there is nothing truly lasting about either.

(Haydn Paul)

The issues with this Neptune position revolve around the themes of money, resources and possessions, topics that are central to modern Western capitalist and consumer thinking.

Money is often the main symbol for success in the world; and most of man's activities are designed to generate this commodity, both for essential survival needs such as food and homes, and for the satisfaction of additional desires such as luxurious and extravagant living, enhanced security, and the accumulation of possessions which enrich life.

Neptune may stimulate several contradictory attitudes towards money and resources; but one common thread underlying them is the need to develop a new understanding of their relevance in your life, a deeper perception of their significance and meaning. There may in some be a preoccupation with money, resources and possessions, where money is elevated to a position of supreme importance and where all ambition is consumed with the desire for more. Here the tendency is to excessive consumption, extravagance, the need to feel secure by being surrounded by the material forms of purchases, and external displays of having money. There is a continual dissatisfaction which always demands further satiation through buying and acquiring more; more cars, TVs, bigger houses, holiday homes etc.; and there is a resulting lack of appreciation and value. Some may have that 'financial knack' where, like Midas, everything that is touched turns to gold, and money accumulates with little effort or through wise business acumen.

Another tendency can be a lack of financial sense; one wastes money through careless impractical schemes and foolish dreams, or by failing to generate sufficient self-application to ensure that a potentially viable business project eventually succeeds. Speculations can be wrongly made, money lost through depending on others, either fraudulently or through an unreliable trust.

Some may believe that life should fulfil their every need without their having to do anything in return, becoming social parasites and dependent on state generosity without due reason apart from laziness.

Others may imbue the issue of resources with an idealistic vision, whereby excess money and possessions can be shared within a social context, perhaps through donations to favourite causes and charities, or where unwanted possessions are freely given to those in need in the world, thus creating a freer flow of the energy contained in money. This can sometimes emerge as a feeling of 'guilt in the mind of the successful liberal', but is a prompt towards social responsibility.

Neptune asks you to reconsider your attitudes towards money. Does it condition your life so that everything else is secondary? Do you really appreciate and value what you have now? Could some possessions or money be released to help others in greater need than yourself? Are you irresponsible with money, and do you waste it? Do you derive a sense of self-worth, value and identity from your accumulated possessions; and do they act as a status signifier for you? What is really important to you, and is a search for more money merely a substitute for something else that is lacking?

Neptune may strip away all forms of extraneously based security if that is the lesson required. What is necessary is an inner re-evaluation, where value is placed on less material substitutes and possessions, where actual use of personal qualities and those inner resources such as gifts and talents is made, so enriching the life in that creative way. Many personal attitudes and beliefs are reflected by our money attitudes; and in changing either the other can be transformed, such as where inner insecurity relies on external possessions for strength, or where stability in life is looked for in bricks and mortar. Much of the personal identity is tied up in status-ridden employment for many, as is witnessed in the attitudes of personal superiority that many managers possess whereas, in truth, often those lowest in the hierarchy are much finer people and less obsessive and unbalanced!

The power of money is considerable; and its influence on contemporary choices is profound. Social transformation is similarly linked to changes in our personal and collective attitudes towards money and resources; and in this lies one of the fundamental keys to the future well-being of the planet. The visionary dreaming of Neptune can help us choose our attitudes wisely, with balance and discrimination, and with awareness of global repercussions. It is a re-evaluation that all concerned with the New Age ideal need to make.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Neptune gives sensitivity to the environment. These people are included to see the environment as a whole, and how society is moulded by it, and

therefore are deeply interested in social improvement and environmental protection. They have a great love of nature and the outdoors - animals, birds, trees, and particularly lakes, rivers and the seashore. They will often give up the conveniences of urban life in order to live more closely with nature.

Often, these people are attracted to a basic natural lifestyle. They are inclined to take the broad view of life, and may have some difficulty focusing on immediate specifics. They are not inclined to stick to one thing, and generally take things as they come. They also have a tendency to be super-independent, and have a hard time compromising when they believe themselves to be right.

They make good scientists or technicians because they can easily absorb the basic concepts of physics and chemistry. Generally 'handy' around the house, they are able to figure out what to do to fix things. Rewards come on or near water, with perfumes and oil, in the entertainment industry (music, film, theatre), or in non-profit work for a cause.

They are very sensual and are likely to be overwhelmed by attractions to others from time to time. They in turn are usually very attractive to others, but often lack interest in those they attract. They tend to idealise or romanticise sexual relationships, while real intimacy may fail to live up to their expectations.

Sometimes, Neptune here can postpone a sexual relationship, leading to long engagements, or postpone the consummation of a marriage. Sex may seem gross to the delicate Neptunian sensibilities. It is a partial testimony to homosexual relationships; but, if so, most likely it is more of a childish, sentimental desire for the innocent love of a pal and hasn't much real sex in it.

(Howard Sasportas)

Like Uranus in this position, Neptune in the 2nd requires a deeper understanding and feeling for the whole sphere of money, possessions and resources. Neptune has a dissolving effect wherever it is placed in the chart; and in the 2nd, any tangible or outer forms of security may be subject to this influence. Unconsciously, the person may feel guilty about acquiring money or holding onto possessions, believing that what belongs to one should belong to all. Conversely, they may feel that the world owes them a living - what is other people's should rightfully be theirs as well. Whether they like it or not, watery Neptune creates fluidity in the 2nd house sphere.

I have seen a variety of manifestations of this placement. Sometimes, it indicates general confusion and nebulosity in the handling of finance and investment. Unforeseen forces undermine speculation - what seemed safe turns out to be a fraud. In some cases, thieves come in the night and claim what they feel should be theirs. Or they may receive a large cheque in the first post and a bill for the same amount in the second. Or, generous to a fault, they are a soft touch for any hard luck story, continually

reaching into their pockets to give spare change away, or getting out the cheque book to donate to a worthy cause.

Poseidon had great riches under the sea and yet he still longer for the earthly power of Zeus. Those with Neptune in the 2nd may be dissatisfied with what they already have, and always want more - especially if someone else has it. They may worship money and possessions as the key to heaven on earth, or value money because it allows them to live out their fantasiss. Even if they achieve the material status they hope to gain, they may discover that it isn't all that they imagined it would be. Something is still lacking.

Ultimately, rather than seeking security and well-being from outside of themselves, they might need to reconsider their value systems and look inward to what some call the 'higher spiritual plane' for fulfilment. They might even unconsciously provoke this by 'setting up' losing what they have gained or dearly value as if they sense that giving everything away is their path to rebirth and redemption.

I have observed that these people are often unsure of their own inner value and worth. They may not be appreciative enough of their innate gifts, such as their sensitivity and empathy, their artistic and creative imaginations, and the ability they have to heal and soothe others. Money could be earned through a 'Neptunian profession': acting, modelling, painting, poetry, dance, fashion, photography, healing, the selling of alcohol or drugs, etc.. Professions as varied as that of a chemist, clergyman or merchant marine could be connected to a 2nd house Neptune.

Finally, there is a tendency to imbue the matieral world with symbolic and emotional significance. An object or possession may be valued not so much for what it is, but for the feelings it inspires in them. Often, they can perceive the essence underlying the form itself.

Pluto ♇ in ♎ Libra 27° 34'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Pluto in Libra experience the call to participate in world transformation by introducing new forms of co-operation between nations. They are also given the challenge of transforming traditional ideas of partnership relationships on planet Earth.

On a personal level, those born with Pluto in Libra experience their greatest fears in risking disharmony through disclosure of what they feel to be unjust. Their challenge is to be willing to discard personal illusions of balance and objectively express their power in relationships in order that a new and greater harmony can be established.

(Steven Forrest)

Scales: the eternal Libran image. They represent balance and harmony... and the weighing and reconciliation of opposites.

The passion with Pluto-in-Libra lies in the creation of conditions of accord and symmetry. Where? Anywhere. Everywhere. In all ways imaginable. Art is one such territory. So is justice. And peace. And human love in all its forms, from simple friendship on up to community in the largest sense.

Put down a heavy burden. End an argument with an agreeable deal. Come to a conclusion when you're faced with a tough choice. Always we experience the same physiological reaction: we sigh. And a sigh is a release of tension. And that release of tension is the heart's passion of Pluto in Libra.

Shortly after Pluto entered Libra, the peace movement attained critical mass and the war-machine was brought home from Viet Nam. But far more importantly, a generation of potential peacemakers began appearing, cleverly disguised as little babies so Nixon wouldn't know. Ingrained in their consciousnesses, these children carried not just a sense of appreciation for peace, but far more significantly an uncanny set of instincts for the processes we must employ in creating peace: negotiation, listening skills, and empathy with alien perspectivees.

A minority of human beings actually seems to enjoy fighting. For the rest of us, it is an unpleasant process at best. Marital spats, trouble with one's family, a threadbare spot in the relationship with a dear friend - it's all hellishly uncomfortable. So uncomfortable that we often try to avoid the conflict, even when it is a necessary step in clearing the air. And then the trouble just festers.

Pluto, as we have learned, is not inclined to turn away from hard realities. With Pluto in Libra, while the high destiny of the generation lies in peacemaking, these people are by no means cute little angels who are just going to 'make nice'. Why? Simply because it never works for very long. It is not an effective peacemaking method. Real peace can never be attained through denial or through glossing over difficult questions. The Plutonian instinct here is for diving into the muck, facing the heat of anger, resentment, prejudice and bitterness, and then hacking out a deal that succeeds.

The style of Pluto in Libra is thus negotiational, with an instinctive emphasis on recognizing areas of mutual benefit and agreement as the foundations of any lasting peace. Libra argues! But it argues toward an end, not just to vent anger.

Cosmically, this generation is charged with the task of moving us beyond the morass of deadlocked oppositions in which humanity currently finds itself. Liberalism versus

Conservatism. Race against race. Environmentalism versus economic growth. Masculine versus feminine. Socialist caring versus capitalistic individualism and personal responsibility.

We must also emphasize the sheer aesthetic sensitivity of Libra. With Pluto there, we observe a generation that will be passionate about the creation of beauty - but probably only lukewarm in its attitude toward 'mere prettiness'. Pluto likes stronger, more shocking medicine.

There are two fundamental types of questions over which people can disagree: ones that are susceptible to compromise and ones in which there is no middle ground and it must be one way or the other.

Land use provides an easy illustration of the former. On the same piece of ground, all the blonde people want a nature preserve, while all the brown-haired people want an industrial park. When the dust settles, there's a small industrial park on the edge of the vast natural garden. Everybody feels a little peeved and a little ripped-off, but there is no clear winner or loser.

Then there are questions like abortion. As I write, the debate between the 'right-to-life' people and the 'right-to-choose' people is still raging. And one point makes this debate so difficult to resolve: there really is no middle ground. There may be some details over which legislators can quibble, but there is a basic Yes or No here. Abortion will be safe and legal, or it will be illegal. There's no such thing as a semiabortion.

The blind spot of Pluto-in-Libra lies in this second category of question. In their zeal to find middle ground, people born under this configuration may find themselves paralyzed in the face of tough choices in which there will be real losers. The urge to be fair, however laudable in principle, may turn to mere immobility and procrastination. Then the energy runs down darker pipelines: endless debate over trivialities, obsessive concern with details of etiquette (however that may be defined twenty years from now!), and byzantine political maneuvering.

The key Plutonian passion in Libra is for peace: that spirit-easing sign of relief that comes close on the heels of an accord, a lightening of one's burdens, or a solution. And peace is a noble goal. But there are forms of peace that come at too high a price, and together they constitute that grave warning that we call the Pluto-in-Libra Shadow.

Faced with a tough Yes or No question, we already saw a potential Libran blind spot: indecision and procrastination. But what if the pressure to solve the problem mounts? Libra does not appreciate pressure, and may crack under it. Justice may fall prey to the urge for peace - peace restored at any cost. And then we can see terrible, quick, almost unconscious violence stomping out the offending alternative.

I am aware that much of what we may think of as 'common courtesy' is specific to our own culture circa 1950, and quite obviously going the way of the pterodactyl and the Beatle wig. But every society, however rough-and-tumble, has rules of acceptable behavior. When the Pluto-in-Libra people come into their prime, they will be very likely to generate a new set of acceptable behavioral norms reflective of the new realities of society. The True Multicultural Miss Manners may already be on the earth and simply not yet revealed!

Politeness has a Shadow side. Pluto-in-Libra can create stultifying situations in which a chilly formality of courtesy and 'appropriateness' mask an unspoken war of stilettos and poisons. A dear Afro-American friend of mine, for example winces when he speaks of the painful undercurrents he has often experienced in a 'liberal' white environment. Courtesy without love may be overtly peaceful, but it is deadening. Again, we observe the elemental principle: the Libran love of peace may come at an alarming price.

Lastly, modern technology has created a variety of methods by which 'peace' can be induced in the human organism with only the slightest effort. There will be new waves of anti-depressants and anti-anxiety pharmaceuticals, probably developed by young scientists just getting their educations today. And despite the ubiquity of computers, we are still only on the cusp of the cyber-revolution. Virtual reality, brainmachine interfaces, direct electrochemical stimulation of the cerebral cortex - all these avenues, while probably positive and exciting in many ways, will also provide ample temptation for the 'peace-loving' Shadow-side of Pluto in Libra.

Shadow energy is a warped reflection of the useful side of any astrological configuration. The miserable possibilities inherent in Pluto's interaction with Libra are real enough, but we must always emphasize the real purpose of the combination: the restoration to humanity of equitable peace, balanced justice, and the estimable comforts of a society reflecting widely accepted standards of civility, courtesy, and elegance.

(Skye Alexander)

Last century, Pluto was in Libra from October 1971 to April 1972, between August 1972 and October 1983, and from May until August 1984. Libra is associated with relationships, women, art, balance and the law; therefore, these areas are forced into public awareness and transformed when Pluto passes through this sign.

Perhaps most significant of the changes which occurred during this time was the Women's Movement. Pluto in Libra brought to light the inequities between men and women in American society, and tore down the old, restrictive, outworn attitudes about 'a woman's place'. In true Plutonic style, issues of power and control were important, and the movement was plagued by extremism, fear, resistance and turmoil. Pluto's entry into Libra saw the legalization of abortion in the U.S. (January 1973), the publication of Ms. magazine (January 1972) and the expansion of the National Organization of Women

(NOW) into a formidable political force. By the time Pluto left this sign, a woman had run for vice president on the Democratic ticket and women's economic, professional, political and educational opportunities had increased dramatically. Most importantly, women's self-confidence, and their vision of themselves and their role in society, had been transformed by this Pluto transit.

Laws concerning things that affected women's personal and professional lives, such as credit, ownership of property, equal job opportunities and pay, sexual harassment, divorce and medical care, were brought into the light and changed.

Those of you born during this time have a deep, abiding belief in the power of women, and are obsessed with the issue of equality between the sexes. Women with this planetary placement in their birth charts may be strong, dominant, shrewd, even ruthless and manipulative; men with this placement may see women as being more powerful than they are and fear both women and the female (or yin) side of themselves. However, both men and women in the Pluto-in-Libra generation have the opportunity to eliminate sexual inequity once and for all and establish balance in society and interpersonal relationships.

Along with the changes in women's status came fundamental and unavoidable changes in personal relationships. As women achieved greater professional and economic power, they demanded more power in their relationships as well. The pattern that had been established by earlier generations of the man as unquestioned authority and provider, woman as nurturer and passive dependent, was revised. Improved birth control and the legalization of abortion allowed women to control reproduction, and thus exercise more control over the rest of their lives. This also enabled woman to express their sexuality more freely. Predictably, Pluto's transit through Libra brought an end to many individual relationships as it destroyed the old concept of relationships. The divorce rate skyrocketed, 'living together' without marriage became popular, and many people grew jaded about the institution of marriage.

Many of you who were born while Pluto was in Libra have seen your parents divorce. Even if your parents stayed together, you still have experienced the turmoil and instability inherent in this transformative period of redefining roles, rights and responsibilities. As a result, you are obsessed with maintaining strong, lasting relationships yourselves. You have a deep need for love and partnerships, are possessive of your partners, and may be unhappy when you are not involved in a relationship. There is no such thing as a casual love affair for you. Your generation feels compelled to form committed relationships quickly and early, and to stay in those relationships despite problems that would have caused members of earlier generations to bail out. Relationships provide a sense of deep, emotional security for you, and one of your greatest fears is being alone. However, this planetary placement suggests that, of necessity, you probably will go through many transformative, traumatic relationship experiences and perhaps losses that will force you to relinquish your attachment to

partners and partnerships. Some of you may become involved in destructive relationships where domination, manipulation, sexual control and power plays are common. Others might submerge individuality in the relationship. Your generation needs to learn to find the balance between self and others.

Pluto ♅ in 12th House

(Ginger Chalford)

Here we find the infant truly in touch with his or her magical powers. The intensity of experience is a delight and a passion. As the child grows, crawls, and then begins to walk and explore the environment, she / he has already discovered the ability to control things with thought or desire. Children with this Pluto placement can fantasise something and have it happen, without putting any physical effort into it. Pretty soon, however, the demands of socialisation are made on these young mystics. They are encouraged to embrace the world view of their parents, an image in which they as children are helpless, powerless to do anything about their situation.

The intensity of these children's life experience is internal, and not seen by the parents for what it is, although they will undoubtedly feel it. This intensity makes the parents realise that controlling their children could very well be a difficult job. For this reason, they will often confront the power of the child with power of their own, on a psychic level. The child knows that she / he has a strong will, but must begin to accept the parental world view. Survival comes first, delaying the use of real power until later.

Unfortunately, later is when the power is needed again; but by then it's forgotten. These Plutonian children have sacrificed their power to the world view or attitudes and beliefs of the parents out of love for them, and for the sake of physical survival (such as food, warmth, etc.). The parents do not intend to sacrifice their child. They often have no idea what they are doing, except that they feel a need to train the child so that it can function well and coherently in society. The parents mean well, and assume their responsibilities with a sense of duty. As is often the case with Pluto twelfth house children's parents, they do the best they feel they can, despite their lack of inner vision. The children in turn realise their parents are only trying to help them learn practical things, and the child is willing to trust the parents' intention. When an individual is in touch with his or her magicality, it is obvious that the universe is made out of love and thoughts of love or desire. For the child to sacrifice its inner psyche will seem a fair exchange for the love and companionship of these two large and supportive people, the parents. The Pluto twelfth house child has traded his or her inner will and experience for the security of parental support, and has thus become dependent.

As these children grow up, they discover that other children have already given away

their magicality too. They soon learn not to mention their astral flights or previous lifetimes to their fellow students or their parents. They become afraid that they will betray themselves by their actions, so they begin to repress this power of magical action. They will retreat from view as they attempt to push that inner intensity of life further and further from their conscious mind. They begin to repress any idea or feeling that is not compatible with prevailing views - which they have adopted by now. They look upon their own psyche as a dangerous beast that could get out of control, overwhelming them in that intensity of life and feeling they revelled in only a few years earlier.

This attempt to submerge the true nature of the self can continue into adulthood. With this comes a feeling that their inner selves are imprisoned, but they are afraid that if they were to release this self, they would not be able to function... that they would be physically weak and incapable of normal action. This can lead in some cases to an almost morbid preoccupation with their own inner problems, which often include poor health. The body is the victim in the conflict between the spiritual and the psychic, between the material and the spiritual. It is very difficult initially to see how the two can fit together. Yet, these individuals will often try to establish some connection for the sake of personal balance, between the left and right brain, between the logical / physical / linear and the irrational / magical / organic. This could involve the Pluto individuals in cults or other groups of people with strange, counter-culture attitudes. They could move between the extremes of drug-taking madmen and totally obsessed churchgoers.

What they are looking for, and are frequently unable to find, is a format or structure that can allow them to safely re-examine their inner selves. Unfortunately, society in general has no place for this connection between inner and outer, and dooms those who search for it to the 'fringe' of our culture. These people may then become psychics, astrologers, Tarot readers, I Ching readers, or simply bums and winos, often as a way of rebelling against the world view which they forgot they had adopted so many years ago. Others may maintain the world view at any price; and for them the price can be very heavy indeed. Mental and emotional disturbance may not be obvious in someone who does his or her social duty every day - work, sleep, eat, etc. - but this normal exterior may hide a fanatic. This type of fanatic can be religious or political, or anything else with a particular view that classifies him or her as right and everyone else as wrong.

The people who have this particular disposition are seldom the leaders of the conflicts that occur over these major differences of opinion. They are followers, hoping that by being one of a large group, their world view is safe. They find security in belonging to a category with many people in it, even if they don't actively participate in a specific or named group. They tend to have unexplained health problems having no obvious connection to the mental warps which their inner conflicts have given them. They make extreme attempts to avoid fear, by whatever escape routes they can find. Even though being ill is a sad situation, there may be a feeling of security or safety in being ill and having someone else to take care of them. Or they may try to escape through drugs, and become paranoid in the process, for their fear pursues them wherever they go to escape

it.

Anxieties may be relegated to a worldwide scale, where they can see conspiracies behind all problems and imminent world disasters. They can often feel that they are the ultimate victims of society, that it does not want to hear about their revelations and is in fact trying to repress and subvert whatever they attempt to do or think. They imagine they have enemies everywhere, although they don't really know who they are. The antagonistic forces are simply referred to as 'they' or 'insiders' or 'secret intelligence', or whatever suits the mind's creative fantasy. They may try to postpone the confrontation they feel is coming in the world, but which is actually within their own consciousness. They may spend days on end reading escapist fiction, delaying the crisis of that awareness. When they superimpose their own reality on the world, they have lost their world view or their belief structures; and this compromise between the inner self's powers and the pragmatic nature of the world is destructive - so destructive that it can lead to the extreme and final option, suicide.

Obvious problems related to Pluto's presence in the twelfth house are, as already mentioned, chronic and unexplained health problems, drug or alcohol addiction, excessive escapism, unrealistic fantasies, self-destructive emotional attitudes such as paranoia that alienate the person, and an unwillingness to see any weaknesses or wrongs in themselves. They are often victims of society's rules, spending time in prison or being personally affected by social upheavals. With this placement, these individuals may organise small groups to protest threats to human rights, expressing individual and mass frustration in the process.

When the Pluto individuals realise that this inner versus outer conflict is getting them nowhere, they will begin to search for themselves with diligence. As they tune in more and more within themselves, they begin to find that the early repressions of inner feelings are no longer necessary, and they turn their attention towards the spiritual realm. As they begin to realise that they have created essentially their own reality, and start taking responsibility for it, their health and other problems begin to clear, and their anxieties about survival begin to wane.

Initially, they tend to hold onto or remember early childhood experiences as a key to finding their inner soul power. But as they search more deeply, they find that they can once again get in touch with that magic through living in society as an adult. They then see the uselessness of destructive or paranoid attitudes, as well as the inebriating effect of them. At this time, the individual begins to balance and work toward eliminating the use of drugs or other mental / emotional escapes. There is simply no need to escape any longer, since there is only the present, the here and now.

Information about the inner self takes on more importance at this time; and these Pluto people will search through such mystic systems as astrology for answers, rather than out of rebelliousness or as a way to express inner conflict. Although the inner arts do not

have the true, ultimate answers, they are at least guides to the expansion of the self, which is the highest potential of this Pluto placement. Finally, the desire and passion for discovering the true inner self has been manifested! With a little patience, these people are able to tune into their own subconscious; and the inner psyche then begins to emerge into the light of day as it reaches the realm of the conscious mind. The self is rebuilt with self-love and a desire to find the true inner destiny. No longer will these individuals search beyond themselves for a look at the universe, for now they know that it is all within them! This concept is perhaps the greatest discovery possible with this placement. With it comes the power to vanquish the enemies within - fear, anger, self-destruction, guilt and inner conflict. The pathway becomes clear; and in order to make a decision, these people tap into the true inner self and therefore find the highest and best answers. (In fact, when an answer is needed, it will often appear as an inspirational flash.) At this point, these people are no longer afraid of losing control within themselves. Patiently they open up door after inner door, releasing their pent-up power a little at a time. They develop a timeless understanding of the higher nature of things, and operate from that perspective in their daily lives. They understand the struggles of the less fortunate, and are often willing to reach out and help them in some way. They are not afraid to see the ugly, mean and bitter side to themselves; and this enables them to forgive and release these negative qualities. Their discovery of themselves leads them back into the universal love principle that truly motivates them, helping them reach extraordinary levels of personal success.

When Pluto transits through the twelfth house, the people affected will have to examine their world view, as it is likely to come crashing down upon them if it doesn't supply the necessary inner connections, motivations and purpose. Old emotional garbage, old attitudes from childhood, are likely to re-emerge at this time and require work. The psyche will need restructuring, at the very least. Whatever is useless or interferes with one's capacity for strength and power must be ditched, must be abandoned.

Any karmic 'interest' will have to be paid at this time. That is, situations which required power and action, but which were postponed or ignored, will build up an emotional charge over time. The longer one ignores these feelings, the more the suppressed emotions grow in power, until finally they explode on the scene as a crisis. And that is just what happens, for the emotional backlog has been compounding itself daily. This is the interest accrued, and it must be dealt with at this time. For some people, this may manifest as an intense and sudden preoccupation with personal difficulties, and a feeling of loss of control. For others, it is a culmination of personal study and growth; and the searching becomes fruitful, as the subconscious begins to express itself directly through the controlling consciousness.

It is possible at this time for the motivations of the self to move from the inner to the outer plane, resulting in some kind of success for the person. More than that, personal understanding can lead to enlightenment. It's not a comfortable experience however, as the old blockages standing in the way of self-fulfilment rise up from the inner depths to

emerge into consciousness. Yet, with every release, these individuals can feel lighter, freer to be themselves and find their true home within their true self. This is a very high psychic placement, with a magnificent underlying motivation to acquire knowledge. (Besides the eighth house, Pluto feels most at home in the twelfth.) Turning negatives into positives is a joyful, deliberate choice and process. If it seems to be a drag, then you really haven't touched your magical inner self yet. With Pluto in the twelfth house natively or by transit, you must avoid the trap of spiritual egotism, of believing that you have a special mission to the world. No, you don't! What you do have is a very profound mission to yourself. The world won't be interested in what you have to say until you have completed this search and discovery mission into your own inner self.

Since the process of inner learning can and usually does take at least a whole lifetime, realise right here and now that your ability to serve the world at large depends on how you serve your inner self, and most probably will not take on the grand scale you might imagine or hope for. Leave society out of your work, until you are solidly comfortable within yourself. Then you will begin to reach out a loving hand; and anyone who is magnetically attracted to the inner self that shines through you will come to bask in your presence. Do not, at any time, sacrifice yourself on the altar of universal service, until you actually have some enlightenment you can afford to give without depleting yourself. You are a channel, and any technique can work for you, once you have the right attitude. Before telling others to meditate, you have to gain mastery yourself - or else you're a fake! Once you understand this, you can develop greater and greater aspects of yourself, and thus get in touch with your inner realities. Read the negatives-to-positives listed at the end of each Pluto house description. Choose the ones that appeal to you and work with them, but touch upon them all. For your calling is to become complete, integrating all twelve aspects of the self within a whole that is larger than the sum of its parts. Only then will you have accomplished your personal and spiritual synergy.

