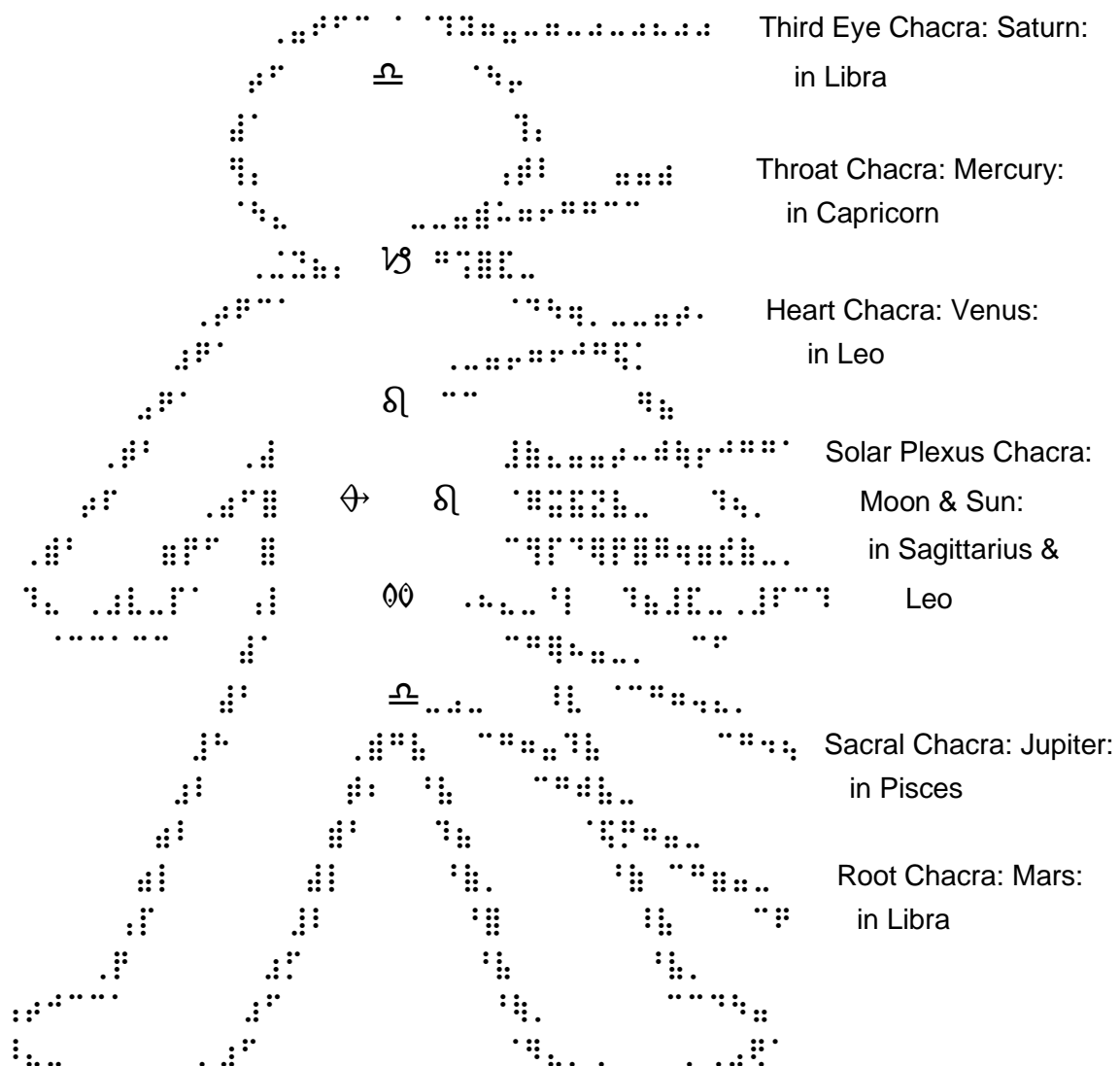


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Summaries

Leo Sun ☉ ♌ and ♎ ☾ Sagittarius Moon man

([771] i.thehoroscope.co)

An Inspirational Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Respectable, caring and principled;

Negatives: Selfish, pretentious and drama-prone;

Perfect partner: Someone who can bring a little variety in their lives;

Advice: They should stop being as criticizing of themselves as they are.

Sun ☉ in II 2nd House

([860] i.thehoroscope.co)

Self-confident charmers - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, intuitive and witty;

Challenges: Possessive and somewhat controlling;

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

Moon ☾ in VI 6th House

([877] i.thehoroscope.co)

All about introspection - Summary:

Strengths: Focused, sympathetic and intuitive;

Challenges: Superficial and rushed;

Advice: Try to depend less on validation from others.

Neutral: Finding great solutions

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 ♑ Capricorn man

([902] i.thehoroscope.co)

A man of strong principles - In a nutshell:

Positives: Responsible and composed;

Negatives: Aloof and impulsive;

Soulmate: Someone who is just as perfectionistic;

Life lesson: Not feeling overwhelmed by certain challenges.

Mercury ☿ in VII 7th House

([914] i.thehoroscope.co)

Hard to impress - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, expansive and affectionate;

Challenges: Difficult, vain and indecisive;

Advice: They should try their hand at different activities and not hesitate.

Venus ♀ in ♌ Leo man

([929] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Artistic and generous;

Negatives: Vain and impatient;

Soulmate: Someone who takes good care of themselves;

Life lesson: Doubting their choices from time to time is a good exercise.

Venus ♀ in II 2nd House

([946] i.thehoroscope.co)

Craving admiration - Summary:

Strengths: Extravagant, well-defined and sincere;

Challenges: Bitter and obsessive;

Advice: The calmer you are, the easier most things are.

Neutral: Love is all about being next to their partner

Mars ♂ in ♎ Libra man

([969] i.thehoroscope.co)

A talented individual - In a nutshell:

Positives: Knowledgeable and caring;

Negatives: Possessive and impetuous;

Soulmate: Someone who can keep his attention for long;

Life lesson: To fight more to preserve his principles.

Neutral: Full of compassion

Mars ♂ in IV 4th House

([984] i.thehoroscope.co)

Doing what makes them happiest - Summary:

Strengths: Protective, empathic and domestic;

Challenges: Instinctual and passive-aggressive;

Advice: Being even more attentive to the needs of those close.

Jupiter ♃ in ♏ Pisces man

([1004] i.thehoroscope.co)

Understanding the main tendencies - In a nutshell:

Style: Spiritual and compassionate;

Top qualities: Imaginative, loving and expansive;

Weaknesses: Fixed nature and oversensitivity;

Advice: Pay attention to the explanations of those close.

Jupiter ♃ in IX 9th House

([1013] i.thehoroscope.co)

Relaxed and enjoying life - Summary:

Strengths: Lucky, adventurous and creative;

Challenges: Curious, gossipy and procrastinating;

Advice: They need to respect the private life boundaries others set.

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 IV 4th House

([1032] i.thehoroscope.co)

A complex inner life - Summary:

Strengths: Honest, serious and dependable;

Challenges: Controlling, anxious and domineering;

Advice: They shouldn't be too demanding of their own family.

Uranus ♅ in ♎ Libra man

([1047] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Innovative and serene;
Top qualities: Cooperant, diplomatic and optimistic;
Challenges: Prone to sticking to old ways;
Advice: Be careful what ideals you choose for your life.

Uranus ☿ in IV 4th House

([1056] i.thehoroscope.co)

An eccentric personality - Summary:

Strengths: Resourceful, hardworking and approachable;
Challenges: Overly emotional and inconsistent;
Advice: They should seek for ways in which to show that they care.

Neptune ♆ in ♏ Pisces man

([1076] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Mystical and sacrificing;
Top qualities: Dependable, trustworthy and compassionate;
Challenges: Oversensitive; lazy and isolating;
Advice: Aid to others doesn't have to be material.

Neptune ♆ in IX 9th House

([1085] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great spirituality - Summary:

Strengths: Educated, focused and caring;
Challenges: Elusive and indecisive;
Advice: They shouldn't let themselves get carried away by dreams.

Pluto ♇ in ♒ Aquarius man

([1099] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Pluto ♇ in VIII 8th House

([1108] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great resilience and attention - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, attractive and understanding;
Challenges: Conflictual, judgmental and possessive;
Advice: They need to be careful about the things they develop obsession about.

North Node ♏ in ♒ Aquarius

([1123] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Idealistic, attentive and kind-hearted;

Challenges: Dramatic, rude and selfish

Kindhearted and expressive, True visionaries

South Node ♏ in ♌ Leo

([1129] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, lucky, talented and inspirational;

Challenges: Stubborn, overly-dramatic and emotional;

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

North Node ♏ in VIII 8th House (Scorpio)

([1120] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Serious, appreciative and gentle;

Challenges: Unpredictable and dramatic

Meant to explore profound matters, Darkness and what is forbidden

South Node ♏ in II 2nd House (Taurus)

([1126] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Challenges: Instinctual, arrogant and harsh;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XI 11th House

([1159] elsaelsa.com)

Outcast

► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°28') ♎1 | ♎4

([56] astromatrix.org:) Short Fuse

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°16') ♎2 | ♎2

([4] astromatrix.org:) The Lover Of Life

Opportunities: 1. Loving Life 2. Finding a Loving Partner

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Avoiding Excessive Indulgence

► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Lilith** - (0°15') ♄6 | ♃11

([632] astromatrix.org:)

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

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

► **Imum-Coeli** IC **Conjunct** ☽ **Moon** - (7°24' A) ♄6 | ♄6

([161] astromatrix.org:) The Possessive

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

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

► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (9°26' S) ♃2 | ♃2

([4] astromatrix.org:) The Lover Of Life

Opportunities: 1. Loving Life 2. Finding a Loving Partner

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Avoiding Excessive Indulgence

► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ☉ **Sun** - (4°05' A) ♃12 | ♃2

([230] astromatrix.org:) Clear Objectives

Opportunities: 1. Pursuing Goals over the Long-Term 2. Cultivating Many Interests

Challenges: 1. Making Sacrifices 2. Balancing Independence and Cooperation

► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (1°44' A) ♃2 | ♃4

([253] astromatrix.org:) A Natural Born Lover

Opportunities: 1. Sublimating for Artistic Expression 2. Going all in with Relationships

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Partner for You 2. Avoiding Infidelity

► **Ascendant** ASC **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°47' A) ♃1 | ♃4

([429] astromatrix.org:) Jumping In The Deep End

Opportunities: 1. Making Deeper Connections 2. Complexifying Your Personality

Challenges: 1. Learning to Compromise 2. Empathizing with Others

► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♄ **Lilith** - (4°40' S) ♃2 | ♃11

([652] astromatrix.org:) Strong-willed Persona

Opportunities: 1. Developing a healthy ego 2. Attuning yourself with norms & Laws

Challenges: 1. Following your heart 2. Adjusting scenarios to multi-task

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☽ **Moon** - (3°19' S) ♃2 | ♄6

([298] astromatrix.org:) Mutual Love

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

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

► **Moon** ☽ **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (6°07' A) ♄6 | ♃2

([312] astromatrix.org:) Popularity

Opportunities: 1. Prioritizing Your Integrity 2. Listening Compassionately
Challenges: 1. Finding a Partner You Can Trust 2. Exploring Your Creativity

► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (6°08' A) 137 | ♀11

([647] astromatrix.org:) Having Rebellious Views

Opportunities: 1. Being a free spirit 2. Combating criticism and rejection

Challenges: 1. Separating opinions and judgments 2. Facing social non-conformity

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°28') ☾1 | ♄4
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°43') ☾1 | ♄4
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°11') ♀12 | ♀09
- 4) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°49') ♀12 | ♄4
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°16') ♄2 | ♄2
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°06') ♄7 | ♄4
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°15') ♄4 | ♄4
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (0°29') ♄4 | ♀09
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ North-Node** - (0°27') ♄4 | ♄8
- 10) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (2°00') ♀09 | ♄4
- 11) ► **Uranus ♄ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (0°46') ♄4 | ♀09
- 12) ► **Neptune ♄ Parallel ♄ North-Node** - (0°56') ♀09 | ♄8
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (9°26' S) ♄2 | ♄2
- 14) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♄ South-Node** - (3°59' A) ♄2 | ♄2
- 15) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♄ South-Node** - (5°27' S) ♄2 | ♄2
- 16) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ♄ Neptune** - (9°53' S) ♀09 | ♀09
- 17) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♄ Uranus** - (3°03' S) ♄4 | ♄4
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (9°27' S) ♄2 | ♄8
- 19) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♄ Saturn** - (4°51' S) ♄2 | ♄4
- 20) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♄ North-Node** - (0°40' A) ♄6 | ♄8
- 21) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (1°44' A) ♄2 | ♄4
- 22) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (3°47' A) ☾1 | ♄4
- 23) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♄ Neptune** - (0°43' A) ♀12 | ♀09
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (1°46' A) ♄6 | ♀09
- 25) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♄ Saturn** - (5°57' A) ♄7 | ♄4
- 26) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♄ Uranus** - (2°54' A) ♄7 | ♄4
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (2°18' A) ☾1 | ♀09

- 28) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°46' S) ♀12 | ♀4
- 29) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (3°49' S) ♀12 | ♀4
- 30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°22' A) ♀12 | ♀8
- 31) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (3°19' S) ♀2 | ♀6
- 32) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (6°07' A) ♀6 | ♀2
- 33) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (7°11' S) ♀4 | ♀8
- 34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°36' S) ♀4 | ♀8
- 35) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°33' S) ♀4 | ♀8
- 36) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Semi-Sextile** ♁ **North-Node** - (1°06' S) ♀9 | ♀8

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♌ Leo 14° 39'

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

Approval is another quality Leos pick up from their father.... All Leos want to be approved of. Many people think that Leos are pompous, but that doesn't seem to be the case - they are really in need of approval. They are afraid that they may not get it. So they withdraw, waiting for some sign of appreciation. It's important for Leos to learn self-

approval, for that is the key to the proper use of their energy. When approval comes from within, one doesn't need to look outside oneself for recognition. This frees up the natural energy for constructive purposes.

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

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

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

The Leo female is influenced by the attitudes of her father. She therefore tends to look for a place in the world that puts her either into a profession or in a place of trust in a business situation. She needs approval on her job, and she needs to be treated with 'proper respect' at all times or she gets very hurt and outwardly quite negative. As far as her father's influence on her romantic life is concerned, she, too, like her Aries sister, is looking for a knight in shining armor to come and save her from her plight. But he must let her be the boss after he gets her! These needs cause confusion in relationships. A Leo woman will often align herself with inferior types of men, for she, too, is being the 'masculine' head of the household. Since she wants approval, she finds it difficult to let her mate get close to her. She can't let anyone see her imperfections. Her married life is often based on what she thinks she must do in order to maintain approval from the

community. She will stay in bad situations because, as the old adage goes, she made her bed and now she must lie in it. Often she lies in that bed because her husband gave her approval and respect before the marriage - and she was so flattered by it that she never looked to see what kind of person he really was.

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

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

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

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

The idealism of Leos often draws them toward working in the political arena, but poor Leo doesn't do too well there. They bring idealism into the ball game, and find it difficult to handle the political situations - the deals, the graft, the political compromises that are sometimes made within the various political party structures. They may trust their fellow politicians too much, not realizing that each new election brings about a change in

attitude for 'the party'. They may not recognize the wheeler-dealers until it's too late, and their reputations can suffer. The inner suffering that Leos feel is not always visible, but the pain is intense.

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

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

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

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

The Leo personality is attracted toward power, influence and being in the spotlight, where people notice them and where they can perform. If you can achieve such positions, then self-confidence rapidly expands; you will be more successful when you act from positions of responsibility and authority. Yet underlying these needs are feelings of insecurity and uncertainty regarding your abilities; and these need transcending by

attaining some success. You have the opportunity to inspire others towards greater achievements, unless you become too obsessed with exerting power and influence over others.

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

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

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

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

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

too.

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

Leo females

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

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

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

Leo males

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

A Leo man is never satisfied merely to be great: he wants to be told so. He is attractive to women; he seems to draw them like flies. He doesn't mind if you're jealous - he even

enjoys it. But he does not like you to make scenes. The best way to hold the interest of this man is to be quietly dramatic. He is fascinated by subtle women. If you shout, you are lost. But try wiping away a tear, then holding up your chin as if nothing happened. Make sure, however, that he sees you! he'll melt; he'll change from a lion into a purring kitten. A Leo man can be taken advantage of; he enjoys being the centre of intrigue. You can lead him to a trap and even make him fall in. But, unless you keep him interested, he will get up and get out.

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

(Sasha Fenton)

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

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

own families.

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

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

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

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

The traditional areas of health weakness for Leos are the spine and the heart. Leos like

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leos are relaters, so they rarely live alone, and are very attached to all members of their families and also to any pets. Leos grow up needing a lot of love, understanding and approval. They need to feel that they count, both out in the world and in their homes. On the whole, these people are not that hard to live with, although they do have some peculiarities which can irritate others. Leos are fussy, and they have high personal standards which they make seek to impose on others. They are also snobs. My Leo daughter won't shop in certain areas because she doesn't like the class of clientèle who frequent the shops! This behaviour doesn't seem a bit strange to a Leo. Their homes must be well-run and very comfortable, but they are not excessively tidy, as they prefer a home to be a home rather than a shop window. One rather odd fact that I have come across is that all Leos have a place where they leave notes telling themselves what they need to do over the next few days. When entertaining, they will do so lavishly and in

style. Leos can be very ambitious, both for themselves and for their families, and therefore they expect their partners to get on in life. These subjects are fairly hard workers, especially when they have their minds set on some special ambition. They like their jobs, homes, families and children to have a status and standing in the community, and they derive great pride from this. Leonine subjects expect their partners and, indeed, other members of their families to put their backs into work too.

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

Male Leos can be very demanding, expecting their wives to be super-woman; but, on the whole, as long as they can run their homes smoothly, with the addition of paid help if necessary, they won't grumble too much. It is possible to talk to these subjects and get them to see reason, so most problems can be worked out. Leos don't play games in relationships; they are honest, and they usually mean what they say. These subjects can be somewhat eccentric, and they do appear to march down their own road, even if this is completely different from everyone else's. They are more concerned about their own measurement of their worth than other people's opinions. Like all fire signs, Leos need freedom. They don't appreciate being told what time they should be home, and they won't stand for being given the third degree if they arrive late. It is unlikely that they are up to anything wrong anyway, because they usually get held up by people who buttonhole them in order to talk to them. Leos are fairly careful with money, hating to be in debt, but they are never mean to others. They won't sponge off others, and they are embarrassed by those who see sponging off as a legitimate practice. Pride can be a Leo's downfall; and, although they can be teased a little, they won't be ridiculed. If they find themselves with a competitive partner, the kind who loves to have conversations in front of others about whose job is more important, they will just walk away. Leo dignity is

sacrosanct, and they never forget a hurt or an insult. As a Leo myself, I can absolutely guarantee that nobody outside of my immediate family is ever likely to see me cry; and the chances are that the family won't see much of this phenomenon either. Leo women don't make a sound when giving birth, but they scream the hospital down after the event if they find themselves and their infant are not being properly treated by the staff! Some Leos are quite lazy, preferring to watch TV than to do anything useful, but most are good, steady workers if for no other reason than because they like a good lifestyle. Some Leo men and even a few women can become so immersed in their work that they neglect their partners and lose them as a result.

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

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker) (contd.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Retirement will open new doors for Leos: they will already have many interests to follow up and develop. They will be very likely to turn some hobbies into moneymaking

concerns, for they won't want to accept a standard of living that is lower than the one they have been used to.

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

Once you have made up your mind about a particular course of action, you are very

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore & Mark Douglas)

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

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

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

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

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

Even a sophisticated Leonian will, at times, betray the self-centered simplicity of a child. A youngster wants to be the center of attention; and Leo, with his naturally trusting disposition, may have the same naive faith in the importance of his place within the

cosmic scheme. When disappointed, a Leonian is downcast, like the Sun obscured by clouds. He seldom gives way to bitterness, however, for he has an abiding faith in the fundamental goodness of people. He is not inclined to worry about the future or to brood over the past, but lives to the fullest extent in the ever-present Now - and Leo loves luxé living.

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

Leo is the sign of self-consciousness, as Cancer is the sign of the instinctual conscious. Whether Leo people are constructive or destructive in their approach to life depends on who drives their chariot; self or Self. Leo people have great courage, but unless they have a sense of responsibility and are willing to take discipline of their own accord, they can bring great difficulties on themselves. One of Leo's keywords is 'dominion'. This

does not mean dominion over others (a trap Leo needs to learn to avoid) but dominion over their own unsubjugated forces. Leo is the most vital of the signs and has tremendous energy. They have a confidence and an assurance that strengthens those who are timid and angers those who are seeking the power inherent in Leo. Leo is the royal and kingly sign of the zodiac. In an age where Kings are a thing of the past, Leos need the realization that the royalty of the Aquarian age will be the spiritual aristocrats who function through the heart and soul in real simplicity. What is simplicity but going to the inner heart of things and seeing things whole? Leo rules the inner center - the heart.

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

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

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

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

(Myrna Lofthus)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

very long.

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

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

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

Sun ☉ in 2nd House

(Sepharial)

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Robert Hand)

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

It is difficult for you to part with your possessions; and you may find it difficult to share, but if you want to have good friendships, you will have to learn how. You are even possessive of your friends, and don't like to share them with anyone else. If a friend pays too much attention to someone else while you are together, you are likely to feel jealous. But you have to learn to share that person with others. Your friend can like someone else and still like you.

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

(John Townley)

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The acquisition of possessions is extremely important to the subject, who will feel a great

sense of pride in showing these off on every possible occasion. He or she will not simply want to gloat over an ever-increasing bank balance or folio of stocks and shares, but rather will want the world to know of such success.

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

regardless of how much money is in the bank.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

Moon ☾ in ♐ Sagittarius 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 intruige 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 6th House

(Haydn Paul)

Lunar activity will influence health and employment; and you may observe that any unfulfilled feelings and emotional needs eventually have a detrimental effect. Diminishing physical vitality and psychosomatic responses may occur through unresolved emotional stress; and your health quality will fluctuate depending on the nature of your emotions.

When your outlook is positive, health will be good; when you are more negative, then diminished vitality will occur. If you persist in maintaining a dissatisfied mind, then hypochondriacal worries and uncomfortable physical symptoms will increase. Obsessions with health, diet, and appearance may develop if this goes unchecked. If this occurs, you will move away from a natural body balance, having failed to listen to inner messages which suggest ways to maintain a healthy, free-flowing energy connection between the levels of your whole being.

It is within your emotions that a shortcircuit is actually occurring; and you may need remedial action to transform accumulated moods and emotional anxieties. If depressions become regular, you may need self-therapy and personal exploration to become

objective about the roots of such feelings and discover how you can release or resolve stress blockages. Altering diet and becoming conscious of the interrelationship of body-emotion-mind is important for your well-being.

Work will be affected by your emotional state, and will often prove an unsatisfactory experience unless you are fortunate in entering employment that can fulfill your need for emotional involvement. Pursuing a career alone will not fulfill unless it also satisfies your emotional needs. A Moon placed in a mutable sign may indicate employment changes; a fixed Moon may indicate being stuck in a position, which could be equally unsatisfactory, although you can favor continuity and repetitive lifestyle / work patterns in daily life. You find security in the familiar and predictable, and you prefer to take well-known paths through life. Meeting strangers and having new experiences arouses feelings of unease and fear, as you cannot rely on repetitive responses to deal with these situations.

Service or vocational activities may fulfill certain inner needs related to nurturing others. If this path were to become your employment, you might find it fulfilling and personally beneficial; any tendency to self-obsessiveness with your emotions and health would be redirected into caring for others. You are likely to possess good practical abilities related to the health and healing of others. You enjoy feeling wanted by others and being of some use. Satisfaction is received from feeling connected when working directly with others who are in need. Taking this direction may be the road to greater meaning, purpose, and integration in your life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With the Moon here there is an immense hunger for significance, for worthwhile work and service. There is a great capacity for hard work; but unless other aspects show it, these people are not often self-starters. They usually need someone to work for, someone they respect. They have a strong desire for accomplishment, but by someone else's lights, at least in youth. Unless other chart factors indicate the contrary, they may lack the self-confidence to work on their own, setting their own standards. There is a great desire for an ideal boss, one who will set standards and limits, who appreciates hard work and rewards results. Unfortunately, this is an ideal that is not often found, which causes them a great deal of tension that can result in disorders of the stomach or the glands.

Often these people are not paid what they are worth. There is a selfless aspect here, a desire to work for the love of it, purely for the results and not the personal gain. Either that, or the effort of asking for raises in salary brings up issues of self-worth that they find painful to deal with. Therefore, they often wind up working for nonprofit organizations, volunteering in charity organizations, or even going into religious orders; sometimes because they believe in the work, and sometimes because this way they can avoid issues of self-worth (and possibly both). These people are deeply concerned with their purpose in life, and will continually keep an account of their record, which creates a lot of

internal tension. 'Did I do as much as I could have don? Would Thomas Merton (or Albert Schweitzer, or Mother Theresa) have done more?'

Often, in childhood, they felt they could get their mothers' love only by proof of accomplishment, hard work, and success. The attitude may persist, consciously or subconsciously, that love is the reward of hard work, not likely to come for free (and when it does come for free, it must not be the real thing). If the Moon is under pressure of bad aspects, this constant striving can cause a health breakdown at some point, resulting in a total inability to work, generally because of a desperate need for approval.

As they get older, these stresses can lead to one of two things. One one hand, they may finally realize that no boss will ever fulfill the ideal they have been seeking, and that if they are to function as effectively as they wish they must figure out some way to be their own boss and serve humanity in their own way, a process that may involve a good deal of emotional suffering and painful self-understanding. On the other hand, if they continue to work for someone else, they will probably stop looking for perfection sooner or later, and come funally to view their co-workers like family, forgiving them their faults and working to bring about a happy family atmosphere at work, socializing outside work with colleagues, and organizing office birthday parties and company picnics.

If the Moon is close to the seventh house cusp, or if it is trine the ascendant, these people will be more aware of public needs and will be more likely to rise to a position of importance.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is often linked with feelings, habits, and needs. The gastrointestinal system is especially vulnerable, so diet has primary relevance. The most significant disorders revolve around chronic problems resulting from longstanding habits. Any neuroses surround security and issues involving the family, the origins of which may possibly be traced to a difficult childhood relationship with your mother. You didn't feel safe to express needs with her, and as a result have grown up mistrusting others, while remaining needy inside. The pitfall lies in rejection of your 'inner child', which creates hidden hysteria and secret compulsions. The challenge is to learn appropriate fulfillment of your needs. Healing involces the simplicity of taking good care of yourself.

Unequal relationships: All unequal relationships reflect the basic mother / child scenario. When you perceive yourself in an inferior posture, you amplify what you felt as a small child. If you were frightened, you could be terrified. If you were resistant, you could be defiant. If you were angry, you could be rageful. When in the superior position, you tend to parody your mother. If she was supportive, you'll tend toward caretaking. If she was overly protective, you may be smothering. If she had difficulty providing emotional support, you might refuse to give any, abandoning those around you when they're needy. The pitfall is remaining stuck in these memories forever, while the challenge is to

grow through them. Become a mature adult by learning to recognize your inner child; and then invite that child to come home to you.

Duty and service: Helping is compulsive, something you don't actually choose, but simply do because it feels so natural. You seek out individuals who seem insecure or uncomfortable, and in supporting them feel more secure and comfortable inside yourself. The pitfall rests with your tendency to 'help' others whether or not they wish it, like the boy scout so eager to get his merit badge that he pulls the old lady across the street even though she doesn't want to go. The challenge is to perfect yourself by serving the real needs of others through the emotional support you provide.