(Haydn Paul)

The position of Pluto in the 12th house can be a difficult one to handle correctly; this is because areas of the personality are hidden in the unconscious mind, and yet have a potent influence creating motivations and desires which condition your life and choices. Obviously, this applies to all Pluto placements to some extent, where the underlying impulses leading towards compulsive and repetitive action can be located in the sphere of the unconscious; but this 12th house position emphasises such influences to the point where they can almost swamp the conscious personality. The possibility of this has to be guarded against by attempts to regenerate these impulses in the unconscious, by bringing them to the surface and integrating them into the conscious mind and personality. You will be internally preoccupied with your own mind and emotions, as though you are fascinated by the inner processes continually in motion; you can become morbidly obsessed with your own problems, and repeatedly circle above them, yet rarely facing them in an attempt to resolve and release such repetitive blockages.

Traditionally, the 12th house is associated with endings and the concept of karma (the law of cause and effect, action and reaction); and you are likely to suffer from feelings of guilt and patterns of self-persecution. In some ways, you will prefer to suffer as a form of expiation for unknown sins that you feel you have committed.

Certainly, you will find it difficult to come to terms fully with yourself, and to feel an inner harmony. This is made harder by the fact that you possess a psychic sensitivity to the hidden lives of others, registering their thoughts and feelings through your links with the unconscious mind. This may manifest as confusing and conflicting thoughts, feelings and impulses arising in yourself, which may well not be yours to begin with, but someone else's being received through your sensitivity. Responding to the inner suffering of others, together with a personal sense of insecurity, can lead you to prefer more privacy and seclusion, to be free of the imposition of the social psychic atmosphere. If this process becomes understood, then a form of psychic protection could be used to minimise such intrusions; and you may find that a form of inner intuitive guidance could begin to guide your life and actions.

You may need to follow some form of path or spiritual belief which can bring some clarity into your conflicting emotional patterns; a transformation on that emotional level is essential for you, to become free of those neurotic and negative emotional guilt feelings. If that could be achieved, then your inner balance would correspondingly improve. Until such time, you will maintain a distance between yourself and others, and you may find difficulty in being able to co-operate with such a variety of personalities as you can find in the workplace. Within any intimate personal relationship, try to be as honest as possible, because in such a potentially supportive atmosphere, you may have the opportunity to allow aspects of yourself to arise from the unconscious and to deal with them through the transformatory filter of the relationship.

(Donna Cunningham)

Repression of emotions can cause either self-destructive behaviour or physical illness, since this is one of the health houses. Here illness can serve the purpose of allowing these people to stay secluded from a world that seems too powerful, too dangerous and untrustworthy. Illness can be a way to control others; and thus is also true of the emotional illnesses of the twelfth house. Have you ever had to tiptoe around someone who was severely depressed all the time, and felt controlled by his or her seeming fragility? Addiction, a twelfth-house ploy, can also be used to control emotions and keep others safely at bay.

These people may repress an urge-to-power and yet control in round-about ways they little understand. For instance, being the seemingly helpless victim also serves to conceal the power urge - have you ever 'rescued' some poor helpless soul who later took over your total life and all your energy? No doubt you learned that victimhood is powerful! (Please understand that there are legitimate victims, but here we are talking

about the illegitimate ones, the ones who are forever drawn to these situations thinking that their suffering is some sort of moral victory.) Unconscious fascination with power can also lead to contacts with underground characters, negative psychism, and various unsavoury scenes where power is used in a murky way. Healing submerged resentment can go a long way toward lifting this position out of its negative manifestations into the constructive. In the house of secrets, the deep, dark secret is ever the possibility; and revealing it in the right therapeutic places can release you from its power.

The constructive use of this placement is in its capacity to delve into the unconscious and heal deep-seated emotional problems. Thus, it is a frequent placement for those working in the field of mental health. Likewise, people who have suffered from an addiction and been able to stop have the most power to help other addicts. This is also a mediumistic or psychic position, and one where the study of dreams can be very useful. Spiritual healing is another strong possibility.

(Ulla Palomaki)

In the twelfth house, Piscean values are brought to light; that is to say, values of fusion, of the wave coming back to the ocean. The values of belonging to the whole are essential to this house. It is also a transcendental house.

The twelfth house demands a lot of understanding of the forces inherent in life, the invisible forces that are related to the wholeness of life. Extreme egoism and self-centeredness are especially harmful for the individual, even though we can say that they are harmful to anyone. The nature of the twelfth house is somewhat secretive; and the individual may thrive for spirituality and silent secrets of life, perhaps revealed in a monastery. This thriving may be unconscious, with the individual fusing himself with the larger whole by using alcohol or drugs as a means to reach this state. People who have problems with alcohol often have a strong twelfth house or strong Neptunian influence.

The wrong attitude with the twelfth house leads the individual to run away from the world and its conscious manifestations, and from worldly responsibilities. At times he may feel lonely and isolated; and partly this is very useful for him because in that way he may find a connection with the larger whole, with God. He digs up new things in solitude. This may be exaggerated. According to Jeff Green, these people exhaust themselves by isolating themselves and by escaping so that they feel themselves extremely weary. The feelings of meaninglessness are not uncommon. One of the best means of realisation of the possibilities of this house is to have spiritual practices. The search for meaning in spirituality, in meditation and merging with the whole, gives important purpose for the individual. Meaningful service is equally important. Pluto's position in the twelfth house may bring connections between the unconscious and obsession. In general, this position increases the power of the unconscious.

(Howard Sasportas)

With Pluto in the 12th, there is a pressing need to bring what's weak, hidden or undeveloped in the psyche into clearer focus. As with Pluto in the 8th, some people might be so frightened of being overwhelmed by the nature or intensity of their deeper drives and complexes that they exercise a tight control over these. However, very often it is not only 'neurotic' urges which are suppressed, but healthy, positive drives as well. The psychologist Andrew Maslow pointed out that many people not only evade what they deem is negative in themselves, but also block what is 'god-like' and laudable. He called this 'the Jonah Complex', the fear of our own greatness. From my experience, certain individuals with Pluto in the 12th defend themselves not just against the so-called 'lower' or carnal drives, but also against such positive impulses as the desire to develop their 'higher' possibilities more fully, or to realise more of their innate potentials. To paraphrase Maslow, they are afraid to become that which they glimpse in their most perfect moments. Why? The answer, in a nutshell, is death-anxiety. All change makes them highly anxious because it means the dissolution of what they already know themselves to be. Growth inevitably requires the breaking down of existing patterns or the letting go of what is familiar; and on some deep level they equate these kinds of changes with death itself. Part of them desperately yearns for growth and development, and yet another part mounts every campaign possible to ward off what they unconsciously feel is trying to kill them. Until they locate and make peace with their deep existential dread of non-being, they will keep displacing their fear onto whatever comes along which threatens to change them. Until they know they are afraid to die, they cannot fully live.

A basic tenet of Psychosynthesis reflects the meaning of a 12th house Pluto: that all the elements of the psyche - both dark and light - can be consciously recognised, experienced, accepted and integrated into awareness. Through dream analysis, introspection, therapy and various exercises and techniques, those with Pluto in the 12th can release the energy trapped in unconscious complexes and redirect it towards strengthening and building the whole of the personality, including their 'higher' intuitive and emotional faculties. Provided they can track down and deal with their death-anxiety, people with Pluto in the 12th are well equipped to search out what is weak, blocked, hidden or missing in the psyche. Indeed, what more appropriate place for them to exercise the innate investigative nature of Pluto than in the house of 'secret enemies' and 'behind-the-scenes activity'? And rather than waiting for angry and neglected parts of their own psyches to chase after them, they are well advised to go hunting for these first. In the 12th, the destructive energy associated with Pluto can be used to remove that which is obsolete and detrimental to new growth. Or destructive energy can be improperly displaced and unleashed outwardly in a treacherous way or dangerously turned against the self. The difficulty for those with Pluto in the 12th, however, is that they are not simply dealing with the personal unconscious, but dealing with the collective unconscious as well.

A contemporary medical model theorises that noxious bacteria and viruses are always

present in the physical system, but the healthy or strong person is able to defend himself or herself from these taking over. Similarly, stress is everywhere in society; but some people have a better ability than others to prevent it from getting into their systems. Those with Pluto in the 12th are more sensitive to what is dark, destructive or overwhelming in the atmosphere than someone with, let's say, a well-aspected Venus in the 12th. While Venus there may feel that 'love is in the air', what might Pluto sniff? Some of them may unconsciously be 'taken over' by what other people have repressed - sexual drives, anger, hostility, etc.. It is not unlikely for a child with this placement, for instance, to take on the role of family scapegoat or 'identified patient'. When tensions run too high at home, he is the one who gets sick or burns down the school. Starting a conflagration serves two purposes: it gives a concrete expression to the emotions he feels around him, and it serves to divert the parental unit from its own interpersonal problems. Those with Pluto in the 12th can make better sense of their actions and behaviour if they view what they do and feel in relation to a larger scheme of things.

The 12th house represents the greater whole out of which we come and into which we are born. Pluto there has to contend with the less pleasant aspects of this inheritance - the collective shadow, that which society as a whole finds ugly or unacceptable. These people may be required to acknowledge, integrate, and, if possible, transmute the anger, hate, destructiveness and rage accumulated over centuries. In this sense, they are in charge of society's waste disposal unit. They either act out the collective's shadow and thereby release this pent-up energy, or gather it inside themselves and find some way to creatively transform and redirect it. Some people with Pluto in the 12th may work to transform outmoded institutions or campaign to change laws which are no longer functioning as they should. Often, and sometimes in mysterious and obscure ways, they facilitate changes on the level of the collective. Periodic withdrawals from life may be necessary in order to grapple with emotional complexes which have been awakened through social interactions. These people might be significantly affected through brushes with institutions, such as confinements in hospitals or prisons.

Pluto here gives the capacity to transform a crisis into something productive and useful, or make the most of even limited or restricted circumstances. Even if those with Pluto in the 12th cannot change an unfortunate situation, they can still choose what attitude they are going to hold towards it. They have the ability to learn from failure and defeat and to understand the necessity of one cycle or phase of existence ending in order that another can begin. In this respect, a 12th house Pluto recalls one of Nietzsche's sayings: 'That which does not kill me makes me stronger'. Even suffering and pain can have meaning if they make a person more whole.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a good place for Pluto, out of the way where it won't attract trouble, and above the horizon so it won't build up too much internal pressure. It brings the same single-minded devotion to the inner voice as it brings in the first house, but not the obstructions

or the difficulties with making contact with the outer world. There is the same inability to follow the herd; but they are usually able to find an opening so that they can continue to pursue their own path, even from the beginning, frequently due to the assistance of a sympathetic parent or family. This position gives the ability to maintain a strict regimen of daily work or training without assistance, if necessary, though usually an appropriate coach, teacher, or mentor is found who can give instructions, guidance, or even just occasional advice. These people generally don't enjoy taking instruction, preferring to figure things out for themselves, though they are capable of taking orders if convinced that it's necessary. There is a soldier-like ability to maintain a rigorous or even painful schedule for long periods of time in order to accomplish some goal. Sometimes a means of livelihood will be chosen partly because it demands an ascetic lifestyle.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

These reactive compulsions are not only desperate, but doomed to failure. They may work for a time, but in the end will dissolve into meaninglessness. Wandering in confusion, many of these individuals will magically experience a metamorphosis in which a new thought, realisation, dimension of themselves, or a new way of relating to themselves and life emerges from the Soul. This process seems to occur of itself, and is not a product of the individual's egocentric mental process.

These new patterns and thoughts that emerge out of the Soul are actually 'inspired' by divine sources, although many of these people would not consciously acknowledge or identify it as such. The new situation is simply born of itself. Now clarity exists where there was confusion, integration where there was disintegration, belief where there was disbelief, relatedness where there was alienation. This process occurs to teach these individuals not only belief, but also the awareness that they are connected to a much larger living whole; the universal. They have been learning how to experience themselves as an individualised wave upon the sea. This process is, and has been, teaching them about the areas or dimensions within that are preventing and limiting their personal identification with the cosmic whole; to shift their centre of consciousness from the wave to the sea. This process is teaching these individuals, willingly or unwillingly, to plunge into the abyss of infinity, rather than remaining paralysed upon the precipice, or turning backward to the light of the past.

In plunging into the abyss of infinity, Twelfth House Pluto individuals are learning the lesson of faith; that the fear of individual dissolution, or surrender to a higher power than themselves, is only a delusion of separating desires reflected through the ego. They have been learning faith by willingly or unwillingly plunging into the abyss of the cosmic sea and experiencing, on a cyclic basis, disintegration of whatever personal limitation needed to be dissolved because it was promoting a non-growth situation. Coming out of this plunge into the abyss, a metamorphosis will have occurred. This metamorphosis will produce a new realisation, the discovery of a latent dynamic within the individual, or a parting of the mists of confusion that reveal the answers and new directions that he or

she was seeking. The cycles of dissolving that lead to cycles of clarity symbolised by the plunges into and out of the abyss occur of themselves. The individual cannot control them with respect to his or her ego. These cycles occur through the direction of the person's Soul with respect to the intrinsic intent of the Twelfth House Pluto 'life lessons'. In this way, these individuals are learning faith. Faith is linked to the experiential awareness that somehow, or in some way, 'something' has made, and will make, the past and current difficulties all right. By experiencing revelations and realisations that seem to arrive spontaneously in their consciousness, these individuals will be experiencing, in their own ways, 'divine communion' or guidance.

Many individuals with Twelfth House Plutos have succeeded in repelling or denying the evolutionary impulse to merge or identify with the Source. Through denial, these individuals will create one fantasy or illusion after another in order to find the meaning that they are seeking. It is as if the dream or fantasy symbolises the Ultimate Meaning. The denial force reflects the desire to separate from the Source. The actual nature of the dreams or fantasies is conditioned by the specific kinds of separating desires that these individuals have. Because all Twelfth House Pluto individuals are seeking a sense of ultimate meaning in their lives, these dreams and fantasies are given tremendous power. They are glamorised and distorted out of proportion. They become very real to these individuals, and are focused upon in a singular kind of way. They become potential experiences through which the individual will seek to discover him- or herself. These fantasies and dreams can become potential experiences for two reasons:

1. The desires inherent in Pluto translate into a personal will to actualise those desires. In the context of the Twelfth House, this process teaches the individual that he or she is a co-creator of reality in relationship to the Ultimate Source. The power to actualise these dreams and fantasies is thus linked to visualisation and belief. If the individual believes in the dream or fantasy enough, the power of visualisation and affirmation intrinsic to Pluto in the Twelfth House, it will come true.

2. The fantasies can teach the individual about the nature of his or her dream illusions and delusions. An important point to remember is that these dreams and fantasies can seem very real to these individuals either as they are creating them in their consciousness, or as they are actually being lived out. Even to an outside observer, the actualisation of these separating-type dreams and fantasies that the Twelfth House Pluto individual creates will seem very real. An observer would be hard-pressed to see or understand that these 'realities' are actually based on illusions and dreams because the individual has succeeded in actualising them: he or she is living them out. As such, they constitute the basis of the person's actual or concrete reality. They seem so real.

Most Twelfth House Pluto individuals have a difficult time recognising the actual basis of their 'dream realities' because they are living them. They are hard to recognise because the motives and fears that create these desires and realities are quite unconscious. Yet, because these desires are separating by nature, and are not the result of a conscious

direction that is based on an inner relationship with the Source, the realities that are created are destined to fail in some way. The dream balloon will pop, and reality will strike. These individuals then confront the fact that this 'reality' was only a dream, the fantasy only a fantasy, and that, in the end, they are left standing on the precipice alone, without meaning, contentment or inner peace.

The need in all Twelfth House Pluto individuals is to align their personal wills and desires with the will and desires of the Source. When this does not occur, then that which is created through separating and egocentric desires will collapse at some point. This emotional shock intends for the individual to realise the nature and basis of his or her dreams, illusions and fantasies.

The compulsive chasing of the dream can last many lifetimes, because the dreams and fantasies are limited only by the power of the individual's own imagination. At some point in the evolutionary process, however, these people will exhaust their separating and avoidance-oriented desires, and an ultimate weariness will descend upon them. Disillusioned, they will finally turn to the Source to face the abyss of infinity and seek a relationship to the Cosmic Whole. In this exhaustion of separating fantasies and desires that issue from a deluded imagination, all Twelfth House Pluto individuals will one day realise the old spiritual axiom that 'life is but a dream'. As the wave upon the sea must return to its source, the ocean, so too must all of us return to our Source. Once these individuals come to this realisation, they will become divinely inspired as to the nature of their real identity, and can also become divinely inspired to fulfil some type of 'mission' on behalf of us all. This realisation will occur as soon as the individual develops a conscious relationship with the Source so that his or her actions and desires are in direct conformity with how the Source wants to express itself through them.

Resistance and denial to merging with the Source can be manifested as other 'symptoms' including denial that anything is wrong with themselves, and their lives. Compulsively they pretend that everything is OK. Even though their 'reality' may not be what it seems, with the blind strength of their Twelfth House Plutonian wills they try and make it OK whether it is or not. At some evolutionary and karmic point, the proverbial rose-coloured glasses will break. Cracks in the tint now allow the glaring white light of truth to illuminate their actual reality and their life-situation. The cracks are induced through unconscious self-undermining activity, or through environmental confrontations in which the self-created reality undermines what they believed in. The shock of experiencing reality creates the necessary disbelief, disassociation, confusion, and alienation that enforces the awareness as to how the person was 'hung up'; of that which was actually unreal. These kinds of shocks enforce the awareness of why the individual was blocking, denying, being excessively naive, seeing what he or she wanted to see, or refusing to acknowledge that anything was amiss. This awareness usually occurs after a necessary amount of time is spent in not knowing why. One day, of itself, the necessary knowledge illuminates the individual's consciousness. When the magic of this clarity and understanding occurs, the individual is forced to consider that some other Power is

operating in his or her life.

All Twelfth House Pluto people will come into this life with an ultimate, timeless sense of right and wrong. This ultimate sense of right and wrong is reflected in a standard of idealised conduct. This standard of idealised conduct manifests itself in varying states of conscious development within these individuals, depending on their evolutionary state. In most, it is sensed as a deep inner feeling of how things should or could be. This inner sense has developed because of the prior evolutionary intent to seek identification with a transcendental truth or reality. As a result of this prior evolutionary intent, all these individuals judge themselves, others, and life in general in reference to this idealised standard of conduct. When their own actions or the actions of others, or humanity's actions, do not reflect this standard, they will commonly judge themselves, others, or humanity in a negative way as measured against the ideal. Because of the dual desires in the Soul, the desire to return to the Source competes with all the separating desires that are manifested as dreams and fantasies of an escape or avoidance nature with respect to merging with the Source. Thus these individuals will, on a cyclic basis, judge themselves in relation to what they should have done, or should be doing. As a result, many exhibit an intense selfinduced persecution because of their perceived inability to do the 'right' thing; to conform to the idealised standard of conduct whose ultimate root is based in the evolutionary need to merge with the Source.

Consequently, many will also persecute or judge others relative to their own weaknesses or shortcomings. Many have drawn lifetimes of persecution upon themselves in order to atone for their guilt for not doing the right thing. This condition serves as the basis of projection wherein they can judge and persecute others for not doing the right thing according to the Twelfth House Pluto individual's standard of idealised conduct. Some who have drawn lifetimes of persecution upon themselves will come into this life with an ultimate sense of victimisation or martyrdom. They will feel that life is beyond control, or that they are at the mercy of forces beyond their control. Some of these 'victims' will compulsively avoid or escape reality through drugs, alcohol, or any avoidance-oriented activity. This prior life karmic condition usually reflects the fact that these individuals have desired to undermine and erode the illusion of power from an egocentric point of view. Many will have abused power from an egocentric point of view before - the 'god complex'. Thus the necessity for a few lifetimes of persecution and containment wherein their lives were at the mercy of forces apparently beyond their control. Those who have failed to realise the intent for these conditions, to align one's will with a Higher Will, have compulsively blamed or will compulsively blame everything and everyone to justify their negative and avoidance-oriented behaviour. Some will remain locked in their own self-imposed prisons, quietly wasting away. Still others will be compulsive 'Florence Nightingales' who attempt to help everyone, whether they want this help or not. These types will shower indiscriminate mercy upon all, judging nothing, as if judging itself were to be avoided: to be treated as a 'wrong'. In reality, Pluto Twelfth House individuals have needed to learn what judgement really means, what it is, what it is not, and how to exercise proper judgement upon any aspect of life.

The lesson here has been and is to learn that 'ultimate' judgement is based upon intentions. Intentions reflect desires. Thus these individuals must learn to focus upon their desires in order to understand the connection to their intentions. If the desires for right behaviour as related to their idealised standard of conduct are consistent and strong enough, the intention to act in that way will follow.

Similarly, Twelfth House Pluto individuals must learn to judge others according to their intentions. The inner judgement, which is based in their own actions, and how this judgement is projected on others in relation to their actions, is the important issue here. As Jesus said when the prostitute stood before the avenging crowd, 'Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone'. Of course, nobody could throw the stone. The crowd based their anger on an idealised standard of conduct. Yet, as Jesus pointed out, even though all of them had the desire conform to these standards themselves, none of them had perfectly done so. However, it was appropriate to inwardly judge the error in the prostitute's ways, as it was appropriate to judge the errors in their own ways against the standard of right conduct. It was not appropriate to hurl stones at the prostitute because of her error. It was not right because they were not free of error or sin themselves.

The inner judgement was necessary because the judgement itself promotes the vehicle to become more perfect in relation to the standard of right conduct. The key in this necessary judgement is to forgive oneself for the shortcomings or failings that occur, because very few of us are perfect. The intention and resolve to become perfect, to improve, is the ultimate standard upon which all of us must be judged by ourselves, others, and the Source. It is important to exercise this kind of judgement on ourselves. In the same way, Twelfth House Pluto individuals must utilise an ultimate standard of conduct in order to recognise the incorrect desires and behaviour of others so they do not reflect, assume, or manifest the 'wrong' behaviour of others through lack of necessary judgement and discrimination. Concerning others, these individuals must learn not to express judgements upon others unless asked. Unless asked, the best strategy is to mentally affirm change for them.

Some who have been karmically destined to play the role of a martyr or victim in order to realise their own lessons in judgement have left us with inspiring testimony to this kind of Twelfth House truth concerning judgement and forgiveness.

The evolutionary lesson in proper judgement is extremely important in another respect. Many Twelfth House Pluto individuals will have an irrational and abject fear of the unknown. Many will not be able to face themselves alone. The Soul for all Twelfth House Plutos is anchored in the universal or cosmic whole. While this is true for all of us, Twelfth House Pluto individuals are pulled into the Universal Source much more intensely than those with any other house position of Pluto: it is their emphasised and intensified 'bottom line'. Consequently, many will experience this pull as a deep inner vortex, like a black hole in the universe, that threatens to consume them in the abyss.

Fearing dissolution and loss of control, they can manifest all forms of aberrant behaviour. Acute paranoia, neurosis, schizophrenia and phobias are extreme manifestations. Less acute 'symptoms' are intense nightmares, sleepwalking, fear of closing their eyes, feeling unable to be alone, always talking, intense escape or avoidance patterns (always having to be doing something until physical exhaustion overcomes them), and refusal or denial of anything they don't want to hear, touch, feel, experience, taste or smell.

Some with Pluto in the twelfth House can be the recipients of 'visitations' by other entities or energies. Or, they can experience feelings, emotions, moods, thoughts, or desires of 'unknown' origins. Sometimes the origins are inner repressions that suddenly erupt to the surface; sometimes the origin is psychic absorption of the thoughts and emotions of others, and sometimes the origin is derived from 'promptings' of other-worldly forces or entities. All of these behavioural symptoms reflect the same evolutionary intent: to dissolve all the old barriers preventing a direct contact or relationship with the Universal Source, and to align with a transcendental belief system in order to foster this relationship. In worst case scenarios, the resistance to this process will produce insanity, possession, or total disintegration and fragmentation. In a few, it will manifest as the Jesus syndrome: individuals who are totally deluded and intoxicated by their own egos, and who consider themselves God. Judgement and discrimination are necessary so that these individuals learn to understand what is happening inside of them. This understanding can only occur through the desire to align with a transcendental belief system or structure in order to realise, and place in proper perspective, the cause behind the manifestation of any or all of these symptoms. In this way, they will learn how to sort out delusions, illusions and fictions versus revelation, truth and divine inspiration. The fear of the unknown will be replaced with the faith and trust to plunge into the abyss of the unknown, and to become resurrected or metamorphosed. In so doing, the fear that some of these individuals have of being dissolved into nothingness or nonexistence will evaporate.

With the bottom line anchored in the universal, some who have positively responded to the prior evolutionary intent will come into this life as natural psychics, channels or mediums. Others will plunge totally into the abyss of infinity with faith, and will have an almost exclusive focus upon the Source. A few in this group will have experienced absolute revelations as to the nature of creation. They will experience themselves as Cosmic Beings. Some have realised or felt that 'nothing else works' to such an extent that they have denied or will deny other aspects of themselves that need to be acknowledged and developed - not suppressed. Each individual is unique. Each chart will reveal the prior evolutionary and karmic background that has led to any or all of these conditions.

Others with Twelfth House Plutos will come into this life not understanding why they are here, the Earth being sensed as a foreign environment. These individuals have either spent many other lives elsewhere (other planets), or have spent a great deal of time out

of body. A common problem of these types is a frustration at being unable to express to others how they feel and experience themselves. Some Twelfth House Pluto individuals have had a series of lifetimes of utter withdrawal from the world itself. This withdrawal could have occurred in monasteries, prisons, in the wilderness, and so forth. The prior intent was one of self-contemplation within the universal whole. Sometimes this withdrawal was enforced against the person's will through confinement, in order to enforce the same lesson. In cases of forced confinement, the element of karmic retribution must be considered and evaluated as to the reasons why.

All Twelfth House Pluto individuals will have a highly stimulated pineal gland. As Manly Hall points out in *The Occult Anatomy of Man*, this gland was called the 'occult gland' in other cultures and times. Located above the spinal column, in the middle of the brain, this gland secretes a naturally transcendent chemical substance called melatonin. Just as the ingestion of LSD, for example, will alter the state of consciousness, so too does the pineal gland through the secretion of melatonin. The pineal gland is stimulated by light entering the retina of the eyes. Because this gland is highly stimulated or active in these individuals, they can experience, on a cyclic basis, altered states of consciousness. This process is a naturally spiritualising one. Yet for those who have not consciously desired to pursue and develop their spirituality, this process can produce the negative psychological symptoms mentioned above.