Technical mind: Thinking is akin to eating a full meal. You have a personal need to dissect the world around you, to reassemble it, to pay full attention to details. You want to understand how everything works, but only insofar as it has personal relevance to your own emotional life. The pitfall is being drawn off-course by feelings that resonate through and around you, like a scientist studying trees in autumn only to be overwhelmed by the beauty of the multicolored leaves. The challenge is to blend insight and warm feeling. Thinking should be moist rather than dry.

Discipline and routines: Your entire system is sensitive to regularity. Once you form habits in your daily routine, they become part of the hierarchy of needs, and any disruption in the pattern has immediate emotional effects. Any time you need good feelings, it's helpful to immerse yourself in the measured pace of real work, the rhythm of a task with a definite goal. The pitfall involves imprisonment into random or self-defeating habits, while the challenge is to provide yourself with a steady flow of positive, productive routines.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are generous and warmhearted toward people in general, but especially toward those you love. Because you feel insecure about your ability to be self-sustaining, you try to compensate by accumulating material comforts. For the same reason, you want to be financially independent. You are usually involved with people who are glad to give you opportunities to show how much you care for them. But sometimes you resent it when they expect too much from you, for you know they are imposing on you. You are attracted to people who seem stable and whose actions indicate that they have the high human values that you admire. You may neglect to get an education on the assumption that you can learn everything you need through experience. This may be true, but it will make the road to success in your career more hazardous and time-consuming.

You take pride in serving the needs of those around you; and your early conditioning gave you the belief that efforts on behalf of others are never wasted. You have some difficulty in serving your own needs, however, because you lack self-confidence. Because of your low self-esteem, you relegate yourself to obscure positions or those

that bring limited recognition for your accomplishments.

In view of this situation, wouldn't it be a good idea to seek work in an institution or with some social program? Your sincere concern for people in trouble or in a precarious social predicament would be an excellent basis for making a worthwhile contribution to improve their circumstances. You don't usually seek the limelight of public recognition, but you accept it humbly if it comes, knowing that you did what anyone else would have done in the situation. If you implement your many good ideas, you should be able to earn a comfortable income. You can succeed as well as others, but you won't, unless you are convinced of your abilities.

You owe it to yourself to improve your self-image. You make more concessions to others than necessary because you feel obliged to serve them as they indicate you should. Remember that you also have obligations to yourself, and you will need security later on when you are no longer gainfully employed. Don't allow friends to distract you from this goal, because you will come to resent them for it. Another consideration is your health, which varies according to your moods. You feel fine when your spirits are high, but when you are depressed you may have all kinds of irritating ailments, such as digestive problems or nervous-tension headaches.

There are many worthy uses for your creative imagination if you recognize that you must develop your potentials. You have no difficulty using your skills to benefit your children, so why not boost your spirits by using your talents when your own career interests are at stake? You usually compensate for it when your mate slips into lethargy, but you must make it clear that each of you has to share the burdens in your relationship. Unless you let your partner become self-reliant, the marriage will suffer from lack of mutual respect. Indulge your mate because you want to, not because you've become a doormat and it's expected of you.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement find security and comfort attending to daily routine and administering to the needs of the body. Daily rituals like making the coffee, taking tea at four, and the bath last thing at night give them a feeling of continuity and wellbeing.

Physical health and their ability to function and cope with everyday contingencies will vary according to moods. Aspects to the Moon in this house reveal how successfully a person can contain the kinds of anxieties that crop up from day to day. A trine from Saturn could indicate, for instance, that the physical vessel is a hardy container, remaining steadfast in situations to which others might overreact. A square to Mars, though, suggests that the person 'acts out' every little anxiety - the body just cannot contain or support the stress that quietly. There may be a connection between how the mother coped with daily tensions and the way in which this person does the same. Those kinds of illnesses which can be inherited or which 'run in the family' should be

noted, and preventative measures are worth taking. They should be careful about diet - eating problems or overindulgence in alcohol could arise at the onset of emotional difficulties. The body has an instinctual wisdom of its own which they can learn to respect and recognize without too much effort. If they take the time to notice what their bodies register when they walk into a room or meet someone for the first time, they will realize just how much can be intuited through bodily sensations.

There is a need to feel emotionally engaged in work. Usually a job which involves interaction with other people is better than working in too isolated a situation. Sometimes they find themselves entangled in the personal life of co-workers or servants. Those with the Moon in the 6th are adept at fulfilling the practical and emotional needs of others, and are well suited to any employment in which they can play 'Mother'. Unresolved mother issues may be projected onto the dog or cat. More seriously, a pet to love and care for and who is there when they come home could contribute to both psychological and physical health.

Mercury ♀ in ♑ Capricorn 3° 51'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

to you very much; you are more comfortable with facts and figures that you can put to work in the physical world.

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Syndey Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a methodical, though potentially rigid, mind.

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

your sex life will be less interesting.

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

(Robert Hand)

You like to think and plan very carefully, for you have a cautious mind, and you don't want to jump to conclusions. Your mind does not work very quickly, but your carefulness makes up for that. You are good at organizing yourself and others, so you can direct activities if necessary. These talents may be useful in business when you grow up. You are a practical thinker, and you want to learn skills that will be useful in life.

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

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

(Freda Edis)

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and rationally.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

Mercury ♀ in 7th House

(Freda Edis)

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

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

assessment of a process. Hermes was often too eager to be on his way.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

These people can't be accused of being locked up in themselves. They look to others in order to know and understand themselves. On the path to self-knowledge, they may give themselves over completely to a teacher at some point, or go from teacher to teacher,

ever seeking self-revelation. They are not usually secure enough in their egos to seek the limelight.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

Your most urgent priority is learning to be more self-sufficient and have enough confidence to make personal decisions. you are too easily intimidated by competition, so that you don't assert yourself enough. you should compromise only as much as your

career requires. You are at a crossroads, and there is tension between your early conditioning and your aspirations. Making the right decisions for yourself, in spite of your parents' opinions, will be a critical factor in determining your destiny. To fulfill your personal desires, you must either concur with parental suggestions or risk alienation. Your task is to help people establish a foundation on which they can successfully build their ambitions.

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

While being careful not to approach the whole delicate and mysterious area of relationship too much 'from the head', some degree of objectivity and detachment is required to sustain a long-term involvement. With Mercury in the 7th, many problems

can be 'worked through' if they are discussed and analysed. Some people with this placement may be fairly (or should I say 'unfairly?') critical and judgemental about 'those little things' which their partners do that annoy them. Fortunately, the antics of the god Mercury remind us that a sense of humour about such things is the great balancer.

Venus ♀ in ♌ Leo 24° 5'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you obsessively seek the approval of others in social situations, the fear of disapproval may result in holding back your ability to spread sunshine and light. You might feel trapped in self-absorption when you withhold your ability to inspire others with your warm and gregarious nature.

You may censor yourself by expressing a type of spontaneity you feel will be 'approved of'. If you indulge in the Leo fear that others may hold back their love, ignore you, or judge you harshly, you experience a lack of social ease.

Inadvertently, you might manipulate others by moderating your expressiveness in order to gain recognition. Social isolation and powerlessness ensue when you interpret others' reactions as a personal rejection.

Dynamic

When you are willing to share your natural gift for drama with others, you can pay attention to their needs for acceptance and respond by supporting them with your warmth. You may find that in taking the initiative to include others you are automatically included as part of the group. You can use your charismatic dramatic flair to share the centre of the stage. By recognizing others' individuality, you can provide emotional upliftment, enabling them to overcome disabling emotions and the monotony of daily life.

You are sensitive to the inner reactions of others; and by using this knowledge objectively you lift the audience to new heights of inspired experience. You can bring about ease of communication through your inclusive 'open arms' policy in which each person is able to relate comfortably with others.

When you use your generosity and sensitivity to help others reach positive emotional states, you can experience, without fear, your own social worth. You have a dramatic talent for inspiring others, and an inbred confidence, warmth, and enthusiasm that bring about self-worth. Security with others comes from knowing that you have acted according to your humanitarian ideals.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Warm-hearted, romantic and affectionate, Venus in Leo likes to pamper and spoil those it loves. Proud and touchy, Leo has strong principles about loyalty and is naturally faithful. These people, therefore, feel particularly wounded when they are deceived, as this damages their self-esteem and makes them feel belittled and humiliated. Leo can be very magnanimous and forgiving; but disloyalty and deception will cut too deep to be easily forgiven and will certainly never be forgotten.

It is most important for the Leo Venus person to feel appreciated in order to feel loved, so he / she needs to be made much of and treated as very special. Thriving on romantic gestures, and dramatic displays of affection, passion and drama, are an integral part of love for Venus in Leo.

Their pride is easily hurt and they need a lot of reassurance and attention in order to believe that they are loved. Treating them casually or slighting them is the quickest way to drive them into the arms of someone more appreciative.

However, those with Venus in Leo are capable of great loyalty and affection, and lavish care and attention on those they love. They are attracted to people they admire and respect and in whose company they can feel proud to be seen. You will feel greatly prized if you are loved by someone with Venus in Leo.

They have a great love of life, together with strong and enduring passions; and being in love enhances their self-esteem. To them, each love affair is a grand passion, the most important thing in their life; and they will give their love wholeheartedly - anything less would be unworthy of Leo.

(Skye Alexander)

You are highly creative, and it is very important to you to express yourself in some artistic manner. You love beauty in all its myriad forms, and want to make your own, special contribution to the world of art.

You have a strong sense of drama, and your creations often are vibrant, bold and ornate as well as imaginative. Certainly there is nothing timid or subtle about the way you express yourself; and your art may even be somewhat garish and gaudy.

Venus also is associated with physical beauty and adornment, so this placement could signify an interest in fashion design, hair styling, modelling, or fashion photography. Whatever form your creative expression takes, you want recognition for it. You have no intention of being a 'starving artist' living in obscurity. You are proud of your talent, believe that fame and fortune are your just due, and want your name to be known and

respected.

Love is also extremely important to you. In fact, you can even elevate love to an art form. Love may be an artistic stimulant for you; perhaps you compose love songs or write beautiful sonnets to your lover, or paint his / her portrait.

You love being in love, being the center of your lover's attention, and being involved in the dramatic spectacle of romance. An incurable romantic, you might shower your partner with gifts, songs, flowers and attention (and expect the same sort of demonstrations of devotion in return). Ardent and passionate in affairs of the heart, you throw yourself into your romances with such enthusiasm and fanfare that at times you seem to be playing a part in an opera (or soap opera). If the truth be known, Romeo is one of your favorite literary characters, and the image of the 'Latin lover' appeals to you. For all your theatrics, however, your affection is real and you are capable of deep devotion and loyalty in relationships. You want a stable, committed and loving partnership, complete with children and a beautiful home that is your castle. And no matter how long you and your partner are together, the romance never goes out of your relationship.

Women with this planetary position see themselves as heroines in gothic romance novels. You want to be courted in high style, and treated like a queen by your lovers. Flattery will get your partner everywhere with you, and you need to be told you are beautiful at least a dozen times a day. Terribly vain, you spend plenty of time and money on your appearance and ask your mirror on a regular basis 'who's the fairest in the land'. You enjoy wearing the latest (and showiest) clothes, jewellery and hairstyles, and see no reason for keeping a low profile. You love to see heads turn when you make your entrance; and whether or not you are a great beauty, you have a sense of style and grandeur that sets you apart from 'ordinary mortals'. You're nobody's docile pet or slave, however. Strong-willed and individualistic, you are usually the dominant partner in any relationship.

Men with Venus in Leo are most attracted to women who are glamorous, exceptionally beautiful, even a bit gaudy. Your ideal woman is the movie star, the Las Vegas showgirl, the California golden girl. Looks count for everything, and you want a lover who's a perfect 10. Who cares if she can't spell her own name? You want to show her off as a gorgeous accessory, the way you would a new sports car or a custom-made suit. Though you may not end up with this sort of woman as your life partner, you never stop looking and dreaming.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Leo indicates those who have ardent, fixed affections. They are lovers of life, and somewhat theatrical in behavior. They can have a great deal of social and personal pride, especially when in the spotlight. These are the people who throw lavish,

expensive parties. Women with this position wish to be noticed by others; to be admired and appreciated. Sometimes they are prima donnas; often they compete for the centre of attention at social gatherings.

Because of their ability to dramatize emotion, people with this position of Venus make good actors and actresses. They have a keen love of art, with a vivid color sense and ability in painting, sculpture, and other artistic forms.

These natives are warmhearted, outgoing, sunny, and affectionate. They are fond of children. They are born romantics, and like courtships full of drama and excitement. They will be strongly loyal to those they deem worthy of their affections. The person with Venus in this position likes to show off his partner, but he can be possessive and jealous if the partner does not pay him the proper homage.

If Venus is afflicted in Leo, there can be excessive social pride, snobbishness, selfishness, and overconcern with sex.

(Isabel Hickey)

No-one with Venus in Leo is ever talked into anything unless he / she wants to be. These people can shut desire on and off at will, through the will. Venus in Leo dramatizes emotional experience to the hilt. Emotional responses are honest, frank, and many times calculated. Loyal and affectionate where their affections are concerned. Very attractive. Loves pleasure and is particularly fond of the theater. Colorful personality. Venus in Leo is not as impatient as Venus in Aries, or as possessive as Venus in Taurus, but is kindly and extremely compassionate towards others. Even when afflicted there is a dignity and warm-heartedness that makes them very pleasing to others.

(Donna van Toen)

This being a Fire sign, we can expect Venus in Leo to need sexual attraction and passion. A very dramatic relationship is usually preferred; excitement is needed to keep the relationship out of a rut. A need to have children is often felt; if your mate can't stand kids, this might become a serious sort of dissatisfaction. Venus in Leo needs tangible expressions of love very much - from 'I love yous' to little gifts. Sometimes there's a tendency to feel, 'If you love me, you'll prove it by waiting on me. Certainly your mate shouldn't be opposed to fussing over you a bit at regular intervals. One drawback to Venus in Leo is that you tend to have awfully high standards, to want it all. You need to feel your mate is special, because you need to feel you are special. Up to a point, this is fine, but if you set your standards impossibly high, you decrease the likelihood of fulfilling your needs.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The fiery, passionate emotion of Leo is expressed to the loved one, and the subject will want to be proud of the partner. Great encouragement will be given to the development of his or her potential, but a tendency to be bossy must be watched. Here is bigheartedness, generosity of spirit and an enjoyment of all aspects of life. The sex life is usually exuberant, and must be fulfilling. Loyalty and faithfulness are also usual. An enjoyment of quality and luxury will be shared with loved ones; appreciation of the arts, and even creative potential, will also be present. A tendency towards showiness and a sense of drama may need controlling. This placing encourages a desire to earn a lot of money, principally to add to the richness and enjoyment of life. However, the sense of owning a part of large companies through shares gives considerable satisfaction. Here is a faithful friend whose enthusiasm and optimism are infectious.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, emotion is heightened, with the subject aiming for a fulfilling and rewarding relationship. He or she may be boastful towards, and about, the partner. Generous, with a sense of occasion and a need for sexual and emotional variety, this is a fun-loving, if not always faithful, partner. Leo loyalty, however, will help counter Geminian duality. Here is a rewarding and lively friend. Extravagance and impulsebuying can cause financial problems.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, an extrovert exuberance is added to the Cancerian expression and emotional needs. Constancy and loyalty are important, but Cancerian moodiness and snappiness may combine with Leo bossiness and must be controlled if the individual is to relax and enjoy this sphere of life. Nevertheless, this is a caring and warm-hearted friend. Special collections, maybe of silver, are good investments.

If the Sun sign is Leo, then if an over-extravagant expression of emotion can be controlled so that dramatic scenes do not cause problems, here is someone who will look up to and admire a partner, giving much encouragement and support. If bossiness can be exchanged for diplomacy and tact, partnerships should be rewarding. There is usually no lack of sexual enthusiasm; and the general interpretation for Venus in Leo above is especially applicable. Money will be spent to enhance the quality of the subject's life.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, this placing of Venus bolsters the self-confidence of the rather shy Virgoan. The tendency to be over-talkative when nervous should be controlled. Natural Virgoan modesty can easily clash with Venus in Leo showiness, both sexually and image-wise. This is a lively friend who will want to organize occasions for everyone's benefit. Occasional extravagances should be enjoyed rather than viewed as reasons for guilt.

If the Sun sign is Libra, Venus rules Libra, so there will be some Leonine traits, and the influence of Venus will be strong. Generosity is usual; and if love and affection are lacking the subject may try to buy them with elaborate presents. At his or her best, the

individual is romantic with a love of good living, and will give much to a partner through both warm-hearted affection and sex. This is a considerate and sympathetic friend. Although he / she is extravagant, money is usually managed quite well.

(Grant Lewi)

You dramatize emotional experience to the hilt. Your emotional responses are both honest and calculated. (This position understands that.) They aren't spontaneous, but they aren't hypocritical. They are geared to serve your total personality and to ensure that they will make the right effect. You know how you look when you're kissing or being kissed; and you're clever enough to avoid the appearance of posing. You are something of an introvert; love is yours to give or withhold, according to your wishes. If your desires are strong, it is due to some other position in the Vitasphere, because Venus in Leo, considered as a unit, enables you to shut desire on or off at will. When on, it can be a wow; when off, cold as ice and unapproachable. No-one with Venus in Leo ever was talked into anything. In emotions, you do all the talking, and the only pleas you hear is your own. This position is wonderful if you're on the stage, and tends to make a stage of your life even if the theater isn't your profession.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Leo, Venus provides us with the natural showman - the individual who can turn the commonplace into the magnificent, who can make us see the beauty, the emotion, the sex appeal in what generally might be regarded as the everyday. Emotional experiences are dramatized; the native seldom feels anything halfway; he is intense, and his responses are spontaneous and impulsive. But he is aware, sensitive, knowing, and capable of appreciating fully the physical aspects of life: eating, loving, drinking, sleeping, waking, walking, basking in the sun.

His chief danger is letting his emotions become mechanical, jaded and insensitive because of abuse or overindulgence. He is extravagant, on the negative side, and fond of social display; he can become so actively interested in appearances that he finds himself too tired to enjoy the object of his attention.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a generous, though potentially selfish, lover. Love for you is something that must be playful, passionate and courtly. Nothing or no-one should be as important as the lover and the beloved: a king and his queen in a garden of blissful romance. However, such an absolute and all-consuming sense of love may well be impossible to maintain when not tempered with a measure of reality. Failing to do this would set you up for a fall when such 'love' is shown to be mere fancy.

You attract with ardent expressions of romantic interest which Other finds irresistible; by

radiantly bestowing upon Other all manner of gifts and favours; and with a style, beauty of sense of fun that makes Other feel very privileged and proud to be with you, especially in company.

You repel with the feeling you give Other when he or she is made to realize that he / she cannot live up to the unattainable romantic ideal you have projected on to him / her; with vain, selfish interest and overbearing possessiveness posing as loyalty; and with gameplaying or by flaunting yourself.

You are attracted to an Other you can feel proud of; to an Other who sees past your impressive outer display and appreciates the vulnerability he / she finds inside you; to classic, romantic courtship; and to playing imaginative love and sex games.

You are repelled by being made to feel embarrassed; by an Other who does not notice or respect your deeper feelings, merely because you do not make them public or obvious; by crude, impersonal, second-rate expressions of interest; and by insulting behaviour.

When you are alone, it is because you have become so preoccupied with 'love's shine' rather than its inner glow that Other sooner or later appears lack-lustre and wanting - and so you dismiss him / her. Then, for the same reason, you simply no longer attract an Other or the right kind of Other. Metaphorically, the gilt that you put on the gingerbread has worn off, and you do not have enough faith in real and ordinary love to show the real and ordinary you that lies beneath the gilt. So it is vitally important that you look at the reasons for your doubting the worth of that real, ordinary - and possibly wounded - you. The lion's pride tends to prevent it from being seen when it is wounded, but this is a mistake for the wound can fester when not tended - which can make you unapproachable, if not unattractive. Show this true you, and the true Other will appear.

(John Townley)

This position indicates that you have a generous helping of desire and a healthy sexual appetite. You take love by the mouthful, rather than sipping it slowly; and an affair once started tends to go all the way.

Your taste runs to all-over-the-body sensuality rather than to localized, more fetishistic tastes, although you may indulge in them on special occasions. Sensual body massaging and tickling are your favorite pastimes, as is foot massage, which can stimulate the whole body.

Your pleasure in lovemaking is greatest in well-appointed surroundings, not necessarily lavish but with everything to satisfy your whim - a loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and so on. You aren't concerned with impressive trappings; you just want pleasure to be readily available. A lush meadow suffices as well as a king's palace as long as there is potential

for rich enjoyment.

If there is any drawback to this position, it is that you demand high standards and will not stand for niggardliness or boredom. If a love affair becomes stale, you decide it's time to move on, even if other loyalties have built up between you in the relationship. Your active, creative desire may occasionally cross swords with necessity.

(Robert Hand)

You like people; and people like you as well. You are very loyal to your friends; and once someone has won your friendship, you will stand behind that person, no matter what. However, if your friend does something that you consider dishonest or unworthy, especially to you, you might turn away from him or her. You have a strong sense of fairness and justice, which you insist on in all your relationships, for your love is very strongly mixed with pride.

Another side of this placement is that you may pick friends who make you look good in some way, people who are well-known or popular. You like to know the people who are at the center of what's happening. But be careful not to overlook those who are equally worthy but not so well known. And don't ignore the bad qualities of your popular friends. However, you are not the sort of person who gets others to act against their will. Your basic sense of fairness comes through even here.

In relationships, you will have to learn to compromise with other people's desires. You cannot have your own way all the time; and as you get older, you will understand the positive aspect of the give and take. Your basic warmth and friendliness will always make you well-liked.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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In its most individualistic placement, Venus in the fixed Fire sign of Leo is, when positively aspected, flamboyant, magnanimous, generous, and extremely loyal to friends, colleagues and loved ones. Once Venus in Leo is committed to a relationship or project, it is undertaken with such intensity that Venus in Leo people are, in fact, a constant source of amazement to partners and colleagues alike for the seriousness and zeal with which they approach their endeavours.

Obsessed with being noticed, these ostentatious and often outrageous individuals are capable of using friends and lovers as stepping stones to advance their careers. They are attracted to people whose unconditional love, tireless support and endless flattery help to maintain their egos, thus reaffirming their belief in themselves (not to mention conceit).

Like the fertility Goddess whose sexual pleasure ignited her ability to awaken the dormant earth, this placement - more than any other position of Venus - fosters individuals who approach life with unabashed passion, spontaneity and joy. While they are known for their affability, leadership qualities and facility for entertaining others, they are, first and foremost, motivated by a desire to be acknowledged for their talent, sexuality and / or compassion. Although their humanitarian and philanthropic gestures often yield altruistic results, these individuals almost never extend themselves unless they get praise in return. Because they enjoy being the centre of attention as well as being admired for their beauty, Venus in Leo people frequently don bright colours and outlandish outfits or display shocking, unique behaviour.

While self-centered and domineering Venus in Leo people form relationships in which their own needs come first, this placement is, at the same time, indicative of attentive, loving and passionate individuals who will do anything to preserve that romantic feeling. Motivated by a need to impress others, their choice of partners consists of people about whom they can boast.

It is difficult for these people who crave centre-stage and a sense of excitement to make the transition from romantic love to a long-term, committed relationship where everyday realities must be confronted. It is recommended that those with Venus in Leo search for heightened experience through the performing arts, competitive sports, strenuous exercise or an active social calendar to escape boredom. If they release their creative and competitive juices through these types of activities, they will not have to seek drama in their personal relationships. If Venus in Leo is poorly aspected, the need for excitement can result in passionate liaisons inundated with emotional conflict and an inability to distinguish love from sex.

Due to the fact that Leo is a fixed sign, it is vital that those with Venus placed there strike a balance between popularity and the need to dominate and control both personally and professionally. By the same token, they make wonderful teachers and enjoy displaying their talents to appreciative audiences as well as encouraging students to develop their own skills. Although they feel a sense of accomplishment when one of their protégés succeeds, Venus in Leo people can find themselves resentful that a former pupil might become a rival; to enhance the compassion of Venus, they must swallow their pride and be happy for others' success.

(Martin Schulman)

Here, the individual learns the lessons of creative love. He displays his affections through a warm and generous nature which is the very essence of his regal straightforward approach to love. Yet, he can have such powerful expectations of the sweet things in life that he can put himself on an ego-pedestal, changing his optimistic and magnanimous outlook into a throne of 'Divine Right', from which he judges the

standards of others.

His strength, his affinity for drama and his exaggerated sense of pride, can sometimes make him too overbearing. By expecting too much from those around him, he can inadvertently find himself looking down on them when they fail to meet his ideals. As a result, he can easily exclude himself from the love he could experience, eventually to realize that 'lonely is the head that wears the crown'. If he is to overcome these ego difficulties, he must learn to objectively appreciate the worth of others.

The Venus Yod here is formed by the inconjuncts from Capricorn and Pisces; and it is from the lessons of these two signs that the fulfillment of the Venus in Leo placement will manifest.

Capricorn teaches the lessons of control and containment, which gives the individual the ability to ground his overenthusiastic spirit in real perspective. His outer-directed nature can too easily be attracted to the luxurious sparkle of life while overlooking the substance of enduring value. Elegance and extravagance, social masquerades, carnivals, gambling and resorts can easily become the individual's focal point. Yet, from this inconjunct he learns on a much deeper level to seek the true lasting purpose and meaning of feelings which withstand the test of time. Capricorn is the sign of ultimate value. It teaches the lessons of resolution; helping the individual to learn how to put his feelings in the direction in which they will ripen and mature to the real fullness which brings lasting structure to his life.

From the sign Pisces, he learns how to surrender his ego, dissolving his self-importance so that he can realize divine inspiration. It is the Piscean sense of consideration, compassion and understanding that gives him the softening influence which teaches him how to 'yield and overcome, bend and be straight'. Learning this is the beginning of understanding the natural source of the creative principle.

Venus in Leo gives a great love of children, a natural affinity for the performing arts and a strong sense of living life to its fullest. Yet, only when the lessons of humility are learned through Pisces does the individual begin to realize the infinite stream of cosmic beauty that is his for the asking.

The Venus in Leo Yod pattern presents to man some of his most difficult challenges. He must learn to connect dreams (Pisces) and reality (Capricorn) into a continuous flow of creative love. From this, he learns how man's infinite imagination blends with the finite possibilities of life, so that his strong creative instinct and natural affinity for beauty stand at the centered meeting place between all that is as yet unformed and all that has already become reality.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod are learned, the individual begins to see life as all that man can make it when he combines effort with imagination. His very special Gift of

Love comes from his ability to shine like the opening of a blossom actively reaching for the Sun, as the true radiant meaning of creation manifests through him.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are generous, heartfelt, and nobly expressed.

Symbol: Luxurious presents are elegantly wrapped.

Venus in Leo imparts a desire for self-expression in graceful, artistic ways. The Venusian instinct for beauty finds a congenial outlet in Leo, sign of personal creativity. People endowed with this combination are often tastemakers who set standards of fashion and beauty. Somehow they manage to be unique without becoming eccentric or losing the magic touch which makes their innovations acceptable to others. They entertain in the grand manner; and their parties are generally given in honor of some important person. When successful in their endeavors, they gain the lion's share of attention and bask happily in the admiration of their subjects.