From a physiological point of view, melatonin produced from the pineal gland sensitises the entire organism. By its sensitising the brain (consciousness), the individual's neurological (electrical) impulses are sensitised or attuned to 'higher vibrations', impulses, or knowledge of a transcendental nature. This substance sensitises through sharpening all our natural anatomical sensors to any stimulus: touch, taste, hearing, smell, and seeing. For example, a person may become more sensitive to impurities in food. If such individuals do not exercise caution, they can suffer problems in their pancreas (enzyme, insulin production), gall bladder, stomach, duodenum, liver, digestive tract, necessary levels of bacteria in the colon and intestines, endocrine system, and the strength of the astral or etheric body. Emotional, psychic, intellectual or physical stress can produce physiological and psychological problems, as can resistance to the evolutionary pull. If the individual is extremely denial-oriented or suppressed, the worst case scenarios promote cancer, tumours, boils, or abscesses.

From a prior-life point of view, all of these individuals have been learning how to balance their need for down-time with their need for external activity. This balance is critical. Too much of either can promote emotional distortions of all kinds, loss of perspective, loss of a centre of gravity, and psychic distortions. Because it has been so very easy for these individuals to lose touch with themselves, it has also been easy to lose awareness of the need for this balance; of when to retreat or seclude themselves and when not to.

Lost touch reflects the dissolution process, the over-identification with an aspect of themselves, or the chasing of one fantasy or dream temptation after another. The

balance point or rhythm is ever-shifting, and never the same. This shifting occurs because these individuals have also been attempting to live in the eternal now, the moment, as it reflects the past and the future simultaneously. Thus, it has been and is important to develop an ongoing inner attunement or awareness as to the shifting nature of this rhythm for inner and outer activity, and to act accordingly. If these individuals try to follow this need as it occurs, then they have developed or will developed a consistent clarity or understanding at all levels of themselves, and their worldly activities, because they are in harmony with themselves and the universe. The Chinese philosophy of Taoism reflects this necessity in the concept called wuwei. Simply translated, it means non-action. If the individual develops a conscious awareness as to the need of any moment and acts accordingly, then his or her actions are in harmony with what is required in that moment. Thus, there is no action, because action implies acting upon the moment from an egocentric point of view.

The three most common reactions to this prior evolutionary intent, and the related karmic conditions that occur because of these reactions, can be simply stated as follows:

1. Some Twelfth House Pluto individuals will have rejected or repelled the evolutionary desire through the strength of their egos. Thus, turning their backs to the abyss, they have retreated to the light of the known world; the past. Latching onto something familiar, to tradition, they deny any larger force or source beyond themselves. They become intoxicated with their own egos. Karmically, this reaction will produce, on an ongoing or progressive basis, life situations or conditions of increasing powerlessness. Possible manifestations include physical disabilities, situations of confinement, or life circumstances wherein they are karmically blocked from being able to exercise any power at all.
2. Other individuals stand poised on the precipice, unable to move forward or backward more than a few steps either way. They commonly sense that there is a universe and Source to which they are connected, yet still are bound by compulsions and the fear of going too far into it. There usually is a subconscious resistance to submitting to a higher power than themselves. They are simultaneously attracted to and repulsed from developing a conscious relationship to this Power. Thus, they practise their own kind of nebulous spirituality. In some, the need to develop their spirituality is only acknowledged in moments of extreme crisis when all else fails. As soon as the crisis passes, so too does the need and focus upon their spiritual side. Commonly, these types of individuals will align themselves with work of a human service nature. Karmically, they will experience alienation, emotional difficulties or disruptions, work-related problems, psychic disturbances, cycles of utter meaninglessness, emptiness or futility, disillusionment, and divine discontent, in order to induce a more active development of the evolutionary intent. Some of these individuals will be highly creative icons who can transform our own vision as to the nature of the world. An amazing number of the world's most gifted actors, writers, and composers have had Pluto in the Twelfth House.

3. These individuals have faced the abyss and, with faith, taken the plunge. In this way they have allowed themselves to be dissolved from all the old barriers and egocentric limitations, and to be totally unconditioned from cultural or societal identifications. They have been reborn as individuals through whom the Source was, and is, expressing itself. In other words, the centre of the individual's consciousness has shifted from the wave to the ocean. Becoming at one with the Source, these individuals simply do the tasks and duties that they are asked or destined to do. Some will have very specialised 'missions' to perform on the behalf of all of us. Karmically, they are rapidly becoming freed from any further necessity to be on the Earth plane. At some point, they will not return to this plane unless they so desire, or are asked to do so by the direction of the Source and its agents.

Reactions one and three are not common. Reaction two is by far the most common. Of course, these three distinct reactions can intertwine as an individual ebbs and flows with the inner and outer conditions of life. Individual evolutionary and karmic conditions will help aid our comprehensive understanding as to how and why each individual has reacted, and is reacting, to this prior evolutionary intent. In general, then, all Twelfth House Pluto individuals have been attempting to learn how to expand the centre of their awareness to encompass the universal whole: to become Cosmic Wholeness, to see themselves and all others as extensions or reflections of the Source of Creation itself. In the Tenth House, the individual learned to be a cultural person with a national identity. In the Eleventh House, he or she learned to break free from this limitation and become an international or planetary individual. In the Twelfth House, he or she is learning to become a Universal or Cosmic individual. This process required of these individuals redefining themselves relative to time and space, culture, groups of like-minded Souls, or anything that conditioned their sense of separate and personal identity that did not accommodate their timeless and immortal identity in the Source, the Cosmic Sea. The need was to understand the individual part they were meant to play in their various lives, and to allow the Source to express Itself through that part. In this way, the individual must learn how to let go of everything that pertains to his or her past in order to prepare, once again, for a brand new evolutionary cycle. This new cycle will be represented by Pluto in the First House. All of us keep going around and around until the Twelfth House archetypal intent is fully realised. It is a process of refinement and progressive elimination of our separating desires, and the karma that these desires generate. The polarity point is the Sixth House. The general evolutionary intent is for these individuals to develop specific and practical mental methods or techniques through which they learn how to analyse themselves. By developing these mental techniques, they will be able to understand how and why they work the way they work, and are the way that they are. In addition, they will progressively learn to see, experience, or witness how one part is linked or connected to another part, and how one part or condition influences the expression of every other part.

Relative to their need to connect themselves to a transcendental belief system, this polarity point now demands that they harness their natural meditational state through

specific meditative techniques that will allow them to bring into a sharper and more experiential focus their living connection to the Source. Through these techniques and methods, they can examine with their conscious and rational mind the dynamics within their totality that need to be adjusted, changed, eliminated, or purified because of the blockage that these dynamics are creating.

In addition, the polarity point demands that these individuals commit themselves to some form of work of a practical and useful nature to others. The main theme that must be actualised is one of human service. In other words, they cannot remain in isolated and self-centred pursuits. The form that this work takes does not matter. As long as the theme of human service is met, the form is irrelevant. On the other hand, the type of work should reflect what the individual is here to do; it should not be just 'any' work. The individual's right work can be determined by his or her natural evolutionary and karmic condition.

In the East the concept of karma yoga reflects this evolutionary need. Karma yoga means that the individual must identify his or her 'right' work relative to his or her natural capacities and tendencies, karmic actions, and attunement to Divine Will. An individual who identifies his or her work in this way simply co-operates and fulfils that work requirement, allowing the Divine or Source to express itself through the work.

In this way, the work itself becomes a vehicle through which personal knowledge, self-realisation, self-purification, devotion and humility are obtained. Work expressed in this way would also benefit all those who were affected by the work itself. What is important is the attitude towards one's work, no matter how grand or insignificant it may be from external standards of judgement. The specific form or kind of work is always in response to the needs of the whole at any point in time. Work is necessary because, of itself, it is a dynamic that promotes a focus through which these individuals can harness and channel the undefined energies of their Twelfth House Plutos. When one is working, one is involved in an activity that promotes processing or focusing of oneself through that activity. Thus work serves as a mirror or lens in which these individuals can experience, witness, see or analyse all the emotions, moods, feelings, images, states of being, inner dynamics and component parts that surface into their consciousness because of the activity of work. In this way, these individuals can adjust, change, eliminate, or purify components or dynamics that are creating blockage, that are being misapplied or misunderstood, or that are delusive by nature. In addition, these individuals are learning lessons about reality as it is: not what they want to see, not what they blindly want to pretend is happening, not what they want to make reality into based on fantasy, delusions, or naiveté. The development of this current evolutionary intent usually demands that these individuals experience cycles of crisis. Crisis brings situations to a head, into sharp relief. The nature and function of crisis is to force these individuals to deal with reality as it is: to see things just as they are, and the actual reasons that it is that way. Crisis can come to these people through the emotional, physical, intellectual, or spiritual bodies. Many will come into this life with subconscious desires or intentions to

create crises for themselves. Sometimes this need for crises can be quite compulsive and unconscious. In many cases, these individuals are not aware of this pattern, and do not understand why crises seem to be occurring. Some will assume the attitude of the victim. Others will resign themselves to their 'fate'. Some will compulsively create crises in the lives of others as they undermine the relationships that connect them to others. They undermine by subconsciously desiring to the foundation that binds them to others, or they undermine by criticism because they feel others should be punished just as they punish themselves for their own errors. Of course, this type of activity only attracts criticism from those upon whom they project this behaviour.

Individuals who have abused power in the past, who have been overly intoxicated with their own egos, or who denied the prior evolutionary intent, will experience extreme limitations in relation to finding meaningful work that reflects their capacities. These people will experience reality as it is through the crisis of subservient and mundane work. They will feel as though a big hand is forcefully holding them back. This karmic effect will occur to induce humility, to enforce the awareness of forces greater than themselves. Some of these people will also experience physical problems or disabilities. This form of crisis also enforces analysis as to why this condition exists. Even in such a situation, these individuals are meant to assume some form of service-oriented work.

Some Twelfth House Pluto individuals will produce works of lasting value. These are individuals who have been and are 'divinely inspired' in some way, and will serve as examples for others to experience, in order to be helped or transformed in some way by the very nature of the work itself. Many of these types, however, need to learn when to take time off for themselves, as many become so dedicated to the work, so self-sacrificing, that they have no time for a life and identity outside their work. By ignoring the intrinsic Twelfth House Pluto need to balance work with rest and withdrawal, they can deplete or waste themselves. Some crisis will usually intervene to make these individuals pay attention to this need.

As these evolutionary lessons are put in motion, all Twelfth House Pluto individuals will metamorphose into the essence of humility. This will occur through the inverted pyramid effect wherein the totality of cosmic forces pours through the individual. These forces will reflect an inner illumination that can light the way for others. This effect can occur in all natural evolutionary conditions, and through any role that the individual is destined to play within the cosmic scheme of things. In its highest manifestations, these individuals can be the living embodiment of the Taoist principle of wu-wei; their actions will be in precise harmony with whatever is required of them at any moment in time.

Common characteristics of Pluto in the Twelfth House include: being deeply private, not what they seem to be as interpreted in others' eyes, deeply sensitive; taking things to heart; being amazingly shy at a core level; being ultra-emotional; although you may not know it, they can be extremely giving in a silent kind of way; having many deep and unresolved fears, an aura of dreaminess, and powerful dreams or never any dreams

because of exhaustion; being naturally psychic.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°38') ♀1 | ♄3
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°05') ♄7 | ♄6
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♅ Neptune** - (1°36') ♄4 | ♄2
- 4) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°27') ♄12 | ♄3
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°59') ♄12 | ♄3
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°43') ♄6 | ♄3
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°48') ♄6 | ♄12
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°18') ♄6 | 005
- 9) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°27') ♄3 | ♄12
- 10) ► **Uranus ♄ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°55') ♄3 | ♄12
- 11) ► **Pluto ♇ Parallel ♏ South-Node** - (1°06') ♄12 | ♄11
- 12) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (10°09' S) ♀1 | ♄12
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♄ Uranus** - (9°36' S) ♄4 | ♄3
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♅ Neptune** - (5°18' S) ♄2 | ♄2
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (8°11' S) ♄12 | ♄12
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (2°29' S) ♄3 | ♄3
- 17) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♂ Mars** - (6°42' S) ♄12 | ♄6
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (1°29' A) ♄6 | ♄12
- 19) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°51' A) ♀1 | ♄3
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (1°38' S) ♀1 | ♄3
- 21) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (1°31' S) ♀1 | ♄3
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (4°00' S) ♀1 | ♄3
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♄ Saturn** - (4°36' S) ♄2 | ♄12
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (1°24' A) ♄3 | 005
- 25) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (3°53' A) ♄3 | 005
- 26) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile ♅ Neptune** - (0°42' S) ♄12 | ♄2
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☉ Sun** - (4°15' S) ♀1 | ♄4
- 28) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♇ Pluto** - (5°54' S) ♄4 | ♄12
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (0°54' S) ♄12 | ♄3
- 30) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♂ Mars** - (3°19' S) ♄3 | ♄6
- 31) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♄ Saturn** - (4°48' A) ♄3 | ♄12
- 32) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (5°48' A) ♄6 | ♄3
- 33) ► **Jupiter ♃ Square ♄ Saturn** - (7°17' S) ♄3 | ♄12
- 34) ► **Uranus ♄ Square ♇ Pluto** - (3°42' S) ♄3 | ♄12

- 35) ► **Neptune** ♄ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (2°42' S) ♄2 | ♀5
- 36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (6°05' S) ♄2 | ♀6
- 37) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°47' A) ♀6 | ♄2
- 38) ► **Mars** ♂ **Semi-Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°55' A) ♀6 | ♀5
- 39) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♂ **Mars** - (1°48' A) ♀1 | ♀6

- 1) ► **Midheaven** MC **Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°38') ♀1 | ♄3

(Robert Hand)

People should be prepared to encounter in you an extreme individualist. Even while you are very young, you insist on doing everything your way, and you strongly resist any pressures to conform. In fact, the best way to ensure that you will not do something is to try to force you to do it. You are a rebel, and the established ways of living will not attract you particularly.

On the other hand, you can be very creative with this aspect, because you have much originality and can see life in ways that others are blind to. You may be very inventive; in fact, this placement is characteristic of people who make a career in scientific or technological invention.

You may get a great deal of satisfaction from goading others. When you see people who are set in their ways, you cannot resist playing jokes or otherwise outraging them. Obviously if you are going to do this, you can expect to have problems with teachers and other authority figures, even your parents, who would prefer that you conform a bit more and stop rocking the boat. Teachers might find you quite difficult to deal with, not only because you insist on breaking rules, but also because you are very restless and hate to sit still for long. This placement may indicate a nervous disposition as well.

Eventually, you should learn when it is worthwhile to rebel and when it is not. However, adults who want to restrain you should not try to do so by force. If they do, you will develop a lifelong negative attitude toward authority.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a Midheaven / Uranus conjunction, we are constantly revising the view we have of ourselves and of our social and professional prospects. Business relationships change with the changing self-image. This can imply a run of different jobs, or a flexible work schedule with room for original ideas. Generally speaking, we cope well (if not absolutely calmly) with stressful situations.

One desideratum is a place where we can spread ourselves. Working on our own is

what we find most attractive, because it leaves us reasonably free. it is best for us to have an employer; but one who gives us responsibility. We know our own mind. People sometimes see us as unco-operative: and not without good reason, since we have no time for rules and regulations and seldom go through the motions of keeping them. But this is part and parcel of a refusal to recognize limitations, the good side of which is a creativity that can take us far in technical or other work.

Now Uranus has a certain steeliness; once we have chosen the path, nothing and no one is allowed to bar the way. Having set our sights on some target, we are prepared to give it our best shot. On the other hand, if we lose interest in a thing we are very loath to waste further time on it.

(Sue Tompkins)

Uranus conjunct the MC often reveals itself as a marked urge to rebel against the social values or conditioning of a parental figure, and, in particular, to follow a line of work which might be contrary to the consciously stated wishes of that person. It may well be in line with the unconscious desires of the parent, however, who may look to the child to do all the exciting or unconventional things that he / she (the parent) would have liked to have done but didn't dare.

Uranus conjunct MC may be indicative of a vocation that involves technology and thus the breaking of new ground and the breaking away from a past established way of doing things. Careers in computing are sometimes those chosen at the present time, whereas electronics may have been more common several decades ago.

Whatever the actual vocation, this combination favours self-employment. For this individual often needs to do things in his / her own way and without interference. Sometimes the person, having needed to rebel against an early authority figure, continues to live out this process with bosses at work. People with this placement are too honest to want to toe the line. Their choice of vocation or the way they pursue their career must personally feel very fulfilling to them: there is usually no element of following a career for the sake of respectability or security. The vocation must be felt to be exhilarating and exciting; and as soon as the individual fails to consider it so he / she may well feel compelled to leave instantly and do something completely different. And not only do people with Uranus conjunct MC want freedom within their career, but that career may actually concern itself with freedom for others. Thus sometimes there is involvement in a vocation which is concerned with liberating people, whether this liberation comes through supporting free speech, feeding the world, or the usage of technology which might liberate people from having to spend time engaged in boring and unstimulating occupations.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates unusual conditions where work and public reputation are concerned. If the conjunction is well-aspected, the natives can gain fame and high positions by originating scientifically advanced methods in their professions. The conjunction favors jobs related to science, electronics, physics, and occult work such as astrology.

Other aspects made to Uranus can cause sudden changes in reputation and professional standing.

If the conjunction is afflicted, the natives may become impatient with professional routines and rebellious toward their superiors - often for foolish reasons - so that a change in positions is likely. They are happier if they are their own bosses or at least have a free hand in the work they do.

In politics, this conjunction may lead to revolutionary views. Unless other factors in the horoscope contradict it, the natives will be known at least for their liberalism.

2) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♂ ***Mars*** - (0°05') ♄7 | ♃6

(Robert Hand)

This position can have two quite different effects. On one hand, you may be subject to compulsive desires, wanting to do things without any special reason except willfulness. Such actions are usually rash and sudden, and may be caused by an inner emotional upheaval. Sometimes this happens because you have had such a stormy and turbulent home life as a young child that all your resentment comes out in sudden aggressive energies. To counter this, your parents should provide you with a reasonably stable and supportive home life, where you can feel that you are accepted for yourself.

On the other hand, if you feel confident that your family loves and accepts you, you will experience the energies of this aspect quite differently. You will determine the course of your life very directly, according to your own inner needs and impulses. You will be conscious of these needs, so that you can gratify them in a controlled way instead of being at the mercy of your inner drives. In general, you will succeed by creating a satisfying inner life more than by achieving in ways that the outer world can easily recognize. You may or may not be successful in your career, but that will not be as important to you as inner satisfaction. While you are young, your parents should understand this and help you discover your own needs rather than make you conform to other people's expectations.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the IC suggests that the individual operates from a foundation of anger. Usually there is a history of conflict in the home, and individuals with this placement may

do anything to hide their own anger from public view and sometimes from themselves. With Mars on or contacting either end of the axis, there is often tremendous anger felt towards one or both parents, an anger that can fuel the individual into accomplishing tasks that require tremendous tests of strength or energy. This placement will often be indicative of the person who works from home or who is always 'on the go' when actually at home. The home is a place of activity for Mars conjunct IC. Whilst such activity may be of a more Mercurial nature if Mars is in the 3rd house, this placement is also ideal for more physical tasks, for these provide a way for the individual to contact and work off his or her anger. Often people with this placement feel cut off from their physical energy unless they actively take steps to stoke themselves up. If Mars is making hard aspects to heavier planets, this placement can be indicative of accidents or fires. Such manifestations usually only occur if the individual is not actively 'using' his or her energy. Mars conjunct IC can also indicate an urge to dig out one's roots. For those with this placement, courage may be about unflinchingly exploring the emotional and sexual roots of the family and their own psyche.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With this aspect, vehement actions and desires manifest themselves in the domestic life of the native. Since the conjunction of Mars to the IC partakes somewhat of Mars in its fall in Cancer, it tends to create a situation of disharmony in the home unless it is very well aspected. The forceful, combative nature of Mars does not harmonize well with everyday life, in which sensitivity and mutual love are needed. The home, which should be a place of beauty and harmony, can become a battlefield generating emotional tension and upset. Mars conjunct Nadir is something like a bull in a china closet.

This conjunction is favorable for people connected with industrial occupations having to do with the earth itself, such as mining or building construction. The Mars energy can also be used to make do-it-yourself improvements in the home.

Mars square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Mars in conflict with the MC, problems will regularly arise owing to an often too bold, sometimes too aggressive and vehement approach to others. We have a high opinion of ourselves and are not always tactful enough to hide it. We strike others as domineering, ambitious and belligerent. Socially in particular, that can spell trouble, because our attitude will come under attack more than once, and this is bad for our ego-image.

Once we learn to govern ourselves, enormous energy should take us far. To a greater or

lesser extent, we shall always have to struggle to reach our goals; but this is something we are well equipped to do. Socially, we do best in positions where we can be very active and enterprising and also very independent. Freedom of action is something we prize extremely highly.

With these aspects, we usually have little regard for others, and often take the wind out of their sails by our speed and competitiveness. Whatever we feel like doing, we do as a matter of course.

Both career and domestic affairs are subject to strife. There is a tendency to transfer to the job the conflicts that result from quarrels at home and vice versa. Thus, problems in the profession or in the home life are likely to aggravate other spheres of activity. The natives must learn to use their heads more and their feelings less.

There is also an inclination to get into trouble with the state and with its legally constituted authorities. Sometimes the natives are unwillingly involved in military affairs; for example, they may be drafted.

3) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°36') ⚞4 | ⚡2

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In all its conjunctions, Neptune offers the opportunity to travel beyond the confines of individuality and this to refine individuality. It can lend depth and perspective to the Sun (the ego) but, at the same time, it leaves the boundary of the ego rather hazy and can desert us in a visionary no-man's-land, a dream world from which it is difficult to escape because appearance and reality seem to mingle there. With this conjunction, we can, as it were, look through people and sense what they are feeling and thinking even when their terms of reference are very different from ours.

Thus Neptune conjunct the Sun gives the ego little to hold on to; we are quite impressionable, often without intending to be so. We are liable to feel very insecure, and a flight to our trusted dream world seems like a pleasant alternative to everyday life. But a dream world lying beyond the already indistinct borders of the ego poses the danger that we shall identify with the non-individual, collective contents of the unconscious. This can pose a threat to the inherently shaky ego.

Our insecurity can make us withdrawn, or can stop us from standing up for ourselves. What is more, the conjunction of the Sun and Neptune (and the same may be said of other Neptunian aspects) brings us into unconscious contact with the emotions of others. We sense hidden problems and undercurrents of opposition and aggression in our environment, but cannot locate them. This imperfect half-knowledge of what is going on in the minds of our fellow humans can make us feel suddenly isolated and alien and can increase our reserve and uncertainty.

Nevertheless, Neptune has a great deal to offer. Its refining action and subtle creativity come into their own when we engage in musical, artistic, and other forms of emotional expression, or in spiritual and religious exercises. Thus it can be very inspirational and can build a bridge between our dream world and the world of the everyday.

The Sun / Neptune conjunction can make us over-sensitive, not only to things that might affect the development of our identity, but also to things affecting our body. Our health is probably good but the least trifle upsets us.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a powerful conjunction. These individuals are influenced by a strongly spiritual father image. They have chosen to develop a spiritual consciousness this lifetime, and this consciousness may be hard to discover.

They are born with insight that may not be appreciated by the family. Much of the insight is derived from something picked up from the father image. However, these individuals usually get some kind of disorted father image later on in childhood and don't later remember what the father stood for. Because they can't consciously relate to what they intuitively feel for the father, they get caught in self-doubt. With Neptune affecting the 'self' energy, the personality is influenced by fantasy. This aspect indicates an intuitive, creative potential that can make these children unwelcome in the household, for they see and know things that make parents uncomfortable. Much as applies to a Piscean, the intuitive facility is well developed. These children may live in two worlds: the world of parental authority and school systems, and the world of fantasy and illusion.

If properly guided when young, they can develop into tremendously creative and intuitive types, being drawn to the more creative aspects of life - the classical ballet, classical music, the arts. If the early environment doesn't provide this insight, they may begin to wonder if they are living a lie and wonder what is real. Depending on how the rest of the chart is aspected, they may become adults who muddle through life until they find some form of creative expression; they may develop into adults who have trouble dealing with what the rest of us call reality. These individuals may be so sensitive that they retreat into a world of drugs or fantasy or both, in order to avoid facing the more harsh aspects of the living experience.

One interesting aside in connection with the Sun-Neptune conjunction (and also with Neptune conjuncting the Ascendant) is that the individual may look 'dumb'. Many times doctors think a patient with this conjunction is a drug addict or 'on something'. In office situations, other employees think this individual is not quite 'with it'. For a woman, this aspect can be a lot of fun, if she knows she has it. Women who look 'dumb' can muddle through life doing very well; if Mercury is not tied into the conjunction, she can plan her moves and not 'threaten' anyone. People who are more obvious, who look 'smarter',

usually are more harassed on the way up the corporate ladder than those who are working with the Neptune aspects.

These people need stability, and the conjunction does not give them that. Because the world of fantasy is just behind the blink of an eye, it's easy to wander off in the mental realms of delusion, illusion or creative imagination. As the mind wanders far from home, the personality may periodically become suicidal, especially when the Sun is under heavy affliction by transit. Most people are unaware that many philosophers have considered the prospect of suicide before becoming more impersonally involved in the structure of the universe. When we consider suicide, we are at first feeling very sorry for ourselves because we haven't gotten our way about something. 'If you don't marry me, I'll kill myself!' has been said more than once. After we get tired of feeling sorry for ourselves, we begin to question why we are alive. When we get more comfortable with the question, we then move on to the question of why anybody or anything is alive. Shortly beyond that comes the 'I am' principle and we begin to sound like Plato or Descartes. As we begin to observe life patterns, which happens after we wonder why a tree is alive season after season, we begin to tune into the pattern in the universe. We can then begin to see Mother Nature at work, especially in the spring. As we begin to accept Mother Nature, we begin to think about Father Nature, and life becomes an exciting prospect. Many people are afraid of the word 'suicide', but it is merely a conscious contemplation of life after death. As soon as we are born we are approaching death.

People born with this conjunction (as well as the square or opposition) will walk many different paths on the way to spiritual enlightenment. This can be an exciting trip. The blocks on the path are often caused by misunderstanding the father. He was looking for something and he may not have found it. He, too, was trying to find himself, in his own way. If he sold out, if he gave up his quest, if he left home or happened to die when these people are young, they may have great difficulty sorting through the family history so that they can get at the truth about the father. But when one is armed with the knowledge that Dad was searching for something, the mystery becomes clearer, and the questions can be asked better. If relatives other than the mother are available, they may be more helpful, for in some cases the husband or wife may know less about the spiritual crisis of a loved one than would the friends or brothers and sisters.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position inclines strongly to matters of which the essential characteristic seems to be delicacy or remoteness from what is ordinary, tangible, and concrete. Music is very commonly the main interest and pursuit, and other forms of art are often followed, in particular the drama. Mysticism, occultism, and spiritism, in their many forms, often attract the native, and it is certain that this aspect is commonly found in the horoscopes of astrologers, especially of those who are particularly interested in the predictive art. I should say that Sun conjunct Neptune is the commonest aspect in astrologers' birth

charts.