Venusian Leonians are often in love with love. These naturally warm-hearted and fun-loving people crave the excitement of pleasure, gaiety and romance, and want their lives to be significant and dramatic. Yet they can be sincere and fixed in their loyalties, generous to an extreme, and insistent on sharing their good fortune with others.

When these individuals start to feel that their largesse is unappreciated, difficulties arise. They may be aggrieved to find the objects of their charity less grateful than they should be, and can sulk childishly if a birthday or anniversary is forgotten. Their innate optimism causes them to expect too much; and then, when their faith is betrayed, they succumb to disillusionment and despair. Their romantic expectations are especially idealistic; and they are woefully disheartened when their beloved fails to live up to their hopes and proves to possess ordinary human foibles.

The Leonian is a natural showman who can vividly dramatize his emotions. The stage or the lecture platform affords him an opportunity to demonstrate his talents; but, since he must do everything in a large way, he considers the whole world to be his stage. Venus gathers inward, while Leo is basically outgoing. This extroversion of the desire to attract can engender a self-conscious concern for what people think. Leo wants everyone to believe that he has a first-rate personality; and often this is true, even when he resorts to bombast. He knows how to speak and act in an attention-provoking manner, and is keenly aware of the impression his performance is producing on others.

The danger in such tactics lies in being affected rather than effective. The Venus-Leo person needs to beware becoming so preoccupied with appearances that he forgets what is inside the package he is selling. He may be the best-dressed, most vivacious member of his social circle, but these accomplishments bring little satisfaction if his deeper sense of identity is sacrificed for the sake of putting on a good front. However,

when the estheticism of Venus refines the creative zeal of Leo, this individual may radiate a beauty of soul which attracts all that is needed or desired through the irresistible power of love.

Venus ♀ in 2nd House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Because Venus is the natural ruler of the second house, this placement brings out the best and worst qualities of the planet, ranging from practicality, prosperity, sensuality and an eye for beauty to laziness, indulgence, jealousy and greed. The second house is indicative not only of material security, but also of the personal resources - talents, skills, and assets - with which we attain our goals and maintain control over our lives. Planets in the second house describe precisely which types of resources (for example Venusian, Martian, Jupiterian) are readily accessible. As a result, the traditional interpretation of Venus in the second house has always been 'making money (second house) through love, beauty and creativity (Venus)'. While this description is still applicable, the definition must be expanded to include the utilisation of social skills, diplomacy and inner confidence to attain economic well-being and its accompanying stability.

Because the second house has traditionally been an indicator of how income is acquired, this placement may indeed foster visual and performing artists, interior designers, clothing manufacturers, cosmeticians, models, salespeople and politicians - all Venusian professions. Like Venus-ruled Taurus, the second house corresponds to the throat, making this placement common in the horoscopes of singers.

Frequently consumed with financial security, these people favour long-term investments such as mutual funds, real estate or art collecting. Due to their powers of persuasion and innate understanding of economics, they can also be successful financial advisers, stock brokers, investment bankers, or in any profession in which one assists others in making money. If these people are unable to achieve monetary success on their own, it will be likely to be pursued through a relationship, thus confirming the position's traditional interpretation. While this placement does indeed indicate a conscious search for affluence, strength and stability in the choice of partner, those with this placement must be cautioned not to regard the partner as another business associate, 'acquisition' or financial conquest, and must never take him or her for granted. Since for these people financial and emotional security are completely intertwined, they often become jealous and possessive about what they could lose (companionship, money and property) should the relationship ever dissolve.

Because self-esteem is based on economic and / or creative success, a positively aspected Venus may ensure financial acumen, prudent monetary planning and wise investment skills. An afflicted Venus, on the other hand, can encourage indulgent, wasteful spending to satisfy opulent tastes and, if the level of material prosperity to which these people aspire is not attained, it will be sought through personal and professional relationships. Due to the desire to maintain an affluent lifestyle, ordinarily good business sense can be transformed into manipulative, ruthless and unethical practices, including the use of sex to get what they want.

These fair-minded, stubborn people are not only proud of their own accomplishments and procurements, but also eager to support artists and charities by providing subsidies, loans and employment opportunities whenever possible. Very rarely are they generous, however, unless a personal benefit can be derived. Should they feel betrayed or not afforded the respect and / or gratitude they deem was earned, their benevolence can turn into resentment and hostility - typical of the fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) and houses (second, fifth, eighth and eleventh). While they can be amazingly devoted, responsible and committed partners and parents, their insecurity, possessiveness and / or jealousy thwart their ability to command respect.

While the Libran-influenced Venus is known for co-operation and diplomacy, the Taurus-inspired Venus (descriptive of this particular placement) cannot accept any challenge to its authority. Loving, proud, magnanimous and extremely sensual, these people must (as employers, partners and parents) learn to delegate responsibility and trust the decisions of others - otherwise, they run the risk of becoming complete workaholics bent on control. Because their self-esteem is based on economic and / or creative success, they are wary of being taken advantage of, and can recognise instinctively ambitious social climbers.

If the second house (as it is in Hindu [Vedic] astrology) is defined as an indicator of one's early education, the planet occupying this region signifies how our learning habits provide the skills and talents that enable us to earn a living and pursue our goals. For people with Venus in the second house, there may be great artistic talent; and they tend to learn creatively rather than intellectually. If Venus is afflicted, this placement may contribute to laziness, poor learning habits and an inability to concentrate.

Most important, the placement of this fruitful and sensual planet in its own house bestows the unique ability to create, nurture and finalise goals. In fact, the acquisition of property, the accumulation of profits or the conception of a child often occurs during transits and progressions to the second house cusp, its occupying planet or planetary ruler.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The second house is to do with our innate talents, and shows the skills we might

develop. It describes what we value and our attitude to our possessions and money. People with Venus in the second house generally values the things money can give them. They often have a knack of drawing comfortable conditions to themselves. They are not necessarily materialistic, unless Venus is also in an Earth sign; but they certainly appreciate material beauty and will usually find the money they need to surround themselves with beautiful objects and stylish decor, and with attractive and comfortable furnishings.

They may benefit from a talent for finance and business. They may earn money from some artistic pursuit, either as artists themselves, or as dealers in art or décor. They could be gifted in interior design. They may earn money through beauty, perhaps selling beauty products or taking advantage of their own beauty - for example by modelling. They could earn a living as a fashion designer.

Their lifestyle is likely to be comfortable, bordering on the luxurious; and they will either earn the money to sustain it themselves or draw it to themselves through a partner.

They are likely to be both possessive and jealous within a relationship. They will value love, and, if they love someone, they are likely to want to hold onto them. In fact they will not easily let go of anything they value. Alternatively, they might attract a possessive and jealous partner. A partner can easily be seen as an extension of themselves, so they may have very real difficulties in recognizing a partner as a separate and autonomous individual. They may act towards their partners as if they owned them.

Where there is a shared financial arrangement, one or the other partner may feel bought, and may feel he / she has sold him- / herself for financial security, and that his / her autonomy is compromised. Venus in the second is not beyond marrying for money or believing that he / she can buy love. A more positive understanding of this placement, however, is that the people affected need tangible proof of love from their partners, and that they, in turn, will be generous in tangible ways to those they love.

People with Venus in the second may take special pleasure in buying things with their partner. This could be collecting objects of some sort, either something they find beautiful or something that is valuable. One woman I know collected beautiful plates, and liked to spend her leisure time browsing in antique shops and markets. Part of her pleasure lay in having a partner who also enjoyed spending time in this way. There can also be enjoyment in simply going out shopping and spending money, even on more ordinary commodities.

Shared values will be an important part of feeling close and secure with a partner. People with this placement will need someone who not only appreciates the things they value (such as the plates), but also understands and respects their feelings. Perhaps more than anything, it is how they feel about the things they value that matters to them. They are likely to value their own feelings highly. They need to be valued by their

partner, for their worth to be appreciated and acknowledged.

(Martin Schulman)

Here Venus is in its rulership, giving the individual a great capacity to feel life's natural resources. He has an instinctive attunement to nature and is especially sensitive to feelings that come from the physical qualities of life. He can perceive the love of finelycrafted objects, the beauty and symmetry of all that man creates from raw materials, and the possibilities of how to use all that nature has to offer. There is a natural earthiness to his character which keeps his feelings on a very basic level. A sense of practical ease makes him fortunate with money, while his natural tendency to live a constructively creative lifestyle helps his fortunes to build. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, he has much to realize before he can awaken to his true love nature.

Sometimes he can be obsessed with a false sense of values, building his security on his ability to amass objects. Many with this placement can be equally as possessive of people, sometimes making the mistake of trying to own another's feelings. Thus, there is a tendency to cling to objects and people through which the individual tends to insulate his life. In this way, he often builds a fortress around his feelings, sealing himself off from the true wealth of material beauty that he can experience.

One of the greatest difficulties here is a sense of jealousy for the possessions of others. The individual can get so attached to the things he feels he needs that he can overlook the true qualities of all that he has. And, because the Second House is in the unconscious hemisphere of the chart, his jealousies are often just below his threshold of awareness. Nevertheless, he can find himself so attracted to the values of others that he can even build his life around the substance of someone whose wealth, stature and security he idolizes.

Yet, the material plane is the effect of what one understands about love rather than the origin of feeling from which love begins. What a man achieves in the world of material possessions is an incomplete view of his real feeling for life. In fact, most people rarely own the things they truly love, and hardly recognize the love for the things they own.

When the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual begins to seek true value and enduring worth as his real possessions. He learns to overcome excessive tendencies that can be wastefully indulgent, and instead begins to realize the importance of what Jesus meant when he said, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven, and then all things shall be added unto you'. From this, he learns how to bring into his life the feeling of quality from which real value manifests. Thus, he may express his love through physical objects, but the essence of love is in himself - how objects symbolize what life means to him, and how they reflect his feeling for man's ability to creatively use his resources.

Thus, as he learns to center himself through an appreciative outlook, his consciousness begins to sing with the gentle beauty of gratitude that is his true soul nature. His very special Gift of Love is his ability to feel the essence of real possessions; those things, objects, people and feelings which can never be taken from him because their 'forever' quality is the true substance of love's constancy.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a powerful and secure location for Venus, because here it is in its native sector, sextile the Ascendant, and trine the Midheaven. Here it is able to govern the magnetic forces of the chart, and gives the power to attract whatever is most desired: in Earth signs, material things; in Fire, thrills; in Water, love and romance; and in Air, friendships, contacts, and mental adventures.

A second-house Venus does not necessarily show wealth; but without depressing factors, usually provides the resources to do whatever is desired at any given time. For those individuals who cannot provide for themselves for whatever reason, there will always be someone to turn to for help. In fact, this can indicate an overly-relaxed attitude towards finances ('the world owes me a living'), dulling the sense of need that spurs most people into gainful activity.

There is a strong sex drive that will pull them into one situation after another until it is satisfied. In Capricorn or Scorpio, there is a tendency toward homosexuality, or at least some homosexual experiences in the search for emotional fulfillment. In Aquarius, Gemini, Pisces, or Sagittarius, there is a tendency towards bisexuality or a lack of traditional sexual boundaries.

In Aries, there may be passionate sexual-romantic affairs, intense but short-lived. In Taurus, there will be life-long love relationships, with romantic beginnings and a strong sexual element. In Gemini, there may be friendships that turn into romances, and vice versa, with companionship always a big factor in any sexual relationship. In Cancer, deep emotional commitment is very important; there is also a passionate desire for children; the need for a partner to be parent to children is as important as or more important than the romantic element. A Cancer Venus here can't bear competition or jealousy, and (particularly in a man's chart) may need mothering as much as sex, at least at the beginning. In Leo, this Venus is intensely passionate; they need sex for release, and tend to be faithful to one partner, but if the sexual relationship dies away they will find another somewhere else. In Virgo, Venus is faithful and shy, and works hard to establish a good relationship; they need partners who will build their confidence, because they tend to be nervous, and may need to practice relaxation techniques to fully enjoy sex.

(Stephanie Camilleri) (contd.)

With Venus in Libra, the attractiveness of the partner is extremely important; they tend to be faithful, but can be enticed from time to time by passing romantic attractions. Venus in Scorpio is passionate and jealous, with periodic upheavals in the sex life due to jealousy. In Sagittarius, Venus is more interested in novelty and change, or in the personality, importance, or exotic qualities of their partners than in the quality of the sex relationship. Venus in Aquarius in the second house is a strong testimony for homosexual (or asexual) relationships, the desire being more for intellectual companionship, with less concern for sexual compatibility, and sometimes even a dislike of physical sex. In Pisces, there is a great need for tenderness and emotional rapport; without this, the sex life will not develop but will remain on a fantasy level.

(Howard Sasportas)

Obviously, Venus in this house has a love of money, not just for the security it brings but because it allows them to purchase all those things they find beautiful and worthwhile. A sense of well-being is attained by surrounding themselves with that which they consider stylish and tasteful. They have an eye for beauty in the physical and material world. Some may shun anything considered ugly or inharmonious, while a more finely developed 2nd house Venus has the insight to perceive beauty, reason and purpose in those things which others might scorn.

Their innate resources include a sense of fairness and diplomatic tact. They have a knack for attracting what they need or value; so money, unless extravagantly spent, should not be too great a problem. An income could be earned through 'Venusian' professions: artistic endeavours, modelling, the selling or marketing of beauty or beauty-products, the diplomatic service, etc..

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: In the 2nd house, Venus indicates that personal value is assessed through the success or failure of personal love. The experience of beauty or pleasure makes you feel good, especially as those qualities can be directly related to the self. The prima donna syndrome is a pitfall to be avoided, for the challenge is to understand that personal worth is your birthright only when you allow feelings of true generosity, receptivity, and sincere caring to flow through you.

Possession: Venus tends toward pronounced physicality when occupying the 2nd. Beautiful or expensive possessions are considered proof of your personal beauty; and ownership in general must enhance your sense of aesthetic grace. You want to be surrounded by loveliness - objects d'art, so to speak. The pitfall lies in confusing objects of beauty with the beauty contained within yourself, feeling that the objects themselves are the beauty. The challenge is to see possessions as a symbolic but concrete extension of your inner grace, to make tangible the personal beauty of the soul.

Money: Money is also a symbol of pleasure or beauty. Financial resources are seen as a road to aesthetic fulfillment or interpersonal sharing; and frequently money is linked with the fundamental ability to feel and express personal love - you could conceivably marry to secure wealth. With this placement, money can indeed buy happiness, and the challenge is to focus on that positive aspect, for the pitfall is to assume the opposite, that not enough money produces unhappiness.

Self-exertion: The style of exerting effort is primarily smooth. You are more dancer than worker, more aesthete than athlete. Tasks that involve the creation of beauty or harmony are attractive. Hard manual labor is usually rejected. However, you are a very consistent, steady worker once in the flow of effort. Work is better shared than alone. The challenge is to put into effect the 'Tom Sawyer strategem', to make even difficult work look so enjoyable that others want to share it, for the endeavours of social process are preferable to the effort of manual labor.

Sensuality: Physical pleasure for its own sake reaches an unequalled peak here. Pure enjoyment is paramount, for touch is a form of appreciation, and bodies, especially your own, are a living source of aesthetic satisfaction. Sensation is luxurious, a song of harmony; and physical stimulation is a delight. The emotional experience of love merges with physicality; and you use touch both to express love that already exists and to encourage love that could blossom. The pitfall is excessive self-involvement, a tendency to drown in personal pleasure, forgetting the relatedness that is the truest source of interpersonal love. The challenge is to manifest love as physically as possible, to feel the natural receptivity of the body, and to enjoy touch in a way that beautifies the essence of self.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are concerned with security, and you will apply yourself to earn the many comforts you want. A stable and responsible person, you know how to gain important positions by impressing the right people with your fine qualities. Once established in your profession, you slowly increase your effectiveness by taking on additional duties that will result in the tenure you want. Your professional contacts give you opportunities to gain the comforts that make your life pleasurable and mean so much to you. You consider yourself competent to take your place beside the people you admire, and you know how to conduct yourself to win their respect in return. You like living 'in style'; and the pleasure you get from social activities allows you to be quite content with your general circumstances.

You want to be free from material dependence on others, and you don't want anyone to depend on you. Your parental conditioning made you determined to pay your own way and become independent. You appreciate what you learned early in life, and you know your parents are happy that you benefitted from their influence. An opportunist, you

maintain a safe distance from friends who might make demands. Because you are apprehensive about achieving your goal of complete security, you always make certain that you have assets that can be converted to cash if circumstances require it.

You are easily intimidated by people who make a showy display of their assets, but you envy their midas touch. You will form ties with persons who may prove beneficial to you in the long run. In making investments, you proceed cautiously, hoping to avoid unnecessary losses. You like to devise schemes that will improve your financial picture and allow you to give your family extra advantages. you have high expectations that your children will take advantage of your expertise and make the best use of their available resources. You tend to limit your romantic attentions to persons who have a talent for earning a comfortable living.

Your ability to compromise emerges when you want to cultivate partnership interests; and in such instances you make greater sacrifices than usual. You are willing to help your mate achieve greater financial leverage in his or her endeavors, but you don't want to help on a permanent basis. Even so, you consider the time you contributed a wise investment. It might prove beneficial to invest time and money in further education to improve yourself. This will augment your ability to meet social obligations and enhance your status. You have an aversion to purely mental pursuits, but you should make the effort just the same.

Avoid the inclination to be self-centered in your interests. Other people want life's comforts nearly as much as you do, but you make an issue of it. Don't neglect your human and social values, for they may enhance your position with others far more than a display of possessions. Being is as important as having. In this regard, pay attention to how others round out their lives with varied interests. Be sociable even when you know you won't gain materially from it. By associating with people who have broad interests, you will become better informed and learn of many new ways to enjoy yourself.

Mars in Libra 25° 49'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high mental energies, adequate to low physical energies, and low practical and emotional energies. Your energy is pleasant, relaxed and social. It is often channeled into socializing, diplomacy and mediating. Your strengths include fairness, the ability to compromise, and co-operativeness. You lack decisiveness, independence and loyalty.

You have a strong sense of fairness; but because you're not always as perceptive as you should be, you may often find yourself torn between two choices of action. Sometimes this Mars position signifies a great deal of inner conflict centering around

opposing needs for independence and supportive people. In any case, much of your energy is channeled into partnerships of various types which may or may not be longlasting. Your physical energy level tends to fluctuate, and a lot depends on the aspects you have to Mars. Aspects between Mars in this position and Moon, Venus or Neptune can make you rather lazy, while aspects to the Sun, Jupiter, and Pluto tend to increase physical energy.

I have often suspected that a certain number of people with Mars in Libra prefer cocktail parties and pleasant social chit-chat to sex. Sex, after all, is so messy! It can really play havoc with fancy hairdos, and afterwards there's inevitably all that dirty laundry. And for what?

People with Mars in Libra have no qualms about initiating sexual encounters and no qualms about walking away from them when they cease to please. They don't, however, walk away until they have somewhere else to go as a rule. Men with this placement tend not to be sexually demanding; nor are they anti-sex. They can take it or leave it, depending on who's offering it. Women with this placement are most responsive - and most faithful - to lovers who mirror their own personalities. In other words, they tend to be drawn to the concept of total union, and sex is only one small facet of this merging.

You want companionship. You want to avoid loneliness, and will pay just about any price (in terms of compromising or altering your needs) to do so. However, you're also apt to want a growth-oriented relationship, so you're apt to be quick to instigate change if you feel things are getting too hum-drum. You don't mind taking the initiative to get a new relationship off the ground; you're a little less quick to initiate a break-up unless either there's someone else waiting in the wings or your lover has refused to budge and things just can't be improved enough to restore harmony. You'd do best with someone who has Venus in an Air sign, in the 7th house, or trine your Mars.

You need to use discrimination in choosing a job if you don't want to experience disappointment. Anything involving hard physical labor is out, unless the end result is a work of beauty. Secondly, you don't take orders very well, so menial work isn't a good bet unless it's of a temporary nature. What is good for you? Try the following areas: clock-making or repair, artistic work, politics, sales, brokerage work, modelling agencies, beautician or barber.

You're motivated to be a success in the working world, and thus are willing to relocate, work long hours, or even work for a rather disagreeable boss as long as you see a promotion, raise, or some sort of prestige out there waiting for you. The areas in which your lucky breaks fall tend to vary according to your own definition of luck and what you want out of life. Romances, however - even very short-lived ones - are common door-openers for you. Participating in local social events, and working in travel agencies or beauty shops, or getting involved in dance or exercise programs, can bring opportunities your way.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by manipulating their responses in an aggressive way that produces false harmony. You may demand the Libra version of harmony by behaving as you think others want you to and expecting them to act as you want them to in exchange. You may subtly compete with others to see who can be the most harmonious person, and thus victimize yourself by continually demanding that others act fairly. You can lose energy by holding others responsible for creating justice and co-operation in your world; and when disruption occurs, blaming them for the disharmony.

Dynamic

You can assert yourself constructively by actively, responsibly and directly initiating social interaction on the basis of personal integrity. When you ask others what it is they want from the relationship and honestly share what it is you want, you are then able to create harmony based on truth. Thus, you can gain energy by experiencing yourself as the source of harmony or disharmony in your interactions.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Mars in Libra carries within itself a basic dichotomy. The Mars principle describes how you set about getting what you need for yourself, and shows how you define yourself. Libra is about you in relation to another and gaining self-knowledge by using others as a mirror. These two opposing principles do not combine comfortably. How can you define yourself or decide what you want effectively if you consider the other person's needs before your own?

The person with Mars in Libra then attributes enormous importance to what the 'other' wants, and tends to give away his / her energy and sexual needs. These people do not know what they want until they have discovered what the other person wants. If you ask Mars in Libra people what they want to do, they will invariably answer by asking what you want to do. This makes decision-making virtually impossible because they are unable to focus in on what they want, but are always looking for answers from the outside, drawing in others to help them decide. Because of this difficulty in knowing what they want, they tend to be very ambivalent and give out double messages all the time. If they make a definite statement they will immediately qualify it, so that what they really want becomes blurred and open to doubt.

In their sexual relationships, Mars in Libra people like to observe the social niceties - Venusian touches such as romantic notes, thank-you letters, and cards sent to continue

the connection. Romantic and charming, they know what pleases and show a flattering interest in their partner's life and emotional well-being. They always ask the right questions and respond appropriately, which can be very seductive.

Enjoying repartee and flirtation, people with Mars in Libra may tend to flirt for ever without ever getting round to doing anything. They enjoy creating the right setting - a romantic meal with soft lights and sweet music. There is a perfect atmosphere for sex, and the promise and the innuendo are there, but the sex itself may never materialize. This is because Libra feels much more comfortable with social pleasantries than with the disturbing intimacy of sex. People with Mars here like to initiate contacts, forge links and hold relationships together, but they also like to keep at a distance and avoid intense involvement, often using niceness and politeness as a barrier to intimacy. However, the urge to establish a sexual relationship is a driving force for people with Mars in Libra, so that even if there is not much actual sex involved, they do need to feel that they have a sexual partner, and will put a great deal of effort into pleasing their partner and holding the relationship together.

(Skye Alexander)

Your passions never rule your thinking, and you rarely act in haste or anger. Concerned with justice and fairness, you don't let your ego get in the way of your decisions and actions. Your objective, unemotional approach could enable you to be a good judge, manager, general or diplomat,

However, you often have difficulty asserting yourself and going after what you want in a direct, decisive manner. Instead, your tendency is to think too much before you act; and, because you usually can see value in both sides of every issue, you vacillate or change your course of action several times before reaching your goal. Or, you may defer to others and let them decide for you.

Aggression in any form seems threatening to you, and you don't deal well with confrontations, arguments, forcefulness or physical combativeness. When faced with challenges, you may experience anxiety rather than positive stimulation. If possible, you'd like your environment and relationships to be balanced, harmonious and congenial at all times. Your desire is to unite with others rather than oppose them, and you'll always seek a way to work with others instead of against them if possible. You want to make friends, not adversaries.

Consequently, you might not enjoy sports (unless Fire signs predominate in your chart). There's too much antagonism and competitiveness involved - and too much chance of getting injured, or at least dirty! Since you don't possess a lot of natural vitality either, you may not like to exert yourself physically. Unless other factors in your chart provide energy and stamina, you probably need to get more rest and take better care of yourself than most people.

One area in which you are likely to be assertive is relationships. You invest much of your energy into pursuing and maintaining relationships of all kinds, but especially romantic ones. Although you are never pushy or forceful, once you decide you want someone you'll exert gentle and continuous effort toward establishing a partnership with him / her. You might even make love your life's work.

For you, sex is always best within the context of a loving and stable relationship; and you find casual affairs unfulfilling. Instead of being excited by the novelty of a new sexual encounter, you usually feel anxious, apprehensive or insecure. For you to enjoy sex, you also must be getting along well with your lover; a disagreement before bed will turn you off completely. Though you are very affectionate and romantic, your sex drive is rather low. You tend to overly idealize sex, expecting emotional as well as physical satisfaction. When it comes to lovemaking, you are conservative and cautious, reluctant to try anything new or different. You want everything about the experience to be nice, neat and predictable. No spontaneous, impassioned encounters in parked cars or elevators for you; and clean sheets, soft music and candlelight are more powerful aphrodisiacs than triple-X movies or exotic underwear.

Art is another area into which you might channel much of your energy and effort. You can be passionate about art and aesthetics, and might even feel invigorated by the act of creating something of beauty.

Men with this Mars placement pride themselves on their refinement and good taste. However, you can be terribly vain about your looks and the image you present. You enjoy dressing fashionably and like to impress people with your knowledge of music, art, fine wines, etc.; and you would rather discuss the classics than football. You know the best restaurants and tailor in town, and are more likely to have an art dealer than a stock broker or bookie. To you, fastidiousness and the ability to get along with everyone are virtues in a man. Tactful, sociable and well-mannered, you are the perfect dinner guest, a pleasant and amiable friend, and every mother's ideal son-in-law.

Women with Mars in Libra are attracted to men who are intelligent, sociable, impeccably dressed, and squeaky-clean, with perfect manners and good taste - old-fashioned 'gentlemen'. You are intimidated by forceful, passionate men, and prefer a partner who is more restrained. 'Jocks' and cowboy-types are too coarse for you; you want someone who is totally civilized and as far removed from the physical world as possible.

Mars in 4th House

(Donna van Toen)

You may have sudden, inexplicably touchy spells. You're a hard worker in your home

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

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

'Inner-link' parent: Here we see a contradiction, a masculine symbol in the mother's area. It can indicate a number of distinctly different possibilities. If your mother was feminine on the surface, you still felt her masculinity assert itself often. She might have been a woman of high energies, the natural ruler of the roost, someone who could easily have moved her talents into the external world of cultural power. On the other hand, your father may have taken over some of the classical duties of motherhood. Or you could have imprinted on the urgency of your relationship for him, with desire spilling over into interaction. This placement sometimes indicates long-standing disputes or bitterness with parents, often resulting from a conflict in the parent-child roles. However, even when that is the case, there is a sense of strength that pervades the imprints.

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

When most people come home to roost after a hard day's work, they just want to take off

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

Be very careful of friends who are always asking favors. See to it that you help only those who deserve it. Work out a program of action designed to give you the security you need for your later years. You will be guided by the sound ethical standards you learned in your formative years. Getting an education will extend the limits of your goals and give you the necessary leverage to successfully meet any challenge without having to resort to questionable practices.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

In a man's chart, Mars in the fourth is apt to make him strong-willed, sometimes even harsh or cruel toward his wife and childre, perhaps to compensate for having to endure his mother's problems. Having children of his own may appear to him to be a burden and

a sorrow rather than a joy. In a woman's chart, it makes it hard for her to be receptive toward other women, particularly older women; and she may be unresponsive to her own children, due to pent-up anger or grief.