Contrary to what is sometimes taught, the position is not unpractical or lacking in worldly ability, except in so far as devotion to such pursuits as are mentioned above is likely to be antagonistic to material success. There is usually a sensitive but gifted mentality.

It seems to indicate very great enthusiasm for whatever subject is studied, and a lifelong devotion to it. In these it may go with considerable success, fame and recognition, but it inclines to scandal and the native is likely to be the victim of rumours and tales of a subtle character, emanating from sources hard to detect and expose. These attacks are generally directed against the moral character and are sometimes of a particularly odious kind, especially if the 5th or 11th house be involved.

The father is sometimes involved in dubious affairs or may be engaged in Neptunian matters; or, again, there may be some mystery or strange circumstance connected with him.

In women's charts, there is often either widowhood or spinsterhood.

4) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♊ **Jupiter** - (1°27') ♌12 | ♊3

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Mercury and Jupiter shows that you are inclined to go to extremes in your expectations. You have a fertile imagination and much inspiration, but you may lack the practical sense to use them constructively. You don't like to take on responsibility, assuming you can achieve without diligent application and hard work. Although you are well-informed on many subjects, your opinions are based on shabby evidence. You alienate people because you strike them as being a 'know-it-all'. You are inattentive to details when making judgements, which forces you to revise your position later. Your sometimes irresponsible statements are inconsistent with your mature mental development. You would do well to become a better listener and thereby gain some wisdom. In your case, silence would surely be golden. If you listen to both sides before jumping to conclusions, you will reap great dividends and win many friends.

You have an insatiable appetite for knowledge and are intensely curious about everything. You must be careful, however, for you may not follow up your initial curiosity, and fragments of information are never a good substitute for the whole story. You need to discipline yourself and resist the tendency to hop from one subject to another, becoming a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none. Once you focus on a specific objective and determine to persist, there is much you can accomplish.

Law, education, writing, and public relations are some of the fields in which you can apply your creative talents and become successful. Aim for objectives that are within the

realm of probability. As you reach your goals, redefine and clarify your next ones. In this way, you won't be disappointed at not reaching the moon. You should also plan to continue your education as your level of accomplishment increases. You need to stay abreast of current developments if you want to remain competitive.

Be careful to avoid legal entanglements; you tend to pass over the small print and suffer losses as a result. Get a good and trustworthy attorney to take care of matters that you may not fully understand. You can't afford not to afford his services.

Your personal and romantic relationships are inclined to be a bit untidy. You tend to assume that a friend is seriously interested in you, failing to realize that he or she may be using you only to satisfy selfish desires. Insist on deferring your declaration of love until you can determine your lover's credentials. Unless you are honest with yourself, you will be the victim of insincerity by your associates.

(Betty Lundsted)

This person comes from a childhood in which the family doesn't relate to him. The power of the trine can be developed out of an opposition, but constructive use of the energy will have to be learned - early childhood experience doesn't provide the training.

Friends and opportunities may be lost because of a poor choice of words. The opposition causes a compromise between the relating ability and the need for communication. It can express in an excessive manner - one day relating nicely, the next not, or words can come out in a tirade. The feeling is that if communication is honest (according to the sign Mercury is in) then relationships can't happen. These feelings create inner tensions; eventually, resentments develop because real communication isn't achieved. The aspect is a powerful one. The resentments will go once the individual learns how to express the compromise in a profitable manner. This can be learned once he realizes that he was not shown how to do it by his family. The opposition can be compared to the needs of the Sun archetype and then worked out.

Mercury square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The unbalanced use of hard-aspect energy may make Jupiter too expansive, and the effect of this on voluble Mercury is to produce bragging, conceited talk, opinionatedness and inaccuracy. Taking big risks in Mercurial matters (trade, contacts, traffic) can be another consequence.

But, even with the tense aspects, there is also a great deal of warmth in contacts with

others. We like them to share our experiences and thoughts, and we can actively propagate ideas and become good teachers or advocates. Eager involvement in all sorts of things is a further probable result of these aspects, and, in fact, varied interests can turn out more successfully in some respects than they would have done had we had an easier aspect between the same planets. However, we shall have to overcome a certain amount of opposition because we try to do things at the wrong time and in the wrong way. Also thoughts are restless, even hyperactive, and we are always trying to see connections whether they exist or not.

Quite frequently, we shall find that Mercury, as the objective, ordering factor in our make-up, causes trouble when we enter Jupiter's terrain (expansion, religion and the widening of one's horizon). This can create inner uncertainty about what we are doing, and probably, in order to convince ourselves that we are right, we try to convince others that we are right - a dubious enterprise. We need to be careful about how we word our opinions and about how we offer advice. With these tense aspects, ill-considered or exaggerated reactions run in the blood.

5) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ⚡ **Uranus** - (1°59') ♄12 | ♃3

(Haydn Paul)

With this opposition, you are likely to experience conflicts in your social relationships. The problem area will be in how you express yourself in communicating with others, and those inner attitudes which condition that style of communication.

Whilst you will have considerable mental vitality, the difficulty will be in directing this into productive channels. The tendency will be towards an erratic inner activity; the nature of your beliefs, ideals and thought-patterns will be changeable; and the attractions of new stimulation will often tempt you away from completing existing projects. The challenge of the new redirects your energy and interests; and so your commitments and responsibilities may feel like restrictive liabilities.

Despite this erratic pattern of mind, you tend to insist that whatever you say and think is valid, even though only a short time ago you were vehemently declaring an entirely opposite attitude, idea or belief. Obviously, this can lead to interpersonal conflict, as most people prefer dealing with relatively stable and consistent individuals, as it helps to develop trust and continuity. Yet if others challenge you by repeating past statements that you have made and are now contradicting, you tend to take offence, often attempting to deny that you ever did say that. Essentially, your reaction is often to deny all prior expressions of your self, refusing to take any responsibility for them. Having experienced this aspect of your nature, many people will begin to draw away from maintaining a relationship with you, because you seem unreliable and difficult to believe. This in a peculiar way reinforces a tendency in you to see yourself as 'unique and misunderstood, which you often use to justify a rejection of social compromise; and you

never admit in any circumstances that you are wrong. You appear to project the belief that you 'know it all', and probably succeed more in deluding yourself that you do than in persuading others of your expert knowledge.

Underlying these more negative styles of expression is a personality which experiences inner confusion and insecurity, yet attempts to hide this by a superficial image of intellectual superiority. Emotionally, there is likely to be immaturity and lack of ease with that level of your nature, and you are unlikely to touch others easily with the warmth of your personality. This lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to the more intangible 'feeling' aspect of human contact often leads to a tactless and blunt expression, where your ignorance of diplomacy can have negative consequences.

How can you resolve or moderate these challenges within your relationships? The first important step is to acknowledge their presence, to admit that you often are this way. The fact that you may deny them to yourself does not mean that others do not see them clearly. Often, others do see such problem areas, whilst the individual is apparently blind to their existence. They are personal delusions. Being willing to work with people, learning to compromise, and participating as an intellectual equal, will help to moderate these oppositional tendencies. It is a new sense of personal identity that you should attempt to develop, one founded upon the real you, and not the socially projected assertive one that others may react against. It will involve an acceptance of your inner vulnerability, dissolving that peculiar egotistical construction, and ceasing your attempts to impress people. By stopping that process, you may begin to find your centre, resolve certain conflicts, and redirect the flow of the aspect energy towards personal renewal. Certainly, that inner erratic agitation could be more harmonised and adjusted, thus reducing that build-up of nervous tension from which you suffer.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have enormous intellectual vitality as well as a genius for incurring the wrath of others. You assume that your opinions are the only valid ones, and you resent it when others challenge them. You have been so accustomed to having your own way that you refuse to compromise, even though peace may be assured if you do. You freely accuse others of error even when the evidence supports them. Unless you can modify this 'know-it-all' attitude, you will alienate yourself from many of your closest associates.

The startling thing is that you should know better than to challenge others, because you see the truth so clearly. No-one can ever really deceive you, so what are you worried about? In fact, you aren't really sure of your competence and need to reassure yourself through conflict with others. But if you don't concede when you are wrong, you may never know where you are failing.

Compromise is your key to success. Science, education, social service, philosophy and

psychology are fields in which you can discover who you really are. The contributions you make in these fields will convince you that meeting others halfway guarantees success and establishes your credentials as a true friend to everyone.

You must control your extremely emotional nature and your rejection of facts before you can successfully enter a romantic partnership. You insist that your lover tell you the truth, but then you complain bitterly about it. Strangely, you can be extremely tactless when you 'tell it like it is'.

Your nervous system is probably frayed from the endless abuse of anxiety and irritability. Learn to control your temper and stop while you are ahead. When your nerves are short-circuited, you are the loser.

Mercury square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as this type tries to put thoughts into words or tries to make contacts, the urge to be independent and separate almost infallibly interferes. Sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away. The person with this aspect is the cause of why others react in this way. What is more, the person is so restless and impatient that usually others have no time to listen. This is true of all the Mercury / Uranus aspects but especially of the discordant ones. Other people express themselves far too slowly for this type so, losing patience with what others are trying to say, this type bursts in with some comment of his or her own. This is a major impediment to good social relations.

Because this type tends to alienate people and yet remains very active and creative mentally, he or she may start weaving unrealistic notions about self and others. To be sure, this person is unable to test the truth of these notions, yet he or she clings to them fanatically. Uranus always encourages people to do their own thing; therefore, with Uranian conflicts, natives experience as much loneliness as with Saturnine conflicts but are less inclined to brood - given their restless inner world, they have no time to sit still all day. Of course, the risk of suffering from overwrought nerves is that much greater, but usually the strain this type is under goes unnoticed unless he or she actually has a breakdown.

There is likely to be a keen interest in borderline subjects such as unorthodox scientific theories, astrology, innovative techniques or social renewal, and this type can invest a good deal of energy in them.

6) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°43') ♊6 | ♊3

(Haydn Paul)

The energies generated by the opposition aspect are often projected out into the external world; and this will be true in respect of the powerful energy released by this Mars-Uranus aspect. If this is expressed through a more integrated consciousness, which is sure of the direction to travel, then its impact can be considerable. If it is manifesting through a less integrated personality, then it can create real problems in life.

Again, the revolutionary tendency is very strong, and you will have a natural antipathy towards traditions and static patterns of acceptable social lifestyles.

Your attitude will be anti-authoritarian, and you will be iconoclastic in your questioning of the status quo, and critical of those who are in positions of social responsibility and power. Hypocrisy from 'leaders especially upsets you, and you can be scathing in denouncing it. In fact, you probably have developed a fairly demanding set of personal principles and ideals from which you perceive the world.

You tend to expect less from 'ordinary people', acknowledging their frailties; but you expect the highest standards from social leaders. Concepts of social justice, equality and change attract you, and this can draw you into relationships with revolutionary or reactionary political groups. Depending upon the overall bias of the chart, your radicalism could be directed towards a re-creation of past patterns or a new creation to suit future needs and realities. Generally though, with the Uranian impulse it will be future-orientated, and this will lead you to more altruistic liberal and humanitarian groups.

Your personality can be very assertive, even aggressive and combative. You have an image of yourself 'at war' with whatever you disagree with, whether this is just a war that you fight in your own head, or it is one that you externalise by opposing social establishments that you dislike. There is a stimulation for you in conflict; and whilst it may not always be openly displayed, you enjoy competition and intend to win and dominate. This is reminiscent of the Scorpio characteristics, which are reflected through this aspect, with the Mars-Scorpio link and Uranus exalted in Scorpio. The quality of assertiveness could be extrovertedly expressed, stridently and powerfully, or quietly through the power of a strong personal presence.

You enjoy arguments and discussions; here the stimulation of ideas, beliefs and attitudes can be enriching. Often you play devil's advocate on ideas, just to enjoy the sparks that can fly; but if it is on a subject close to your heart, then a more passionate, committed side of you emerges, one that is determined to 'win' the argument.

You oppose in principle any restrictions to individual freedoms, although in practice and with serious consideration, you do tend to impose 'limits' for valid social reasons. Your main thrust is towards a broadening of personal freedoms, and the creation of more

variety and scope for potential experience and opportunity in life. If discipline is imposed upon you, and you feel that you are imprisoned in a stultifying routine, then you will rise to oppose it; however, for your own purposes you can be highly motivated and self-disciplined.

Freedom is extremely important to you, and is the key to developing your own uniqueness. You feel that you have to get your own way, and this can cause problems if you are too selfish about this demand. If denied, you feel emotionally frustrated, and this becomes a form of pent-up physical tension, which in extreme cases could result in violence. Tendencies to be arrogant, authoritarian and too self-willed can cause friction in social and intimate relationships. If your lifestyle becomes inhibiting, then this can also create explosions of sudden temper and excessive arguing to release inner pressures.

Whilst you see yourself as an outsider, a loner following a personal path, there is an underlying lack of self-confidence, which Scorpio-like is hidden beneath the mask. You insist on finding and making your own way in life, pursuing one's 'dharma' (own truth), and will be like the traditional stubborn mule if anyone else tries to lead you against your will. You learn from life's hard experiences, and indeed, you tend to accept and welcome such intensity and challenges. Often, you will be tempted to throw off the binding shackles of the past, slough off the old skin like a snake, and burn those bridges to leave yourself free to travel forward into the bright future. You seem as though you know what you are doing, and appear to be optimistic, but this is the glow of a belief in your own ability to succeed, to cross those challenging abysses. You may need to unify your will and clarify your desires so that they work more in harmony.

Potentially, this aspect if rightly applied through a reabsorption of any negative projections back into yourself for transformation, can offer a 'magical' ability to succeed in your aims. The 'enemy' is not just 'out there'; and you need to use the tension for self-transformation, to balance out the relationship between yourself and society, so that your revolutionary spirit manifests as an agent for the evolutionary spiral of human progression.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars opposition Uranus, you have a genius for arousing others to challenge you. You enjoy competition, and have a flair for gaining dominance over others. The simple fact is, you are arrogant, demanding, and authoritative in your dealings, which tends to disarm people. You seem to thrive on bickering and argument, even if you aren't serious about it. This is just another way to provide continuing excitement.

Your behavior has little to do with your competence, although your forwardness often convinces others that you know what you are doing. With your flair for expression, you should seek occupations such as selling, politics, group interests, or science, that depend on this quality. You could become interested in hazardous occupations like

flying, racing, exploring, or mountain climbing, but you must be extremely careful and take all safety precautions. Because you are accident-prone, these endeavors are not recommended. You tend to throw caution to the winds, especially when someone is watching. Your desire for approval is so strong that you will even risk danger to gain it.

You don't tolerate any restrictions on your freedom and mobility, and need to be constantly on the move. Is this because you are afraid others will discover how insecure you really are? Perhaps your life-style is a defence against admitting that you are mainly a 'physical' person.

You aren't the easiest person to get along with. Your outbursts of temper and cantankerous attitude really rub people the wrong way. A revolutionary, you are basically against tradition with all its limits to individuality. You are critical of anyone who wields authority, and want your own way so much that you become violent when anyone tries to deny it. Your unpredictable nature may cause you to lose dear friends who will not tolerate your arrogance.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle essentially describes the action taken (through Mars) to represent the Sun sign archetype. Uranus indicates how the generation behaves as well as the kinds of eccentricities to which an individual is prone.

When the opposition is in effect, the action taken by the individual is compromised or colored by the behavior pattern; he may not relate well to his peer group. This individual may take self-willed or erratic action rather than make necessary compromises in life. In some cases, he may be violent when angered or threatened. Because the will is involved in the action aspect, this individual may be overly willful and want immediate satisfaction because constant internal pressure is at play. The childhood environment was unpredictable, and this person may have been so repressed at home that high anger levels are considered 'normal'.

When people act one way and feel compromised by their eccentric needs, the action taken may not only be unproductive, but these individuals feel internally angry with themselves. If the anger is projected onto others; if others are blamed for the mistakes created by those who have this aspect, then the energy is destructive. They will have to learn to act in such a manner that any eccentricities within the nature also have a chance for constructive expression. When the anger is directed neither at the self nor at others, the energy is free to express creatively.

When attempting to determine where this behavior pattern comes from, check the planets that reflect the effect of the mother or father. This person may have been abused as a child. If so, much resentment may be harbored toward the parent, along with guilt because one is not supposed to hate one's parents. It's important that the anger be

understood and not suppressed, for until the energy is free to flow, the creativity cannot be released. This person may wish to undergo analysis to get help breaking the old pattern.

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.

7) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°48') ♋6 | ♎12

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition aspect tends to reflect an inner conflict in you, that of a clash between your personal desires and a possible contributing positive role in society, as represented by the opposition between the personal Mars desires and the more socially orientated Pluto.

You probably require a greater understanding of the nature of personal power, the right application of it to benefit the group rather than to satisfy purely personal aims and desires, especially as you may have the tendency to take advantage of a group's power and influence to further your own ambitions.

Your nature will express a forceful will, which can be experienced by others as aggressiveness, making them avoid too close a contact with you; in fact, you often appear to be quite unaware of your effect on people; and a greater sensitivity to the rights and reality of others is a quality that you could do well to help develop. This would help minimise any negative effect you may have on others, especially those in close relationship to you, whom you often attempt to dominate. Control in an intimate context is attractive to you; and you are likely to have an intense and powerful sexual nature, which at times can lead towards an affinity with forms of potentially violent passion and sexual undertones. You tend to link sex with power as an exaltation of personal force; and this can stimulate certain problems, although some potential partners can find the sheer physicality extremely exciting and provocative. This, plus the psychological manipulation that you attempt, can lead to stormy relations; and you are probably wiser

to moderate and discipline your release of energy through a controlled awareness of its impact on others. You may observe that your flow of sexual energy can be erratic and irregular, where your passions are either 'hot' or very 'cold', and you are basically unable to regulate them according to demand or switch them on.

In your home life, you may find problems arising in the spheres of financial management, and power struggles, and on the emotional levels of relationships. You probably find that your emotions are driven by the force of passion and sexual energy, and that you have a lack of real understanding of their nature, as they tend to be swept along on the tide. Perhaps this is why you often demonstrate little awareness of the emotions of others in everyday life, as yours are often held in a state of suspended repression, like waters blocked from following their natural route by a dam wall. If the emotional level was released carefully and consistently in a healthy way, the blocked Pluto energy operating on that level could be freed, and many of your problems would begin to dissolve, leading to personal transformation. This would then adjust the level of force and suppressed violence in you, so that you would deal with your power more positively. This would lead to a clearer perception of self and others, allowing partners more personal freedom through mutual agreement and compromise, rather than your previous imposition of will. Taking such a course could develop also towards greater social involvement, using your energy in positive and creative channels, realising that if you can change from living mainly to satisfy purely personal desires at the expense of others, then there is the potential for a self-centred violent society to change from exploitation to co-operation and mutual benefit.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars in opposition to Pluto, you have a defiant attitude toward the effects of your aggression. Lacking sufficient control of your energy, you are surprised at the response you stimulate in others. You challenge people to be on the defensive in their dealings with you. You tend to overdramatize your competitors' motives and may even raise unnecessary barriers to protect your own interest. Your actions often cannot be logically justified.

Your intense sexual nature may lead you to form strong alliances, but it may just as easily cause severe rifts in your relationships. If you use your magnetism to gain control over others, you may later find yourself the victim of another's obsession with power. The problem is to determine whether you are motivated by a lust for power and control or whether you should use your energy as a force for social responsibility. You could be spiritually dedicated to making necessary changes in your environment. However, you may encounter powerful forces with the economic advantage to frustrate you in your objectives.

Above all, it is important that you evaluate the positive and negative aspects of any proposition. Consider the values of compromise before taking action. You must carefully

judge the effects you hope to achieve and be reasonably certain that you will not deny other people's rights. You will still alienate some persons as you assert yourself. Only you will know if the achievement of your goals justifies this.

You are sure to encounter problems in your personal affairs. It is almost certain there will be problems affecting your marital status if you are too demanding of your mate. Domestic turmoil could result from mismanagement of income, disputes over authority, or extreme jealousy expressed by either of you. You may have some problems concerning an inheritance or credit responsibilities.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle, or the action taken in life, works against the images coming from the unconscious. The aspect indicates that action may be forced; the individual may not be co-operative. Usually hard aspects between Mars and Pluto indicate an individual who avoids groups; who doesn't care for crowds because he feels out of control there. This can cause certain kinds of claustrophobia or ochlophobia.

Some kind of compromise has to take place between the action principle and the sensitivities from the unconscious. The unconscious motivation represents and influence (or a sensitivity) developed in the early years that will work against constructive action. The difficulty with Mars-Pluto aspects is learning how to control anger; how not to act or react because of anger; how to diffuse the anger when one is out of control.

Before the benefits (the creative action potential) can manifest, the aspect must be understood. Anger is so intense that the individual more often implodes than explodes. This person may not even be conscious of the anger he is shoving down into his personal unconscious. Until the anger is recognised, it can't be rechanneled. Anger is usually caused by hurt feelings and / or fear. The hurts or fears can be handled intellectually; they can be reasoned out. When hurt, fear or anger appears, one can ask 'Why am I hurt? What am I afraid of?' The answers will reflect the needs of the Sun or Moon, plus the signs involved in the Mars-Pluto aspect. The next key will be the Pluto position, for it indicates an unconscious influence.

Once the anger becomes conscious it can be worked out. The power of the aspect shows management ability as well as the potential for creative group action. It's worth the work.

Mars square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects between Mars and Pluto are the most forceful and violent we can have. Everything to do with executive ability, energy, action and the like is combined and intensified. Therefore the fierceness and pugnacity of these aspects can run to extremes, in both a positive and a destructive sense. This is seen in the champion sportsman (especially in those practising pugilistic sports like boxing), but also in criminals. With the hard aspects, we are determined to get the most out of ourselves and out of life by doing something hair-raising (like stunt work), by pushing ourselves to the limit (especially in sports that are physically or mentally demanding), or by pitting ourselves against formidable opposition even without resorting to physical violence (as seen in that indefatigable exponent of passive resistance, Mahatma Gandhi). We are fascinated by challenges and fights, physical or mental (or a combination of both), and can never have enough of them. Too many of them weary us, but we seem unable to ignore them.

We are always eager to prove ourselves; and this makes us opponents to reckon with in politics, sport, etc.. With the energy of the tense aspects, we fight hard, provoke controversy, and seem to enjoy throwing ourselves into the fray. The danger with these aspects is that we can be too hard on ourselves and others, to the point of cruelty. However, if the rest of the chart indicates gentler tendencies, we confine ourselves to holding our own. The more drastic the situation, the grimmer and more purposeful we become. The ability to work under great strain is outstanding.

Obstinacy, energy, craving for power, and desire to succeed are great, and can make us impervious to what others want and think. We go our own way in spite of everything. But obduracy can bring us into risky situations, so we do need to be careful.

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°18') ♈6 | 005

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with Mars conjunct North Node tend to act in harmony with the people in their environment, thus gaining both co-operation and approval. However, as the saying goes, 'Nobody is right if everybody is wrong'. The desires of the natives and their resultant actions can be swept along in a chain of mass passions that ends in self-destruction. For example, individuals caught up in a flood of misdirected patriotism can find themselves the agents or victims of war.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Collaboration and co-operation, union based on physical attraction alone. A lack of adaptability, the desire to quarrel. Associations of people working together to a common end or purpose.

(Bernice Grebner)

Mars energy is very forceful for North Node activity. This position over-stimulates and sometimes exaggerates sexual arousal. It definitely puts action behind the North Node growth.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides strong interest in athletic or physical activities in these individuals. In this matter, the secret of their success depends largely upon the instincts rather than just a discipline. These instincts have long been developed in them from previous life, which increases their ability to react to situations tremendously. In this case, tempers and aggressiveness go hand-in-hand to achieve the objective without wasting any time. If they fail to get what they want, their temper provides the continuation of energy to either 'get even' or go after something more comparable. Their energy applications seem to have a preprogramming that once the things get going, it is more of a remotely controlled operation. Physical sex drive is often at its highest; and it has certain past-life connections. Sometimes these connections are in the form of unfinished manipulation or simple 'get even' from the previous life. It seems as if the Martian energies are coupled with the previous memories, and they have a Scorpionic touch. In a female chart, it indicates reversal of normal roles from the past life to this life (man-wife relationship turns into wife-husband, brother-sister to sister-brother, etc.). Strong assistance from brothers and sisters is seen in getting ahead in life, or vice versa.

(Donna van Toen)

Assertiveness leads to growth, although during the overcompensating phase of the nodal balancing act assertiveness can get out of hand and lead to quarrels. Ability to concentrate on whatever goal is represented enhances growth potential. A need for activity stimulates growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, Mars is experienced as a powerful driving force for progress. The personal advance upward is courageous, although unsuitable means are frequently used. The native has ambition and does not mind the trouble involved in undertaking unusual tasks, which often tax the strength, yet are carried out with energy and enthusiasm. Depending on the sign and house involved, the Martia

9) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (1°27') ♃3 | ♌12

(Haydn Paul)

This is a favourable aspect, which should allow you the opportunity to unfold your natural talents relatively easily, applying them in a concentrated and determined approach

towards achieving your ambitions. You have the fortunate ability to evoke a response from your 'inner storehouse' of gifts, and create an open channel enabling you to manifest these in an objective context. Those who are close to you or who work daily with you may be inspired by this ability; and you are likely to display certain leadership qualities.

You will approach life with zest and vitality, pouring your energy wholeheartedly into satisfying your aims and your need for success. You seem to feel that your success is guaranteed; and whilst you may often feel impatient, or temporarily frustrated in your purpose, you have too much self-confidence and determination to believe that you could fail. The opportunities are certainly there for you; and your inner gifts are there to be actively expressed and exploited by you to achieve success.

You may find that you express and explore your talents in several potentially lucrative areas, as your gifts can be applicable in a variety of ways. This can mean that you are likely to change direction several times throughout your life, possibly in a radical style, or just to find new areas to experience. You may not have a specific goal in mind - such as a senior managerial position in one company - but could become influenced by 'the inner storehouse' of innate talents to search for new directions in order to find suitable channels of release for as yet latent gifts; you may even find a problem arising out of the very multiplicity of choices available to you.

Ideally, you should look for a ways of life which actually offers you a variety of channels through which to express yourself, where there is a potential for a renewal of challenges and for a demand of personal growth. Working closely with people is likely to attract you, and interpersonal relationships can be a constant sphere of creativity and growth; much can be shared and transmitted even in creating and maintaining positive human relations at work.

In an intimate relationship, you should ensure that equality is developed, building a balance, as you may have a tendency to play the role of dominating leader too often. Development of each partner is also important; and you partner's needs and abilities should be clearly recognised and valued, helping each other to actualise hidden potentials. Change in the relationship and in your partner should arise naturally and easily; never attempt to force any process, as a natural evolution is safest, especially when in truth you cannot really understand the inner process and life experience / perception of another.

The best use of your abilities will be towards benefiting others in some way. Whilst Pluto is likely to 'co-operate' with you using this energy for personal success, if you tend to apply it in a way that exploits or abuses others through your becoming obsessed with self-satisfaction and desires, you may find that Pluto becomes more subversive and undermines your purposes, stimulating failure as a natural result of your own distorted form of expression, thus creating your own downfall as Pluto forces you to look at the

need for transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct Pluto, you seek to enjoy life at the fullest. You have enormous drive and ambition to achieve your goals as soon as possible, and are impatient with anything that delays you. To others, your goals may be unrealistic, but you strive for them with amazing determination. It rarely occurs to you that you may fail, for you do not accept defeat. You are driven by an insatiable appetite to get the most out of your potential. Your success at seemingly impossible tasks is almost inspired. Behind your ambition lies a powerful faith in your ability to rise above external limitations. Your accomplishments are acclaimed and envied by many.

Your professional interests are extremely varied, and you can excel in many fields. Even though successful, however, you will be uncomfortable until you find a life work that offers unlimited growth potential. Essentially you are attracted to professions in which you must work closely with people, such as law, medicine, psychology, or religion. On the other hand, your preoccupation with self may lead you to seek recognition in fields such as sports, research and exploration, or even gambling, in which the risks are high and the dangers tantalizing. You will become involved in financial enterprises of vast scope which will generate significant returns for you.

In your personal affairs, your inclination for success will attract you to other successful persons. You will seek a mate whose strength of character, accomplishments and recognition you admire. You will understand your partner's motives and enthusiastically stimulate your mate to achieve. Be careful, however, not to overemphasize your partner's earning ability and the resulting 'good life', thus downgrading the fine personal attributes that make it possible.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two planets, each of which is expansive in its own way - one through seeking a synthesis of a wide range of phenomena, the other through spreading its roots in the all-embracing consciousness - can have serious and far-reaching consequences. Pluto could carry us unexpectedly out of our depths, and with Jupiter we must always be on guard not to bite off more than we can chew. The danger of exaggeration and of overreaching ourselves is always present.

Whenever we are engaged in philosophizing, forming opinions, studying or any other Jovian activity, Pluto intensifies our efforts. It encourages depth; and in making a synthesis we are never satisfied that everything has been included. Therefore the combination leads to intense searching. Where our philosophical outlook is concerned, we do not rest until we are able to penetrate to the core of life itself; preferably, we want to be in control of our lives. We do not form opinions until we have thoroughly

researched the background information; the corollary being that, when our minds are finally made up, nothing and nobody can shake us. Our opinions become part of us, and we promote them with passionate intensity. So this aspect gives inflexibility, conceit and unreachability, but is outstanding for study and research.

The expansiveness of Jupiter stimulates Pluto's striving for power and urge to control and get to the bottom of situations. So this is a likely aspect to find in the charts of great leaders and demagogues (provided it is linked with personal points in the horoscope). Its drawback is that charismatic leadership ability may not be accompanied by responsible insights. And once these natives are captivated by some ideal (Jupiter), they can pursue it with such fanaticism that they have no time for non-supporters. Power struggles and differences of opinion are commonplace with this aspect.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because Pluto is one of the slow-moving outer planets, many people born in any given year when Jupiter is transiting the same sign as Pluto will have this aspect. It creates a mini-generation of people who will have choices to make as to how they pursue relationships. If the conjunction is unafflicted by other planets, it can be diagnosed by the sign and house placement.

It indicates that relationships will be affected by the unconscious motivation caused by the conjunction to Pluto. It can indicate a person who may need to control all his relationships; a person who needs to stay on top, and needs to manage those around him. He may reach out for new experience with great care and caution because he doesn't want to feel out of control. This person may be extremely sensitive about relationships in general, for a chance word overheard can send his subconscious self on a trip that will analyze and re-analyze anything that bothers him because of certain kinds of early childhood experience.

10) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°55') ♃3 | ♄12

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which

requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at

this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as

well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects,

because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

11) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Parallel** ☾ **South-Node** - (1°06') ♄12 | ♀11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) creates a condition in which the native's will is out of harmony with prevailing social trends. The tendency to initiate things at the wrong time and place generates resentment and misunderstanding. The natives are forced to regenerate their lives without the help of others. Very often, large social events which are beyond their personal control endanger or destroy their work and personal security. On the positive side, this conjunction fosters self-reliance, resourcefulness, and the ability to survive under hardships. According to some astrological philosophers, this conjunction indicates a past life condition in which the natives initiated large-scale changes without regard to their effect on others' lives. Now they must learn how it feels to be the victim of circumstances beyond their control.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect brings about a generation which is anti-establishment. Keeping the peace and harmony will be their motto. They will not hesitate to use destruction for the sake of construction, but only as a last resort. Basically, their ideality is to put a curb on destruction or regeneration in order to elevate the individual soul. Some of their significant work consists of redistribution of Karma by taking the esoteric law in their hands.

(Donna van Toen)

This person is often affected by violence, which hinders growth. Mass destiny, upheavals, destructive or self-destructive behavior can be stumbling blocks. Separation of some sort, violence, and, less frequently, escapism may impede growth. Circumstances beyond control or perhaps karma could make it necessary to constantly fight against stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

With Pluto at the point of Saturn, the native can insist on old rights, and can lay arrogant and aggressive claims to authority. Vandalism and acts of violence perpetrated with a show of legality are other manifestations.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

12) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♅ Pluto** - (10°09' S) ♎1 | ♋12

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Pluto to the Ascendant means that you have the power to determine the kind of world that can be constructed from its available resources. You know how difficult it is to function and develop under environmental conditions and economic pressures that frustrate you at every turn, but it is in your grasp to arouse the people to make public officials yield to their demands. You can play an important role in urging the public to eliminate the parasites who cause decaying social conditions and the depraved human qualities that lead to them. Because you speak and conduct yourself with authority, no-one dares dismiss you as a troublesome critic. You are not easily aroused to taking action unless the situation is serious. If it is, you will use every trick you can devise to compel those responsible to take the actions that are necessary to restore order from chaos. You won't be satisfied until a system is working effectively.

You don't tolerate abuse in your personal affairs either. In general you know what you want out of life, and are ready to make any investment in talent and effort to realize your goals. You defend those entrusted to your care, and the people you love know that you

will protect their interests at all costs. You must guard against driving yourself or others to excess. Choose your adversaries with care, or you could antagonize someone who would deal violently with you. You tend to bring out the worst qualities in people.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Pluto, the compulsive and powerful urge to achieve power and recognition, and the mechanism in us that drives us to get to the bottom of everything, will, when conjunct the Ascendant, impart an air of fierceness and forcefulness. Pluto is not a relaxed planet, and we radiate a certain intensity that some of our acquaintances may even find fascinating. With Pluto on the Ascendant, we have 'somehting': there is something unfathomably powerful in our look that can be very intriguing.

Because Pluto gives a longing for power, we are not averse to being manipulative. With this planet at such a main outlet, we desperately need to play an important part, to gain control of our circumstances - and thus of our immediate surroundings. But we are unable to hold Pluto's influence in check, and can express ourselves much more forcefully than we suppose. If we fail to have our own way by direct methods, we employ indirect methods, since we are determined to have it at all costs. Therefore people with Pluto on the Ascendant are often to be found engaged in a sharp struggle for superiority with those around them. However, the hostilities are not necessarily open. Many people are afraid of a head-on clash with such strength, and have an uneasy feeling that the person possessing it might go to extremes; therefore they attempt an outflanking manoeuvre. But someone with Pluto on the Ascendant is also a master tactician, knowing to perfection how and when to launch a surreptitious counterattack, and never relenting until the initiative has been regained.

Therefore we are not able to pass through life unnoticed, even though seldom revealing our inner thoughts. We make stringent demands of ourselves and others - who have to pass muster before they are allowed proper access to us. They must be able to match our strength.

The taboo-breaking character of Pluto means that, with the planet on the Ascendant, we can try really hard to bring about all sorts of improvements and changes. However, there is a danger that we might go to excess, which could be very destructive to ourselves and to our environment. This danger exists because Pluto stands for an all-or-nothing attitude. The community will have a hard fight on its hands if it tries to block our pet schemes.

The characteristics represented by Pluto the transformer are not easily governed by the conscious will; however, it is possible to learn to integrate them better. As the personality matures, the initially unmanageable desire for power can be redirected to control the factors causing inner uncertainty and outer insecurity. Given this improved handling of Pluto's influence, we should acquire the ability to uncover material repressed and buried

in the unconscious minds of ourselves and others. Digging and rooting in other psyches is one of the many possible forms of expression of this aspect, and can lead to a great knowledge of people. In holding our own, we are inclined to use such knowledge as leverage. here is a further illustration of the power needs of this combination, and a warning of its danger in certain respects.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto conjuncts the Ascendant, the qualities of unconscious motivation are added to every new beginning. Either the energy of the archetypal or mythic images can be added to each new endeavor, or the need to control each new event in life will take place. The controlled personality, the person who approaches life very carefully, can be indicated by this conjunction, as can the person who has great healing abilities, or one who has wonderful ideas that can benefit society.

(Sue Tompkins)

I think anyone with Pluto conjunct any of the angles has a strong urge to power, but also tends to insist upon privacy. Pluto rising people usually approach the world being very concerned with survival. Rather like Saturn rising, those with Pluto conjunct the Ascendant do not seem to expect the world to be a particularly safe place; they expect the world 'out there' to be something of a minefield, a place where the mines are not only hidden but potentially fatal. Intensely self-aware, the individual also seems especially aware of and sensitive to the murkier sides of life and the uglier aspects of human nature.

Pluto rising people seem to go out into the world wanting to hide. This is particularly noticeable with the Ascendant in Leo. We are used to thinking of Leo as being rather attention-seeking, but Pluto rising in Leo people seem to feel as if they are the centre of attention, as if everyone is watching them. The person often wears dark glasses and blushes when spoken to. In early life they may have had a great deal of attention but found that level of attention, that level of being 'watched', crippling to the development of their own personal identity. Thus there is a feeling that they want to hide.

Sometimes, Pluto contacting the Ascendant axis describes a very early life which involved the child in a family secret, something that the youngster would be unable to understand, process and even perhaps remember in later life. The 'secret' might involve almost any family skeleton; but issues around sex, death, madness and rage are all implied. I have known cases where the 'secret' was merely that the person was adopted. In any event, for whatever reason, those with Pluto rising often cultivate what might be described as a 'concealing persona', an outer face that gives little away and often tightly controls each and every situation so that others, too, do not reveal too much.

Sometimes, the birth itself involved trauma, perhaps the near-death of mother or child.

And sometimes there is a brush with the possibility of death to self or others in childhood, which explains the subsequent fearfulness. In any event, there often lingers a feeling that one might be violated in some way if appropriate steps are not taken.

I have long felt that Pluto may be significator of the grandmother, and largely came to this conclusion after noticing how frequently she was a dominant figure in the early lives of those with Pluto rising or in the first house. People with this placement often have lived with a grandmother in the family and often established a stronger bond with her than with other family members - and this in a culture where the extended family is increasingly a thing of the past. I have also seen cases where Granny herself was not present but another strong female, such as a nanny in the professional sense, was. What this might mean is not clear to me. However, those with Pluto rising where Grandmother was dominant usually have nothing negative to say about her, but it is usually the case that she was a very powerful matriarchal figure who sometimes controlled the entire household with her sickness, money or the sheer force of her personality. Not infrequently she acted as an 'agent provocateur' between the parents; but again, the results of this on the individual with Pluto rising are not clear to me, although there can be a great fear of intimacy with this placement, almost as if forming a real relationship was prevented when the child was young. Possibly the child unconsciously picked up and absorbed from the rest of the family some of the negative emotions intended for Granny; and perhaps on some level the family may have wished the older woman dead. The young child has then stood between these negative energies and the grandparent.

In any event, those with Pluto contacting either side of the Ascendant axis by conjunction or hard aspect often find it difficult to achieve intimacy; difficult to let others in. This is more likely to be the case if the axis is also receiving hard aspects from other planets, especially Saturn.

Classically, those with Pluto rising approach the world wanting to control and manipulate it and bend others to the hidden but nevertheless iron will that lurks beneath their exterior. If the Ascendant is descriptive of one's 'vehicle' then Pluto rising, especially when found in fixed signs, is rather like a tank - massively protected and defended; impenetrable and unyielding.

Pluto rising people themselves often live out some sort of taboo in their lives; and by taboo I mean something that society en masse might consider to be deviant in some way. It is as if one must get past the person's secret before one is allowed to relate to the rest of the person.

13) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (9°36' S) ♀4 | ♀3

(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 if the chance to be a farreaching 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.

14) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♃ **Neptune** - (5°18' S) ♃2 | ♃2

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction emphasises emotional sensitivity and vulnerability to others, especially through an impressionable, sympathetic psychic empathy. The nature of your environment will be highly influential in affecting your inner balance and wellbrnig, so ideally you need to live and work within suitable places and with suitable people, or else you may discover that your spirit and vitality begin to wane through absorbing what are negative influences on your sensitivity.

As your heart is so open to experience life, it is equally likely to experience suffering, anguish and disappointments. Evolving ways of self-protection or essential filters to this sensitivity may be necessary over time, otherwise life could become too painful for you. Through your innate understanding and sympathetic attitudes, you are likely to become a listener and confidante to others' problems; yet a degree of detached impersonal objectivity needs to be developed or else you will take their problems and pain away with yourself. This is not a sacrifice that needs to be made, even though you are rightly willing to offer aid and assistance to those in need. It may be that you are attracted towards employment in the spheres of social welfare and care, where you can serve deprived people and encourage them to take steps of advancement. Certainly that compassionate heart will be a main motivating factor in your life, and it is probably through such a route that you can most easily display your most natural qualities and abilities. Your influence can have a beneficial and catalytic effect on others, stimulating them towards either personal growth or resolving problems. Employment which fixes you into a repetitive

mundane work pattern will not be satisfying, and will ultimately be a denial of your talents and abilities. It is easy to recognise when you are stuck in the wrong place: you are beset by the intensification of wishful thinking and daydreaming, of desires to escape, and of a lack of interest in application.

You have a powerful imagination which does not like to be inhibited or denied and is constantly looking for ways to be expressed; there will be considerable artistic and cultural appreciation as well as creative gifts within you waiting to be released. Suitable channels are art, music, poetry, design, ways that preferably evoke an emotional-feeling response in yourself and others. You could develop into being visionary and inspirational if this area was especially focused and all your energies were committed to such a task. Your psychic sensitivities could play a role in this, offering the awareness of more subtle currents in life and the power inherent in symbols and images, or even your dream life with a prophetic quality could be influential. It is probably best to use any such psychic or mediumistic talents only as a support to artistic creation, because you may find that they can be too unreliable or too shrouded in Neptunian sea mists and make clear perception difficult. These tendencies can develop towards religious or spiritual interests, such as the exaltation of the mystic's emotions and heart devotions.

In your personal life and intimate relationships, you may need to be wary of a tendency to be excessively romantic, preoccupied with dreams of the ideal lover, always searched for and never found. In real life there are real people, and disillusionment is never far away from the anima-animus projected obsessions which create self-delusions and the experience of being shocked by the reality of your 'dream lover'. Turning men or women into gods or goddesses is a dangerous game; they always fall off the pedestal that you have placed them on. Like Humpty Dumpty, the fall shatters the illusion which can never be put together again around the person. Yet falling in love again with the real person is often much more rewarding and enriching.

There can be tendencies to evade the impingement of harsh reality at times. That isn't the way, but making adjustments to your own attitudes may be the key to deal with this challenge. Accepting reality is a process that we have to continually confront in life, although this doesn't necessarily imply a surrender to the inevitable; it can be the initial action required to determine how to transform an unsatisfactory situation. Sometimes the influence of Neptune dominates the Moon, and the result is a retreat towards private worlds, hiding within defensive shells, unable to face the real world, and living within the glamour of those castles in the air of your imagination, lost in dreaming worlds.

Additionally, Moon aspects indicate an association with the Mother image, symbol and real parent. The conjunction implies a close bonding with your mother or an important influence over your development, but, as with your romantic relationships, illusions can be present which may need cleansing or releasing if they are negatively affecting your adult relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows that you are imaginative, emotional, sensitive, and sometimes given to daydreaming. Your psychic ability enables you to respond to outside stimuli that others are unaware of. You are inclined to offer assistance to anyone who seems to need help. However, this may get you into difficulty, for some people will blame you if their problems aren't solved. Disappointments are common in your life, for, even though you suffer with others in their grief, you may be left alone when they experience joy.

Your professional life must have sufficient challenge to keep you alert and reasonably 'on the go'. Avoid any occupation that involves long periods of time spent in repetitious and boring tasks. In such a job you would find escape in daydreaming and dawdling, and accomplish little. You would probably be fired as lazy, incompetent, and indifferent, which would be accurate only in those circumstances. Your latent ability should find an outlet through public-oriented endeavors, such as service and welfare programs, nursing, working with the mentally retarded, or rehabilitation of the handicapped. Working closely with others who depend on you would serve as a catalyst for your energies, and you would participate with attentiveness and vigor.

Your love nature is extremely romantic, and it is truly difficult for anyone to measure up to your expectations. You've mesmerized yourself to escape from the abrasions of reality. Most individuals you meet disorient you, so you categorize them according to your own way of thinking. In time, when their human nature becomes painfully apparent, you are shocked in disbelief. Learn to accept people at their level of development and don't give them attributes they haven't earned or deserved. You will be admired by others for your sympathetic understanding of their 'highs' and 'lows'. You can express your imagination in artistic pursuits - designing, painting, music, or poetry. Help others by painting joy in their lives, by designing activities for them, by letting a song ring out to relieve their stresses, or by sharing tender moments in poetic escape.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she reacts to life when the person is very young. Neptune represents some characteristics of delusion or inspiration, or it clouds the mother issue. In an adult, the Moon indicates the ability to respond to life, and its sign indicates how it will be done. When Neptune conjuncts the Moon, it clouds the feelings, covers them, puts a veil around them, and it may also cloud the image of the mother so that much of her effect is confused or unclear. This makes it difficult to evaluate the mother's actions, and it deludes the individual about woman issues: how a woman should act; how a woman is expected to behave; what are 'nurturing', 'caring' and feeling'. The aspect affects males and females differently.

In a man, the aspect often clouds his emotions and veils his concepts of what a woman

should be, so that when he enters into a relationship with a woman it is often with strange expectations. He thinks women are different from what they are in reality, and he is usually disappointed in their behavior. This man doesn't want to know that women go to the bathroom or wear hair curlers etc.. His mother taught him illusions and delusions, so he is eventually forced to determine from a conscious point what adult female behavior is all about. He is also extremely intuitive; he will have intuitive feeling responses that he may not consciously understand. This can be both a blessing and a curse. If his body is so sensitive that he picks up too many vibrations from the environment, he may not know 'who' he is feeling - himself or those around him. He may be unsettled because of his intuitive response, for his sensitivity may not match his conception of a two-fisted, hairy-chested male. If he is mother-dominated, his mother can do no wrong; he seldom sees her for what she is, always covering her with a shimmering cloud of perfection. If he is father-dominated, he often bases his idea of what a woman should be on a fairy-tale image of Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty attributes. He has trouble separating his anima function from his wife or girlfriend because he often projects his anima onto her personality. His girlfriend's actions may not be akin to his anima image, so he is constantly disappointed. If he is mother-dominated, his girlfriend seldom acts as his mother told him 'good' women should.

When a woman has her Moon conjunct Neptune it indicates that her mother misled her as far as the behavior of woman is concerned; therefore, she often has a distorted image of what a woman should be. The image of Woman is frequently associated with martyrdom and unrequited love. She falls in love with a person on a spiritual basis and sometimes doesn't notice that the one she has fallen in love with is a hopeless alcoholic or has psychotic disturbances. She feels guilty about sexual involvements and consequently may pick a partner who cannot relate to her sexually, or she can't relate sexually to him. She may find herself in perplexing predicaments, for she doesn't know what earthly love is. The problem stems from the fact that she doesn't know what a woman should be and how she as a woman should react. The result is often too much phoney spirituality and a lot of hurt feelings. Confusion surrounds the nurturing, caring and feeling functions.

Both sexes have some kind of problem expressing their feelings of love on a sexual level. Sometimes it's easier to be sexy with someone you don't love, for love is such a 'spiritual' experience that physical sex can 'defile' it in some way. Men with this aspect sometimes have a woman they love and a woman they sex. Or, if the Moon is in a Fire sign, their sexuality is limited because of their idealism. Women with the aspect tend to choose spiritual relationships that may be emotionally painful - the man may mistreat them, or he may not be able to perform sexually. Sometimes this aspect appears in the charts of women who fall in love with homosexual men, so the relationship is close but the unrequited love aspect is there.

The aspect is an intuitive and sensitive one, and its owners may have many interesting psychic and intuitive experiences. It can sometimes indicate people who have a great

deal of healing ability; they become involved in the mental, spiritual and physical healing of others. They are intuitive enough to be able to manifest on a creative level as well, and this source of energy is never-ending once they learn to tap into it. The creative potential cannot be completely realized until they learn to share their feelings with another human being. This can be a most productive aspect. The blind spot toward the mother can be emphasized by other aspects in the chart; she may be the one who stands between this person and his freedom - and he can't see it.

15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (8°11' S) ♌12 | ♌12

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury to Saturn shows that you are responsible, contemplative, and serious, partly because of your early training. You solve problems logically and waste little time with superficial matters. A veritable storehouse of information, you extract something meaningful from every experience. You are a good listener and cautious about voicing your own opinions in conversation. Rather than indulge in fanciful dreams, you prefer to apply yourself to goals that are well within your reach. You are sometimes pessimistic and may become severely depressed when you face reversals.

Your professional interests could be in mathematics, drafting, engineering, architecture, teaching, or politics. In fact, there is a wide range of occupations in which you could be successful. However, you will lose interest in your job if it doesn't make demands on your talents. But if you know your own efforts are appreciated, you will make enormous contributions. As you tend to be a loner, you will work better if you can set your own pace. Generally you would rather work alone because you are irritated by distraction from associates. Your employer will always get his money's worth because you are honest and sincere and insist on fulfilling your part of the contract. You don't expect to get something for nothing.

Though you are intellectually capable and reasonably ambitious, recognition of your abilities may be delayed or overshadowed by your gregarious competitors. Be especially careful not to let your co-workers pick your brains; you are so eager to demonstrate how things should be done that you unwittingly divulge information that you should keep in reserve. However, don't be afraid to speak up when you have a good idea. If you are shy, get someone you trust to present it for you. Because of your air of indifference, people may think that you are not interested in social contacts. Actually, you are usually engrossed in deep thought triggered by something said earlier. You may be absent-minded at times. Even in a large gathering, you may become so dissociated that others do not realize you are there; nor do you.

You need to be able to confide in someone close to you whom you can trust. Your romantic interests are stimulated by a person who is mature, honest, sincere, and responsible. Tradition and custom represent security to you, and you respect them. Your

religious beliefs are probably the same as your parents' and reflect your childhood training. You resist change unless it can be proven to be an improvement over the past.

Unless you take time to unwind often, you will invite tension. Take frequent 'little vacations' and just waste time doing nothing productive. Try to look at the bright side and learn to laugh at your own mistakes. It is essential to avoid becoming morbidly obsessed with the big, important issues.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The ponderous Saturn always makes itself felt in our contacts, speech and analyzing. Therefore we hesitate to take the initiative, but play for safety and wait quietly to see how things will turn out. In conversation, we usually seem very calm and matter-of-fact, and it is not easy to make us change our minds. The aspect does not encourage optimism and, indeed, we probably strike others as pessimistic. Quite often we suffer from fits of depression but, every now and then, feel an overcompensating need for entertainment, if only to break out of our inner isolation.

Feelings of loneliness are not foreign to people with a Mercury-Saturn conjunction: they are painfully aware of themselves. Yet, this conjunction has wonderful qualities: it connotes immense powers of concentration and an ability to marshal facts. All research is meticulous - a plus point, even though the motive is to overcome a sense of insecurity.

Because they possess clarity and the ability to think things out straightforwardly and step-by-step, the natives can make good teachers. They inculcate facts carefully, in easily assimilated instalments, and keep strictly to the subject.

With this aspect, we talk like people with a lifetime's experience behind them: but then, after all, Saturn is known as the planet of old age. Also, we are inclined to treat things too seriously and to disapprove of jests. Our thinking is unadventurous and rather conventional. We like to stick to well-known patterns (because this gives security). Therefore, opinions are rather rigid, especially if Saturn is the leading planet. However, if Mercury has more dignitaries than Saturn, there is greater flexibility.

The Saturn conjunction seldom permits mental repose. Even in the most relaxed moments, we lie thinking about next day's work or shopping.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect causes the person to feel restricted by the father in some way during childhood. On a subconscious basis, the individual will carry the father's effect into his adult life, for it seems that Dad inhibited the child's expression. It may be that Dad resents the child, or that the child's crying makes him angry. If the mother tries to shush the kid because Dad doesn't like the noise, the child with this aspect will develop an

inhibition regarding communicating with his father. This will only happen if the father is angry in the child's presence. Other aspects will confirm the fatherchild relationship.

Because of the early influence of the father, the child will not respond early to the learning process that takes place in grammar school. He may avoid recitation or answering a teacher's questions. He may not be able to hear well; there may be some dysfunction, or he may be so tense that he 'can't hear' because of his apprehension. Under pressure, he may not be able to receive instruction or follow directions.

As an adult, words come with difficulty, and he may sound harsh while trying to get his point across. The harshness may be caused by a subconscious fear that any authority figure will reject what he says, so his conversations may be tactless and too much to the point. A great deal of resentment may take place before he feels strong enough to talk about his feelings.

Once the energy is understood, this aspect can be turned into a strongly constructive one, for it gives the ability to follow through on details, to work to the finish, and to seriously express the needs of the self.

(Charles Carter)

This important position runs the gamut from stupidity and inertia, in cases where Saturn overcomes and stifles, so to speak, the action of Mercury, to the careful, methodical type of mind, with, possibly, great powers of taking pains, sustained highly focused concentration, and profound perceptions.

Provided that the remainder of the nativity supplies initiative and energy, this position is good for any post that calls for trouble, prudence, and caution; but of itself it may incline to waste of time and lack of energy, particularly if it be in water, when mental self-confidence may be lacking.

Depression is not uncommon, and there is a propensity to solitary habits. Yet, rather strangely, this position sometimes produces great volubility and a fondness for 'holding forth'. It often makes a good teacher.