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

This may not be the easiest location for Mars, but it can act as a goad, prodding them toward self-mastery and accomplishment, if only to escape or rise above the early home environment. It forces them to consider basic values, to decide what is real versus what isn't, to set priorities, and to act upon them. It is the sign of those who must pull themselves up by their bootstraps. It is a sort of 'make or break' factor; they will either succumb and allow life to turn them into something they themselves cannot respect, or they will fight to improve themselves and their lot. In the one case, they will be self-pitying, filled with anger and blame and inclined to take out their feelings on those weaker; in the other, they will be philosophical, feel pity for those who mistreated or neglected them, and be kind and tender to those weaker than themselves.

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

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♓ Pisces 19° 44'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone using the Pisces visionary abilities to see through and beyond the limiting, insensitive social, intellectual and moralistic values of society, it can result in a widespread state of perpetual confusion. You may inadvertently allow righteous ideas about how circumstances should be, but are not, to alienate you from trusting yourself and from life in general. The lack of faith that ensues can create a state of helpless stagnation and confusion about how to improve your present circumstances.

Dynamic

In deciding to take a leap of faith and greet the many facets of life with a basic trust in the universe, you can experience the joy of having your vision fulfilled at every moment. When you accept circumstances as they are, with your vision on the perfection behind the appearance - on the Divinity behind the clay - you can undergo the joy and personal expansion of being able to assist people in realizing their potential. Self-trust is increased as you use your natural trust in the unseen workings behind the appearances of life as a personal foundation.

(Marilyn Waram)

An individual who has Jupiter in Pisces connects ultimate intellectual values to ultimate emotional values. The former operates through the conscious mind, deals with concepts which can be articulated, and is driven by a need to understand. The latter operates through the unconscious mind, deals with symbols and concepts which often cannot be articulated and are communicated more effectively through art or myth or dreams, and is driven by a need to reconnect with the mystical divine nature within each individual.

There are some clashes. Jupiter represents our 'head goals', the values we think about and often think we should follow. Pisces represents 'heart goals', the values we feel and which are an emotional reaction to something. Jupiter values may be harsh or just coldly logical; or they could be self-justifying, rationalized, or conventionally religious. At their highest, however, they are connected to high-minded principles of right living.

Pisces values are usually gently, compassionate, and love-based, and may be too softhearted, illogical, or based on hopes and wishes more than on fact. They could be self-deluding, developed out of a victim or savior mentality or out of a mystical and illusive spiritual philosophy. At their best, however, they are connected to and flow from our Divine centre, with consequent timeless wisdom, loving acceptance, and surrender.

Just as an example, the person with Jupiter in Pisces could get into a dilemma over how to

discipline an unco-operative employee. The Jupiter part of her nature may feel quite a bit of anger that the employee is not meeting expected standards of behavior or performance. She could feel self-righteous and fully justified in taking disciplinary measures, and may spend quite a bit of time justifying the action and thinking it will probably do the employee good. It may simply be aware that certain standards must be met or business or other employees suffer. The Pisces part of her nature will agonize over the possibility that the employee's feelings will probably be hurt, hope desperately that she won't fight or get nasty, and wish the whole situation would just fix itself. It may spend time day-dreaming about how the employee might come in tomorrow morning magically transformed. On a higher level, it might sense that this employee has problems at home which are weighing on her mind, or she is suffering somehow and needs support, not censure.

There are also some commonalities between Jupiter and Pisces. Before the discovery of Neptune, Jupiter was considered to be the co-ruler of Pisces because both are connected to a search which often turns spiritual in nature. Both are connected to values and faith, although their methods of operation differ. Because of that, Jupiter in Pisces could indicate a profoundly spiritual person, someone who approaches religion with a gentle sense of yearning and awe. She may have a strong sense of compassion, an ardent faith in the goodness of God and the universe, and a flowing sense of being a significant being in a meaningful world. She may feel completely confident that the power which is behind the universe is always right and can be trusted without reserve. She could temper the Jupiter principles and logic with sensitivity; the tendency to rationalize behavior with a sense of deep acceptance; and the propensity to judge and patronize with a profound sense of at-one-ness and altruism.

With Jupiter in Pisces, she could make forbearance and graciousness an ultimate value and expect herself always to sacrifice herself rather than hurt another, until she no longer distinguishes between loving sacrifice and self-annihilation. She might make victimization a way of life and think that is what her religion asks of her. She could place all her faith in matters of the spirit and neglect the issues of the world. She could be fuzzy and chronically unclear about her principles and values, easily swayed and taken advantage of. Jupiter in Pisces is a suggestion that problems with faith and values could be due to lack of boundaries unbridled expansion, lack of attention paid to the realities of the world, and unrestrained expectations.

When Jupiter in Pisces is handled constructively, the individual has a deep sense of faith and hope in the future which is richly spiritual; but she can, when she puts her mind to it, put words to her profound understanding and insight. She may be a marvellous inspiration to others through her ability to communicate, through art, music, poetry or some other medium. She can convey the significance of faith and the major role it plays in the healthy mental life of a human being. She brings into consciousness the vital, powerful and revitalizing forces contained within the unconscious, which she trusts - unlike most. She teaches others that these unconscious forces are for our benefit.

(Skye Alexander)

You probably possess much artistic talent; and expressing it - through painting, music, photography, dance or poetry - comes easily and naturally for you. through the use of your imagination, intuition and creativity you grow and expand your awareness of the Universe and your place in it. You derive great satisfaction and an exhilarating feeling of well-being and self-confidence from your art. Perhaps you will even achieve recognition for your creativity and might get a 'lucky break' that results in your success.

However, unless your chart contains other factors that provide some discipline and perseverance, you might spend more time dreaming about the symphonies you'll write or the paintings you'll paint than actually doing it. On its own, this combination indicates laziness and lack of focus. You want things to come easily and may give up too quickly, rather than working diligently toward a goal. You are also a perfectionist; and if you can't be the best at something you won't even try.

Your wonderful imagination enables you to see and hear things others don't - a valuable gift when used artistically. However, you have a tendency to let your imagination run away with you sometimes, and you could experience hallucinations, paranoia, or simply trouble separating fact from fantasy. At times, your dream world and fantasy life might be more real to you than the physical realm.

For you, the unmapped territory of the subconscious holds great fascination, possibly because the boundary between your own conscious and subconscious is not so distinct as it is in most people. You also may realize that this is the source of your creativity. It is quite likely that you have an interest in psychic development and / or psychology, and see them as ways to get in touch with the inner realm. You want to expand your horizons to encompass all worlds of existence - inner and outer - and all levels of experience.

Your sensitivity to realms outside the physical may result in strong spiritual beliefs. Regardless of what religion you embrace, your faith is an important part of your life and brings you joy and comfort. Perhaps you will even devote your life to your religion, as a monk / nun, spiritual teacher or leader. In the extreme, you might become so fervent in your belief that you are self-righteous and intolerant of others'. Or, you might escape into your spiritual life as a way of avoiding the difficulties of the 'real world'.

Your desire to escape the harsh realities of earthly life could cause you to turn to alcohol and / or drugs, or to withdraw into yourself to avoid facing your problems and responsibilities. With Jupiter in Pisces, your ideal is not to be found in this world, and your hope is that you'll find it in another, more perfect one.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Pisces gives emotional depth, especially in understanding and compassion. People with this position champion the underdog and those less fortunate than themselves; thus, they often work in hospitals and charitable institutions. However, sometimes they are indiscriminate in their compassion and generosity; and their sympathies may be taken advantage of. They must learn to help others assume responsibility for their own lives and learn their own evolutionary lessons. These natives may come to realize that the purpose of spiritual evolution is not simply to make life easy but to make men stronger in love, wisdom, and the positive expression of the will.

Mystical tendencies and emotional religious convictions go with this position. If Jupiter aspects Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto, there can be psychic ability and intuitive perception of the spiritual realm of being. These people may have a direct, intuitive experience of the realities beyond physical manifestation. Their spiritual understanding can be more universal than the orthodox Jupiter in Sagittarius person. However, their intuitive perception is not necessarily free of astral illusion, egotism, or desire for glamour.

Needing periodic seclusion, intuitive search, meditation, and spiritual renewal, they often associate with spiritual retreats, ashrams, churches and monasteries.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Pisces, there can be guru worship and cultism because of the emotional drive to belong to something that confers spiritual status. These people also feel the need for a human figure or personification of the Deity to whom they can express their religious devotion. In this, they are often unconsciously seeking a father figure who can assume responsibility for the direction of their lives, especially if Jupiter is afflicted by Neptune. The identification with a guru or cult also provides a vehicle through which they are able to express service in order to feel that they are uplifting humanity. When they attain greater spiritual maturity, they grow in the understanding that their allegiance must be only to a universal, infinite spiritual power which is the ultimate reality. It is in this power that all time, space, form, and personality manifestation are contained.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Pisces, it can produce social parasites who throw themselves on the kindness of friends or religious and charitable institutions, instead of exercising discipline to make their own way in the world.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Before the discovery of Neptune and its acceptance into the astrological pantheon, Jupiter was the ruler of Pisces. As a result, its influence from the sign is increased, and indeed it is very well placed here.

The philosophical, spiritual and reflective elements of both sign and planet are beautifully blended and will be prominent in the subject, for he or she will be kind, sympathetic and caring. There will be a compassionate spirit and a natural friendliness; she will always

listen to what is being said, and build up a marvellously sympathetic rapport with other people. This placing is often found in the charts of those working in the caring and medical professions. It can also bestow a great love of animals (and an excellent rapport with them), and will help anyone wanting to become a vet or to work with animals in some other way.

The emotional level is considerably enhanced, and the imagination and intuition are also greatly heightened, sometimes to the point that these tendencies will be much increased should worry show up in other areas of the chart. Here too is someone with the best kind of religious faith - and who practises what he or she preaches. Identification with suffering is also present; and while many will take positive action to help alleviate it (much as Jupiter in Aquarius does), the caring can sometimes be expressed less directly through contemplation, meditation or prayer. There may also be powers of healing.

Self-indulgence may be present if Jupiter is afflicted by the Sun or Moon; and these people may be unreliable, with a tendency toward deceptiveness or self-deception. They will make sacrifices, sometimes of their personal success or happiness, giving up much to look after a sick relative or perhaps forsaking a successful career to turn to something that is considered to be more worthwhile.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Pisces, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through living one's ideals, expanding one's sympathies, and generosity of spirit. One needs to be compassionate and sensitive in order to feel faith in oneself. Acting on the need for selfimprovement can be hindered by unfocused, noncritical attitudes and escapism. Openness to grace is based on one's compassion toward all that suffers. One has a welldeveloped trust in a higher power; one understands the importance of devotion to an ideal and openness to the spiritual dimension of experience.

As one might expect when Jupiter is 'dignified' in Pisces, the sign of compassion and devotion, there is a considerable idealism and desire to be of service to the helpless.

Jupiter in Pisces also brings a need to take risks - and even bear severe criticism - in order to promote a greater cause, goal, or vision. There is often an image of nobility and dignity that these people exude, an aura which may help to relatively easy acceptance by others. Actors with this placement may emanate a large, expansive, impressive energy. The placement also brings imaginative and inventive abilities. Many people with Jupiter in Pisces have made great contributions to science.

Carter wrote of this placement: 'Pleasant, easy-going, friendly; devoted to philanthropy and public work'. Ebertin wrote: 'Altruism, kind-heartedness, contentment in modest circumstances, a love of solitude and quiet happiness... impressionability'. Davison wrote: 'Enthusiasm for public welfare, healing; a mind that is sympathetic, receptive,

impressionable (vacillating). Hickey wrote: 'Interest strong in occult and psychic laws. Can work well with people, for there is a deep understanding of their needs. Emotion and sympathy must enter into his work, or he will not be happy'. Moore & Douglas wrote: 'The Piscean influence toward introspection is not incompatible with Jupiterian expansiveness. The lesson of this combination is that real growth must imply an evolution of consciousness... and that inner and outer processes are carried forward simultaneously'. Mayo wrote: 'Benevolent, genial, humorous; or extravagant, unreliable, over-imaginative'.

The tendency just mentioned by Mayo toward possible extravagance can indeed manifest in a minority of cases as an over-inflated ego, sometimes leading to quite destructive consequences. Keeping one's feet on the ground may be the hardest challenge for those with this position. They can float away into dreams of personal glory; they can become lost in self-aggrandizement posing as big-heartedness; or they can indulge themselves in exaggerated, mythologized versions of their lives. In some cases of more ordinary mortals, they can 'go to pieces' if their lifestyle, marriage, or job to which they have been devoted disintegrates, resulting in disorientation, escapism, and difficulty coping with reality.

Self-esteem and confidence for most of these people, however, slowly develops over time as they align themselves with a spiritual, social, or artistic ideal. As Moore and Douglas implied in the quotation listed earlier, growth, personal progress and improvement are for them intimately connected with the development of higher and / or broader consciousness. These folks are usually future-oriented people, and almost invariably they have some kind of special imagination, intuitive understanding of life, or breadth of vision that can inspire themselves and others, and which they need to act upon throughout their lives if they are going to feel prosperous and successful. As Moore and Douglas explain, 'success' for those with Jupiter in Pisces has little to do with money or material goods: '...considerably less money-minded than those with Jupiter in Earth signs. They are not as likely to see life in terms of material failure and success because they care too much for their own serenity to sell their souls to the jealous gods of commerce. They want to know what life means, and if the earning of money is less meaningful to them than having the leisure to enjoy what nature has gratuitously given, they will turn disdainfully from the struggle to accumulate possessions to the search for inner fulfillment. Periodically, these types of people need to escape from themselves altogether and return to nature. Music, open spaces, and beautiful scenery benefit their health more than any tonic. A sea voyage or a vacation by the water may also restore their jaded nerves. They should habitually set aside times of peace and solitude for quiet meditation'.

(Grant Lewi)

Opportunity will appeal to you directly as it relates to your own private dream of selfjustification. You can pass by material gain if there's something undesirable

connected with it. You can neglect doing for others if you don't happen to want to. You may seem capricious or whimsical in your selections, but there is nothing whimsical about them to you: every choice is related to a fixed code which no-one may know about but yourself, but which is crystal clear to you. If this code is big and unselfish, your whole life will be a miracle of service. If it is little and narrow, your life will also be a miracle of service - to yourself. To be satisfied with that which also satisfies others is your key to success and happiness, for thus you overcome the tendency of this position to introversion, and allow the genial Jupiterian qualities to shine forth through the sign, which, in its best manifestation, gives you the power to lose yourself in large, humane ideals.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Pisces, Jupiter represents the native who is kind, charitable, hospitable, sympathetic to problems of others - and then appears absentminded when it comes to solving his own troubles. He is much concerned with ideals, honor, 'doing his best'. He is in danger of attracting 'inferiors' who become parasites, living off his good name and good will. This applies especially to relations with members of the opposite sex. The astrologer should help him put more 'steel' into his make-up, and help him overcome a fear of asserting himself.

The native doesn't often reveal his private visions, dreams, ambitions and feelings. Thus, it is not easy to know what pleases him and what offends him. The astrologer would prove helpful if he encouraged the native toward a greater degree of self-expression. His friends are often connected with institutions such as hospitals, charitable organizations, etc.. He works well with groups, and is apt to become lonely and depressed when struggling alone. He has the ability to fulfill his ambitions, once he clearly defines them and discovers where they lie, and where they eventually are going to take him. He takes a great interest in reading, acquiring knowledge on his own, and then confiding in a few trusted friends. It is important that he find the proper environment. Otherwise he suffers, usually in silence.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an unconditional, though potentially whimsical, giver. You have the goodness to give up the lesser for the sake of the greater - and to avoid self-pity. You have the morality to follow your heart in your relationships - yet should pledge to avoid being self-deluding. You have reverence for the best in human nature - yet should pledge to avoid being gullible.

You can be trusted to appreciate the sensitive and soulful in Other and to respond to them in a creative and imaginative way; to be kind and compassionate towards any suffering; and to put your own needs and fears on hold when Other's state or circumstances genuinely require help and reassurance.

You may be excessively fantasy-prone - entertaining very unreal possibilities concerning Other; excessively emotional, and inclined to allow yourself precariously to be carried along by the tide of events; and excessively indiscriminate and impractical when it comes to understanding the wider implications of succumbing to what Other needs or promises.

You believe in rapture as the main indicator of anything or anyone being of true and lasting value. Such feelings would include blissful extremes of sorrow and pain or poignancy. You also believe that compassion, when all is said or done, is the ultimate response to the human condition. You disagree with anything or anyone that does not include a sense of the sublime; and you disagree with a clinical approach to the human condition. Be aware that fervour, especially of the religious variety, although so convincing at the time, can often lead to disaster.

When you are alone, it is because you have over-emphasized or under-emphasized the expression of the above traits. If you have over-emphasized, you have been misguidedly wearing your heart on your sleeve at the same time as not being aware of the weaknesses and shortcomings of human nature. Consequently, you have been let down and hurt, leaving you to retreat into your own grotto of self-protection. But the best protection for the heart is that it be strong in the faith that all is for the best, and to eliminate selfimportance. If you have under-emphasized the above-described qualities (quite possibly as a result of over-emphasizing them), you have therefore limited your possibilities to the point of being emotionally unavailable. This would be a case of your not being prepared to take the highs with the lows and settling for the safe and mediocre - which amounts to being alone or stuck with an oppressive or boring Other. Jupiter in Pisces is very much a case of 'Take away my demons and you take away my angels' as Dante so exquisitely put it.

(John Townley)

You are happiest when love follows its own course and takes you along for the exhilarating ride. Questioning and examining your motives in an affair tends to interfere with its natural rhythm and direction. Such close examination may cause you to lose the thread of your affections.

Although you are happiest when you follow your intuition and feelings, do not act entirely blindly. Set certain limitations, then stop and take a second look before going on. This procedure still encourages spontaneity but at the same time protects you from occasional predatory lovers who may try to take advantage of your easygoing nature and generous style.

Do not be surprised if letting yourself go leads you into unusual or unexplored areas of the imagination. You should not restrict yourself sexually on the basis of other styles or

moralties. Your criterion should be whatever gives you and your lover the most enjoyment.

You may enjoy letting yourself be carried along in a love experience, taking emotional and psychic inspiration from your lover. Your sexuality is not actively aggressive but subtle, uncovering the little-known hidden areas of sensuality. These secret recesses are a reminder to both of you of the infinite complexities to be enjoyed when body and spirit are entwined in the physical and emotional act of love.

(Robert Hand)

This is a sign that you should serve others and in some way put others' interests before your own. However, there are some difficulties in finding the proper balance, because at the same time you should not deny your own satisfaction and gratification. What you give to others must be given willingly. If it is given in a spirit of martyrdom and self-sacrifice, it will not be much help to those who receive it. When you can honestly give of yourself and what you have, you feel good and you enjoy doing it. This is what you must try to attain.

An idealist, you are easily disappointed when reality does not live up to your expectations. You must learn that you can't assume that the universe will live up to your ideals. You will have to create these ideals in your own life by making them real for yourself and others.

As you get older, you will develop a strong spiritual awareness, which may or may not surface as an interest in traditional religion. However, it will influence your perception of the world very strongly. Even if you do not actively believe in a particular religion, you will be concerned with an aspect of the universe that is higher than everyday material reality.

It is a good idea to go off by yourself now and then and be alone with your thoughts, because the confusion and hustle of the everyday world can make you lose your perspective. You need a quiet atmosphere to find out what is really important to you. When you are alone, you may have some of the most important experiences of your life.

Jupiter ♃ in 9th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Learning on the level of identity.

The above keywords are meant to convey the idea that an emphasis on this house often, at one level or another, impels the individual to seek to discover who he or she

really is, beyond the level of surface personality. In other words, with what ideal, force, goal, philosophy or truth will I identify myself and enthusiastically dedicate myself to? And, of course, the outcome of that search has a continual and profound impact on each person's attitude toward life itself. One might also call this house a sector of 'self-discovery' or the field of experience wherein one searches for meaning for its own sake. Perhaps this is why many Vedic astrology traditions consider the ninth house, one of the fiery houses of dharma, to be the second most important house in a chart, after the first house. The ninth house has much to do with what some Eastern teachings call right action, and this seems confirmed by Charles Carter describing this as the 'house of conscience'. In other words, if the higher mind is developed and disciplined, a person can focus on a more profound discerning of right from wrong and on dedicating him- or herself to constant self-improvement. If the higher mind is not developed, planets in this house can be expressed as wildly and carelessly as the negative manifestations of Sagittarius.

When Jupiter is in its own house, naturally all the tendencies of Jupiter - both constructive and wasteful or excessive - are augmented. Hence, moderation is almost invariably needed when this placement is found.

Aspirations, dreams of the future, and ideals play a great part in the lives of those with Jupiter in the ninth. There tends to be a broad, philosophical, optimistic outlook on life, and the person often has a playful, humorous nature.

Promoting ideas or ideals comes naturally to those with Jupiter here, whether through cinema, writing, speaking, teaching, or simply using their lives as examples of their idealism.

This placement has long been known for favoring dealings with foreigners and / or living in foreign countries. This seems to be borne out by many examples in my experience. Often, those with an emphasis on the ninth house feel much more authentically 'themselves' when outside the borders and the psychic boundaries of their native land.

(Marilyn Waram)

Jupiter in the ninth house may be at home, but it may also be a case of too much of a good thing! The double-Fire placement is extremely restless, both physically and intellectually. The intelligence may be well above average, but the attention span noticeably short, particularly if the conversation turns to boring subjects such as emotions, the baby, one's mother-in-law problems or, for that matter, any other kind of small, day-to-day problems. Jupiter deals with positive future possibilities, and would rather be occupied with conjecture, theory, and exciting plans to expand than with anything negative, mundane or overly practical.

It is a good idea for someone with this placement to have a sports outlet of some kind:

physical exercise will help use up some of the restless energy; and the fun of playing team sports of some kind is particularly enjoyable. This placement may even indicate that sports of physical fitness is made into an ultimate value. The person can become addicted to the ceaseless movement offered by workouts and sports. When more in balance, it may merely indicate a strong enjoyment of sports and a preference for participation rather than passive observation. This placement may also gamble on sporting events, overinflate expectations of his favorite team(s), and perhaps idolize sports heroes. He may be intensely disappointed if he learns that his favorite player is somehow less than ideal.

This placement in a chart is a strong indication of a need to be clear about values, belief systems, expectations, and assumptions. The individual most probably has a positive world view, but he may always expect too much; his standards are very prone to being set far too high, and he, more than many, may suffer a lot of pain when he first tries to lower them. He may avoid recognizing that he needs to, burying himself in philosophical justifications or existential explanations of why he needs such high ideals. It must be said that it can feel to him like a particularly vicious self-betrayal to even question his standards. He has to be highly motivated - which usually means his life is such a mess even he can't dismiss it any more - before he will get the message that his ideals are unrealistic, and that, far from inspiring him and others, they actually create despair or discontent.

The individual with Jupiter in the ninth has a forceful need for a lot of intellectual stimulation. He will tend to be extremely interested in a lot of subjects and issues, possibly including politics or social issues, usually travel, and almost always philosophy, whether he calls it that or not. Many a backwoods philosopher will expand on his ideas to those who will listen, and reveal himself to be a man of broad horizons. Sometimes these individuals startle others with their grasp of complex issues. With all their enjoyment in learning, they may have been too restless, or too eager to travel in their youth, to have gained an education. Nevertheless, their minds take in an incredible amount of information; and they begin to make connections, to see patterns and to form conclusions. The way their minds work, they tend to form cohesive systems of thought from their conclusions, and it is these systems which so impress others.

Jupiter in the ninth is one indication that the individual may be a perpetual student. This can range from the man who keeps learning, keeps updating his knowledge to stay current and because he enjoys it, to the fellow who is still going to University and getting degrees at forty years of age, but won't work because he doesn't think he knows enough yet. Since Jupiter can indicate perfectionism, both learning and knowledge can be expected to reach an extremely high standard. Those who go completely overboard may feel they never know enough, or they don't do perfectly on exams and therefore don't trust themselves. With Jupiter, it may all be assumed to be coming in the future. This also can be turned around so that nothing gets done today.

With Jupiter in the ninth, it is possible for the individual to be very confident. Again, this can be a healthy, wholesome and effective confidence, or an arrogant, pushy, and demanding confidence. Taken to an extreme, it can manifest as absolute certainty in the right to do anything desired, often justified by convenient religious convictions, complete idealization of the Truth - as accepted by the individual - and a self-righteousness and judgemental attitude which knows no bounds. These people can be incredibly cruel and not suffer any remorse because they are so convinced they are right. They may feel it is their right to expound their version of the truth without limits, including without consideration of the psychological harm they can do.

This placement often indicates a lot of vitality, excitement and enthusiasm. Someone with Jupiter in the ninth, especially when it is well-handled, can have such an outgoing personality and such a positive outlook on the world that he or she wakes up every day full of life and joyful expectation. Since belief systems tend to be self-fulfilling - that is, the belief creates the reality - many people with Jupiter in the ninth actually have interesting lives, full of fun and excitement, exploration and travel.

Some, however, definitely take the Jupiter drive and do strange things with it. Many fall prey to Jupiter's association with 'bigger is better', or self-justifying excesses of all kinds. Some place their boundless faith in all areas of life which not only are inappropriate but also doom the individual to eventual disappointment. The bigger the investment in faith, the stronger the resistance to seeking the inevitable flaws, and the greater the resultant pain when the whole bubble collapses. Some turn the pursuit of knowledge and / or Truth into an ideal, and become heartless creatures dedicated to some kind of intellectual ideal, unwilling to give credence to emotional or psychological needs.

Since Jupiter is a key to the confidence so many badly lack, this placement may indicate an individual who is an inspiration to others, who uplifts others with his unreserved faith, who demonstrates to others how a truly positive attitude tends to create a fulfilling, joyous life. Jupiter does have this possible manifestation; and the individual who can express it in healthy ways is a wonderful role model for others.

(Eve Jackson)

Jupiter in this house, of which he is the undisputed natural ruler, produces the constant seeker and explorer who always sees something more beyond what he or she has already discovered. Where the search is defined as a spiritual one, it often leads people through a succession of different traditions, each in turn embraced enthusiastically and later discarded; and when a particular path is chosen and adhered to, there is usually a refreshing ability to keep finding new inspiration within it, so that there is still a sense of wonder and of being on a journey.

A church which discourages personal enquiry is not appreciated by those with a ninth house Jupiter.

There are of course sometimes keen travellers with this placement, though surprisingly few of the best known. It also manifests as an unbounded appetite for pursuing and developing theories and philosophies.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: With Jupiter in the ninth, you teach and learn with equal enthusiasm, often combining the two in animated dialogue. You regard others' thoughts as resources to be mined, since you understand that everyone has something worth knowing. You're progressive but traditional, and not above falling into an occasional cliché. Philosophy, ethics, religion, or law are synthesized in an endless search for the perfect generalization. You throw new ideas into your mental soup-pot to see what flavors emerge. Unfortunately, some people don't appreciate their hard-won knowledge being treated like fodder for your mental cuisine, and you may offend others on occasion. You can be a master chef of the mind; but appreciate the dish that each individual offers before scurrying off to hold court in your own kitchen. Guard against pomposity, and avoid the pitfalls of righteousness or mental superiority. The challenge is to humbly acknowledge that wisdom comes from living well rather than knowing everything.

Cultural perspective: Travel in any form is a delight. You take advantage of every opportunity to increase perspective. You want to see the development of the world written in the history of its places, and you have a tremendous feeling for the effect of group-consciousness on any particular place. It delights you to discover the universal mark of culture existing in even the most remote human outposts. You're most at home when you're learning; and you learn more effectively when you're on the go, exploring the world.