Afflictions between these planets are common in cases of suicide, wherein Mercury is also often in a sign of Saturn.

There are often checks in the career, and in some cases there is a failure to fulfil youthful promise. Development is frequently slow and should not be forced, unless, as is sometimes the case, there is a tendency to procrastination.

There is often a good deal of self-will and obstinacy, and something of the type that argues to justify itself at all costs and will never admit its mistakes - this is common if

Aries is also heavily tenanted. On the other hand, this same tenacity, when directed reasonably, makes a very excellent fighter in adverse circumstances.

16) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°29' S) 133 | 133

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus to Jupiter indicates that you are benevolent, kind, sympathetic, and generous. But you go to extremes in expressing these qualities and are indulgent with people even when they don't deserve it. Brutality and vulgarity are intolerable to you. You have a good sense of humor, although you have your contemplative moments, and you usually conduct yourself with decorum. In the presence of adversity, you are especially optimistic and always hopeful that the situation will turn out for the best. Selfindulgent in acquiring material comforts, you prefer a life of ease that allows you to participate in all the pleasurable social activities that you love.

Domestic conditions in your childhood may not have been abundant in material comforts, but probably you were not deprived of anything truly essential. Love, kindness, and understanding between you and your parents established the foundation for your continued growth and development.

You are suited to occupations in which your effusive manner can be expressed, such as public relations, travel, working with young people as a teacher or guidance counsellor, or directing social activities. Through your work in a welfare organization or foundation, you could bring joy and hope to people who are disadvantaged by social, economic, or physical problems. Your talents might also be applied in rehabilitative therapy through crafts and other avocational pursuits.

Your breezy disposition and warm nature make you popular with almost everybody. You are too easy-going, though, and some individuals may try to take advantage of you. However, you are rarely embittered by such negative encounters. You seek and are sought after by people who are also self-assured and who expect to succeed. You respond to honesty and gravitate toward persons with that quality. But you react negatively to those who make sincere gestures toward others only if they have some ulterior motive. You don't waste time on people who waste their time. Any accomplishment, either material or personal, makes you glow with happiness. Difficult stress contact from Saturn to this planetary pair may make it burdensome to gain this happiness, but you would still be inclined to it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here, expansive, ameliorating Jupiter joins forces with Venus, the promoter of balance and harmony. It is generally assumed that this should make us lovable, friendly and jolly, and therefore well-liked and popular. We appreciate good companionship, and certainly

know how to enjoy life.

In love and friendship, we can shed a lot of warmth, but the desire to spread our wings (given by Jupiter) may mean that we do not stay faithful to one partner.

We are quite prepared to set the ball rolling socially, and we like to immerse ourselves with others in anything that happens to fascinate us, including philosophical subjects (Jupiter). However, Venus is a rather lazy planet and, in this conjunction, can make us rather half-hearted or self-indulgent when it comes to Jovian interests such as study, travel and philosophical reasoning. Enjoyment, comfort and elegant idleness are liable to have the edge on serious effort. Self-discipline is not the strong point of this conjunction.

Venus also represents the need for material security. Its conjunction with Jupiter intensifies this need, and a fair amount of effort will be expended satisfying it. Generally, we look for a position where we can prosper and wind up with plenty of money in the bank.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother brings an exciting, open and straightforward influence to this child's concept of expectancy. This influence can be somewhat moderated by the signs in which the conjunction takes place, and the aspect should be read with the signs in mind. Other aspects can mitigate this interpretation, for the energy will not be free to operate until the mitigating aspect is rechanneled.

The conjunction aspect is helpful for it indicates the capacity to relate to what is wanted, to pursue what is wanted, and if the aspect is unafflicted the energy can indicate a gogetter. If other aspects inhibit this one, or if the chart is undeveloped, the aspect can indicate a person who is merely self-exuberant or selfish.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and the inharmonious elements may result from this configuration, according to the sign involved and the remainder of the nativity. Grace of expression, deep philosophic insight, idealism and literary tendencies are among the good expressions.

This conjunction is sometimes rather sybaritic and amorous, but may be present in the charts of people capable of sternness. It also has a lighter social side. It seems to tend to popularity, but, in itself, appeals to the less thoughtful and serious elements of the population - one may become a *matinée* idol or the object of flapper-adoration. It certainly tends to make men popular with women, and it would be an excellent feature in the nativity of one who desired to do business with that sex, or to found a religion which might appeal to them. Teachers with this position have indeed been criticised rightly or

wrongly for allowing themselves to become objects of adulation from ladies with more heart than discrimination.

I have heard it said that good aspects between Venus and Jupiter are of use only to lazy people, but the lists I have made (including Mussolini) disprove any connection between it and indolence.

17) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♂ **Mars** - (6°42' S) ♄12 | ♃6

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mercury and Mars shows that you have an active mind with limitless resources of intellectual ability. You are restless and impatient to demonstrate your competence whenever you can. But people who feel threatened by your mental superiority will oppose you, and you seem to attract such individuals. You have to resist the tendency to argue when compromise and mutual understanding can achieve more positive results. Unless you make a sincere effort to compromise, you will make matters worse. Refuse to argue when provoked by someone, and then you will be forced to discuss your differences and, it is to be hoped, resolve them. Until you can reach out to people this way, you run the risk of being unpopular. It isn't that you are unable to relate to people, but that you strike them at first as hostile, which makes them defensive. You find fault with everything, as though you were sure of your own perfection. The sign that reads 'Stop, Look and Listen' was probably meant to protect people of your temperament from accidents. Try looking at things from another person's point of view; you might learn a lot. Don't draw any conclusions until you really hear what other people have to say. Your ability to judge will improve remarkably at once.

You have the opportunity to be successful in anything you choose, although you may miss it by assuming that you know all the answers. Start with the premise that you know nothing; and then begin to learn from every resource available. You will endear yourself to persons in authority, you may be very helpful to you. Play dumb if necessary, and become really informed where it counts. You can never know too much.

You may be attracted to such occupations as public relations, counseling, education, or even acting. You don't lack any talent in communicating freely; you simply have to learn to voice your opinions more moderately and discard the brutal technique. Don't speak up in your own defence unless you are truly being challenged. To do so is a waste of time and effort that could be used more constructively.

Be diplomatic at all times in your contacts and dealings. You cannot afford to allow enmity to develop between you and people who may prove useful to you later. Above all be very careful about your language. Profanity only cuts off the lines of communication between you and others; resorting to it shows you are fighting a losing battle.

(Betty Lundsted)

Words pop out of the mouth, and, in spite of himself, this individual has said something he could have held in. This aspect has the power of the conjunction and the square, but it's easier to learn how to handle. The compromise will be indicated by the signs in which the opposition takes place.

Mercury square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the tense aspects, greater care is required, because it may be difficult to coordinate Mercury's outgoingness with the combative egoism of Mars.

When this individual is conversing with others, he or she strikes them not only as very alert and very subtle, but also as rather too sharp and aggressive, and this can arouse antagonism. It is hard for this person to exercise restraint during discussions and, when attacked, he or she easily loses the temper; so these aspects present one or two problems, but the latter can be solved if the individual will accept that there is usually something to be said for the other person's point of view.

Mentally, this individual can perform outstandingly well under high pressure, but runs the risk of overstrain during more peaceful periods because he or she seems unable to switch off. The tension makes the person cross and irritable, or even rude. He or she is also tempted to think a lot of self and to put self in the foreground in thought and deed. By thrusting others to one side (often quite unintentionally), he or she creates awkward situations. For example, this type easily adopts what others have said or written, if it happens to appeal to him or her; the material may be presented as if it emanated from him- or herself.

The biggest problem in the hard aspects is the lack of balance between quicksilver Mercury and hasty, hot-headed Mars. Not only can this encourage one to behave unwisely in dealings with others; it can also make one rash and prone to accidents or near-accidents.

(Charles Carter)

These contacts have a bad name among astrologers. They are certainly very frequently found in cases of crime and of insanity - indeed, it is probably that they are more frequently present in these classes of nativity than they are absent. But in judging their effects care must be taken to consider the other factors that may modify these evil results. For example, good sign-position or the intermingled rays of benefic planets. In

regard to the latter, even bad aspects are better than none.

The general effect of the combination is to increase the mental energies, sometimes to the extent of causing danger of mental or nervous breakdown. With their exercise much of the Martian influence is mixed, so that the native is either combative, faultfinding, and self-opiniated himself, or he encounters the opposition of others who possess that character. It must be agreed that usually the former condition is the nearer to actuality, for aspects of Mercury seldom fail to affect the native's own disposition.

If the chart as a whole is benevolent, then the native will attack what he conceives to be abuses, but if it is of a malevolent type, then he will assail others out of either greed or ill-nature. As a rule, the combination is not acquisitive in the way that Mercury-Saturn can be, but it has the name of being a thief, and writers with it are sometimes plagiarists.

In some cases it attacks the nerves, and makes a person irritable in the way that nervous people commonly are. The temper is seldom of the best, and the native is rarely a favourite, for the tongue is sharp and not always controlled. There is an element of ill-nature and a tendency to backbite. In children, there is often impertinence and rudeness. Adults are sometimes unnecessarily outspoken and rough-tongued; sometimes it goes with the type that affects to consider politeness a form of hypocrisy, a vice to which this combination is but little prone. In low types of charts, it may indicate 'pure cussedness' or the spirit of unvarying contrariety.

It is rarely if ever lacking in intelligence, but rather tends to fail in using its brains sensibly and advantageously.

It is not good for the native's children, who are usually few in number and subject to dangers. Very often there is childlessness.

From the standpoint of moral character, the most needful lesson is, as a rule, to learn to appreciate the values of opinions and types of character different from one's own; and to realise that we are all sometimes mistaken.

18) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°29' A) ♀6 | ♄12

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mars and Saturn indicates some conflict between your desires and your sense of responsibility. You alternate between moments of intense activity and periods when you cannot seem to gather the energy to accomplish anything. Your temperament is either aggressive or completely apathetic. You find it difficult to maintain a moderate position that would allow you to achieve your goals without 'highs' and 'lows'. You are the only obstacle in your path to achievement. You need to become self-disciplined in using your energy constructively, and you must establish goals within your

reach. Resolve firmly that you will not let feelings of futility keep you from reaching them.

You tend to be awed by the accomplishments of your associates or competitors, probably because you give them greater credit than they deserve. You desperately need competition so you can evaluate your own worth; ignorance of your capabilities is your greatest liability. The chances are that others will always have a higher opinion of your potential than you, and you will need to be reassured that your talents are genuine.

Once you get over the idea of your unworthiness, you can go far. You must like yourself enough to feel that you deserve the success you can achieve, but you will have to assert yourself. You could find some expression in law enforcement, industrial engineering, military service, conservation, or physical therapy. Initially, you would probably work best alone, until you can convince yourself that you could make a significant contribution in your field. Later, you could work satisfactorily with others without feeling threatened by their competence. You tend to establish goals somewhat out of reach, which makes you unhappy with your accomplishments. It would be better for you to grow into higher levels of responsibility by taking one step at a time. In that way, your current security is never jeopardized.

Your personal and romantic relationships never measure up to your expectations. Your desires always seem to be frustrated or to encounter great difficulties. The phrase 'After you get what you want, you don't want it' is descriptive of your feelings in these relationships. In any case, it is doubtful that your desires will be fulfilled to your satisfaction, and some denial is to be expected.

Moderation is necessary in all your affairs, or physical depletion can result. Rest is very important in order to maintain physical well-being. Accidents resulting in fractures are common with this planetary combination, as are problems affecting the joints, such as arthritis and bursitis. Moderate exercise is helpful if you get sufficient rest.

(Betty Lundsted)

This tie between sexuality and responsibility is one that is difficult, for it involves a compromise regarding either sexual expression or action taken, or both. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle and Saturn indicates the restriction is caused by the image of the father in the psyche. Mars is 'I sex' and Saturn is the restricting influence from the father because of views he had about sex when this individual was young.

It can seem that Father Time, or the Wise Old Man, is universally against any action attempted, for every action is tested for merit. The individual who lives with this energy may become resentful and feel that too much is asked of him. He may rebel against society, authority or his father. If this energy is used constructively, the rebellion against the father can establish a personal ethic that causes the individual to become involved in changing cultural conditions that need it. If not, it can indicate an individual who may be

harsh, who wishes to become a law unto himself.

In the sexual sense, it may be that the Saturn opposition controls the sex life, that there are losses connected with sexual expression; it may be difficult to establish long-lasting relationships. It may be difficult to find an enjoyable sexual partner. In this case, check out Venus and Moon aspects as well, for that may tell the story more completely.

As far as career is concerned, the Mars-Saturn opposition can cause restrictions on any action taken; so movement may be stagnated, or the individual worries too much about what he does. The aspect may indicate a person who doesn't handle crises well, for any crisis demands immediate decisions and immediate action. He may be restricted because of ideas and concepts learned from the father. As this energy is worked with, it can develop a slow and careful decision-maker, a steady worker, one who is precise and deliberate.

Mars square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the hard aspects between Mars and Saturn, the incompatibility of the planets comes more to the fore. Usually, we are ill-at-ease as a result of inferiority feelings which, as in the conjunction, can make us very reserved and even passive on the one hand, and full of (overcompensating) ambition on the other; consequently, we strive hard to reach goals, and are not to be deterred by any obstacles in the path. These aspects are often associated with intermittent bursts of energy; either we are taking things easy or we are being intensely active - there is no thought in our minds of a happy medium.

Because we feel so vulnerable, bearing is poised and stiff, and the impression we make on others is of someone hard and even forbidding. People can find us intimidating, and so a vicious spiral is set up. They in turn behave coolly toward us, or refrain from responding to us at all, and so our inward hurt increases and we become even more withdrawn. Although aloofness may look like egotism, it is really a form of shyness and sensitivity.

Perseverance comes hard to us; aims (Saturn) and actions (Mars) are always in conflict. Sometimes we attract circumstances in which we are unable to get enough of our own work done; as if, here again, aim and action are out of balance. Generally, our own attitude is to blame, but we can correct this as we grow older. For, even with the active tense aspects, we can set our sights on responsible long-term goals.

(Charles Carter)

These are frequently stated in text books to be of a violent character, indicating brutality, cruelty, and blood-lust. It may at once be said that this is by no means invariably the case; in fact, the writer has at least two friends with this combination (the square) who are conspicuously kind and gentle, there being of course other indications of this nature in their charts.

It may be said that it may incline to a certain hardness or sternness, but if the rest of the horoscope is good this may be necessary to the native by reason of his occupation and the tempers of those with whom he has to deal. Again, the severity may be turned inward and there may be an inner austerity and self-discipline.

Its chief effect on character appears to be of a quite different kind. The Saturnian influence acts as a brake on the Martian energies, and I have certainly often noticed a sort of erraticity in these people, so that their enthusiasms are sudden and violent, but short-lasting, with alternations of 'blowing hot' and 'blowing cold'. Sometimes there are spells of laziness, due to the inhibition of the Mars action; sometimes there is a restless energy without good directing common sense when Mars overcomes Saturn. Definite purpose often seems lacking, as if the native regarded life as something of a child's game, passing from one interest to another lightly and inconsequentially. However much in earnest such people are (and they often seem very much so), I have noticed that they commonly forget their pursuits as soon as they cease to amuse them. True depth is generally deficient. In one case there was great love of starting fresh enterprises and considerable ability in this way; but the natives soon lost interest in them when the initial difficulties had been surmounted, and left them to another; here Mars was also square Uranus.

There is usually a certain amount of selfishness or egoism. Thus, even when there is real kindness of heart, the native likes to go his own way, and will not readily turn aside from what interests him personally in order to minister to others. There is an inclination to impatience with those who do not readily agree.

Exteriorly, Mars-Saturn tends to a life of hardship and suffering, as well as to the undergoing of physical violence. The former may occur in the way of health. There is a danger of strain and excess; and this may be followed by the need for prolonged rest, rigid attention to dietetic and other restrictions, and otherwise 'paying the price'. The aspects seem to have a distinct affinity with enteric fever. There is also a liability to burns and scaldings.

The square is not uncommon in the victims of murdering. But in all such cases other potent factors will occur in addition, for the bad aspect of two planets (as apart from Sun, Moon and Angles) cannot, however serious, destroy the life prematurely or violently. General Charles Gordon had the two planets in trine, but Mars was debilitated by sign. The same occurs in the case of Alexander II of Russia (killed by a bomb).

These aspects do not by any means forbid success, though this will come late and after severe struggles.

19) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°51' A) ♀1 | ♀3

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Venus to the Ascendant shows that you strive to maintain harmonious relations with everyone you contact. You are inclined to make substantial concessions if it seems to be the only way to resolve a situation. A peacemaker by nature, you often try to smooth out the difficulties people have in reaching an amicable relationship. When you have a difference of opinion with someone, you tend to give that person the benefit of the doubt. You feel that if that person is wrong, he will eventually realize it. You don't push your views on others, preferring to find some basis for compromise.

You know what you want out of life, and you express that conviction freely. Not being a deceitful person, you consider it best to disclose that you intend to do whatever is necessary to realize your goals. Because you are somewhat timid, however, people don't really expect that you will go to great lengths to satisfy your desires. Above all, you want security in your later years, and your plans are geared to that objective.

In your career, you try to do everything that is expected of you, but you should refrain from becoming too familiar with your co-workers or superiors. You are too easy-going and indulgent for your own good, and this encourages others to try to take advantage of you.

Basically an honorable person, you prefer to operate within the law at all times. You dread the thought of becoming involved in an uncomfortable legal situation that would disturb the general harmony of your life. But be alert to the danger of becoming implicated in the legal problems of close associates, which could prove costly to you. There are times when giving others the benefit of the doubt can be a liability. On the whole, however, your relations with people are compatible, and any problems that develop can be settled to your mutual satisfaction through compromise.

Venus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Venus and the Ascendant, people find us well-balanced, and friendly, and we play an important part in keeping the peace and healing rifts. Social contacts appeal to us, and we like events that are bright and entertaining; so much so that we tend to ignore the serious side of life. We are adroit at working on

people's emotions.

Although every Venus / Ascendant aspect is potentially creative and artistic, the harmonious aspects discourage industry, and Venus tends to produce a superficial approach. Sloth, self-indulgence and a liking for luxury are as much a part of the picture with the harmonious aspects as they are with the conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a trine or sextile from Venus to the Ascendant easily attain their affectional needs, for their persona manifests traits similar to that which they appreciate in general.

20) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°38' S) ♎1 | ♊3

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Jupiter to the Ascendant shows that you are enthusiastic in everything you do and optimistic that you will succeed. You enjoy meeting people, and your cheerful outlook on life makes you popular with your many acquaintances. You stimulate those you deal with to support your endeavors, and they co-operate whenever they can. You are generous with your possessions and always ready to lend a helping hand to those who need assistance. On many subjects, you can speak with authority because you are often as well informed as professionals in the field. You strive for excellence at all times and admire that quality in others as well.

People are generally impressed with the extent of your knowledge. With your depth of understanding, you are able to advise others in their affairs, for which they are usually grateful. You communicate well and express yourself eagerly in matters that are of great interest to you. Communications could be a rewarding medium for you; writing, public speaking, or education would be excellent outlets for your creative talents. You are also a good listener, realizing that continued growth depends on absorbing as much additional information as possible. Although you realize that you can never know everything, you intend to be as well-informed as possible.

It is difficult for you to say 'no' when someone asks for help. But you occasionally try to do more than you should, so try to relax more frequently. You think of rest only as a last alternative to the many interests that hold your attention. In your eagerness to serve the needs of others, you tend to burn the candle at both ends.

You will always succeed in a partnership enterprise because you make such a heavy investment to assure its success. You don't shirk your responsibilities and may at times volunteer to make up for someone else's inability to do his share.

Jupiter trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Ascendant have much the same effects as the conjunction. We radiate cheerfulness, optimism and cordiality, and cultivate a wide circle of acquaintances. When Jupiter, with its gift for improving and remedying, is in easy relationship with the Ascendant, we like to be helpful to others - not in a subservient way, but out of simple kindness. 'People are entitled to be themselves' is our motto. Love of freedom and the need to be able to develop freely are two of our prominent characteristics.

Although, even with the easy aspects, we have a tendency to lecture and moralize, we generally manage to do it in a manner that others can accept without being offended. We enjoy propagating ideals and a vision of the future, and like talking about the things that enthuse us - particularly those that widen our horizons, either literally by travel, or metaphorically by immersion in philosophical or general human concerns.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with the sextile or trine relate to others by using a similar energy to that of the Ascendant. They tend to open up (Jupiter) in a manner complementary to the persona they have put forth.

21) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°31' S) ♀1 | ♀3

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you are an agreeable and sociable person, who doesn't like conflict with others. You are more willing than most to make compromises, because keeping peace and harmony with those you love is more important to you than getting your own way. In fact, you will give up a great deal in order to stay on good terms with someone.

You like to have the approval of persons in authority over you, and you will work to get it. Most important, your relationship with your parents is likely to be very good. Because of that, and because you have good relationships with other authority figures, you will feel secure in yourself and will be able to love and be loved wherever you go. Also you will attract people who can help you as you go through life.

Your home life is also very secure. You should grow up in a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere, surrounded by beauty and comfort. What you learn in youth will serve you well throughout your life, and you will always have a warm feeling for your childhood

home and the places that you associate with it. But you will not feel tied to your past in a way that prevents you from getting ahead in life.

Sometimes this aspect is a sign of artistic ability, especially if other areas of your chart reinforce the theme. Even at worst, you will have a strong sense of beauty and a love of beautiful objects.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives diplomatic abilities in professional matters. It brings harmony and love into the native's family life. There is contentment in marital, home, and professional affairs. These people often grow roses and other flowers in an effort to make their surroundings more pleasant. The home is usually tastefully and artistically decorated. In some cases, the career will be related to artistic pursuits.

Venus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The behavior when we have Venus sextile or trine the MC is very like that of the native with the conjunction - that is to say, we seem friendly, warm, sociable and cordial, and this gives us a flying start when it comes to asking for favors. Artistic or other work involving form, color and proportion could well be our *métier*; nor would we be out of place in positions demanding a friendly social approach, such as that of receptionist, steward, stewardess, host or hostess.

The need to preserve the peace at all costs and the wish to have harmony in society at large are also present in the easy aspects; so here, too, we have possibilities as justice of the peace or diplomat. Due to an (all too) great willingness to compromise, matters are not always thrashed out; this can create misunderstandings, and may leave openings for wolves in sheep's clothing to take advantage of a situation. We can also tangle with people who drag their feet over issues.

22) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°00' S) ♀1 | ♃3

(Robert Hand)

You will always be able to bring into your life people who can help you move forward in pursuit of your life goals. And you will help them in return. You know how to make a group of people work harmoniously so that everyone can get some part of what they want.

You are psychologically and emotionally sound, and you do not have neurotic habits that work against you. Even if, like most people, you have some emotional problems, they will not constitute a major barrier to your progress. In fact they may even help you out in ways that you do not understand.

Often other people will put their resources at your disposal, because they realize that you can do more with what they have than they can. They see that you have a great sense of responsibility for the people to whom you are close.

While you are young, this aspect will bring you sudden opportunities that will help you get where you want to go in life. You will get along easily with superiors and authority figures, because you make it clear to them that you want to learn and are willing to put aside your own ideas until you are wiser and more mature. In this respect, in your youth you are more mature than most people. Some people with this aspect know what career they want to pursue very early in life. But even if that is not true for you, everything that you study or do will help you in the long run and support the course you eventually take in life.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration favors professional success and an excellent reputation, as well as good fortune in domestic and family affairs. Career preferment and public standing will make possible an opulent home environment.

The natives are generally honest and generous in their professional dealings, thus attracting popularity especially with those in power.

They will have an expansive, religious attitude toward their family responsibilities.

Jupiter trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven, we generally know how to make a good impression on the outside world. We can encourage others by a friendly, cheerful attitude and, conversely, others are prepared to help us, too. The self-image is a confident one. We adapt well to the various circumstances of life, and luck is usually on our side. Good opportunities seem to present themselves of their own accord without any notable effort on our part. But, since everything runs so smoothly, we tend to become easy-going and self-indulgent.

Freedom to develop is not something we have to fight for with this aspect; usually it is

handed to us on a plate. The position of Jupiter is excellent for a (big or small) rise in life - a rise often brought about (in part, anyway) by a wide range of interests. Once again, to issue the statutory warning that ought to accompany all Jovian aspects, we must try to avoid thinking that we always know best. However, with the harmonious aspects our style is so relaxed that it seldom raises many hackles.

23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♅ **Saturn** - (4°36' S) ♄2 | ♁12

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, this planetary relationship is easier to manage than with the conjunction. While an emotionally restricted expression remains likely, it is less limiting, since your rational mind serves to dissipate inner darkness. You should be aware, however, that resolving emotional conflicts is necessary; and for you to do this, your emotional complexity needs understanding.

While you recognize that you do not have all the answers, you realize striving to understand helps to build bridges - whether within yourself or to others - and so you value the act of listening and are ready to talk about problems with friends or partners for mutual support and benefit. To you, 'a problem shared is a problem halved'; and you know that taking a realistic approach to emotional problems increases the chances that eventually a constructive solution will emerge. Part of this process is self-therapy, because you remain serious, reserved, and cautious, still uneasy with displaying feelings for others, unless they are old, trusted friends and family. Yet others turn toward you for support, not necessarily because they believe you have the answers, but because they recognise that you will honour and acknowledge their pain and confusion. In that mutual recognition a form of supportive healing and acceptance can be transmitted.

You apply an intelligent approach to life, founded on common sense and personal integrity. You will demonstrate efficiency, practicality, pragmatism, and order in whatever tasks you undertake, and will be relied on to perform in an organized manner in accordance with standard procedures. You work well within traditional workplaces where established operational structures exist and conformity to them is expected; this satisfies the Saturn expectations. Attractions to law, medicine, politics, management, local government, and education are likely. There may be financial skills which can be exploited, especially through business endeavours.

You have an aura of respectability and realism. You are not an ineffective dreamer, but a reliable member of society with high behaviour standards. Personal integrity is a quality that you will not compromise, even if this means losing opportunities. If everything seems above board, however, you are usually alert to take advantage of an opportunity. Two of your assets are persistence and determination; and you use these in whatever tasks you are set. You are ambitious, although not obsessively so, and will probably make steady progress.

Self-development, study, and learning attracts, as you enjoy increasing knowledge and understanding.

Although you may limit this to specific interest areas, you can acquire specialist knowledge if you so choose. This could be shared with others through some form of teaching, with your knowledge effectively communicated.

You prefer similar personality types in friends and partners - those who are intelligent, serious-minded, and culturally thoughtful.

Close friendships and trust are important; and you favour a small, select group of confidantes linked also by emotional connections, mutual care, and concern. For a permanent partner, you want someone capable of relating deeply on every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Your ideal relationship encourages mutual development, as both partners help each other; this becomes a creative interdependence.

You must not deny feelings, instincts, and emotions, especially when mental preoccupation is more emphasized and active. Feelings are important; and, while remaining vulnerable to their reactions, you would be unwise to ignore their messages. Liberating feelings and listening to signals from instincts should also be encouraged; discover how you can express these feelings and instincts within secure, intimate relationships, and learn to trust their guidance.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon sextile Saturn shows that you are serious, reserve, and cautious in your feelings toward others. As a result of early conditioning, you always try to understand the people who mean something to you. Perhaps you were expected to listen and help your brothers and sisters when they brought their problems to you. Now you are always ready to discuss any problem that develops between you and another person. You realize that emotions must be understood before any conflict can be resolved. This realistic approach to emotional difficulties can generally produce a constructive effect.

Your native intelligence, integrity, and common sense should enable you to achieve success in your occupation. Fields such as law, medicine, industrial management, politics, education, or public relations are especially fitting for your talents. You are patient and practical in coping with everyday problems because you are well aware that you achieve the best results that way. You are orderly in your thinking and don't allow yourself to indulge in fanciful, emotional daydreams. You are modestly ambitious and willing to learn as you progress in whatever you choose. However, you would not sacrifice integrity for the sake of ambition.

What you lack in enthusiasm, you make up for in determination. You communicate well, and teaching could be a useful means of expression for you. You are selfdisciplined and impatient with 'dawdlers' who waste your time and theirs. Students would certainly learn from you, because you project your knowledge with clarity and authority.

You enjoy the company of selected friends in whom you can confide and whom you trust. Very probably you will find comfort and emotional satisfaction among persons who are similarly dedicated to truth. Your mate will have to be serious and thoughtful. Even if your partner has not achieved success, you will accept someone who has established plans for achieving goals and whose intentions are sincere. You will want to help your mate become successful and would not feel left out if professional demands required his or her absence from you. By itself, a sexual relationship is totally inadequate for you. You respond to persons with substantial resources of mind and spirit and stable emotions.

In your free time, you often read or study, recognizing that growth is possible only if one continues to expand in knowledge. You always want to be prepared to take advantage of an opportunity that could prove beneficial in the long run.

(Betty Lundsted)

Any contact from Saturn to the Moon brings slowness, apprehension and seriousness to the emotional self. The father of this native was not a debilitating influence on the mother and did not restrict her ability to nurture the native, but he did take life quite seriously.

People with this aspect can use it to establish steady feelings; once an emotional commitment has been made, it will be taken seriously. They are responsible people. The aspect's energy can be used in careers that need a steady hand and a level head.

Moon trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even harmonious aspects between the Moon and Saturn give a feeling of vulnerability, and are associated with soberness, industry and the acceptance of responsibility. Again, expressing emotions does not come easy and these people like to put on a front of self-discipline, etiquette and respectability. They are admired for an ability to remain calm and collected in all circumstances, yet inside are full of doubts and fears.

Harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects usually indicate a serious outlook and a practical approach to things. This, combined with the determination to finish everything they start (due to a highly developed sense of responsibility), can take them far in society. But

emotionally they have problems; children with these (and other) Moon / Saturn aspects are never really young and playful. They frequently form friendships with older boys and girls.

Women with Moon / Saturn aspects have difficulty in expressing femininity, even when the aspect is harmonious. This can increase emotional insecurity and / or make them behave in a forceful, mannish way, or else in a motherly, organizing way. They find emotional fulfillment by being in charge; although, even with a harmonious aspect, loved ones are kept at arm's length to some extent.

Men with one of these aspects tend to be attracted by women of the Saturnine type; that is to say, they prefer partners who are rather older and more mature - certainly not women who are sprightly and playful.

People with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects can often be very constructive within an existing framework. The Moon and Saturn are always the two main form-givers: the Moon of formed content and Saturn of the structure and backbone of external form. When something has to be enlarged, structurally improved and preserved, those with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects are in their element. They are not required to display initiative, which we would have to look for in other chart factors anyway.

(Charles Carter)

These aspects are frequently of a basic character, influencing the fundamentals of the native's temperament. Provided that the chart as a whole is of a good type, the nature is deepened and rendered capable of serious and responsible work, with excellent powers of organising and controlling and a marked degree of personal dignity - that may sometimes destroy the sense of humour when the native's selfrespect appears to be in jeopardy. There is often a large amount of matter-of-factness and a practical and limited outlook on life. Duty plays a large part in the motives, and obligations are performed carefully and exactly. The contact is scarcely democratic in its influence, and there is an inclination to like people in their proper places. Similiarly, the mental and emotional aspects of the life are organised and arranged. The emotions are usually steady, with some tendency to depression.

There is usually affection and well-merited respect for the mother, but unless both bodies are well-placed she is liable to die early or suffer misfortunes. It seems to lessen the number of children and sometimes cause them to be a heavy responsibility.

It is favourable for business life and for practical work that calls for care and prudence rather than energy or originality - which is often defective. It is good for work in connection with houses or land, and any sort of caretaking or management where conscientious work is called for, but it is not so good where affection is required, as in care for the young.

It is distinctly good for worldly success, or, perhaps one should rather say, for the retention and proper use of success, if the rest of the chart permits of its attainment. Sometimes rank and position result from family connections or are inherited - there is often a sort of relation between family and position, or the native assumes a place as a successor to someone else, but does not create it. For example, a professor who occupies a seat that has been vacated by his predecessor, a minister of state, the president of a society, or the editor of an established paper. Thus the position is usually one of a successive line, and the native inherits some kind of tradition. If the chart is strong, the native develops and improves his office and maintains the tradition with success and dignity, but even when the two bodies are technically in good aspect, other flaws in the horoscope may lead to downfall and the characteristics of the inharmonious contacts.

Generally this combination preserves the health by influencing the native to be prudent and regular in habits, and it is particularly good in old age. But it does not confer robust health.

24) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°24' A) 133 | 005

(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.

25) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♌ **North-Node** - (3°53' A) 133 | 005

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration is favorable for all expansive endeavors requiring the co-operation and approval of prevailing social attitudes and institutions. The natives are often closely involved in religious activities which tend to be along conventional lines. There is generally a good sense of timing in business and promotional matters.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability comes more easily than growth. A need for material growth or progress may override the need for inner growth. Moodiness or maladjustment may cause opportunities for growth to be overlooked or ignored.

Jupiter trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A harmonious relationship to other persons, adaptability, meeting other people half-way, a sense of tact. Entering into advantageous associations, getting engaged or married, the gaining of advantages in business together with other people, the good luck to find a good partner.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

26) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°42' S) ♄12 | ♅2

(Haydn Paul)

Working successfully with the sextile aspect often involves action related to that strong sense of social responsibility and duties that you recognise. This sensitivity to a social role that requires performance is a major component of your motivation, and one that should not really be denied. There can be a tendency to acknowledge its presence and then fail to actually do anything about it, but ideally this should be overcome by more deliberate action. At least you can always help by funding those socially active groups whose ideas you can support. This characteristic is a combination of Saturn duty and the Neptunian social collective ideal.

The element of careful discursive planning should be evident where the right foundations for future action are established, and efficient organisation is seen as necessary for a successful conclusion. There are likely to be strategic skills which can be exploited in order to achieve those intentions, whether purely personal or socially orientated. Consistency and determination are usually well applied, and your schemes are characterised by their realism and achievability; Neptunian over-expansiveness is tempered by Saturnian caution and a sense of stability and limitation.

What can inspire many of your efforts is a reaction against social injustice and foolishness. Fairness is one attitude that you support, and opposing social aspects where unfairness and injustice is being expressed can almost become a personal crusade. Social discrimination and taking social advantage of those unable to resist can cause your passions to rise, leading to social activism designed to resist such encroachments on individual rights and liberties. You dislike seeing the waste of resources, social and material ones as well as the waste of human potential. This can lead to supporting human-potential-raising groups, or ecological activists clailing for new attitudes towards the excessive negative exploitation of nature's reserves. You tend to have a social vision of harmony, where equity is achieved and social respect for all is found, rather than any unbalanced divisive situation of haves and have-nots. Concepts of the values of community or global thinking will be preferred, and you like to believe that what you are attempting is beneficial to others.

If you become active in such ways at an early age - perhaps through a career choice - then you may find that it absorbs most of your energy; it is a never-ending task. This

may affect your intimate relationships, especially when a partner needs to hold similar viewpoints to your own. Ideals are important to you, and you try to live in a way that maintains rather than opposes or compromises them. Your passions are firmly fixed on issues of social concern, and even within personal love relationships your energy is too diffuse to focus just on one partner; it flows out as a feeling of social relationship too, and you often fail to understand why society is as it is, and why people are so passive in allowing negativity and indifference to flourish, even in those in high and powerful social positions of influence.

Concentration and visualisation abilities should be present, and can be applied through contemplation of issues or meditation. You may become effective if working in occult or socially active affinity groups committed to generating beneficial change. There is little ego gratification in such work for you, and you tend to expect a high degree of probity and idealism from others engaged in similar self-chosen roles.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Neptune shows that your perception is keen. You use your inspiration skillfully and constructively to the benefit of yourself and others. You are deeply aware of and sensitive to your social obligations. Although you may not be prepared to actively participate in these responsibilities, you can offer your services to help others fulfill them. You may lay the foundation for action in planning or securing a sympathetic response from people in important positions. Your ideas are realistic and constructive for stemming the tide of social injustices.

In evaluating your environmental circumstances, you are thoughtful and reasonably profound, and you perceive accurately what is right and what is wrong. You deplore the waste of human resources and constantly strive for more efficient distribution of social programs and services in your community. This kind of work is especially suitable for you. You are willing to accept an unobtrusive position if the goals of the program will be better served this way.

Undercover work is something you could do well. You have the persistence and determination necessary to gather all the facts without being recognized. You can be trusted to maintain secrecy about confidential information. Your self-discipline and poise even under strain are admirable, and you would be extremely useful as a guide and advisor to individuals in power.

Your efficiency and organization may postpone permanent emotional ties, because you are preoccupied with social causes, through which you try to make a spiritual contribution. Your romance is in the broad perspective of human involvement. Your partner must feel the same way in order to gain and keep your respect. You won't sacrifice your ideals to gain anyone's favor.

Above all, you find it difficult to understand how anyone can tolerate the guilt of remaining passive to interolerable social ills.

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 insighes, 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.

27) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ☉ **Sun** - (4°15' S) ♎1 | ♊4

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun square the Ascendant indicates that when you express yourself you unknowingly cause others to react negatively. You tend to get off on the wrong foot because you have trouble convincing people that you are sincere and honest. You come on a bit strong, which just doesn't set quite right with people, and they resent you for it. All the endearments you use never quite offset your suspected lack of sincerity. You should ask your closest friend about this, because the chances are that you will resent and reject what is said here.

You will compromise only when there is no other alternative. You have an incredible inability to face the facts about yourself, although they are painfully obvious to everyone

else. You want to win everyone's approval, and you can do so by asserting yourself more modestly, so people don't feel that you are forcing yourself on them. The same holds true for associates with whom you are in close contact for extended periods of time. People will appreciate you more if you let them make willing gestures to you. In that way, they can feel that they are the aggressors. It is better to attract them to you than to demand their submission.

In spite of the foregoing, you are accustomed to resistance when you try to do something. Knowing that nothing worthwhile comes easily, you are ready to endure frustration at times because the experience is valuable in building character. You had to overcome difficulties with superiors in your formative years, and as a result you may have grown up with a chip on your shoulder. You also know that you will have to rely on your own resources if you want to succeed. The difficulty comes in dealing with people in authority who expect you to recognize your inferior position. If you realize that it's not your creative abilities but your attitude that offends people, you will succeed in winning complete approval for your competence.

Sun square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Things are not quite so easy in tense aspects between the Sun and Ascendant. These people's influence still makes a direct impact on those around them, and they do have a desire to manifest in their environment; the trouble is that they are very uncertain how to do so. Therefore external behavior is erratic: at one moment they sound brimful of confidence but the next day they clam up as if they were unsure of themselves. This makes them hard to understand and complicates relationships with people. They shrink from criticism since it feeds insecurity. Sometimes they withdraw into a shell or hide behind others.

With the tense aspects, the ego is out of step with expectations, and these people have difficulty in seeing how they ought to behave. The world does not always respond to them as they think it should - at least, not until they learn to adjust.

(Betty Lundsted)

When the Sun squares or opposes the Ascendant, there is more difficulty in expressing the qualities of the Sun in daily activities. Constructive action may not be easily taken until these individuals become conscious of the sign dilemma. When the Sun in the 7th house opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between selfinitiation and relationships. This may indicate individuals who feel they must give up a great deal of freedom and personal decision-making in order to marry and have a partnership.

28) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (5°54' S) ♁4 | ♁12

(Haydn Paul)

The energy and challenges indicated by this square can be difficult to deal with, as the unintegrated negative tendencies of Pluto can be fully present. Arriving at a clear understanding of such underlying aspects of your nature, by evoking the light and the cohesive nature of your Sun, will serve to minimise the more negative and destructive effects of this abrasive Plutonic energy, allowing you to redirect it towards more positive channels which are associated with your solar path. However, you will have to remain aware of how you are expressing Pluto, as its peculiar quality will still be vitalised and cannot be nullified, only used in a wiser manner.

The Pluto tendencies of ambition, force, power, domination, aggression, and extremism can also stimulate similar tendencies in an assertive Sun, and will exist as motivating and compulsive factors in your character. Much may depend upon your Sun sign, especially if it is placed in either Earth or Fire elements, when those tendencies may be more present as an impulse for 'power over' others. If the Sun is in a Water or Air sign, then the emphasis may be placed on emotional or intellectual manipulation and domination.

You will tend to believe that your focused will-power can act in a magical way, achieving desires and purposes by the wielding of a concentrated will; often, you will 'magically' succeed, but there is usually some form of hidden cost to pay. Often applying your potent will, especially when your motives are self-centred, can lead to more negative and destructive results which oppose your initial intention; like the Scorpio energy, you are liable to sting yourself and others.

You may experience considerable inner tension as a result of this challenging planetary relationship, often finding it difficult to 'break through barriers' which appear to prohibit the attainment of your ambitions. This is Pluto attempting to force you towards an inner transformation, the need for which you will recognise whenever the pressures of frustrated intentions increase, until you find it hard to live with and in some way 'blow up', releasing the pressure. Some changes can occur as a result of powerful cathartic experiences, which will enable you either to move towards success or to create a new, alternative route to follow.

Attitudes towards authority are ambivalent. While you have certain leadership qualities and management ability, you are often antagonistic towards authority, sceptical, subversive and iconoclastic in your speech and thoughts. Obviously, this will not lead to progress in many fields of society, but you are too independent and free-spirited to change and be subservient. It is likely that others will maintain a psychological distance from you, because your aura often suggests - in an unconscious manner - that you are

'dangerous'; that your way of looking at things is potentially challenging and transformative, and that a deeper involvement would bring about some unknown change in them. Others could find it a fascinating energy, and greatly enjoy your company; much depends upon their ability to handle it.

You are often looking to pit yourself against adversaries as a test and enjoyment, feeling like a fiery warrior at war. This can be expressed on all levels, physical, emotional and mental. You may not always express it in real, tangible terms, often only entering into the adversarial state of mind, mentally enacting imaginary battles with an opponent in terms of ideological disagreement and inner dialogue, as you hate the thought of losing.

You will be hard to understand, appearing quite enigmatic to many, and may often have a resistance towards becoming emotionally involved with others. This is because you are aware of your emotional depths and strength of feelings, and this intensity can make you feel extremely uncomfortable, especially if you lose control when you have fallen in love. You have a fear of not being in full control, and will usually try to create a relationship context where you feel in command of the situation. While giving an impression of great self-control and balance, you often hide the evidence of inner turmoil, which can erupt as over-reactions to trivial, unimportant events in your life, or be forcefully released when someone 'presses your buttons' evoking a response.

You prefer stability, and are often resistant to change, especially when you have established a lifestyle which suits you. There can be a form of apprehension concerning actually achieving your purposes; sometimes you make good progress, only to run out of interest at the point when the final effort should be made, almost as if the subversive tendency of Pluto finally erodes your solar purpose. Until the inner friction between your Sun and Pluto is more resolved and integrated under solar control, then you may unconsciously act as your own worst enemy, defeating your own intentions. You should learn to acknowledge the aid of others in your life, and be open to all their suggestions, as they can often indicate the direction for you to take. Compromise and co-operation are two lessons which need to be learned as soon as possible, as well as more inner moderation. Once you achieve a balance between your being receptive to others and your dominating tendencies wanting them to submit to you, then you should find that the quality of your relationships begins to improve in a creative and constructive manner.

Ideally, you should inwardly redirect Pluto's abrasive energy. This may not be easy, and can involve some personal suffering, but it can stimulate a radical transformation to occur, which offers considerable benefit and would make your life and relationships more fulfilling. This would also be the key to attaining your solar aims as you would be removing an inner barrier which is otherwise likely to prevent and frustrate many of your efforts.

29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **Jupiter** - (0°54' S) ♄12 | ♃3

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Jupiter shows that there is some discrepancy between your beliefs and the truth. You are eager and enthusiastic to know as much as possible, but you lose interest before you have acquired all the necessary information for practical use. You are impulsive in judgement, and your decisions are often based on insufficient information. You always want to find the easy way out of a dilemma, never wanting to accept responsibility for your actions. The greatest obstacle between you and success is that you expect to start at the top. You lack the selfdiscipline to apply yourself to your goals and to plan each step along the way. Although you visualize yourself as an informed person at the height of accomplishment, when it is time to plan for that goal you become lazy and sluggish. You've always asked questions in your quest to become a knowledgeable person, but if you don't like the answers, you alter them to suit yourself. You could be called a pathological liar because you don't realize how you have distorted the facts.

Your intentions are not bad; you are only misinformed and lacking incentive. You are sloppy in managing your affairs and unforgivably naive in your dealings with people. You have very little sales resistance, which makes you easy prey for the wily salesman.

Getting an education is your highest priority, and it is your only chance to avoid a lusterless life with endless detours that lead nowhere. When you are trained, you can achieve success in public relations, education, travel, or even writing. Education will help sharpen your judgement and teach you to plan your climb to achievement. You have no other alternative available. However, it might be advisable to postpone your education until you've had an opportunity to feel the abrasive competition of the open market. It might prove to be the most constructive lesson you ever receive, and could convince you that without training you belong to the masses who have no advantages.

You are likely to suffer from nervous disorders caused by mental anxieties over your life direction and the pain of competition. Frequent rest and avocational pursuits are recommended. You cannot be forced to change your attitude, but it is hoped that you will, for your own benefit.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates that the individual is raised in a home where words are not used well, the mood of the childhood environment is somewhat excessive, and people are hurt by words - they aren't supportive of each other. The family finds communication difficult; the family members are more involved in role playing than relating. The child absorbs this attitude and assumes that relationships are normal when words are difficult.

The aspect needs to be worked through if this individual ever wants to truly communicate and share his thoughts and feelings with another person. The power of

Jupiter, the ability to expand the consciousness, to receive new ideas, cannot take place when one's words are not received well by others. This person has difficulty talking openly once a relationship has been established. He may not relate honestly, he may not listen, he may not hear what others say, he may even destroy relationships by misquoting what he thinks he heard. The ability to communicate can be learned if he thinks it is important enough. Excessiveness can be curbed and understood, for excessive or angry communication only hurts others. The dilemma can be understood by examining the qualities of the signs involved in the square.

Mercury square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The unbalanced use of hard-aspect energy may make Jupiter too expansive, and the effect of this on voluble Mercury is to produce bragging, conceited talk, opinionatedness and inaccuracy. Taking big risks in Mercurial matters (trade, contacts, traffic) can be another consequence.

But, even with the tense aspects, there is also a great deal of warmth in contacts with others. We like them to share our experiences and thoughts, and we can actively propagate ideas and become good teachers or advocates. Eager involvement in all sorts of things is a further probable result of these aspects, and, in fact, varied interests can turn out more successfully in some respects than they would have done had we had an easier aspect between the same planets. However, we shall have to overcome a certain amount of opposition because we try to do things at the wrong time and in the wrong way. Also thoughts are restless, even hyperactive, and we are always trying to see connections whether they exist or not.

Quite frequently, we shall find that Mercury, as the objective, ordering factor in our make-up, causes trouble when we enter Jupiter's terrain (expansion, religion and the widening of one's horizon). This can create inner uncertainty about what we are doing, and probably, in order to convince ourselves that we are right, we try to convince others that we are right - a dubious enterprise. We need to be careful about how we word our opinions and about how we offer advice. With these tense aspects, ill-considered or exaggerated reactions run in the blood.

30) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°19' S) ♃3 | ♎6

(Donna van Toen)

Insecure relationships or very difficult partnerships are common. You tend to be flirtatious, and can be self-indulgent. Often people with this aspect are quite goodlooking.

You tend to put too high a value on the trappings of success, and sometimes not enough on inner satisfaction.

Your sexual / romantic feelings are very intense. In fact, you have to be careful that you run them instead of the other way around.

This is a disruptive aspect that works primarily in the love life area, though it can have repercussions on finances and other areas as well. It's one of the classic indicators of divorce-proneness and romantic / marital difficulties. It also occasionally coincides with the death of your mate during marriage, but this is less frequent and there'd have to be substantial confirmation of this tendency found elsewhere in the chart before anything of this sort should be expected.

People with this aspect are demonstrative, warm, and generally faithful when committed, but they demand a lot in return. In extreme cases, when needs aren't met, dissipation of various types can result, with infidelity, gambling, and / or excessive drinking being the most common form of misdirection of romantic / sexual energies.

If you have Venus square Mars by sign but not by aspect, some of the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less inclined towards dissipation and slightly more inclined to find a constructive way to meet your romantic / sexual needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Venus square Mars indicates that you have difficulty in maintaining harmonious relations with people. You are not the easiest person to get along with; you expect others to make concessions to you, but you refuse to make any compromises without being pressured to do so. You have a strong desire nature and use all kinds of clever tactics to get what you want. People may accuse you of using others to gratify your desires by taking advantage of their feelings for you, especially when you don't have similar feelings for them. You greedily assume the privilege of indulging yourself at every opportunity, expecting no interference from anyone.

This planetary combination indicates that you are not really happy with yourself, so you provoke trouble with others in order to blame them for your inability to resolve your personal conflicts. You are indifferent to the feelings of others because you don't really think they are worth it. The problems you have in relationships should cause you to wonder whether you are worth it to them as well. Somewhere there is a solution, and it would certainly help if you toned down your desires and adopted a more compromising attitude. Accept the fact that few people get everything they want, and, when they don't, they turn their attention elsewhere. You cannot force yourself on people and not expect some resentment for it.

Until you work out these personality difficulties, you will have problems with your family,

friends, and associates on the job. If you can become more compromising you can be successful in any occupation, even those that bring you into close contact with people. You have magnetism, and you tempt people to want to be close to you. You are certainly not dull, and excitement goes wherever you go. Just be sure that the excitement doesn't become turmoil.

Make an effort to broaden your perspective by learning something about art, literature, music, and the social amenities. This aspect tends to produce a coarseness of manner that requires refinement and polish.

Venus square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tension between the need for harmony, balance and friendship, on the one hand, and the urge to make a mark, on the other hand, certainly emphasizes a need for contacts - especially emotional ones; but, because we are not sure when to hold back and when to be outgoing, relationships may become strained in both friendships and love life from time to time. What is more, we do not know quite what we want; sometimes the partner is everything and we feel intensely drawn to this person; at other times we fear that our liberty is being threatened and we start reasserting ourselves (Mars). For this reason, a love-hate relationship with the partner is thought to be typical of the aspects.

Whenever we are ready to compromise, the conflict of Mars with Venus spoils everything - we change our mind, for instance, or find that we cannot bring ourselves to give way after all. And when we push to the front (Mars), we are ill-at-ease because the Venusian part of our nature cannot reconcile itself to this form of behavior. The consequence is inner disquiet and outer vacillation. The desire to unite (Venus) and the desire to break (Mars) keep interfering with one another.

With these hard aspects, we are often extremely creative provided we can settle down - although we shall always be rather impatient. A bonus point is that the Venus indolence is counteracted both by the active planet Mars and by the tension in the aspects themselves; so we are able to get through a large amount of work. And, although we can run into problems in relationships, these can be sorted out fairly quickly. Through Mars we are quick to take offence, but equally quick to forget why; and Venus hastens to mend the breach.

31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Saturn** - (4°48' A) 133 | 12

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Venus to Saturn indicates that you have difficulty relating to others. As a result, you may feel left out of the mainstream of social relationships. You are basically unwilling to accept the responsibility that is established when two individuals meet in a more than casual way. You tend to be on the defensive, as if you feared that the other person would make impossible demands of you. Perhaps in your early life you felt rejected by someone you really cared for, even a parent. As you grew, you sheltered yourself more and more from outside communication, always afraid of rejection. This conditioning may have produced the feeling you have that you are not destined for happiness in your relationships. If you accept others for themselves, realizing that everyone has to make concessions and adjustments to others, then happiness can surely be yours. Remember that even people who seem happy have difficult moments in relating to others; your predicament is not at all unique.

Perhaps your most significant lessons will be learned in relationships with others. If you will meet people halfway, you'll find that most of them will do the same. If you are attracted to someone whom you can admire and respect, isn't it worth adjusting to that person's peculiarities? You will find your own identity by being willing to identify with others in mutual responsiveness.

Before you can hope to succeed in any occupational capacity, you will have to solve your problem in relating to people. Otherwise you will create a difficult environment in which to work. Most people will not tolerate someone who is cantankerous or difficult to please. You have the talent to achieve rewarding and satisfying goals, once you learn to meet people halfway.

You could find satisfaction in banking, finance, law, insurance, real estate, buying and selling, or designing. Your sense of order and balanced judgement could prove useful to you in any of these fields. But it is essential that you recognize your self-worth before you implement your talents. You must gain the recognition of your employers for your honesty, integrity, and good judgement because these are the good qualities that will help you achieve success.

Try to become more optimistic and give yourself a greater chance for happiness. Feeling melancholy and sorry for yourself stimulates some physical problems, such as high blood pressure caused by tension and anxiety. Learn to relax and let go. Life is too short to let it become unnecessarily burdened by unimportant matters. Try giving instead of complaining about what others demand of you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the mother and father present an influence to the individual during his formative years that makes it difficult to develop any sense of self-worth. In order for an androgynous personality to develop - a personality with the masculine and feminine

principles in balance - the parents must offer an image that can help build the concept. A feeling of self-worth is created by the constructive union of the masculine and feminine principles. The square aspect indicates that the images are at odds.