Higher education: You see guiding principles in every event, every experience. Thus, the whole world is your classroom, whether in school or out. As a result, all education is simply a stimulus to the productivity of your fertile mind. You may be a farmer or a professor; but beneath your outer role, you are a true intellectual at heart, a natural philosopher; and your education will continue no matter where you are, no matter what you're doing. It is your greatest joy, your most natural means of self-expression, so indulge yourself. Take advantage of every opportunity to learn.

The search for truth: You love to speculate on the truth, to philosophize your brain out, to build layer upon layer of hypothetical conjecture, and to leap from minimal data to the largest possible generalizations. In fact, what you really love are generalizations themselves. You're great at communicating. The question is, do you understand what you communicate? Don't be seduced by the pitfall of glib wisdom. The fact that you may be able to convince others is no guarantee of true maturity. A golden tongue is not the same as a golden mind or heart. You have a gift here. Don't abuse it. Don't stop with the

obvious; the challenge is subtle refinement. Truth is the end-product of evolution.

Ideal society: Everything would be permitted in your ideal society, with nothing forbidden, except, of course, pessimism. Everyone would be positive, and interested in sharing his or her optimism with others, who would be completely receptive. Business and politics would abide by a sense of honesty and fair play. Petty concerns would drop away in the realization of larger implications. Everyone would respect the ideologies of others without conflict. As Ruler of the World, you would be Plato's philosopher / king, conferring wisdom borne of perfect vision.

Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra 9° 48'

(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 selffulfillment through sacrifice. In any case, and along whatever lines the total personality leads, this position of Saturn is one of the best insurances of usefulness, and will tend to strengthen and lend significance to an otherwise undistinguished chart.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

Despite the longing for a permanent emotional relationship, it may be avoided or

sacrificed for some reason, perhaps due to sexual inhibition or an inability to express the emotions freely. Any external reason will probably be mere justification - the real one will definitely go much deeper.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is basically because you are having to review and consider what relationships are all about, for you as an individual in terms of your experience, and also more generally with regard and in contrast to your social milieu. It is more than likely that your initial attitude to relationship was very much moulded by your class, racial and cultural background. This is the social 'programme' which has you unconsciously believe

that a certain Other, at any age, and from a certain social category, is certainly the one for you. If my records are anything to go by, one person in 20 with Saturn in Libra remains happily and faithfully married to his / her original marriage partner. So the chances are that at some point you will be looking at just yourself in the mirror - and, it is to be hoped, realizing that any partner is entirely to do with what you see there. What is honest and real will attract just that, in the same way that what is denied and bound up in fantasy will conjure up frustration, deceit and disillusionment.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

Saturn ♄ in 4th House

(Liz Greene)

The fourth house, corresponding to Cancer and the Moon, is the domain of childhood, origin, family, and roots. As the base of the astrological chart, it represents the base of the individual himself both literally - in terms of the home he has come out of - and symbolically in terms of his inner sense of security and safety. This house describes the emotions and atmosphere which surround him before he is old enough to make a conscious and rational choice about whether he accepts them or not. This house may be associated with the Jungian idea of the personal unconscious and with areas of conditioned instinctual reactions imposed by the early environment.

Because of this association with influences that occur prior to the development of the discriminating mind, any planet placed here is highly suspect because it points to something in the psyche which must be first discovered and brought up to the surface before it can be dealt with constructively. The influence of this house lies like a great moving subterranean river beneath the surface of the later personality which is developed in accord with the Sun and Ascendant; and this river may be powerful enough to dominate the behaviour without being seen. It is a wholly personal house, and does not seem to have much to do with the larger area of collective unconscious streams which affect the group emotional life. Because it is so personal, it is that much more difficult to approach with a clear and unbiased eye.

The fourth house is generally considered to be the indicator of the father and his relationship with the individual. This is of course subject to much argument; and the only clear statement which has so far come out of the confusion is that the fourth-tenth house axis refers to both parents. In some ways, it is immaterial which house goes with which parent, as problems with one automatically create compensatory problems with the other; however, I am inclined by experience to assign this house to the father as it is he who establishes the backbone of the family, gives it his name, and determines by his presence or absence the security or instability of the child's early life. It is rare that a child loses his mother except by death; but when a marriage fails, or there is no marriage in the first place, it is generally the father who leaves and whose support is withdrawn. The background of a difficult or broken home in childhood is usually

coincident with afflicted planets in the fourth house or the fourth sign.

It will be obvious that having Saturn working as an unconscious factor from the plane of the feelings is rather difficult as he is very slippery. He is usually considered, in Cancer or in the fourth house, to suggest conditions of coldness, limitation, authority without love, separation or isolation, and a generally unsympathetic early home life. This is often in a very literal fashion, where the father dies or the parents are divorced or where the father is forced by circumstances to be away much of the time. The isolation may also occur in a symbolic fashion where the father is very much physically present but can offer no love, sympathy, or emotional support - or where he may be loving and kind but is a burden or a great disappointment through alcoholism, sickness, weakness of character, or an emotional pattern which destroys the peace of the home. Or there may be undue emphasis on material development and little on emotional expression.

There are many possible avenues on the mundane level in which a fourth house Saturn may find reflection. The forms are as varied as are individuals. Regardless of which means of outward expression occurs, however, the inner reaction is generally the same; the sense of security, the feeling of protection needed by a developing child as a base on which to build the evolving ego, is denied or frustrated; and the natural expression of feeling which seeks to find unity with family and a sense of heritage is blocked.

It needs little further reasoning to see that this kind of situation, working on unconscious levels, can effectively cripple part of the individual's emotional nature for the remainder of his life if it is not understood. The mistrust of any emotional intimacy, particularly the kind which revolves around a domestic situation, is usually pronounced; at the same time, a craving for something secure and permanent and tangible in the emotional life is also pronounced. It is a rare individual who is aware of this polarity existing within him; he will see one end or the other. He may either be inordinately tied to his family and the place of his birth, or hate them or display coolness and detachment. He is never truly indifferent, however, for something which was necessary for his emotional development was missing, and the entire structure of his psyche has had to develop lopsided to compensate for the loss.

There is often great emotional instability with Saturn in the fourth house; and a definite feeling of having been unloved, unwanted, is common. This may not be wholly conscious, however. Nevertheless it will show, in a very obvious fashion, to the perceptive observer. There is also often resentment toward men in general as the father is the first man or symbol of masculinity encountered by the child. This can, of course, wreak havoc with a man's understanding of his own masculinity and a woman's understanding both of men and of her own unconscious male half. This is particularly true if the father is actually absent from the home; for then, however justified she may be, the mother must play both roles, and consequently, whether she is temperamentally suited to the role or not, she must become a dominant or authoritative figure. This is as much true of the weak or inept father as it is of the vanishing one. The areas of the

emotional life which can be affected in adulthood are much greater than the sphere of the home, for the fourth house is one of the angles and is therefore more significant in terms of the expression of the man on the physical plane.

Saturn in the fourth house is also often concurrent with a compulsion to accumulate land. In this way, the need for some new sense of security on the emotional level is reduced to a physical fact - a common translation which Saturn very often attempts to make. The translation usually fails, however, for material things cannot satisfy an emotional need. But to the person carrying this emotional burden, land is solid and unchangeable, and a home which is owned cannot be taken away in the same fashion that emotional support can suddenly be torn away by death or absence. The unchecked crystallisation of a feeling value will eventually, as the individual hardens and grows older, lead to that which has been referred to as a 'lonely end to life'.

It will be obvious from this that a fourth house Saturn can rule the life with an iron although invisible hand by undermining the sense of self-worth and making it difficult for the individual to permit any close emotional contacts. It is the meaning of the position that is necessary if it is to be utilised in a constructive way.

By denying a component which ordinarily comes from the environment, Saturn's influence forces an individual to create that missing component himself if he is to have any peace. He must gradually withdraw identification of the value with the external world and find its reality within himself as a part of his own psyche. Thus the opportunity is offered, when Saturn is in the fourth house, for the person to build an inner sense of security and self-acceptance based on an understanding of his real origin. This solid inner psychic structure cannot be destroyed or shaken by circumstance; unlike the support and confidence given by a loving parent which fosters emotional dependency on others later in life - the worst quality of Saturn in Cancer - this inner strength becomes the inviolable possession of the soul. What begins as an emotional value must remain an emotional value, but the field of its expression is expanded.

This kind of security on a feeling level is extremely rare. The great majority of individuals bear many scars because of the loss of security in childhood, or they are dependent on loved ones for a constant supply of it. Only the individual with Saturn in the fourth house is likely to have developed it on his own; and this because he has had to. There is some amount of trust required in the guidance or wisdom of the inner self who has chosen this particular experience. Without this trust, there is no possibility of understanding the meaning of the experience. Saturn always drives a man to understand the nature of his pain. With a fourth house Saturn, he must understand the vulnerability of his own feeling nature and the needfulness which underlies his apparent coldness toward all family and domestic matters. It is then necessary to accept the experience as a positive means to an end which will be worth the pain and the effort, since the pain is relative to the dependency on others in the first place. The very personal and intimate world of the feelings must be acknowledged and encouraged. This is particularly difficult for men to

do; and for this reason a fourth house Saturn is more dangerous on a man's chart; but in compensation, a man with Saturn placed here who has taken the time to descend into his own emotional depths, as do the heroes of mythology into the underworld, will display that rare integration and serenity which comes from a balancing of the masculine and feminine sides of the nature.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: In the 4th house, Saturn reveals the seriousness of self-importance. Privacy is a difficult issue. At times it seems forced rather than chosen, more solitary confinement than secure space, as if you cannot really connect with others. However, at other moments, privacy feels denied by circumstantial responsibilities, and you must steal your aloneness, protecting it jealously. The pitfalls revolve around fear that you may never achieve truly balanced self-centeredness. How can you be the centre of everything, yet remain humble? The challenge is to realize that your personal identity is inviolable, a source of strength buried deeply within the self, like the roots of a giant oak.

Personal security: Security is linked with responsibility, especially the feeling that you must carry on some fundamental family tradition, whatever the cost. You probably believe it would be selfish to do otherwise, even when what you must carry is a difficult burden. You may have trouble realizing the weight of these traditions, bearing them dutifully rather than examining them directly. This is part of your basic conservatism, a special sensitivity toward solid, dependable structures. Though you are cautious, you work like 'the little piggy who built his house out of bricks' to establish a home and family of permanent value. While we all deal with the pitfalls of shame in our families, you in particular must devote enduring efforts toward overcoming any crippling effects from shame-based experience. The challenge is to honor the past without sacrificing yourself.

Emotional imprints: Your family was highly structured, marked on the one hand by solid respect for authority, and on the other by a sense of brittle rigidity. Identifying your role in the family was difficult. You may have felt unimportant, unwanted, or unloved; or conversely, you may have felt far too important, like a bird in a gilded cage. In either case, alienation is a real, if sometimes unconscious, presence. It's lonely both at the bottom and at the top. But you learned how to satisfy your desires and avoid getting caught with your hand in the cookie jar. Whatever you couldn't have, couldn't do, couldn't be is what you most remember and work to achieve.

'Inner-link' parent: What can we make of the father's symbol in the mother's place? It may indeed be that the father is the inner-link parent in this situation; but more probably, it indicates that the mother took over the father's role. She came to represent authority and external structuring power for you as a child. This placement often corresponds with a 'missing' father, someone not necessarily physically absent, but psychologically neutralized in one way or another.

Private intuition: Can you trust yourself? You want aid from your guides, but may be afraid to seek it out for fear you may be unworthy of your own best counsel. The key is self-respect developed over a long period of growth, self-respect that can mature into trust - truly believing in yourself. Honor the justice of your inner guides; they may at times seem stern, cold, even unfeeling, but finally they are on your side, helping you to become strong, capable, and grown-up. Real, honest adulthood is very difficult for all of us. Your guides want to see you achieve that rare state.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the fourth house emphasizes the early home and parents. Children with this position usually learn to work early, though this can be for many different reasons. Life on a farm is possible, with chores for everyone. Help from the children may be needed because of poverty, illness, or just a large family. There might be a single parent playing both parental roles. Guessing details is a futile effort in astrology. When we understand the principles, we can often change the details.

The main issues for Saturn in the natural house of the Moon involve dependency versus power and responsibility. Some people are struggling to do justice to both a family and a career in the world, and they have to accept the fact that we can't do everything well. The answer to dominance / dependency is interdependency - each person able to give something that others value and can receive. As small children, the power is all outside, and sometimes Saturn in the fourth house shows a truly difficult home life; but as we gain skills, we can create the secure home and family we want.

Fourth house careers can include 'mothering' our own family or the world. We can feed, clothe, house, or comfort the public. An office or business in the home is possible, or a family business which follows in the footsteps of the parents. Family roots, genealogies, antiques, could be treasured. Security is very important, but concerns can range from self-absorption in an insecure person to the urge to protect all of life including mother earth. Some individuals might not have children of their own for fear of 'not doing it right', but they might substitute pets or a garden to satisfy the parental instinct.

(Zipporah Dobyns) (contd.)

An astrological colleague with Saturn in the 4th house says she did not have harsh, punitive parents or a difficult childhood. She and her siblings didn't have to do any work, though their single parent worked hard. Saturn ruled her seventh house, and her grandparent did some parenting. She was aware of 'poverty' in that depression-era messages were received from both her mother and grandmother, so she felt 'poor' sometimes even though she wasn't. She worked from the home, followed parental footsteps in career, and works in a field involving emotional support of people.

(Bil Tierney)

In this house of psychological roots and subjective anchoring, Saturn suggests we may feel a deep lack of inner security due to our early family experience. It may not have been easy for us to digest the general atmosphere within the home during our formative years. Later, we may grow up making a concentrated effort to protect ourselves from whatever we regard as emotionally threatening. Saturn in the Fourth House can be an easily internalized placement. We can become quite adept at constructing defence mechanisms and other psychological barriers that insulate us from experiencing vulnerability in close human interactions, leaving us lonely and cut off from others at a root level of our being.

Some of us work hard to keep our real feelings from being exposed or even analyzed. Perhaps we fear that those we desire to attach ourselves to are capable of wounding us or - even worse - abandoning us in our moment of greatest need, so we may choose to remain impenetrable at the base of our inner foundation. How did we develop such a deep distrust of other people's ability to nurture and support us on emotional levels? Why all the hard-as-steel insulation? People may feel we are difficult to reach. Ever on the defence, we disagree that we are inaccessible. We probably just don't see ourselves like that, and it hurts when others do.

We may have viewed elements of our childhood years in the home as a source of discomfort, denial, pain, and general restriction. It probably made little difference, from a subjective viewpoint, whether ours was an environment of privileged affluence or abject poverty. Any sense of deprivation was more on an emotional level than a material one. We were paying close attention to how well our parents either responded to our original needs or ignored them. Our upbringing and conditioning may have revealed patterns of rigidity, coldness, a lack of color, and varying degrees of enforced discipline and control.

Many of us took all this quite seriously, and seldom without anxiety. We may have been made to feel disliked and unwanted by at least one parent, whom we nevertheless tried to appease and from whom we nevertheless tried to gain respect. What we basically wanted from that parent (and maybe from the rest of the family) was unconditional love and closeness - an affirmation that we were lovable for just being our imperfect selves, warts and all. We typically grew up feeling we never got that. The prerequisites for love and emotional nourishment centered on our obedience and model behavior. As few of us were flawless in word and deed, we may not have grown up feeling accepted. As adults, we may distance ourselves from our family at large rather than submit to their critical rejection. (Much of the above is also likely to be symbolized by a very harshly aspected Saturn: Saturn / Moon / Pluto conflicts in particular.)

This house puts us in touch with the maternal manifestations at the circumstantial level. We usually learn about our own caregiving capacity through interaction with our biological mother or early mother figure. With Saturn here, we want our maternal figure to be dependable and solid. We expect her to be predictable in her support. We can

become preoccupied with this parent's ability to fulfill our need for safety. How well she does can have quite an impact on how we express closeness and intimacy as adults. But astrology wouldn't put the sole blame on our mother if she did a poor job here. We are the ones born with Saturn in the Fourth House, and it is we who are projecting certain unappealing Saturn traits onto our mother. We may have trouble internally reclaiming these projections as we get older, but they will need to be reclaimed as part of our wholeness. Until then, our mother has to carry and act out much of Saturn's darker face.

In actuality, Mom could have been inconsistent or contradictory in her rearing of us, creating mixed messages. She could have been very protective of our welfare while also reluctant to be too warm and demonstrative with her feelings, as if driven more by parental duty than instinctive love. We tend to absorb this same inner complex, resulting in an ambivalence that typically doesn't sit well with the Saturn principle (which would rather opt for clearly defined expression). Maybe our mother was unable to show her love for us because daily survival needs were the number one priority, with little time for tender-hearted moments of maternal affection. Her opportunities to show care may have been limited for some tangible reason. Maybe her career needs were put before our baby needs. How this Saturn dilemma played out could have taken many paths.

It could also be that our mother was emotionally immature at the time, or simply wasn't very maternal at heart. Babies pick up on this quite vividly and can appear constantly cranky as a form of protest for getting the cold shoulder. In a few cases, our mom may not have physically been around long enough (due to abandonment, divorce, institutionalization, or death) to help us structure healthy security patterns during our formative years. Her absence created a void that may still need to be filled.

It is generally considered a social taboo, , so we probably carry some weighty guilt about it, but some of us may grow up disliking or even hating our mother. Maybe we grow up realizing we function best by keeping a safe distance from our mom and her negative impact on us. (Often Saturn / Moon stress aspects are similar in theme here.) We feel vulnerable around many of our family members, sensing they collectively know how to target our weak spots. But what we tend to dislike the most are the feelings of obligation and duty we may have towards them. Dependency issues unresolved in the past can be associated with an ongoing sense of doubt and frustration.

We may realize that our maternal relationship is neither healthy nor growth-inducing, especially if we do nothing about it but gripe and let resentment slowly build a nest of thorns. At the least, we sense a firm parental grip over certain aspects of our psyche - a power we cannot break away from completely without first learning the inner meaning of that power.

Saturn in the Water houses is more apt to indicate 'karmic' ties than when found in other house placements. With Saturn in the Fourth House, we may feel quite bound to our

mother (or the concept of mother), even if we don't like her personally or trust her motives and intentions. But by paying attention to what discomforts us about her, we may learn plenty about what we have trouble getting in touch with when others come into our life and attempt to mother and comfort us, or when they show that feared dark face and deny our needs by turning cold or leaving us.

Some of us with Saturn in the Fourth House tend to block our ability to become emotionally dependent on another. We feel weakened by our own neediness. It is possible that we associate such dependency with loss, restriction, or even harsh criticism. Perhaps our early attempts at securing maternal warmth and affection were unsuccessful. We could misinterpret ourselves as unlovable because of it. Later, in our adult relationships, we may have little confidence in our ability to establish a sound emotional base. We could push off others who need to depend on us on some level. Yet we can deeply feel attached to others. Our degree of linkage can be enduring, but unfortunately we may associate such connection with powerlessness.

If we do not eventually examine ourselves and ask why we are so afraid to meaningfully connect with others, we could end up lonely and shut off from really intimate contact. This can be painfully felt near the closing years of our life (the Fourth House deals with our approach to 'old age'). We need to carefully review our past, studying the nature of parental interaction - and especially that parent we strongly reacted to on the emotional level. Even if we lacked an adequate maternal figure altogether, we are still prone to fixate on the emptiness and hunger such a lack of nurturing could create.

Realize that Saturn in the Fourth House does not exclusively deny us warmth or sensitive responsiveness from others; but still we feel we must work hard to earn and secure such response. We may assume it will involve a struggle. We are as likely to doubt our own capacity to be caring of others (even of animals / plants / the home itself), but in truth we are anything but uncaring and unconcerned at the roots of our being. One important life goal is for us to recognize this. We need to work at accepting dependency relationships and viewing them as redemptive and healing for us.

With a mismanaged Saturn, regardless of house, we often suffer because of our own unrecognized potential, underdeveloped strengths, or untapped capacity for excellence. Saturn in the Fourth House suggests we can convince ourselves that we are somehow emotionally inadequate. Maybe we inwardly doubt our ability to relate to people on a safe, connecting level. We think we do not bond easily.

Perhaps we take the 'family' concept much too seriously. Inside us we crave having Ozzie and Harriet for parents, but in reality we got a less than ideal set-up. Maybe we continued to over-analyze various family members (the Fourth House also describes the 'family dynamic' as a whole) in terms of how they accept or reject us. Do they know we are sometimes full of hurt? Or that we are lonely or scared? Would they even care? Before we drown in self-pity, we need to recognize that our own standards of right /

wrong or good / bad behavior for our family can be rigid and unyielding.

Our family unit probably did appear to us as conservative, orthodox, formality-conscious, or bland and lacking in imagination. Everyone seemed to take the safe route of controlled interaction. Structured roles held the family together. But have we committed ourselves to forever seeing some family members in an inflexible manner? If they don't seem to ever change for the better, how much of that is due to our fixed attitudes and lasting impressions? We need to be careful we don't stifle their growth too.

Although our family typically didn't treat us like pampered babies (we certainly weren't spoiled rotten with attention), we may still grow up feeling as vulnerable as infants psychologically. Such emotional hypersensitivity either goes unrecognized by those we try to get close to for support, or is harshly reprimanded and devalued (we are brushed off as too clingy and suffocating). We are accused of always being hungry for unconditional assurance from our mate, our kids, even the dog, and can get very down and fearful when they start to back off and put up a stone wall of separation. Saturn can be tenacious; and the Fourth House can be blind to its aggressive instincts to envelop others in its waves of feelings. We often are too subjectively wrapped up in our reactions to understand that breathing space is always needed in healthy relationships. We are subject to separation to begin with; but at some point in our development we need to consciously allow for independent functioning, especially in the home. The 'empty nest blues' need not be our fate. It would be good to see how well we can live alone and unattached, if need be. Saturn will test our ability to be self-sufficient security-wise.

Economic difficulties in our family when we were young can make us sensitive to future deprivation. We may harbor doubts as adults about not being well provided for on the home front, fearing we won't have a decent roof over our heads. We over-achievers with Saturn in the Fourth House will make sure we have a well-protected home (or homes) that is ours to control (renting is less satisfying than owning for Saturn). But if we block our Saturn needs, our failure to properly self-nurture also expresses itself as a lack of support for our domestic security needs. We can end up living in places that are cramped, unattractive, worn out, or in constant need of repairs. It can get expensive to maintain such a place. Maybe we also gravitate towards unsafe housing, such as a dangerous neighborhood or living quarters that lack safety features such as deadbolt locks and peepholes. We may live some place with cheap rent, but it may be drafty and a utilities guzzler due to poor insulation. We may even forget to lock our doors or safeguard our belongings in other ways. (An out-of-touch Saturn behaves much like a careless Jupiter or Neptune.) Whatever the case, we need to ask ourselves why we literally feel at home in such substandard dwellings. Don't we deserve a better nest, a safer shelter? Maybe even a real dining room?

Some of us over-achievers react to our anxious feelings of insecurity by doing our very best to build the most solid foundation we can afford. We insist on a sound and dependable home structure. We'd even like to have our own land to build our home from

scratch. We also want to be grounded in natural surroundings. Our home must be our sturdy fortress, totally managed by us. (Saturn is very much into protecting territorial rights.) We typically desire fences, walls, heavy shrubbery defining boundaries, and other forms of clear demarcation. We may instead pick an isolated spot away from populated areas. However, we need to be sensible about how far we will go for the sake of ultimate protection. Why do we only feel safe when living in a home resembling Fort Knox?

Uranus ♃ in ♎ Libra 6° 45'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind innovative ways of relating to people and handling the area of personal relationships from a new level of understanding. Disruption occurs from outmoded ideals about the marriage relationship, and in the arena of partnership agreements in general.

(Joan Negus)

Since Libra is the sign of peace and fairness, it would be expected that Uranus in that sign would be concerned with these matters. If any kind of revolution were to occur, injustice would be the grounds. During the Uranus in Libra period, the war was ended in Vietnam. There was no winner of this war, but then that wouldn't be the point with this placement. The desire of Libra is peace, not necessarily victory. The Uranian change in this case was the cessation of violence.

This does not mean that there was no violence during this time period. There were the incidents at Kent State and Mississippi State in which people were killed. But usually in occurrences such as these, peace and justice were the bases for the uprisings. If the cause is justified, any means are allowable. Even a worthwhile goal can trigger brutality.

Protests, however, need not always be violent or generate violence. There was a turning point in August of 1969 (with Uranus just entering Libra) when protestors became more nonconfrontational. The event that took place at this time was a threeday rock concert called 'Woodstock'. More than 300,000 young people attended. Food was in short supply, and sanitary conditions were inadequate, but the emphasis at Woodstock was on peace and love. Violence was expected, but did not occur. Woodstock became the symbol of the counterculture movement.

It is interesting, too, that Libra is the sign associated with the arts, and it was music that characterized Woodstock the most. This does not necessarily mean that individuals with Uranus in Libra must use the arts in connection with revolutionary action, but it is

possible. And if you have this placement you might want to consider incorporating the arts in some way when you are making changes.

On the political scene during this period, the emphasis was on peace and diplomacy. The cessation of the Vietnam War exemplified the focus on peace. In regard to diplomacy, President Nixon took a 12-day trip around the world in August of 1969 (with Uranus in the early degrees of Libra) and let it be known that he was willing to negotiate with Communist nations. While in Romania during this trip, he said 'nations can have widely different internal orders and live in peace'. In 1972 he paid an historic visit to Communist China. He described it as a 'journey for peace'. This trip led to a cultural exchange and diplomatic relations between the two countries.

During the Uranus in Libra period, another event occurred which is far different from the overt diplomatic overtures for peace. This event was the Watergate break-in. Five men were arrested in an attempt to steal political material at Democratic National Headquarters. The purpose was to have influence over the Democratic Party's selection of candidates. The break-in ultimately led to Nixon's resignation, when it was proven that he was aware of this covert action. The Watergate incident points up another Libran tactic that is often overlooked - covert strategy.

The desire to keep the peace could be stated as the reason for avoiding direct confrontation. Libra is a sign that prefers not to be involved in unpleasantness. The Uranus in Libra person may have the revolutionary ideas; but rebellious activities are usually left to others. Therefore, with Uranus in Libra, the key to successfully making dramatic changes or starting a revolution is to subtly convince someone else to carry out your plans. This is done partly to maintain the image of the peacemaker, but also because it is easier to create ideas than it is to take physical action.

If you have Uranus in Libra, a comfortable way to proceed should be obvious from the preceding paragraphs. When contemplating change or expressing your individuality, you would first want to think about it. Next you might consider an amiable way to get things started. If this fails, then you should figure out how to motivate someone else to take the initiative to reach your goal or help you express your individuality.

You will not have to look far if you have a partner with whom you regularly share your revolutionary thoughts as well as someone to take action for you. With Uranus in Libra, you need not stand alone fighting for a cause. It is much more satisfying to have company on such a project. You also need not be the leader of the group because equality is better than being either the superior or the subordinate. Even in your search for personal freedom, it is probably more gratifying to share the quest with someone else.

In terms of creativity, it was already mentioned that the arts might be used in connection with revolutionary action or protests against the establishment, as was illustrated with

the Woodstock rock concert. It is one way in which you can voice objections to the establishment and express your revolutionary ideas without violence.

The placement of Uranus in Libra could also mean that you have a unique, nonconforming approach to the arts or perhaps you use modern technology to express your artistic talents. If you are artistically inclined, what you produce may be considered ahead of its time, or at least not in step with present standards. In this age of computers, I am not surprised that a number of my clients who were born with Uranus in Libra are drawn to the graphic arts to express their creativity. At this writing they are still relatively young. Therefore, it is too soon to know what impact they will have in the world. But if we look at the preceding period of Uranus transiting Libra (1884-1890), one excellent example of someone who both displayed originality and used modern technology was Charlie Chaplin.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Libra last century from October 1968 until November 1974, and from April until September 1975. Libra is the sign of partnerships - in love and business - and of art, women, peace, and legal matters. Therefore, these are the areas in which people with this planetary placement will experience changes that produce greater freedom, equality and openness.

During the time that Uranus was in Libra, relationships and attitudes about love, marriage, sex and commitment were shaken to their foundations. This was the era of 'free love' and the 'sexual revolution'; and the men and women who became adults during this period had decidedly different ideas about relationships and raising families without getting married; homosexuality became more open. Extended families, interracial relationships, group living situations, casual sex, 'wife-swapping' and other relationship alternatives proliferated.

The Women's Movement of the early 1970s irrevocably altered women's perception of themselves and their place in the world. Suddenly, women began to think of themselves as equal partners, and demanded more balance, fairness, individuality and rights in their relationships. Many women rebelled against the traditional concept of the 'woman's place', and rather than accepting without question the role of housewife and mother they opted for careers in the business world. Some decided to postpone marriage and children until they had established themselves professionally; others wanted to be career women and mothers both; still others chose to stay single or childless. Uranus in Libra inspired women to claim greater independence for themselves and make new choices in their love relationships.

The legalization of abortion in the U.S. in 1973 was, perhaps, the most significant liberating factor for American women last century - and it occurred when Uranus was in Libra. Without the burden of unwanted pregnancy, women were free to make their own

decisions in life.

The destabilization and turbulence that are Uranus's trademark focused on relationships during the planet's passage through Libra. Divorce rates soared, and new laws were enacted to make divorce faster and easier. People entered into partnerships without making lifetime commitments, and left when things got tough. However, as divorce became common, it also lost its stigma, and people who had stayed together unhappily for years finally were able to break free and begin new lives.

Children who were born during this time often experienced a home life and parental relationships that were altogether different from those of earlier generations. The home in which the child was raised was probably less structured than those of previous generations. Perhaps there was more equality between mother and father. Both parents may have worked outside the home, so the child developed autonomy at a young age. All sorts of unconventional living arrangements could have been part of the Uranus-in-Libra child's upbringing. Perhaps the parents were separated or divorced, so that the child experienced some sort of upset or destabilization in the home.

Everyone is the encapsulation of the time in which he or she was born, and those of you born with Uranus in Libra are more likely than other Uranus-groups to be concerned with equitable, open or avant-garde relationships that allow for independence and individuality within them. Probably you will always insist on a great deal of freedom, change and excitement in your relationships, and it could be difficult for you to settle down with one person for long. You might change partners frequently, or maintain relationships with more than one person at a time.

Perhaps you will be responsible for creating legislation that provides true equality for women. Or, you simply may live your beliefs and, as your 'mini-generation' gains influence in the world, your independent lifestyle and attitudes toward relationships will create greater openness for all.

Libra is also the sign of peace and harmony, but with Uranus positioned here you may not experience much tranquility. Instead, you might have to deal with frequent upsets, turmoil or chaotic situations. Perhaps you find peace and quiet dull, and prefer to have excitement and change in your life.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Libra indicates a generation of people with new ideas about marriage, partnerships, and social conduct. They seek freedom in the marriage relationship, and regard the relationship as more important than the legal contract. With Uranus in Libra, there is likely to be experimentation with new living arrangements, such as communal living, as well as with other forms of social innovation. People of this generation will in the future enact laws that will make it difficult to get married and easy to get divorced. In

general, they will have new concepts of justice and will seek to change and modernize the existing legal codes.

These people will have keen insight into all kinds of human relationships, which will take the form of intuitive or telepathic knowledge of other people's motivations.

Uranus in Libra is also likely to produce new and unusual forms of music, probably incorporating electronic techniques.

If Uranus is afflicted in this sign, natives may have difficulty getting along in marriage or partnerships, and they may be unreliable in relationships requiring mutual responsibility.

(Grant Lewi)

Yours is a peculiar hidden genius, for you tend to identify yourself with large groups and interests and to 'lose yourself in order to find yourself'. You can be a great leader (if your expression of originality works outward to the rest of the world) or a dreadful eccentric (if it works inward). If you identify yourself with others on the positive and aggressive side, you make definite contributions to your group or to society as a whole, having an uncanny knack for unifying divergent groups and factions into a cooperative whole. If you identify yourself against others (the negative expression of the characteristic urge to co-operation), you may think the hand of the world is against you and become a lone wolf, antisocial and quarrelsome. Your best and truest expression of originality will come in connection with co-operative ventures, for when you learn to work with others there is no end to the organizational genius which you can bring to bear on your progress and the general welfare of others.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although Uranus shines in a glamorous way from this sign, and often gives increased powers of attraction and a sneakily romantic streak, its independence can cause difficulties when fighting Libra's compulsive need to relate. In most cases, a thread of independence, and perhaps occasional coolness, will emerge in the attitude toward the partner; but if either Venus or Uranus is a personal planet, or if they are in aspect to each other, these very contrasting indications will have a considerable effect on the relationship as a whole. If Aquarius is the Sun, Moon or Ascendant sign, the subject will have to admit that he or she may want a partnership but not a partner. It is obviously important to come to terms with this attitude if the partner is not to be adversely affected.

Here is an excellent, caring and helpful friend, who will give much time and energy when called upon to do so and who will be sympathetic and kind - traits that should be developed by the subject if she has the above-mentioned negative attitude to her intimate relationships. Even so, this placing will help to stabilize and rationalize the emotions, and can therefore be constructive and positive for someone with a very high

emotional level.

(John Townley)

You will probably find that personal self-discovery lies in understanding and becoming involved in other people's lives, either directly or indirectly.

That is quite evidently the direction taken by many others of your age, at any rate. In general, relationships tend to be quite volatile and not very private, resulting in less stability than might be desired.

You must decide whether you want to go along with this view of life and how much of yourself will be on view or open for change by others. Your contemporaries are likely to be somewhat active and changeable in love, which may not fit your personality.

But whether or not it does, you should explore and understand this view of life, so that a lover's changeableness or curiosity will not be seen as fickle or prying, necessarily. Conversely, you will find it particularly rewarding to try out various social and sexual roles in relation to your lover. You can gain considerable insight from learning about your partner's personality and motivations in detail.

Indeed, it may be important for your development to understand that an emotional situation can have many facets. Learning to stand aside and see yourself as others see you can be most beneficial.

(Robert Hand)

These children deal with their relationships differently from others. They do not accept traditional patterns; and when they are grown up they will find entirely new kinds of relationships, both sexual and otherwise. They are likely to have rather unusual aesthetic tastes as well, and they may establish new artistic and cultural patterns. As a rule, these children require a great deal of freedom in relationships, and do not want to be pinned down to emotional commitments. Their relationships will probably be made and broken at an astonishing rate of speed.

Uranus ♅ in 4th House

(Joan Negus)

Traditional astrological text books will tell you that Uranus in the fourth house could indicate that you change your residence frequently. SO what is brought to mind is someone who travels from place to place establishing home after home. And this can

happen. You can be a world traveller or do as one of my clients with this placement did. He moved every three or four years as he was growing up, but did not go very far. He simply moved across the street to his grandmother's house for a few years, then back to his parents' house, then back to grandmother's, etc.. He has, however, made more distant moves in adulthood. But, it also is possible to have this placement and stay in the same house all of your life.

If you never move, however, chances are that you came from an unusual home environment, had an eccentric or creative parent, or simply that your adult home will differ greatly from the home of your childhood. Since the house in which you find Uranus in your natal chart is where you may consciously or unconsciously break with tradition, you are most likely to operate differently from the way your family of origin did. If there were strict rules and regulations in your childhood home, you might carefully avoid this in your adult home, and have a rather unconventional household. If your childhood home was unusual or nonconforming, then you might crave stabilisation and create a very conventional environment.

It is also possible that you would move from one extreme to another. If your childhood home was restrictive and you create an unconventional home, after a while you might miss the predictability or the childhood traditions. Then you might inform those with whom you live that this is the year you are preparing the Thanksgiving turkey and inviting the relatives to dinner to establish the old family custom. But after a year or two of this you could tire of it and revert to your previous stand of 'who needs tradition?' In other words, there could be a number of changes in attitude in the home in the course of a lifetime. Prior to each change, however, there will probably be an analysis of the behavior in the home. You should consider what is restrictive to you and change that segment. Otherwise, those with whom you live might become confused.

One possibility that might be satisfying to you and not create confusion for your housemates is that you can regulate certain parts of your household routine (giving yourself permission to change them when you want to) and remain spontaneous and free in other aspects of the home. Another possibility is that you establish a firm homebase and periodically remove yourself from it by travelling. In this way you are free of the home while you are away, and yet it is there to return to.

Since the fourth house also represents one of your parents, it might be that one parent was erratic and at least partially responsible for the instability in your early home (if there was instability). Or your Uranian parent may have been creative instead of (or along with) being inconsistent, and contributed to an atmosphere in the home which fostered individuality. When I think of this placement, I am reminded of the play 'You can't take it with you', in which those who lived in the house were involved in their own activities and unusual, interesting people wandered in and out.

Even if you live in what you consider a totally free environment, you may not be quite as

spontaneous as you think. Although you can talk about your flexibility in the home and really believe it, you probably do not react well to surprise visits. You might initially react in a gracious manner and pride yourself on your ability to respond so simultaneously. But after a short period of time you might begin to resent these unannounced visitors because they interfere with your freedom. You might feel that you have to entertain them and are thus restricted. Of course, you could display your aloofness and ignore them. But even if this occurs and you do not let them keep you from doing what you want to do, their presence serves no purpose.

You probably prefer to determine how and when you are going to be spontaneously sociable. You might not only tell your guests when to arrive, but also tell them what time to go home. In fact, if you decide to have a party, you will probably feel most comfortable if you specify the time of arrival and the time of departure. This is not essential, however, because if your guests do not leave when you want them to, you could become so cool and detached that they will probably get the message to go home rather quickly.

Your unconventionality in the home may take a totally different direction. You might have unusual tastes in furnishings or colour schemes. Your décor could range from the bizarre to interesting and eye-catching. Your furniture might be constructed of glass and steel or in some other way be futuristic in style. Or you could combine different periods of furniture. But whatever you do in decorating will be distinctive and noticeable.

It may seem as you read this section on Uranus in the fourth house that there are conflicting messages. You could yearn for a stable home and work very hard to establish a secure base. Then you might complain about being bored and / or do all you can to disrupt it. Another seeming conflict could be in regard to the parent described by this house. You could have considered this parent to be original, creative and independent, or erratic and unreliable. It is impossible to say from the placement alone whether you admired or disliked this parent, but you probably will have seen more than one of the qualities just mentioned.

If you have this placement and experience the inconsistency, the first step is to realize that there is nothing wrong with you. Tell yourself and anyone who complains about you that you are inconsistent and that sometimes you need structure and sometimes you need freedom. Although you want to express your individuality, making drastic changes too quickly could disorient you. Analyze your home situation. Determine what you are dissatisfied with, and make small changes first. This could satisfy your urge for change or lead to bigger and better changes.

(Haydn Paul)

With this placement, there will be a focus upon the themes of family, foundations and roots in life. It is likely that there was some type of disruption or unusual way of living during your childhood. This could have manifested in a variety of ways, which can have

the effect of creating either instability or a more interesting and exciting childhood.

In the contemporary world, this can often take the form of parental marriage difficulties, family friction and divorce, where one of the parents eventually leaves the family home, and the children are plunged into a bewildering emotional situation where parental conflict and childhood emotional immaturity conspire to develop inner problems of adjustment. Even adults find such traumatic crises difficult to deal with; children often lock them away, sometimes festering into guilt associations, and blaming themselves for the breakdown of the adult relationship.

There may be frequent changes of residence, perhaps caused by parental choice or careers, which periodically uproot a child from a familiar environment and friends, forcing him or her to confront 'new unknown worlds' and so stand alone (if only temporarily), being forced to adapt quickly to new homes, schools and friends, even different countries. Such an early lifestyle can be either beneficial or damaging; much depends upon the age of the child, the support from parents, and the individual point of development and ability to deal with a changing environment. In several ways, it can speed the maturation process, with the child soon accepting responsibility and sensibly applying intelligence to its actions and choices, as well as offering a broader perception of the varieties and differences that life presents through experiencing different communities or countries. Yet it can also create a pattern of instability, a lack of roots, a need to modify 'self' without having an established centre to work from.

In some cases, home may be a social gathering place, less family-focused, but a place which parents use for meetings of common interests; political, religious, cultural, etc.. This can have a positive aspect in meeting a wider variety of people, yet can also be 'negative' in that a lack of attention and interest from the busy parents can lead to a fragmentation of the relationship bonds. Perhaps too much freedom is given to such children, because the parents need the time for their own interests, and so the child develops without a necessary discipline and able to indulge in most of its desires; this could create future adult problems in coping with the responsibilities and obligations with which modern life confronts people.

Whatever the nature of the family roots, these will affect the psychological foundations of the developing individual, and eventually play an important role in the decision-making of the adult. Uranus is implying that a reorientation is required in respect of these acquired or inherited roots. There may be problems involved in the personal family relationship to a social, ethnic or economic background, a reaction to which dictates future choices, perhaps through attempting to escape or transcend them, or in proving that success can still be achieved despite such a background. It can be a highly motivating factor.

The issue is that of integration and stability, and the establishment of a firm psychological centre which can act as a focusing self, from which the adult life is consciously directed. This is the challenge represented by Uranus, where a new

foundation is required in order for you to experience and enjoy life more fully. A sense of inner instability needs to be transformed into a deeper, more integrative centre, which is capable of uniquely expressing personal creativity, and operating in a positive manner.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress can occur in the entire digestive system, causing overly alkaline or acidic conditions in the stomach; ulcers, gas; restriction caused by emotional duress or stress leading to loss of appetite; problems with the duodenum and its lining; deficient or extreme secretion of digestive enzymes from the pancreas, which causes either constipation or diarrhea; imbalances in the chemical composition of the digestive fluids within the mouth, which can lead to gum disease, accelerated breakdown of the enamel on the teeth, and bad breath. Uranus here can also lead to lymphatic swellings or problems in varying extremes, female problems linked with the ovaries or womb, and male problems linked with the testes or prostate (swelling), and can promote 'swellings' throughout the body for no apparent reason other than stress.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With this Uranus, traumas in childhood affect the emotional development, though it can also be a powerful stimulus to achievement and soul growth. Generally not very happy or easy-going, they can be very hard to live with, as emotional complexes cause a lot of trouble. With difficult aspects to Uranus or Mercury, this can be a real 'mental case'. The less difficult the aspects and the sign location, the sooner in life they can get it together. Some form of counselling is usually helpful. Once they face themselves and gain some self-understanding, they will be much happier and easier to get along with.

They are usually outspoken to a fault, often with a sort of bitter humor, and overly sensitive to criticism. Anguish at home causes them to leave their native turf and start a new life somewhere else. Even if they do not leave physically, they are often involved in the founding of a new order, a new way of doing something. They tend to be mavericks and insist on having things their own way or they won't participate. They wish to build a new world with themselves at the centre, but this brings them much loneliness. They are often misunderstood by their associates, who think them cold, or overly abrupt or risqué, not seeing the warmth that is in their hearts. They are usually expressive with words, saying things in a terse, humorous style that is intended either to inform or to entertain.

Women with this position are more inclined to neurosis, possibly because their field of expansion, their potential for using their emotional energies to give form to something outside themselves, is more limited in our society. There is more frustration; the emotional complexes are more stimulated and the behavior follows suit.

Although both men and women with this position have a love of young people, they have

a hard time dealing with them and, although they do not wish to do so, both tend to revisit their own traumas on their children. They are powerless to stop this unless they get some therapy to help them build new response patterns. They are attracted to those very different from themselves and often choose a partner from a very different background. Their marriage may or may not be happy; but often they will cling to the mate, happy or not, fearful of losing the one who knows them best and who must accept them as they are.

Their emotional tension can translate into a strong sexuality, which may be firmly repressed for a variety of reasons. The resulting frustration can make them irritable and sarcastic and very hard to deal with. They are always desiring someone that they cannot have. Actually, this is only one focus of a perpetual must / can't that derives from the emotional cruelty they experienced as children.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whether through personal choice or unavoidable external circumstances, those with Uranus in the 4th are not meant to be bound by the traditional biological family unit. They may feel like outsiders, strangers or outcasts from their families of origin; or for some reason, the early home life was disrupted and the family scattered. This placement of Uranus implies a need to find where they truly belong as their family or racial roots don't seem to provide this kind of containment. Often deeply restless, they require the space and freedom to search for their true 'spiritual' home or family.

Fearing the loss of alternatives, they are sometimes reluctant to put down any roots at all - maybe there is some place better or more appropriate around the corner. In certain instances I have seen, this disruption has been attracted externally as if by fate - something from the outside compels a move or the need to uproot. Or everything seems to be perfectly secure in the home until Uranus in the 4th is 'triggered' by progression or transit and suddenly, out of the blue, they pick up and leave or the family breaks up or changes in some way.

This placement could also describe an unusual home life. The home could be used as a meeting place for groups or organisations where different ideas are exchanged. They may live in a utopian community, or a housing venture based on something slightly unconventional. The father (or hidden parent) may bear some of the characteristics of Uranus. He may have been unconventional or erratic in some way or literally kept appearing and disappearing from the home scene. He might have felt trapped by being a parent. Sometimes he is physically present but remains an unknown quantity with whom a close emotional rapport is difficult. Occasionally, I have seen Uranus in the 4th in the charts of people who, as they were growing up, watched their fathers suffer mental breakdowns. More positively, it can be a father who is highly original, inventive, free-thinking, and loving without being smothering.

Although this may not be revealed until later in life, those with Uranus in the 4th are often deeply unconventional. In some cases, they may live in a certain way until midlife and then radically change their lifestyle when Uranus opposes its own place. An interest in metaphysics and in philosophical and political systems may surface as they grow older.

Uranus in the 4th house is similar to Aquarius on the IC or in the 4th house. An identity needs to be found which is based on something other than just the personal family unit. At some stage in life, they may want to participate in an activity which benefits or advances the family of humanity.

(Robert Pelletier)

You had to subdue your desire for independence until you had matured sufficiently to take advantage of your gifted imagination. Your early home life may have caused you to rebel against the tedious and conflicting duties your parents required you to carry out. However, you were generally willing to make sacrifices, because you knew that one day you would be able to invest the necessary time and effort to serve the public interests in your own unique way. You feel a strong kinship with your fellow man and want to show that you care by helping to relieve the burdens of some and correcting injustices toward others. You are truly a caring person with strong enough convictions that you can speak up for those who are unable to defend themselves.

You are reasonably well-focused to derive the greatest yield from your creative insight. You are not particularly disturbed at the prospect of financial difficulties, and you are prepared to use other means if necessary to gain the freedom to come and go at will. You will align yourself with people whose purposes are in harmony with your own until you achieve the personal and financial integrity to stand alone. You understand the value of your natural talents, for they will provide you with a substantial income and give you the opportunity to prove what you can do. You are clever in devising ways to utilise your talents effectively, and you are determined that your efforts will provide the desired results.

You know that to attain an important position that will give you the leverage to accomplish your goals, you must be willing to accept challenge and competition. It will be necessary to control your urge to assert yourself impulsively. You will have to make some concessions to others if you want to win their co-operation and help in achieving your objectives. You must give others the chance to offer suggestions, for you will find that many opportunities will come from totally unexpected sources. You will gain much support from a mate or partner who has the perception and foresight to help you realize your fondest dreams and aspirations.

Good intentions are not enough; and you know that to do your best work you must be fully informed. When others speak, you listen carefully and pick up many ideas. You will even go without some of your favorite comforts and spend time and energy to work

toward gaining your goals successfully. This involves some sacrifice, but you know that it serves your future security and independence from want.

All your life you may have to define and redefine your motivations. In your need to achieve material comforts and be free from conditions that seem to threaten or limit you in any way, you may make too many concessions and lose sight of your more enduring accomplishments on behalf of society. You must be careful not to become obsessed with achieving financial success at the risk of losing sight of your most important objectives. You belong to the society you live in, and you must respond to the most pressing human needs by using your creative talent and inspiration to serve them. It would be too bad to review your past and see that you indulged yourself to the exclusion of helping those with whom you shared a social and spiritual destiny.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: Your private self is eccentric, probably very different in tone and spirit from the self shown to the world. There is freedom in your inner sanctum, freedom from the restrictions of social rules and cultural appropriateness. The pitfall surrounds hiding your individuality too well, so that no-one ever sees it. The challenge is to drink deeply from the well of personal freedom and uniqueness. More than with any other 4th house planetary association, Uranus indicates a heightened possibility of feeling like a stranger in a strange land. All human beings occasionally experience alienation. But for most, that feeling is negative and quickly shaken off, like a bad cold. For you, it's more than psychological, more than merely metaphorical. Being an alien is something you hold onto privately. Whether you feel privileged or cursed, it remains a treasured secret.

Personal security: Family is a continual source of revolution. You feel it your task to upset the applecart, to be the reformer of the family; and you will tend to live out that role through phases alternating between exuberantly positive individuality and staunchly defiant outrage. Abnormality is emphasized in all aspects of home and family; and instability is actually more comfortable than permanence. The pitfall involves a rejection of real security through ego eccentricities, while the challenge is to awaken yourself to the miracle of true interdependence, and to realize that change is the only constant.

Emotional imprints: Here, as with Mars, events condition the imprint system, but whatever shocks you suffered as a child - loss, separation, sudden change - tended to produce not heat or conflict, but withdrawal to a safer world inside yourself. So you learned to rely on yourself very clearly; and those imprints toward separateness or independence remain strong throughout the entire life. You also may have felt (or been made to feel) that you were different from the rest of your family, either 'special' or 'a black sheep'.

'Inner link' parent: Your mother's brilliant eccentricity is emphasized in your imprints of her. However traditional her values may have seemed, there was something very willful -

even perhaps defiant - that stood out in your early understanding of her. She may have seemed unstable, or she might have ruled the household with an iron hand. Even if she was a quiet, calm person, you would have been impressed by her strong sense of self-possession. The precise effect cannot be determined from the house placement alone, but what is certain is that her imprint is emphatic and in some way unusual.

Private intuition: Contact with inward guidance is sporadic. Your guides are powerful but unpredictable, remaining silent and invisible for a while, then bursting suddenly onto the scene. There is sometimes the sensation that they are in control - 'don't call us, we'll call you' - although that is, of course, an illusion. More likely, they regard you with detached friendship, a kind of 'cool warmth', and they simply check in when they're in the neighborhood. More than any other planet, this one corresponds to the epiphany of revelation: moments of blinding mental 'light' suddenly explode into the consciousness, revealing not only what you didn't see, but what no-one else has ever seen before: your own uniqueness, your own special truth.

Neptune ♆ in ♓ Pisces 9° 51'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 9th House

(Marilyn Waram)

Neptune is the planet of ultimate emotional, unconscious values; and the ninth house is one of the keys to our belief systems, and our partly conscious values. Both relate to issues and ideas that we accept as extremely important, perhaps vitally so, in our lives, often without awareness or examination. Sometimes even when we know what is an ultimate value for ourselves, we don't see the implications of that value, the way it affects our perceptions, judgements and decisions. Ultimate values can dominate our lives without our ever questioning their veracity. This tendency is doubled when Neptune is in the ninth house, which is associated with a strong tendency to jump to conclusions and to assume that the conclusions are correct.

With both Neptune and the ninth house tendencies to need the right answer, there is a strong possibility here of an enduring search for Truth. Both planet and house are mutable, leading to restlessness. Both are considered expansive; they tend to enlarge whatever they are associated with. In combination this means there might be no accepted limits - everything can continue to expand (ninth house) into infinity (Neptune). Both are connected to faith, and beliefs. Both are drawn to ever more comprehensive and idealistic viewpoints. Both are drawn to and haunted by the need for perfection, by their

often fantastic expectations. Neither is noted for its common sense, nor its ability to do anything by half-measures.

Ninth house issues such as higher education, organised religion, philosophy, and a lifelong search for bigger and better truth could all become ultimate values with Neptune in this position. Often, with a chart otherwise leaning toward physical energy, athletics will become a driving force in the individual's life. The important point is that with Neptune in the ninth, the person will have a strong tendency to greatly overemphasise whatever area or issues are valued. What is valued is strongly valued, defended and expected to be right.

On the natural wheel, Pisces (Neptune) and Sagittarius (ninth house) are square each other, indicating some fundamental differences which must be consciously worked upon in order to integrate these disparate energies. Neptune in the ninth house mixes a water planet with a fire house, a combination that is associated with a particularly high degree of emotional intensity. The receptive, inward-drawing and sensitive, overprotective nature of Neptune can definitely clash with the persuasive, outward-reaching, spirited and adventurous nature of the ninth house.

Neptune operates on emotional and spiritual planes. The person who expresses Neptune wants to follow his instincts, his psychic impulses, the dictates of his heart. He feels what is best. The ninth house relates to these but often stays on intellectual, rational-thought levels, at least on the surface. A person who expresses the ninth house may partially bury feelings so that he is free to follow the most logical idea; and in the process he will come up with some convincing rationalisations. He will also frequently react with self-righteous anger if it is pointed out that he has merely found logical reasons for doing what he feels is right, but that the feeling came before the logic.

The person who follows the dictates of the ninth house will often tell the truth regardless of who gets hurt. The person who flows with Neptune will prefer to protect others' feelings and may choose to lie out of kindness, misdirected or otherwise. The person who has Neptune in the ninth may be pulled in both directions and will need to find either a middle ground to satisfy the need for truth and the need for mercy, or a place for each. He will need to be alert to situations where he is pulled between what he wants to do - feelings - and between what he ought or should do - thoughts. The dictates of the head and the heart can both be questioned. Out of the challenge may come some clear insights about the best course of action.

When a water / fire combination occurs, there is always the possibility that the Water element will dampen or drown the fire. Water represents the unconscious, therefore it also can represent the tendency toward repression. When it is fire that is repressed, there is a build-up of emotional pressure. Unless the pressure is released, sooner or later there will be an explosion. The person can feel shattered by such an occurrence, which often seems 'out of character'. Yet when seen as the release of energy which has

been held in for months or years, the blow-up only makes sense. To prevent such events, the individual needs to make all possible efforts to get in touch with inner drives and needs which are being ignored or held in. Then those needs are to be directed into some constructive outlet. Few drives in life are truly 'bad'; they usually only look that way because they seem to run counter to the dictates of the dominant value system. Once a person becomes conscious of his dominant values, he can choose when it is appropriate to act according to different values; in other words, he will allow contradictory sides of his nature all to have room for expression.

Whatever is put on a pedestal, it is likely, in the ninth house, to be overdone, to be allowed to dominate the life; and many other issues will take second or third place. This can be hard on jobs, relationships and other ambitions. With Neptune in the ninth house, the individual will need to take a look at his illusions about the ability of education, knowledge or the endless search to provide the ultimate satisfaction in life.