Venus indicates the effect of the mother and Saturn that of the father on the person's developing psyche. When these two planets are in a square aspect, the parents are at odds with each other and the effect on the person during childhood is a weighty one. People with this aspect don't know how they feel about men or women, warmth and affection (Venus), or authority and the ability to execute a personal sense of order in the life (Saturn). 'Is love frivolous?' they ask. 'Or, are men against women and vice versa?' This person carries an unconscious memory of Mom and Dad against each other, and this puts a feeling of apprehension in every relationship. Many internal or even subconscious apprehensions may occur because the parents didn't express affection in a healthy manner. These people often get into role-playing marriages; they merely live with the partner but don't really share emotionally.

The aspect can cause a lonely feeling; pessimistic thoughts about love are similar to the Venus-Saturn conjunction. Here again, we see the person who was deprived of the kind of love he needed, or one who was deprived of possessions that his parents didn't understand his attachment to. These people do not enter into relationships easily; nor do they work well or co-operatively when relationship compromises must be handled.

When attempting to break the power of this aspect, the individual has to stop looking for guarantees; he must learn to give confidence to his partner as well as look for it from the partner. More comes from a relationship when the 'insurance policy' ideas are abandoned. Any personal behavior that seems to be motivated by 'my parents handled life this way' should be questioned because it may be an imitation of an unhealthy family pattern that will also create the same problems in the children he parents.

The person born with this configuration comes from a bleak childhood. He didn't have a chance to learn how to give or how to receive, for it wasn't done by the parents. The aspect can be overcome by deciding to learn how to give, how to appreciate, how to take a chance in a love relationship, how to work through a compromise without a feeling of loss. When these things are learned, then the hardness of the aspect goes. It is much like taking a course in French or German: you start at the beginning and learn the subject.

32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♀ **Jupiter** - (5°48' A) ♎6 | ♏3

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mars square Jupiter indicates that it is essential for you to discipline yourself in using your abundant physical and intellectual resources. Everything you do must be planned, or you will waste a lot of energy in nonproductive enterprises. You want to

emulate those you admire for their professional accomplishments, but you may not be willing to endure all the hard work required to succeed. You make valiant efforts to acquire knowledge, but when there is no immediate reward you quickly lose interest. Once you acquire faith in your ability to succeed, persistence and determination will come. You are impatient to an extreme, but with some contact between Saturn and Mars or Saturn and Jupiter, this will eventually be corrected.

In spite of the sloppiness resulting from your careless use of your energy, you will nevertheless benefit somewhat from the lessons learned. Only time can refine your manner of applying yourself. You need to define your objectives clearly and then establish a program for realizing them, a schedule you can adhere to. You need to consolidate your resources to make a massive assault on your most important priority. To do anything less than this would be a sheer waste of energy. Diversification is fine, if you take up each subject exclusively, but not if you attempt to develop a variety of interests simultaneously.

You are almost certain to have domestic and professional difficulties when you first set out to make a life for yourself. This planetary combination inclines you to have some difficulty in dealing with people. You feel threatened by competitors and unfairly treated by superiors in your job. You don't accept criticism gracefully. Your domestic tranquility will be disturbed because you complain so bitterly about the way you are treated that your partner becomes bored with it all.

You have the potential for excellence in law, government, teaching, writing, public speaking, sports, acting, and the communications media in general. This aspect gives you the necessary drive to accept challenges, for you realize that they are the only way to determine your competence. You are probably more likely to avoid a confrontation when you suspect that your opponent is expertly trained and has a greater advantage than you. With experience, you will meet any challenger with complete assurance of success. Even if you don't succeed, you will know you have given your best, and that is all that can be expected.

This configuration indicates that you are accident-prone because of your reckless disregard for safety measures. You tend to act impulsively, not taking time to consider whether any danger is involved. Because you do everything to excess, you need frequent rest to restore your physical reserves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the relating principle and the action principle are at odds. Mars represents the action taken on any physical level, including sexual expression. Jupiter represents the relating principle and how one opens up to new experience. The square indicates that this person may not relate to the action he takes, and therefore may be accident-prone, for he may expose himself to unnecessary risks. He may not relate well

to career decisions either; he may not understand the actions he takes regarding his job responsibilities. On the sexual level, he may not relate to his own sexual needs; he may have excessive needs, depending on the additional aspects in the chart.

Any square between Mars and Jupiter indicates a setup for excessive action, and when things don't go as planned, this individual often overreacts. The aspect indicates a childhood environment that was excessive during the formative years. If the square also ties into the Sun or Saturn (father) or the Moon or Venus (mother), we can see which parent helped form the reaction pattern. Because Mars indicates action and sexuality, the square to Jupiter indicates a problem relating sexually, as well as an over-relating in other aspects of life. If the square doesn't tie to any of the parent symbols, everyone in the family was functioning that way during the individual's formative years. Overreacting sexually may be indicative of a parent who only relates on a sexual basis, or one who is confused about sexual attitudes. The individual picks up the reaction and makes this response a part of his or her adult experience.

Because of the square, one form of expression that happens is that of not relating to the partner after a sexual relationship has been established. Sex is separated from the relating experience. The complex can be cured by examining the needs of both planets by sign and function. Combining the energies in some constructive manner can be learned. Examining old relationships may be of help in discovering the relating pattern, so that new ones can be established.

Mars square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although the optimism and enthusiasm, the executive power and force of the Mars / Jupiter aspects already mentioned are equalled if not exceeded here, this is not an unqualified blessing. Great care is needed; for not only are the two planets not noted for self-control, but the strain set up between them makes it hard to use and manage our energies properly.

We are never satisfied, but are always looking for more - though not necessarily in material things; the aspect works even more strongly on the mental plane. We crave adventure, have an enormous need to prove ourselves, and want to be completely unfettered and independent. We ram our opinions home (soetimes we go on about them far too much), and are extremely pugnacious where ideals are concerned. Fair play is something on which we insist, and we champion new things or indeed anything we find absorbing. But the constant danger is that, because we can underestimate the force and application needed to gain our ends, we shall always be wanting too much and pushing ourselves (and possibly others) too hard, often to the point of exhaustion. All the same,

we do manage to keep extricating ourselves from self-made difficulties, and our sense of purpose can be tremendously stimulating to those around.

33) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°17' S) 133 | 12

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Saturn indicates problems in self-awareness. You tend to put yourself down when you compare your capabilities to the skills of other people. The fact is, you are trying to avoid your responsibilities to yourself and to those persons who depend on you. Parental influence played an important role in your lack of self-esteem; your early conditioning led you to believe the you were less competent than others and that you had to yield to those who were 'obviously' more talented. Now your actions show that you lack the courage to persist in spite of adversity. You feel you don't have the right to expect anything worthwhile for yourself. You have little hope for success, but this is just lazy self-indulgence and is inexcusable.

Stop making comparisons with other people's accomplishments; you have your own. You have a vast storehouse of information with which to gain your objectives, but you must formulate them yourself. Once you've established goals, prepare a program for achieving them, and adhere to it. Try to focus on one thing at a time, and direct all your resources and energy toward that. Stop making excuses for yourself and realize that only hard work will pay you any dividends.

You could become successful in such fields as law, education, physical therapy, or the ministry. The demands of these occupations may tax your endurance and cause periodic setbacks, but you must persist with great determination. It is important for you to be able to look back with satisfaction on occasional successes and realize that you are capable of much more. You will encounter resistance from superiors, and you may have to endure many indignities for the sake of job security. Acquiring the credentials that attest to your competence will mark a milestone in your development.

You will have to learn the hard way that accomplishment comes from a lot of hardship and self-denial. There is no easy road to victory for you. Don't make any agreements that you can't fulfill, and don't sign any contracts that go beyond the limits of your abilities. Give yourself the opportunity to reach your goals. Yours is a bittersweet destiny with many highs and lows in progress and reversals; but you will always move toward realization and fulfillment.

Faith is your greatest ally when nothing else seems to work for you. It can sustain you through your most difficult periods, and comfort you when you reach your goals with assurance that you have done your job well.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the individual is raised in an atmosphere that prohibits or restricts the relating principle. The father places restrictions on this person, and these restrictions will be carried into the adult life on some subconscious level, causing the young adult to feel inhibited about relating; or he may relate excessively periodically and then withdraw.

Jupiter indicates 'I relate'; it indicates how we open up and allow new experience in our lives. It indicates how we will relate ourselves to another human being through the bonds of friendship or love. The Saturn square indicates a restriction, a holding-back in the relating department. It can also indicate a person who turns on and off in a somewhat unpredictable manner. These people may feel apprehensive about taking chances on new relationships. The apprehension can even undermine personal confidence to the extent that they are uneasy about accepting new jobs, new responsibilities, etc..

The square can be understood if the father's relating values are examined. The early childhood years can be explored again in order to decipher any pattern that can be an indicator of the influence. If the father adversely affected the individual's relating ability; if he restricted the individual; if he encouraged apprehension or fear in regard to new undertakings... that pattern can be reasoned out and let go.

In personal relationships, this individual may be drawn to inferior types or may choose people to love who are unable to help him through relating problems connected with the relationship. Personal cautions and apprehensions will have to be looked into consciously. The individual will have to take responsibility for his relationships and relationship conditions. As that happens, he will find himself drawn to more healthy relationships in the future.

Jupiter square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we feel like setting to work enthusiastically, improving our chances or seizing fresh opportunities (Jupiter), we are aware of the dead hand of Saturn. Fearing to make a move, we delay too long, or else, by an error of judgement, we saddle ourselves with a pile of unwanted work. Whatever the case may be, our theory and practice, vision and reality are out of alignment and, to begin with, we are uncertain how to proceed. This leads to extreme modes of expression. We can balk at undertakings, but may also bite off more than we can chew. When, for example, we take a position of responsibility (Saturn), Jupiter can propel us into a situation that is too taxing for us or into one where we are forced to take too many risks (financial or mental), and there is an even chance that by adopting half-baked measures to mend matters we shall only make them worse.

With conflicts between Saturn and Jupiter, we learn after many slips and recoveries what we should be aiming for and when to make an all-out effort; initially we lose a great deal of energy by misreading the situation. We are likely to be sombre and melancholy, and subject to disappointment.

Yet, when all is said and done, these are aspects that offer us great opportunities provided we have a well-defined field of action; so that we might do well, for example, by taking on responsibilities under the sort of supervision that allows a fair amount of freedom. Then we can produce hard and painstaking work and develop self-confidence.

34) ► **Uranus** ⌘ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (3°42' S) 133 | 12

(Haydn Paul)

The influence of the square aspect was to stimulate 'destructive' social change across international borders, to intensify all those latent nationalistic characteristics that had been coming to the surface of the national group minds, until the only way to express and release the underlying tensions was through world conflict.

The close square applied from 1931 to 1934; and the phase was of rapid metamorphosis in crucial countries like Germany and Italy. These were two clear examples of the impact of the Uranian-Plutonian energy, where nationalistic tendencies and élitist attitudes were elevated into a sense of social direction, manipulated by dictatorial groupings in an attempt both to seize power and to benefit the State by introducing new political concepts. The power complex and need to dominate of the unregenerated Pluto energy is displayed in the need to expand their control and influence into other less powerful nations, through ruthlessly expressed violence and force.

The general world economic instability helped to create the space for radical and revolutionary political agitators to gain power, feeding off the exploited energy of will (Pluto) to build an apparently attractive edifice of the new society. In many cases, this basic urge to create new social structures was genuinely held by those whose motives and ideals were socially beneficial; however, they were to lose their positions of responsibility to those whose intentions were more mixed, and who were being swept along by their receptiveness to the powerful energies pouring into the world, which served to over-stimulate aspects of their unintegrated personalities.

The collective group responding to the Fascist and Nazi ideals was generating and reflecting the possessing energy, especially through the group mind and seen in those emotionally manipulated and invocative mass public rallies, which were similar in effect to certain types of magical ritual. There were two main ways in which people reacted to the social change occurring. One was to collaborate with it, being excited and thrilled by active participation in a national resurrection, irrespective of some of its hidden darker

aspects. The other way was to be apathetic and passive, allowing it to go on all around them, feeling insecure and unable to have any influence even if they disagreed with the dominating group.

What became paramount in this square was the stimulation of the unconscious national mind and emotions by Pluto, which overrode the more intellectually idealistic mind quality of Uranus. All those repressed tendencies rose into physical view, those attitudes of superiority, of national frustration, of harsh, sadistic dismissal of other 'inferior' races, and of the power of violent aggression, became ingegrated into the expression of the new society; and freedom was ignored by the might of the oppressor. The dark face of incorrectly applied Pluto energy was ready to be unleashed onto the world.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Uranus to Pluto shows that although you know there is much you can do to preserve the freedom you enjoy, you prefer to let someone else do it. You assume there will always be people with the courage to accept this responsibility, so you don't need to add your contribution. But if developments in your immediate environment threatened to curtail your liberties in any way, you would be the first to react. This planetary combination shows that you would be directly affected by such changes; if you are apathetic about preventing them, you are at fault. An example of such apathy is the fact that many people do not exercise their right to vote and then complain loudly when an ineffectual candidate wins the election. On the other hand, you could be so concerned for your fellow man that you would become a servant of the people, such as a firefighter, police officer, or public official. In that way, you could do something positive to improve the general welfare of society.

Uranus and Pluto were in this relation from 1931 to 1934, when dramatic events stirred the world. While people were deeply preoccupied with the Depression, trying to find work and food, Hitler made his move. He effectively restored order amid the chaos in his own country, and stabilized its economy, but the price paid by the people was extremely high. He enslaved them and gained domination over those willing to serve his madness.

You must be constantly alert to the price you will pay if you fail to respond to the danger signals of any popular movement or political development. There will always be individuals who will try to rise to power when the public is apathetic.

If your instinct for self-preservation is strong enough, you will protect yourself against such tyrants by taking an active role to establish legal safeguards. You will also urge others to join with you in resisting domination and seeing that such individuals are removed from office.

(Betty Lundsted)

The concept of personal individuation is at odds with the needs of the masses. There may be an unconscious attempt to control behavior and relationships. If Mercury is involved with the square, it can indicate an attempt at controlling the mind as well as the behavior.

Behavioral attitudes may be unconsciously motivated, and the individual may find himself living out the archetypes or having them lived them out on him. People with this aspect will be interested in moving away from the family environment into some new approach to life. If the aspect concerns personal planets as well, it becomes more powerful.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

35) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♁ **North-Node** - (2°42' S) ♄2 | 005

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture. Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus, one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through

the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (6°05' S) ♄2 | ♃6

(Haydn Paul)

The trine indicates that your personality can potentially integrate both Moon and Mars energies. While feelings and emotions are intense and powerful, you have confidence in your ability to handle them; they act more as a vitalizing source of energy which can be

directed rather than as a flood threatening to drown you. You may discover how to channel these energies into creative and imaginative pursuits to benefit career or personal interests. You can achieve aims by focused willpower. Attention is rarely wasted on frivolous matters, and you concentrate instead on issues and projects that are meaningful and important.

Your emotional ease is communicated to others; and social and intimate relationships benefit from your open and welcoming spirit. You accept the need for compromise, and know adjustments are necessary for harmonious relationships and better social contact. With your non-threatening temperament and outstretched hand, you can develop a wide range of acquaintances and friends. You recognize that all share a common human nature and display tolerance, sympathy and understanding of people's frailties, with a worldly attitude that prevents suffering from any overidealistic expectations or illusions. Usually your perceptions are accurate and realistic, and you know that people inevitably pass through times of stress and confusion, so that you rarely condemn or criticize others through insensitive comment and attitude.

You are not gullible, however, and will steer away from those who take advantage of others or selfishly abuse their feelings. You share with those able to benefit from your company and support, appreciating others' qualities and allowing for the inevitable weaknesses which will also be displayed. While you are well balanced in both public and personal relationships, you prefer to maintain independence, especially in protecting privacy; you may become touchy if anyone crosses the demarcation lines that you have established. This indicates the lunar need to establish habit patterns and protective barriers; and, if you suspect that your rights are being ignored, you will fight any oppression or be angry at whoever is infringing upon your 'territory'. Your actions may surprise any who have not previously seen your instinctive reactions to such situations.

You meet challenges and difficulties positively, applying effort to transcend or resolve them. However, your self-image is strong enough not to collapse when failures are encountered. Obviously there will be disappointments; you take a philosophical approach to life, shrug your shoulders, and carry on. This attitude is particularly useful if you enter the business world, where your enterprising nature can prove successful, especially when you are following instincts; and acting on those feelings should usually reap profitable results.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Mars indicates intensity of feeling and emotion, which you relieve by applying yourself to creative activities. You do more than just what is physically required whenever you can. If necessary, you are willing to compromise your desires by making adjustments. You meet people halfway and enjoy good relationships with a large number of friends, associates, and relatives. You may not be satisfied in all areas of your life, but then who is? On the whole you should be able to deal with people more easily than

most. You have mastered the art of relating to people, and can even chastise someone without being abusive or violent. Even when you display temper or fight for your rights, you don't give an impression of hatred. You don't generally interfere with others, and prefer that they respect your right to privacy as well.

Your psychological alignment allows you to function easily with the public and in personal relationships. You are sufficiently sure of yourself that you don't feel threatened by associates or competitors. You have faith in yourself and in those with whom you enjoy a close emotional contact. When challenged, you quietly accept it and cope as best you can, but you don't get uptight if you don't succeed. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude helps conserve your abundant energy for important matters. You have a good imagination and the energy to express it well in your job and in avocational interests. Children respond well to your influence because you don't expect them to act older than they are.

You are not afraid to express your feelings toward those you care for because you don't have any hangups about your affections not being returned. People can't help but be impressed with your attitude and behavior. You put others at ease and make them feel welcome in your company. But you don't warm up to persons who are dishonest with you, for they are not worth the effort. You are reasonably independent, because you don't feel emotionally obligated to anyone. Nor do you hold others to account, unless they feel it naturally. Permissive to a fault, you enjoy warm, personal relationships with many types of people. You give everyone the benefit of the doubt in fulfilling what you expect of them, but you don't ignore them when they fail. You find qualities to admire in everyone, and you don't categorize them in neat little pigeonholes.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother influence on this individual is a healthy one. If the child is motherdominated, or has a chart so aspected that he can accept what the mother has to offer, he grows to be an adult who can receive emotional relationships in a positive manner. He is receptive emotionally, he enjoys relationships, and he looks for healthy emotional involvements. He is that lucky person who picks a lover who is good for him.

He is able to participate emotionally in the work he does, enjoys the interaction between fellow employees, and participates in life from a full viewpoint. Action taken will support his emotional needs. Creative action will be full of joy. Because his emotional and sexual needs are easily expressed, he can be supportive and helpful to those he loves.

Moon trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even the harmonious aspects between the Moon and Mars indicate great application, executive ability and energy. They also confer the fierceness and quick temper of the conjunction. The love of liberty is great in the sense that we will not think twice about defending our right to do whatever we most enjoy doing. We soon get our dander up over anything that irks us, no matter what others might think. On the other hand, we show elation when we feel fine, again regardless of whether it is the right time to do so. With Moon / Mars aspects we are liable to put our own interests first, though not necessarily with any evil intent. We are not easily thwarted and are sometimes startlingly blunt and tactless.

Although these are harmonious aspects, the rashness of Mars is still very much in evidence. We are both bold and reckless. Pioneering and launching fresh projects are in our blood. With Moon / Mars aspects, we do best when working on our own. The harmonious aspects make us good self-starters. Here again, sporting and similar activities are splendid for shedding surplus energy.

A woman with such an aspect is often a bit mannish and would adapt well to military life. A man with such an aspect will feel himself drawn to rather belligerent women.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and bad contacts of these bodies operate in two distinct channels, corresponding to the positive and negative sides of Mars.

The positive side augments courage, daring, enterprise, and bodily vigour; the negative relates rather to the mental and intellectual parts, and frequently indicates a deep thinker. These two subtypes are very different; the one being essentially vigorous; the other profound. But in both cases there tends to be a practical outlook - it does not incline to a purely intellectual point of view though a large amount of air in the horoscope may introduce this.

For women it is commonly a very invigorating contact, endowing them with what is called 'rude health' and often producing a robust rather than a refined physique, and a tendency to be direct, outspoken, good-hearted and hard-hitting. This aspect, by itself, will often introduce a distinct Arianic element into the demeanour, so that it is easy to think that this sign is heavily tenanted. Such people take life as they find it and usually enjoy it to the full without much thought for the morrow. Occasionally the worse side may appear even with the good aspects.

Moon-Mars aspects generally do not seem to be particularly common in the horoscopes of soldiers, despite the vigour and combativeness they engender. Perhaps they dislike the disciplinary character of army life, and are readier to enlist when war is at hand than to undergo prolonged training in anticipation of fighting at a distant date, or perhaps not

at all.

37) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°47' A) ♀6 | ♀2

(Haydn Paul)

The energies of the trine should enable you to become a practical idealist, where the spheres of personal relationships and social obligations are highlighted in your experience. Mars will provide you with a powerhouse of energy to use, and Neptune will indicate suitable directions for expression.

This will be through a heart sensitivity to the problems of others, either individually or on a more impersonal, collective scale, and you will feel motivated to share in aspects of social responsibility. Fortunately, most of your personal aims can be achieved within such a framework, and so you may be attracted towards socially orientated work, especially in the fields of welfare, medicine, community aid and physical therapy. In such ways, you feel able to share your energy by supporting others who may be struggling in life, perhaps through ill-health, disadvantaged social conditions, or family problems. There is a natural sympathy, and your compassionate approach will often lead to many sharing their problems with you. It may be that at times you will need to cleanse yourself of 'accumulated suffering' absorbed from such work, and forms of negativity-releasing meditations or psychic protection are advised; otherwise, you may experience your level of vitality dropping under the burdens that you choose to take.

Even if you do not adopt the Neptunian way as a profession, your closer social friends will recognise this quality of support within you, and will often turn to you for a helping hand and a listening heart, coming away feeling less burdened, more inspired and sharing in your confident energy that all will be right (or that they can at least cope successfully). This is an aspect of a healing energy that you can transmit, and which is often connected to an acute inner sensitivity to the environment and people's emotions. This empathy is a key to your potential effectiveness in relationships, an intuitive knowing of how to respond and what type of support can be offered. Some may consciously gravitate towards areas of spiritual / occult healing techniques, and this could be an effective channel to explore.

Your intimate love life should be reasonably satisfying, often with a strong emphasis on physical and heart energies, possibly with some intense and passionate romances. Once you settle with a stable partner, you will appreciate those deep emotional bonds, those subtle empathies and feelings of real relationship that can be established through mutual love. Generally, your partnerships are honest and direct: friendship and goodwill for each other are strong, and genuine feelings for people with whom you have shared intimacies can still persist even after a relationship has ceased. Some relationships end in perpetual bitterness and mutual conflict; but whilst recognising that love can fade, you prefer to separate on good terms. People can benefit through contact with you, and

finding a suitable partner can offer you an opportunity for considerable mutual inner growth and enjoyment.

There can be an attraction towards more dramatic expressions of the energies of these two planets, perhaps one where flamboyance is possible, such as the theatre, acting, dance, or where physical culture is emphasised. In some, the Martian energy to act is focused through spheres of Neptunian creativity, design, art, literature, film, photography. The trine often appears in charts of creative people, as the energy helps the process of anchoring the idea, vision or intention. You should find that you can achieve your goals, making the most out of the potential and opportunities that are presented to you; allowing scope to your imagination and then acting on it is the key to success.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Mars and Neptune shows that you have successfully integrated your aggressive and desirous nature with your social responsibilities. You can satisfy personal goals and objectives without sacrificing your impersonal obligations. Because you understand your deepest biological urges, you are able to control them, realizing there is a time and a season for everything. You are sympathetic with those who are less fortunate in managing their impulses, and readily 'lend an ear' when others want to unburden themselves or discuss their problems. Your inner perception is highly developed to detect sincerity or dishonesty in people.

Your inspiration and driving ambition to serve others are particularly suited to welfare programs, medicine, law, or physical therapy. Your healing abilities would astonish even a professional practitioner, who may not realize that your success results from helping people cope with spiritual as well as physical problems. You would bring special insight to psychology, group encounter therapy, and other rehabilitative techniques.

If you are motivated to seek personal acclaim, you could pursue a theatrical career as an actor, dancer, or stage designer. You have a flair for effective delivery, and your sensitivity brings out a warm, emotional response in others.

Your romantic life is uncomplicated but still very exciting. Because of your poise and personal dignity, you enjoy warm and tender relationships with the opposite sex. You maintain honest and sincere ties with those you love, and willingly sever ties with those whose interest in you seems to be waning. Their love may fade, but they will never fail to respect you completely for all your good qualities. You hold others simply by your magnetism, charm and sociability, and you know how to bring enthusiasm and joy into the life of the one you love.

38) ► **Mars** ♂ **Semi-Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°55' A) ♃6 | 005

(Donna van Toen)

Marriage, sexual encounters, and other relationships often provide opportunities for growth although these are sometimes misconstrued in some way and seen as attempts by the other party to repress the person or alter his or her growth pattern.

39) ► **Midheaven MC Quincunx** ♂ **Mars** - (1°48' A) ♀1 | ♀6

(Robert Hand)

This aspect can mean that you have mixed feelings about all authority figures, including your parents. You may feel that you have to violate the rules laid down by your parents in order to get your way. This is a significant problem, because if it continues into adulthood, you will have great difficulties with employers. Therefore it is very important that your parents teach you how to express your self-assertive drives without going against their teachings. Unfortunately, it is impossible to state how that should be done, because the conflict between self-will, on the one hand, and self-denial and work, on the other, is different for each person.

Clearly, you should spend a lot of time releasing your great energy in vigorous play. The more energy you use up in this way, the less you will need to assert yourself destructively. You must learn what society demands, such as going to school and doing schoolwork, learning to obey instructions for your own good and so forth.

Another way to solve this kind of conflict is to learn that you can say what needs to be said and not be forced to remain quiet. You can't expect your elders to always go along with your ideas, but you should be able to feel confident of your right to say it. The exception to this, of course, is that you do not have any right to say something just to hurt others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the inconjunct between Mars and the MC, we shall be aware of a vague tension affecting social behavior. We certainly feel the need to make a mark on society, but always imagine that we are not being given a fair chance or that we are not able to do what we want. This leaves us with a gnawing sense of discomfort that is hard to define. Consequently, we are constantly up in arms over rules and regulations, if only to convince ourselves that we are free spirits. At the same time, a gnawing sense of discomfort drives us to seek an important role; and, in so doing, to infringe the liberties of others more than we think. That this will arouse opposition goes without saying. But because we do not have much insight into our behavior, we shall not immediately understand these reactions, and this can set up a vicious circle: we retaliate fiercely, the other members in our social group hit back, etc., etc.. And because we are not in full control of our energy, we may also suffer from physical accidents or mental breakdowns.

Nevertheless, with a safety valve for our energy, say in hard work on our own initiative, or in games and sports (preferably dangerous ones), we shall enjoy a greater sense of achievement and feel much more settled. The heart of the problem invariably lies in the fact that energy (Mars) and social expectations - or, for that matter, society's expectations of us - (the Midheaven) are not always in agreement.

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