There will be an important need to examine personal values, to see if too much unquestioning faith has unconsciously been placed in the creation of some sort of perfect ethereal beauty, in service to others without regard to self, in psychic or psychological insights, or in spiritual or mystical growth. There are also the negative possibilities, that abiding and deep trust has been placed in evasion, denial, pretence, confusion, drugs, alcohol or illness to protect the individual from whatever he does not wish to deal with consciously.

Balance is an important lesson for someone who has Neptune in the ninth. The temptation will nearly always be to go overboard on the latest exciting idea. The challenge is to learn to act on those ideas where it is practical and possible without dangerous disruption to other meaningful aspects of life. It is possible to chase one's dreams without immediately resigning from the job that one has worked toward for fifteen years, for example, or without selling all of one's possessions and giving the proceeds to a wonderful new religious organisation.

Honesty is another important lesson for someone with this placement. Neptune is the stuff of which dreams are made, and the ninth house is always looking for a better idea, the bigger the better. Both are therefore very susceptible to wild tales and con games. More to the point, both have strong tendencies toward self-delusion over the importance and veracity of the most newly discovered 'truth' or viewpoint. Philosophies easily become religions, and challenging questions soon become sins, yet even this process can be rationalised and, strangely enough, denied. If, however, the person with Neptune in the ninth can exploit his Earth planets to keep in touch with what is realistic, and his Air planets to keep some objectivity, he can become a genuinely spiritual student, a dedicated and ardent seeker of the truth, with ever more important understandings that he can share with others.

With Neptune in the ninth, it is particularly important for the individual to examine his

personal beliefs, conscious and unconscious. He needs to clarify his expectations about truth, philosophy and the meaning of life. He needs to confront his values and his illusions, to be rigorously alert to righteous justification of ideas and to ensure that he is honest in his musings. With humility, this individual can be the most enthusiastic proponent of positive philosophies, an inspirational force with unflagging energy and a person who always balances the need for truth with the need for compassion.

(Haydn Paul)

In this position, Neptune is active on the level of mind, especially in the realms of philosophy, religion, morals, ethics and spiritual teachings. Belief systems are important to you, and you need to feel secure in the one that you have adopted as a guideline in life; or alternatively, you are searching for one that you can believe holds satisfying answers to those burning inner questions.

It is likely that you will feel a need to rely on some form of external teaching, and this can draw you towards involvement with specific religious groups, or mystical cults and guru-figures. As your mind is quite open and impressionable, and influenced by the Neptunian imagination, your clarity regarding such groups may be distorted by a desire to achieve redemptive salvation through association with a belief structure that promises universal answers.

This can result in a negative form of surrender, where your fantasies, clouded judgements and desires encourage you to submit to an external authority or acquiesce in an imposed belief system, creating a situation where you feel absolved of any need to think for yourself, as all the answers have been given to you. This is an abrogation of real responsibility; and no genuine teacher should demand absolute adherence to his or her teaching, or inveigh against any who disagree or choose to leave the self-selected élite. The type of dangers involved in such a course include spiritual inflation and self-delusions, guru imitation, and obsessive beliefs in being 'right' in your opinions and world view.

Neptune can lead you into such a philosophical minefield as a consequence of your own confusion and lack of direction, and by the need for some type of spiritual search for a higher unifying knowledge. The underlying intent may be to confront you with a collapse into disillusionment with that external search for answers, forcing you to turn within and to discover that what you are really looking for is hidden within your own nature.

The types of philosophy, religion or belief structure that will appeal most to you will often include themes of sacrifice, redemption, purification, martyrdom and selftranscendence: the themes of Neptune. You will need to express incisive discrimination in walking this path, as you are liable to reflect these Neptunian patterns quite unconsciously in your choices. Distinguishing the real from the false can be extremely difficult, and unintegrated natural tendencies will attract you towards the mysterious and glamorous;

but as you should recognise, all that glitters is not the alchemist's gold.

Spiritual aspirations will be powerful, and you are likely to possess refined, mystically orientated emotions aching to achieve a transcendent and embracing unitive state of existence. Psychedelic drugs may appeal for similar reasons, as a means of opening doors to alternative realities; but great care needs to be taken where Neptune is involved; and mixing these with spiritual development techniques is unwise. Meditation, contemplation, yoga and psychic unfoldment are likely routes which will interest you, or those more intellectual occult systems like the Qabalah and the Seven Rays, which offer considerable scope for mental fascination. Whilst you have a tendency towards daydreaming and fantasies, such an inward turning can make you more receptive to inner guidance and intuition; and in some instances this can develop into you serving as a channel for inspirational teachings to be transmitted to the world. Today, there are many of these, and a broad mixture of quality too, reflecting the mediumistic and mediatorship nature of Neptune, with both high and spiritual visions and lower astral and illusory ones being presented to an avid public.

Part of your own challenge will lie in unfolding your own path, relying on your own insight and understanding to light the way, and in being able to clarify your own direction and exploit that latent mind potential. Creativity through artistic expression could be useful, especially the sort which attempts to reflect spiritual values and vision into everyday life. The real spiritual path is never one of escapism from life, even though you may feel tempted to do that through travel, through pilgrimages and by surrendering to a high temporal authority as a guru figure. Neptune in this house can lead you towards the highest flights of consciousness, or restrict you within self-chosen realms of delusion; it can be a narrow line separating the two, but ensuring that your feet are firmly fixed on the ground is an important aim to maintain.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

A ninth-house Neptune brings great dreams of glory in youth. These people may dream of a career as a performer, politician, Show Biz personality, or the like; but other aspects are needed to make it happen. There is a great yearning to rise high, to make an impression on their community, audience, or constituency; but rarely do they succeed to the extent that they'd like. If they go into politics they tend to get stuck on the losing side. There is more likelihood of success as a performer, especially a singer. This position usually gives a good voice, both for speaking and for singing.

Those that are withheld from action will feel great frustration; the inability to take a brave stand or to do bold deeds can contribute to emotional problems and, if other factors indicate, there can be drinking, suicide attempts, or violent outbursts of one kind or another. With supportive aspects, they eventually learn to accept life's disappointments, and become philosophical about their own limitations.

They like the wide-open spaces, the sun, the great out-of-doors. This is an excellent position for anyone working in films or show business, for merchant mariners, workers in the oil industry, salesmen, or others who have to travel long distances in the course of business. They are inclined to fall in love with another country and to desire to live there. If they can't live there, they will vacation there as often as possible and, while at home, try to live in the style of the desired culture.

Pluto ♅ in ♒ Aquarius 5° 12'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 8th House

(Ginger Chalford)

The child with this placement is in touch with his or her inner psychic forces early in life. The inner attunement often runs counter to what is expected of him or her, or what the child is expected to believe and accept in life. On the one hand, there are philosophies about success which suggest that one has to work very hard over a long period of time before one is rewarded. This is also known as 'paying your dues'. Yet, the Pluto eighth house child knows that whatever is desired intensely and singlemindedly can manifest in a flash, as if by magic. This manifestation of occult power is seldom noticed by the parents, and is generally extinguished by the age of five or so. Yet this inherent quality of the individual who has Pluto in the eighth has led psychics to speculate that such a person may have been a magician in previous lifetimes.

Children with this placement often experience a conflict between their world view and what they assume to be the world view of their parents. The intensity of these children can inspire in the parents a need to control the fire which they sense exists in the children; to tame the wild spirit, as it were. They know that children cannot yet support themselves, so they use things (home, school supplies, clothes, food, etc.) as a simple means of keeping the child aware of where its resources are coming from, thus maintaining a sense of control over the child.

Often they want to protect the child from the dreariness of life as they see it, little knowing that they are draining the colour from the child's inner imaginative life. Of course, none of this is intentional. Parents usually do not wish harm or unhappiness on their children. In this case the eighth house Pluto child seems to want everything, because the desire nature is so strong. And that is what disturbs the parents, who have visions of pregnant teenage daughters and wild gang-prowling sons. They feel a need to cool the temperament of this intense child.

The impact of this Pluto placement occurs mainly in childhood, as opposed to adolescence. The child, in exchange for a secure and comfortable environment (whatever that means to the child), will sacrifice the power to manifest his or her resources magically, in exchange for the knowledge and social understanding of the much older and larger parents who 'know the score'. In a nutshell, power is sacrificed for the security of the parents' resources. This sets up a pattern in which others will have the resource power, and the child will defer to them because of that leverage factor. Of course, despite the initial success of this sacrifice, the child soon begins to resent the choice, feels frustrated, and is often unwilling to be grateful for what he or she is receiving.

Also during childhood, there is a sense of having to discover how the world is put together. This search for knowledge is not unique to the eighth house Pluto person, but it is intensified, especially in the area of physics and metaphysics. As might be expected, death and other endings carry a great significance to the eighth house Pluto children, who ponder its whys and wherefores. They search for the cosmic bottom line, the ultimate meaning of life. However, since these children are often denying their psychic powers, there is also little or no access to the mental regions that would make this higher understanding possible. Consequently, they will then wander about in search of the things in life that make it meaningful. And this search can mean that they will be loners as children, and as adults they may brood about the nature of things.

The final issue, and one that carries over into the adult personality, is learning how to deal with trust. Desire, a major component of Pluto energy and the eighth house, is strong. Pluto natives want their emotional desire energies to be intense and pure. Yet, when their trust is abused, psychic confusion can result. Then they will close off their avenues of receptivity towards others, and withdraw. Trust can become an issue throughout life if it is not worked with and understood, for trusting others is an extension of trusting the self.

When inner knowledge is traded for food and rent, the self with its wild imagination and magical reality must be sacrificed too. Then what intuition can these people rely on? They have lost the security that comes from trusting their inner senses. This is covered over with a veneer of bravado, showing everyone that 'I can do it the hard way', or 'I have all the answers' (the most common early expression of this Pluto energy). Yes, they do have all the answers - but they aren't in touch with them! They separate these answers from mundane reality, so they remain in limbo until freed by conscious thought later in life.

Other personality patterns which show up with this placement include refusing to accept help from others, sexual intensity, extremism or abusiveness, taking the self much too seriously, a tendency to go through periodic personality overhauls, manipulateness in order to gain money or other desired items, secretiveness about what he or she is doing,

and a morbid curiosity. Most of these traits come as a result of inner emotional wrangling over the lack of his or her own resources, and the frustration of seeing others in possession of desirable things.

This can become a crisis; and the individuals with this placement may resort to illegal means to obtain what they want, whether it be money, drugs (for a 'spiritual' high), information, power over someone else, sex, prestige, etc.. The rest of the chart will indicate whether this extreme will be manifested as petty crime or something worse.

A terrible fear of compromising often comes with this Pluto placement. People born with Pluto in the eighth may refuse any gift that is offered to them if there is the slightest suspicion of any strings being attached. These individuals will most often feel that they have to do everything themselves, without any help. That means making all the money, doing all the errands, completing all the projects. What a tall order! At the same time, these Pluto people will probably resent anyone who has had the good fortune of being helped by others. They will rationalise it, and hold a grudge to the effect that their talents are somehow overlooked.

These Plutonians are progressive but at the same time conventional people, and are seldom noticed as bright lights by the public. They think in terms of what other people have, rather than in terms of what they themselves can create. They are impatient with trivialities, and can have a do-or-die attitude. After having been manipulated by the patents' money, they may spend a great deal of their life doing the same with others, not being aware that this merely limits their own access to power and continues their unnecessary struggle for things. The struggle for personal and financial success can be a long one; and results may be slow to appear. The main way these people can get in touch with themselves is to create a crisis in which their inner resources are almost forced out of them, overcoming the blockages formed in early childhood.

Fortunately, Pluto in the eighth is in its own house, its most magical location and truest placement. Positive aspects to this Pluto placement will manifest after a great deal of turbulence and thrashing around in the psyche, so to speak. By the thirties, a new self-understanding generally begins to unfold. (Fortunately for some, it happens earlier.) These people find that their desire to understand the 'cosmic bottom line' is bearing fruit. Higher levels of understanding bring strength and resourcefulness to the surface of the personality, where it can be used even without a crisis.

They are in touch with the higher or larger social evolutionary levels. They have an innate understanding of how metaphysics works, and they begin to use it. This turns them into scientists in the true sense of the word, questioning and observing reality. They magnetise and bring what they want to themselves, which may include another person who can fulfil their many desires. They don't resent other people who have great resources, but are usually curious about how those resources are gathered, because they figure it's something they need to know for themselves. They will want to replace

the magical skills they once traded for security, which have gotten rusty from years of disuse.

They can then get financial backing from others, for they don't manipulate people with guilt or other types of social pressure any more. They accept separations and endings with relative equanimity, as they have great control over their focus of attention in life, and can shift it from one thing to another whenever they desire. They are unwilling to cry about the past, for they are busy programming and rearranging the future, as if it were plastic and malleable - which it truly is!

Their desire to know the answers to life's mysteries draws them deeper and deeper into the inner temples of the self, creating a pathway of meaning for them. They passionately develop their intuition, which they are learning to trust. They deal with emotional issues as they come up, no longer needing the spur of a crisis to discover the stuff of which they are made. And with that step, they are becoming more vulnerable to those who love them. When they accept intimacy, they will show more tenderness than they do when they are acting out of the lusty sentimentality with which they originally begin a relationship. They allow themselves to be nurtured by someone, without having to resist it in order to demonstrate personal independence. Stubbornness is being replaced with flexibility and selectivity.

Being a deep and mysterious house, the eighth doesn't yield its secrets quickly. With Pluto here, few people seem to experience those outer situations that characterise Pluto in the other houses. The crises associated with Pluto here are underground; and any effects in the environment or life result from significant shifts of power in the deepest levels and recesses of the psyche. Sexuality can be expressed in extreme fashion. These people can be extremely poor or very, very wealthy. Frequently, those with this placement seem to disappear from public view, hiding in the woods or in the anonymity of a large city. Problems with resources may arise in the traditional eighth house areas of credit ratings, insurance penalties, taxes, inheritances, etc.. The deaths of people around them can create major changes in their lifestyle.

Because of these individuals' intense self-absorption, they may appear not to hear anyone else. Don't be fooled! Generally, these people hear everything, but their outer response can be slow or nonexistent. Yet, in a few days, months or even years, they may present something they have heard as their own concept, albeit in a new package. These people are good at assimilating the views of others into their own perspective, and do not consider it stealing. They are natural brokers, functioning well as middlemen between people, tying together the rich tapestry of ideas and making sense out of it.

With Pluto transiting this house, you may not see much activity. The most intense think that could happen would be for a family member to die, or a friend to be lost somehow - but that is very rare. Generally, an overhaul of the attitudes about money, wealth, society, etc. begins to take place. New ideas on love and sex will show up, as these

individuals sort out their love lives. At this stage, the people affected are learning to become more consciously receptive to their inner workings and messages. The lesson of this transit is to learn how to let go of old blockages that keep the self from being successful in getting and being what it wants. No compromises this time!

If you have negative eighth house Pluto problems, you will find a need to get in touch with your inner resources and intuition. Let go, forgive yourself for holding onto old attitudes about money, love and success. If you are having physical problems related to Pluto's rulership areas (elimination and sex organs), your kundalini power has been misplaced, chopped up and detoured in your body. A psychic healer could undoubtedly help you visualise an appropriate meditation for the healing you need, as well as assist you with his or her energy. Be sure, if you take this path, that you allow yourself to receive this energy from outside yourself, and that you listen without defensiveness to what your advisors have to say.

If you are having difficulty obtaining as much money or love as you'd like, visualise what you want as clearly as possible. In your inner movie, see yourself enjoying what you want. See other people enjoying your having it, too. See your entire neighbourhood enjoying your enjoyment, and supporting your pleasure. Then imagine your suburb or town enjoying your enjoyment, then your county, your state, your country, your continent, and the whole world... everyone pausing to enjoy your pleasure with you, glad that you have what you want. Sometimes this visualisation, as simple as it is, can break down invisible barriers of attitudes you may have had, in which other people resent or envy your success, making you feel guilty or afraid of it.

When you feel an opening in your chest, a sense of a semi-physical, partly emotional 'shift' in your body, then you know that you have done your programming well. When that is felt (you'll know it when it happens), turn your attention immediately to something else that is pleasant to think about. Take your heavy brooding off this subject for a day or two. Then come back and repeat the visualisation. Good times for this are when you are in bed just before going to sleep, or when you first arise in the morning. At those times, you are closest to your inner psychic channels, more receptive to the subconscious mental powers that order your entire life experience. Know that your goal is to make your subconscious conscious. As you work towards that goal, you will discover all the magic you will ever need or want to fulfil your heart's desires.

(Liz Greene, The Twelve Houses, June 1, 2009)

The value of sex is obvious in reproduction, and aggression or power is necessary for growth and mastery of life. Sexual arousal is, in many ways, akin to the physiology of anger. In fact, Kinsey reported fourteen physiological changes which are common to both sexual arousal and anger.² Even from our own experience we may know how often love turns to anger, or what starts out as an argument finishes up as an orgasm. But when we start talking about either repressing these drives or mastering them, we leave

the field of Mars and enter the domain of Pluto.

Some people with Pluto in the 8th successfully master and skilfully guide their libidinal energy into impressive achievements. Winston Churchill, Leonardo da Vinci, Galileo and Bismarck - all men of exceptional power and drive - were born with Pluto in this house. This placement also denotes tremendous strength and resources in crises as well as the stamina to lead other people through difficult times. Besides reorienting their own use of power on the physical, mental, social, emotional or spiritual levels, they possess the ability to drastically alter the lives of those they come in contact with.

However, looking through *Astro-Data II: The American Book of Charts*, three other examples of Pluto in this house stand out. One is John Gacy, with Pluto in the 8th ruling Scorpio on the 12th and 1st. According to Rodden, he was considered an 'upstanding' and salient member of the community until he was indicted for the 'sadistic sexual assault and murder of thirty-two young men and boys' (buried, aptly for this placement, in his cellar). Albert Dyer was the friendly man patrolling the school crossing who one day abducted, raped and strangled three little girls - he had Pluto in Gemini in the 8th ruling a Scorpio Ascendant. Arthur Bremer, who gunned down Senator George Wallace, also had Pluto in this house. Rodden writes that 'his diary stresses his sexual frustration and preoccupation.'

When the natural energies of sex and aggression are obstructed in their development and expression, and left to fester in the underworld, they turn ugly and deadly. Unless examined and positively channelled, they accumulate power and burst into consciousness, blasting through all ego-controls. Before the person knows it, all hell breaks loose.

Obviously, not all people with Pluto in the 8th are going to fall into the category of a Churchill or a child molester. And yet one thing is certain: a tremendous reserve of energy, what some would call 'coiled-up serpent power', lies in waiting.

The 8th house describes what passes between people, and with Pluto there, the token of exchange is intensity. Partnerships may involve power struggles, physical or emotional violence, or the breaking of taboos. Some have a propensity for tragic, tortured or transformative relationships in the tradition of Romeo and Juliet, or Tristan and Isolde. Behind the symbolism of the sexual act is a craving for self-transcendence or power. Fearing the excessiveness or the chaos of their powerful emotional drives, they may attempt to avoid close contacts altogether. Pluto in the 8th also sometimes describes conflict, treachery and intrigue around other people's money. Complications and long-drawn-out problems can arise over inheritances, taxes, business deals and divorce settlements, especially if Pluto is adversely aspected. Their value system in general may differ significantly from a partner's; or what the partner believes in may dramatically affect and change them. They may want to challenge and tear down what another person holds in esteem.

(Jeff Green, Pluto: The Evolutionary Journey of the Soul, 1985)

In the broadest possible sense, Scorpio and the Eighth House are the archetypes through which all of us come face to face with the limits or parameters of who we are, as opposed to who we are not, and cannot be. We each have a specific personality or nature that is unique. Our personality is a composite of many dynamics -- intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual. The interaction of these dynamics determines our nature. Each individual experiences life and reality in his or her own unique way because of the specific orientation of his or her personality. Thus, we all experience the limitations or parameters of ourselves, as opposed to that which we are not, through the archetype of Scorpio and the Eighth House.

Because the essential evolutionary impulse is to grow or evolve, individuals with Pluto in the Eighth House have necessarily desired to transform their personal limitations by forming relationships to anything that symbolized what they needed or desired in order to evolve beyond their personal limitations. This process implies something that they are not, or do not already have. Thus, these individuals have experienced power and powerlessness as a result.

The experience of power comes from that which these individuals already are -- what they know and have experienced. The experience of powerlessness comes from that which they are not - what they do not know and have not experienced

The prior evolutionary impulse of Pluto in the Eighth House demanded that these individuals experience their limitations while simultaneously metamorphosing those limitations to attain greater levels of personal growth. In other words, they cannot simply acknowledge the limitations and sit back and say "Okay, that's it folks, no more".

This evolutionary impulse has enforced the awareness of the larger forces that exist in the universe, forces or power emanating from outside the individual. Evolutionary necessity demanded that these individuals merge with other sources of power in order to effect metamorphosis beyond their personal limitations. In other words, these individuals have learned how to absorb the power of whatever symbols of power with which they have formed a relationship into themselves. This absorption has promoted the required metamorphosis of personal limitations in such a way that these individuals become that which they have formed a relationship to.

The specific nature of what symbolizes power to an individual, of what the individual feels that he or she needs in order to go beyond existing limitations, is relative to his or her evolutionary and karmic condition. Examples of common symbols that Eighth House Pluto individuals are drawn to include death, sex, rituals of all kinds (magic, meditation, yoga, for example), experiences that are commonly considered "taboo", relationships, money, status, a system or body of knowledge, mantras, symbolic diagrams, God,

Satan, and so forth. Uniting the self with the symbol promotes an alchemical fusion that permits transmutation of an existing limitation.

An intrinsic problem for Eighth House individuals with respect to their need to unite with these kinds of symbols is one of compulsion. As an example, Elvis Presley had an Eighth House Pluto retrograde in Cancer conjunct the South Node in Leo, trine Jupiter in Scorpio in the Eleventh House, and in opposition to Mercury and Venus in Capricorn in the Second House. It is well documented that Presley had a compulsive and morbid fascination with death and what it symbolized. Many Eighth House Pluto individuals have a subconscious death wish. Death is obviously a "power" or inevitable force that is larger and stronger than the individual from an esoteric point of view. We must deduce from Presley's case that he had subconscious guilt patterns that fueled his death wish and his compulsion to tempt death through drug use and his overall lifestyle.

In another example, a client of mine had Pluto in the Eighth House in Leo conjunct the South Node in the Seventh House, and in opposition to Mars in Pisces in the Second House. Her symbol to effect the metamorphosis of her personal limitations was a compulsion linked to sexual experience. As a little girl she compulsively masturbated. During masturbation she would have out-of-the-body experiences that allowed her to escape the confines of time, space and the limitations of her body. As an adult, she compulsively sought out one sexual partner after another and in her own words, was seeking "to extract the power of my partners into myself so that I could have more power myself." On another level she was trying to effect transcendence or death of the ego through sex. Yet, she was not consciously aware of this motive until it was verbalized for her during the counseling session. Once it was verbalized, she began to have personal insights that allowed her to stop the compulsive sexual experiences that had dominated her life and consciousness. Once she realized that she had primary lessons in self-reliance to learn, she began to get involved with the "cosmic lover" within herself and to study meditation, yoga and spiritual rituals that allowed for a personal cleansing and purification. She no longer desired or needed another person to be sexually involved with. To her amazement she found that the power she was seeking was within herself. Because she was in the beginning of the spiritual evolutionary state she united with spiritual symbols on all levels. This process allowed her to learn how to use her sexual energy in a spiritual way. Through masturbation and sexual union with another she learned how to bring her sexual energy up the spine to promote a conscious unity with the Source. In so doing, she effected a transcendence of her egocentric boundaries at all levels. By learning this inner self-reliance, she naturally drew partners to herself who reflected this same dynamic. The element of use, manipulation and need were utterly removed. She learned how to unite with the Source, and her own Soul, through meditation and through sexuality.

The experience of power and powerlessness, of transforming limitations through the relationships formed with the symbols of power, has cyclically promoted internal and external confrontations. These cycles of confrontation reflect the evolutionary impulse to

eliminate and transform all limitations within the individual. Thus, these cycles lead into a continual death and rebirth of the individual's awareness and experience of him or herself within the totality of reality. This archetype correlates to reincarnation: the progressive need to eliminate all barriers (desires) that are preventing a direct merging with the Ultimate Source of power. Yet, because of the dual desires coexisting in the Soul, there has also been the need to stabilize and secure the boundaries of the most recent inner and outer metamorphosis. The desire to return to the Ultimate Source of power manifests itself as the need to eliminate progressively all limitations preventing a total merging with that Source. The desire for separateness manifests itself as the need to stabilize and secure the boundaries of the most recent metamorphic event in the individual's life.

The most intense conflict of the dual desires of the Soul occurs when Pluto is in the Eighth House or in Scorpio. The resulting internal and external confrontations arise because of the limitations in the boundaries that have been secured. These boundaries have become areas of stagnation that block further growth. The intensity of the confrontations has been and will be, in direct proportion to the degree of resistance that manifests itself through the desire for separateness. Resistance occurs because of the perceived threat to existing security patterns which are based on how the individual is relating to his or her self, to others, and to reality at any point in time: "This is who I am, this is what I know, this is how I have constructed, organized and interpreted myself, and life in general." Again, the existing security patterns reflected in this way are a direct result of a metamorphic event that has occurred at a point previous to the existing security patterns.

On a cyclic basis, those with Pluto in the Eighth House will experience emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual confrontations in order to continue the journey of personal evolution. The resulting metamorphosis, in whatever way it is experienced, reflects the fact that the desire to remove limitations, preventing a total merging with the Ultimate Source of Power has the upper hand whether the individual likes it or not, whether one individual cooperates with it or not.

The function of confrontation also serves to produce inner psychoanalysis, and an understanding of why we are the way we are. This knowledge can be applied to a specific moment in an individual's life. It can also be applied in a holistic way to discover the individual's essential behavioral patterns and orientations that control his or her entire life, and it can be applied to the whole of humanity to explain human consciousness in an archetypal way, as Carl Jung attempted to do. Thus, in the broadest possible sense, the Eighth House and Scorpio are archetypes through which the human species examines and psychoanalyzes itself; why are we like this, why do we function this way, why, why, why? On an individual level, it is the need for each of us to ask the same questions. Thus, the confrontations experienced by Eighth House Pluto individuals promote personal as well as transpersonal knowledge. Because of prior-life experiences and orientations, those with Pluto in the Eighth House will come out of the

womb asking why. Why life, why death, why this feeling, why this emotion, why this desire, why did this happen, why did they do that, and so forth. These individuals have been desiring to discover the "bottom line" of any situation that they have experienced and focused upon, the inner basis of why they work and function the way they do, and why others work and function the way they do.

By attempting to understand their own and others internal psychology through prior-life efforts, Eighth House Pluto individuals commonly come into this life with a natural understanding of the human psyche. In effect, they are natural psychologists. Because these individuals have experienced so many internal and external confrontations over many lifetimes, because they have experienced so many fundamental metamorphoses, they will possess, in varying stages of development, knowledge pertaining to their own motivations, intentions, desires and emotional patterns and why they work as they do.

The natural evolutionary condition or state of an individual will determine to what stage this knowledge has evolved. For those in the herd state, this knowledge can be limited to themselves and those closest to them. In this state, this limited knowledge is normally some form of "homespun" psychology that cannot be expanded upon or applied beyond their own immediate environment. In addition, this stage of development will reflect "conventional psychological wisdom that is a by-product or distillation of collective "home-spun" psychology that has evolved over a length of time relative to a specific culture that is collectively defined. For those in the herd state who are moving toward the individuated state, this conventional psychology will be applied to everyone. Those that have evolved well into the individuated state will possess a knowledge of individual human psychology. These individuals will understand that people are different, and appreciate that each is constructed in their own way for their own reasons. These individuals cannot only apply this understanding to themselves, but can also apply it to others. They will necessarily question, confront and challenge conventional and accepted psychology. Those that are in the individuated state, yet moving toward the spiritual state, will possess knowledge of the essential psychological archetypes that symbolize and motivate human consciousness in general. They will understand themselves and others in this way. Individuals who have evolved into the spiritual state will possess knowledge of spiritual psychology that incorporates spiritual archetypes.

By becoming involved with others, the Eighth House Pluto individual will naturally be able to penetrate to the emotional, intellectual spiritual, or physical core of the other in order to understand who they are, how they work, and to understand the causes of problems or blocks that are preventing further growth. This understanding will reflect the individual's own evolutionary capacity and condition. This ability creates a natural magnetism that attracts others who feel that the Eighth House Pluto person can be of help in some way. Because of this, these individuals can hold power over others because others are giving them the power to do so.

Negatively expressed, this individual may begin to manipulate others in order to be in a position of power. They will do this by compulsively focusing on the weakest areas within another in order to manipulate and control them. In this way, they can make another dependent upon them. Similarly, these individuals can focus on the weakest possible link in any expression or form of knowledge that is not of their own design in order to put it down. This is done because of the subconscious fear of having their own power undermined by another point of view, or another person(s) who differ or challenge that which they are.

Positively expressed, these individuals can use their natural psychological knowledge to understand and motivate others. They can help others see and understand how and why they are the way they are, what the basis of their motivations and desires are, and help them purge the negative emotional, intellectual, spiritual, or physical patterns that are preventing further growth. In so doing, these individuals can help others free themselves from the limitations of their inner and outer realities so that they can move more freely on their own natural evolutionary journeys. They will give power to others rather than use power to control them. In addition, these individuals will have more of a willingness and ability to understand the source and nature of their own limitations. Consequently, they will be much more able and willing to understand what they must do to metamorphose those limitations to greater levels of self-knowledge. They will naturally gravitate to specific symbols of power in order to effect this metamorphosis.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°28') ☾1 | ♄4
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°43') ☾1 | ♄4
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°11') ♀12 | ♀09
- 4) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°49') ♀12 | ♄4
- 5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°16') ♀2 | ♀2
- 6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°06') ♀7 | ♄4
- 7) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°15') ♄4 | ♄4
- 8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°29') ♄4 | ♀09
- 9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°27') ♄4 | ♀8
- 10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°00') ♀09 | ♄4
- 11) ► **Uranus** ♄ **Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°46') ♄4 | ♀09
- 12) ► **Neptune** ♄ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°56') ♀09 | ♀8
- 13) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (9°26' S) ♀2 | ♀2
- 14) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **South-Node** - (3°59' A) ♀2 | ♀2
- 15) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♀ **South-Node** - (5°27' S) ♀2 | ♀2
- 16) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♄ **Neptune** - (9°53' S) ♀09 | ♀09
- 17) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°03' S) ♄4 | ♄4
- 18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♀ **Pluto** - (9°27' S) ♀2 | ♀8
- 19) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°51' S) ♀2 | ♄4
- 20) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°40' A) ♀6 | ♀8
- 21) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (1°44' A) ♀2 | ♄4
- 22) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°47' A) ☾1 | ♄4
- 23) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°43' A) ♀12 | ♀09
- 24) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°46' A) ♀6 | ♀09
- 25) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (5°57' A) ♀7 | ♄4
- 26) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Uranus** - (2°54' A) ♀7 | ♄4
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°18' A) ☾1 | ♀09
- 28) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°46' S) ♀12 | ♄4
- 29) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°49' S) ♀12 | ♄4
- 30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (5°22' A) ♀12 | ♀8
- 31) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (3°19' S) ♀2 | ♀6
- 32) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (6°07' A) ♀6 | ♀2
- 33) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°11' S) ♄4 | ♀8
- 34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (4°36' S) ♄4 | ♀8

35) ► **Uranus** ⚡ **Trine** ♃ **Pluto** - (1°33' S) ♄4 | ♁8

36) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Semi-Sextile** ♁ **North-Node** - (1°06' S) ♀9 | ♁8

1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (0°28') ♀1 | ♄4

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct the Ascendant gives you an inexhaustible supply of energy. You are constantly in motion, but sometimes it is motion without meaning. Lacking selfdiscipline, you take daring and unnecessary risks when challenged. Your supporters regard you as courageous, but your enemies consider you 'pushy' and arrogant. However, you are not moved by either opinion, because you want most of all for people to recognize your superiority and give you the breathing room you need. You constantly have to see that people are in awe of your aggressive superiority, because inside you are not really that sure of yourself. The image you present hides a persistent inferiority complex. You probably win your arguments by making the most noise and wearing out your opponents with unceasing harassment. But you don't need to waste your energy this way, because you have enormous creative ability that merely needs to be harnessed to an onjective. When you do this, no-one can succeed as easily as you can, and with energy to spare.

A very physical person, you tend to brush aside any talk of compromise or concession as tactics fit only for the weak and spineless. It is almost impossible to have a simple, friendly talk with you; when you think you are losing control and your position is weakening, you become angry and may resort to violence. You can be sure that people who converse with you in simple 'yes's and 'no's are aware of your short fuse. On the positive side, you are independent and self-confident. You know how to mobilize people and their resources to achieve your objectives. Although you can work as hard as the best of them, you prefer to play the role of the instigator, sitting back and pulling the strings to make them do your bidding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The attitude to the world is stronly colored by the self-assertiveness of Mars. We are not inclined to pay much attention to others. We seldom look before we leap; and we act before anyone has a chance to offer advice. The impression we make is one of activity, courage and daring. Independence and will-power are not always welcome, however. Every now and then, people will probably treat us as sharply and aggressively as we treat them. The impression we make is more abrasive than we may wish, and if we are thwarted we can become annoyed and take swift action. The rashness of Mars has an outlet here which can result in divorce or broken friendships; so we do need to exercise restraint.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a powerful aspect, for it indicates a high energy potential. These individuals will make quick, perhaps rash, decisions. The early childhood environment will be very active; it may even be somewhat violent. These individuals will be familiar with anger, and the kind of anger they were exposed to as children will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs.

The emotional reaction to life will have to be handled constructively, or this person might spend too much time overreacting to ordinary life situations. Career decisions will need to be thought out carefully to overcome the natural inclination to jump into new situations thoughtlessly.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Mars conjunct the Ascendant tend to view the world as a highly competitive place and approach it from this vantage point. Often, too, there is a vague feeling that conflict might break out at any minute. Sometimes, the Mars rising person was born into or raised in an early atmosphere of conflict. Occasionally, the birth itself was a violent one or involved surgery, as, for example, in cases of caesarean section.

In any event, the persona the Mars rising person may wear is of someone always ready for action and sometimes ready for conflict too. Some people with Mars rising just seem to go out into the world spoiling for a fight. Nevertheless, the appearance of strength, courage and bravado may be all show; merely a mask the individual has learnt to cultivate in order to protect him- / herself.

Mars conjunct Ascendant people are keen to get on with things. This is the client who, being impatient to start, arrives early and refuses a cup of tea.

In appearance the Mars rising person often exudes strength. Sometimes the individual is rather muscular-looking as if armour-plated against any possible attack.

This is a very honest, go-getting kind of combination, good for any kind of initiation, although unrestrained by other chart factors; and, depending on the sign involved, the individual may just be too impulsive or pushy for his / her own good. More positively, there is usually strong leadership potential with this placement, and it is ideal for any life-situations where the individual can legitimately compete and stretch him- / herself to the limit. Sport is the immediate physical vehicle that springs to mind.

2) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°43') ☿1 | ♅4

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus conjunct the Ascendant shows that you are individuality personified. You have a

personal chemistry that never fails to stimulate people to be friendly to you. You are admired by most but feared by some, especially those who feel overpowered by your total self-awareness. You tend to make people feel insignificant in your presence, although you certainly don't try to give that impression. No-one should feel any discomfort with you because you project yourself freely and honestly.

You relate easily to all types of people and are friendly to everyone, regardless of their social status. You don't measure anyone by the cut of their clothes, their school, or the social register, for you are intimately aware of the unfair limitations imposed by social custom and tradition. You view everyone you meet as a unique and individual person who cannot possibly be categorized except as a member of the human species. You are intuitively aware that the progress of man and of the society he conceives and constructs depends explicitly upon the individuality of its members. Therefore you aggressively defend every person's right to be an individual. In your view, the past and its traditions are important only for the lessons learned, and the future is possible only when our grip on the past is finally released.

Concerned primarily with the future, you are eager to participate in the development of a higher consciousness, which will be the nucleus for the greater awareness of man. You reject as inadequate a reality that is measured merely by its physical dimensions. Your greatest value to others is that you can give them access to explore the new freedom, a freedom that is denied them if they turn away from it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Uranus and the Ascendant we make no bones about showing how important individuality is to us. We take life into our own hands at a very early age; and this can easily make us seem unruly and impertinent. Uranus is capricious and restless, and we radiate these traits to others. It is impossible to sit still. We are highly strung and full of ourselves and, to make matters worse, we keep jumping from one thing to another. We are always ready with sudden insights and inventions, but hardly ever seem to finish what we start.

The Uranian tension quickly winds us up and fills us with impatience. Therefore we may appear brusque, tactless and crabby. Uranus conjunct the Ascendant is a difficult aspect to handle. What is more, we expect others to keep up with our changes and innovations. If they are unable to do so, we lose interest, and eagerly hunt around for something else to stimulate us.

People with Uranus conjunct the Ascendant prize freedom; they consult their own advantage in every situation, and expect others to do the same. So they are very tolerant of anything new but, because bright ideas lose their shine so quickly for them, they are not quite as open-minded as they suppose.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Ascendant indicates the persona, how we present ourselves to others, the person we are trying to be. When Uranus conjuncts the Ascendant, the self-expression becomes unique. The qualities of the rising sign will be enhanced, the approach to life will be unorthodox or unconventional, and this personality will have a chance to manifest a more highly conscious reflection of the rising sign qualities than those without this conjunction.

Because the Ascendant reflects the approach to new life experience, this conjunction indicates a tendency toward an unusual approach, an unpredictable approach to new situations. This conjunction can be exciting, sparking off an unusual life experience, or it can cause much inner conflict depending on how Uranus is aspected to other planets. The unorthodox approach will only bring contentment when used to further develop the facets of personality that must have expression. In order to diagnose the personality needs, look to the personal planets.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Uranus aspecting the Ascendant / Descendant axis often look different. There is often something physical about them that sets them apart from others or makes them particularly noticeable. Frequently they are simply quite tall. Uranus always seems to increase height, and this is sometimes the case even with major Uranian contacts which don't involve the Ascendant.

Whereas a person with Uranus in the 12th house may be highly individualistic but keep the more unconventional aspects of his / her personality, world-view or lifestyle to him- / herself, those with Uranus rising usually make no secret about their differences from others.

As always, the sign involved is of crucial importance, as is the ruler of the Ascendant and other planets making aspect. As a rule though, the Uranus rising person seems to go out into the world saying: 'In what way am I different?'

Often, from birth or early childhood the individual felt marked out as being in some way unique. With Uranus rising, this is often felt to be just a statement of fact, and the individual may even come to wear his / her 'differentness' as some kind of badge. Whatever marks him / her out from the rest of the family may also have been reinforced and therefore exaggerated very early on in life. Thus the life's journey is often concerned with discovering in what way he / she is genuinely unique from the rest of the world as opposed to merely appearing to be different from others.

Those with Uranus rising usually have no wish to conform. The type will be highly individualistic and uncompromising in his / her insistence upon having space and

freedom; and especially space and freedom to pursue whatever (to others at any rate) radical or unconventional life-style is appropriate to him / her.

People with Uranus rising and sometimes on the Descendant are sometimes born very suddenly or unexpectedly, so that their first experience of themselves in the world is of their producing some kind of shock.

Others with Uranus conjunct Ascendant themselves receive an early shock to their system, and thus somehow come to expect that something sudden and devastating might occur at any minute. Or at least this is my theory to explain the often very taut nervous tension that these individuals sometimes exhibit.

In my experience, Uranus contacts to the Ascendant / Descendant axis are amongst the most common contacts to be found in the charts of astrologers, although if astrology ever becomes a commonplace, accepted subject amongst the general populace, I doubt whether this would remain the case.

3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☿ Jupiter** - (1°11') ♀12 | ♀09

(Robert Hand)

You are an ambitious person who wants to get ahead, not just for yourself, but for the benefit of the larger world to which you belong. While you are young, you will express this as an interest in issues that are usually of concern only to older people. Your wideranging interests may include such topics as religion, geography, and even politics and government. In school you may get involved in student government and become quite a leader among your classmates. But they will respect you for this, because while you make it clear that you expect to benefit personally from what you do, you also feel responsible to those around you.

If you receive any kind of religious education while you are young, it will have a tremendous impact, and you will carry those teachings with you all your life. As a result, your standards of ethics and morality will be higher than most people's. You will always be concerned with doing what is right for its own sake, not for what you can get from it. In fact, this position is often found in the charts of those who enter the ministry or priesthood. If you don't receive any religious training while you are young, you will develop your own religious views anyway, which will be as important to you as if they had been taught from earliest childhood. You will always want your life to stand for the highest and best values - honor, integrity, respect and truth. Even when you cannot uphold these principles as you would like, you will respect them. And if you violate your principles, you will hurt yourself more than anyone else.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction with the Midheaven, a need for expansion can express itself powerfully in the social field. This is why this placement is traditionally regarded as a very profitable position. Due to an optimistic, forward-looking attitude, and to the ease with which we present ourselves to the outer world, we have a lot going for us. We tend to take the long view and are possessed of a social conscience. Jupiter always represents the spiritual and religious needs of humanity, and someone with a Jupiter / MC conjunction often makes an ethical or moral stand in the community.

Smugness is also well-known in this position; the great ease with which everything is managed tempts us to display an attitude of superiority. Modesty is not our strong point. Although outgoing and friendly, we have an air of condescension. This is a fine position for teaching, religion and other Jovian activities.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter on the MC suggests that the individual has confidence about the eventual successful outcome of his / her goals, although the goals can be so large that success may prove elusive. Those aims may well revolve around a Jupiterian vocation: teaching, publishing, travel, religion, politics, philosophy or law. The person would probably like to be seen by the public at large as being full of generosity and good will. This placement suggests that the individual would like to 'play God' in his / her career in some way, and he / she may well take on the role of advice-giver or benefactor. These people are often influential in moulding other people's beliefs; and this can apply to all aspects to this axis.

The Jupiter-MC individual will usually be very 'future-orientated' and may be happy enough to put up with a less than wonderful past or present in the confident expectation of things improving in the years to come. The vocation may also deal with other people's futures in some way. One of the parental figures may have had strong religious or political views. That person may also have been rather dramatic or larger than life to the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for attaining prominence. The fact that the natives are usually honest and benevolent in their dealings often leads to promotion, public confidence, and a good reputation.

If the natives were born in lowly circumstances, they usually rise to a position of importance. Often a profession in the ministry, law, education, or business is indicated, since this conjunction favors people who are in the public eye or who pursue a career in politics.

If the conjunction is afflicted, ambition and desire for importance for its own sake are

indicated

4) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°49') ♀12 | ♄4

(Robert Hand)

At a very early age you will learn that life requires hard work and ceaseless activity if you want to get ahead. Also you want to be a person of significance when you are older, so you will start working while quite young to get where you want to go. Since you have so much internal discipline, your parents won't have to impose it from the outside, nor should they make unrealistically high demands, because you will try very hard to fulfill them. Whenever you fail, you condemn yourself strongly, and if you decide you are a loser, it would be very difficult to change that belief. This placement of Saturn can signify that you will be very successful or very unsuccessful, depending on how you experience success while you are young.

You respect those in authority even when you feel they are giving you a hard time. You understand that they have earned the right to their position and that to challenge them you must earn that right as well. Only if you have very negative experiences with authority while you are young - and your parents will have a lot to do with this - will you be negative about it when you are older.

No matter what career you choose, you will be a teacher and a guide for others. You may be a teacher in the literal sense in some kind of school. In any case, others will look to you for guidance when you achieve the goals that you set for yourself now.

As you work to get ahead in life, however, be very careful not to neglect your friendships and other relationships. Otherwise you may be very lonely later on.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Saturn at the MC, we are often tormented by feelings of inferiority. Vulnerability is great; in many cases because the support of one or both parents was missing during childhood. We feel an urge to do well when still young, either to overcome an inferiority complex or else to let it be seen that we account for something. Hence this aspect can indicate tremendous ambition: we can work hard and long for the goals that we have set ourselves, but may also be harsh and pitiless.

Traditionally Saturn conjunct Midheaven is supposed to signify a public fall or disgrace. But this is true only when the groundwork of success has been prepared too quickly and carelessly, or when what we are building is hollow. If we get down to work like a real child of Saturn, that is to say slowly and thoroughly, we can go far later in life.

We need to provide not only ourselves but also our environment with form and structure,

so we have a liking for regulations and for laying down the law to others. Much of this arises from an inner feeling of effectiveness and a diligent search for an individual form in which we shall be valued. If we resist any tendency this conjunction may have to disturb our inner equilibrium, we should be able to display thoroughness, determination and tremendous consistency.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Saturn conjunct the MC often feel they have to keep up some kind of position in society, perhaps maintain a position of responsibility or duty, or follow in a parent's footsteps. Classically, they feel they have no choice but to do this. There is sometimes a very fated feeling about the choice of vocation which the individual may or may not feel comfortable with. It's a common enough combination for members of the Royal Family, whose public face tends to be a very controlled one, full of responsibility, protocol, handwaving, and never putting a foot wrong.

Very often those with Saturn contacting the MC-IC axis feel that they have to submit to their parents' wishes as to their choice of career, and there is sometimes a feeling of an enormous weight on their shoulders because of this. Very often the background is a fairly conservative, middle-class one, or the family aspires in that direction. The choice of vocation often seems limited to Saturn conjunct MC especially, and to some extent it often is limited because the individual requires that his / her position in society be one of respectability and security.

I have seen this placement in the charts of those who have at least one very successful parent in their field, although the success is usually very hard-won; but it's also a common placement in the charts of those whose parents didn't reach their aspirations - parents who feel a failure to themselves and their family in terms of their professional accomplishments. Thus the individual with Saturn conjunct MC carries more than his / her own fear around with him / her. There is often a fear of succeeding (for it might hurt the 'failed' parent) as well as a fear of not doing so.

Having a proper career and direction in life is often such a weighty issue that individuals with this placement often feel at a loss to decide what to do with their lives. Saturn conjunct MC are often late-developers. Classically, the type is frightened to take risks with their future, which is fair enough on one level, but on another, it is often by taking risks, by exploring first one kind of work and then another, and simply going where life and one's unconscious takes one, that an individual is able to find his / her particular niche in society and some sort of personal fulfilment. I have also known people who have spent their lives blaming their parents for work they happen to be doing. They feel that in their working life they are 'doing time'. Usually the parents are not to 'blame'; the problem lies with the individual who is too frightened to risk doing what he / she really wants to do.

Saturn conjunction MC is an ideal combination for vocations that involve skills that take a long time to learn, and careers concerned with age, tradition, time or structure. The conjunction and other aspects to the axis can be associated with hard work and slow, sure success.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Saturn conjunct Midheaven aspect characterizes those who rise to high stations through hard work and steady ambition. If the conjunction is well aspected, they are honest, responsible, and foresighted in their dealings. They make good executives and administrators. In politics they tend to be conservative, seeking policies which lead to stability and to the expansion of existing institutions along traditional lines.

If this conjunction is afflicted, disgrace and fall from a high position are possibilities.

5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°16') 8\2 | 8\2

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Venus represents a strongly developed love nature. Although it may not be apparent to a casual observer, you are extremely eager for people to like you. In fact, you make subtle adjustments in your urge for recognition so that they will be warmly disposed toward you. But you may not always compromise, simply because you don't want to give an impression of being weak in character. In more intimate contacts with persons you know well, you are not afraid they will misjudge you this way, so you behave more naturally.

You especially want people to recognize you as a substantial individual who offers many important values to those who are willing to share them. You are open to communication with others and will listen enthusiastically in conversation with them. You enjoy people and are generally cheerful and sociable in large or small gatherings. On the chance of meeting someone who can be useful at another time, you take care to circulate freely and 'touch base' with everyone. You know how to make lasting impressions by dramatizing yourself, for you don't want to be overlooked merely because you didn't take the time to make your presence known.

Your greatest problem is that you assume people will think well of you even if you do nothing to deserve it. You can become pompously presumptuous that your presence alone is enough to merit everyone's attention. You are a romanticist at heart and can be swayed by a display of affection. Appreciative of the finer things in life, you get a sense of fulfillment when you indulge in them, in addition to the comfort and pleasure they give you.

(Haydn Paul)

Only the conjunction, semi=sextile and semi-square aspects are astronomically possible between the Sun and Venus, as the maximum distance between these planets is 48 degrees.

This conjunction conveys an optimistic and cheerful spirit, where you will greatly enjoy social company and the pleasures of life, so that esthetic and hedonistic activities are indulged to stimulate your sensual nature. Love and social relationships are highlighted, and you will be attracted to participate in the social whirl, circulating around your collection of friends, family and acquaintances.

You feel it important to be liked by others, and this need may make you act in certain ways which gain the approval of people, so care may be required to ensure that you do not overly compromise your own feelings and thoughts in order to remain socially acceptable. There can be a dramatic quality to your style of self-presentation, perhaps emerging out of an artistic and creative sensitivity, and this will be employed to gain the attention of people; you prefer to leave your mark and need to feel recognised.

While some may see you in a superficial light, this is not how you desire to be socially acknowledged. The recognition you are looking for is of your whole personality, your talents and qualities, and as you grow older you will prefer to enjoy the company of those who can appreciate you more fully. This may be through mutual interests in art, culture or the beauty of nature, because lying beneath any socialite veneer is your real appreciation of the harmony of life and nature which evokes that romantic and poetic spirit that inspires your perception of life and infuses a hidden desire for inner peace and integration. You enjoy quality in life, and will try to create a pleasing home environment which allows relaxation into domestic comforts and pleasures.

You will attract others to your potent magnetic personality, and you are likely to experience a variety of relationships as a consequence of your romantic attitudes. You open easily to demonstrations of love and affection, and your heart can quickly melt. As a lover of life, a certain intensity will be present, as will the tides of love's joys and pains, but never attempt to turn off your developed love nature, or you may find that life rapidly loses its lustre and becomes grey, mundane and lifeless. Part of your role is to spread life-appreciation, enlivening others so that they too can become sincere lovers of life, and isn't that a task well worth pursuing?

Some may find you 'too alive' or narcissistic, so you may need to be aware of others' reactions, and if they are correct in their evaluation of your self-centredness then some modification may be advised, so that you equally acknowledge their natures, qualities and personalities too. In conversations, the art of listening is as important as the art of communication, and your enthusiasms may require occasional toning down.

You can bring positive benefits to those who become intimately close, through sharing

your vitality, love and affections, and even if your relationships do not persist, you hope that those involved with you do not regret the time that has been shared. Changes will come through the expression of your heart and life enjoyment, and these may reshape your conscious identity and self-image over time, so that more depth and insight begins to be unfolded. Others may turn to you for support and advice, wanting your flame to relight their own. Your path of solar development is through the unifying love energies of Venus, so let these radiate outwards into the world, touching and igniting the hearts of others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When conscious behavior (Sun) is attended by the need for emotional and material safety and comfort and the desire for beauty and harmony (Venus), the behavior is generally friendly and accommodating. Friends are easily made and the native also finds it easy to move in society. The feeling for harmony in relationships gives diplomatic ability.

On the other hand, the native finds it difficult to air problems or to talk them through, since he or she loves to be surrounded by a pleasant atmosphere. The danger is that this attitude will result in a false bonhomie and in superficiality. And so the conjunction will deny depth to the personality if the native is content to smooth things over on the surface.

Yet, as we have seen, this conjunction does have its good side. Generally, the native is very agreeable and has no difficulty in being friendly and sympathetic to others. There is also a need for shared experiences, preferably with the life partner. Showing affection is an essential mode of expression for the native and he or she is extremely romantic.

The feeling for art is often well developed, although the background of the signs will have a say in this. The individual with the Sun conjunct Venus is fond of pleasure and the good things of life, and may sometimes overindulge in them. By and large, the aspect is an enjoyable one to have, even though it may make the native a trifle lazy.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus is similar to Mercury in that it is never far from the Sun. Venus is usually in the same sign as the sun or one behind or ahead of it. Venus represents what we want in life: the finer pleasures, the things we want around us, the person we want to be, the way we appreciate art, the way we appreciate love. It helps to define how we receive loving as well as our intellectual concept of what we think love is. The Venus position in relation to the Sun sign give a clue to what people are (Sun) and how this relates to what they want to be (Venus). When people talk about what they want to be, it is usually Venus talking.

People with Venus in the same sign as the Sun usually are quite satisfied to be themselves, whatever that is. They have the potential to like themselves if the conjunction is not afflicted by another planet. It can make them very smug and selfsatisfied, for they like being the person they are. When we try to work out our ties to our parents, or when we try to understand our life, Venus conjunct the Sun can be difficult; for, we tend to stay in our rut rather than try to get out of it. Venus in the same sign as the Sun may indicate that a conscious decision has to be made before we can look at the motivation for what we do in some serious manner.

When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the father either overaffects the child or the child subconsciously plays the role of the mother in order to gain Daddy's approval (Venus indicates a tie to the mother; Sun indicates the physical father.) This closeness to the father may be difficult to understand or to become conscious of, and the only time it becomes important is when the person is in the process of self-examination regarding relationships. A woman with Venus conjunct the Sun is tied to her father from a subconscious psychological point. She may marry a man who has the same attributes as her father. If she has Venus conjunct the Sun and no other emotional blocks (by aspect) in her chart, this problem is relatively easy to work with if she wants to be free of the influence. But if her Moon, Venus and the Sun are afflicted her chart becomes more obscure to work through; the struggle for consciousness becomes more complex. If she is interested in developing relationships that do not include the father image, she must find a way to understand the conflict.

A man with Venus conjunct his Sun is emotionally close to his father, and the aspects to the Sun-Venus conjunction will indicate how this closeness will take place. When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the psychological influence of the mother (Venus) is very close to the father image on a physical level (Sun). The child sees the parents' roles jumbled together and this can confuse him. A boy child may use his mother's 'role' games to get close to his Dad.

This aspect depicts a relationship that is not uncommon among parents. The power parent is determined by the Sun sign; yet, when Venus conjuncts the Sun, the mother has a close rapport with the father, which may not be confirmed by the rest of the chart, by the power parent, or by what she says about her husband. In other words, no matter what she says about her husband to the contrary, she really likes the way he is. This confuses the child. In adult relationships it causes the following problems: a mother-dominated male may use his mother's tactics to get on with men as an adult; a father-dominated male feels that there should be some mystical-bond between his lady and himself, and is disappointed when he doesn't feel it; anotherdominateed female will feel a closeness to her dad that she can't understand, so it's a combination of love and resentment; the father-dominated female may marry a man in her father's image.

The only time it is necessary to do something about this conjunction is when something keeps interfering with the development of meaningful, lasting emotional relationships.

When we think our problems happen to us because we only meet 'awful people', we need to look inside ourselves to understand what has been programmed into our subconscious selves - for this program is the one we draw to us. It cures itself when we become conscious of it.

6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♅ **Saturn** - (0°06') 137 | ♄4

(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 father-child 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.

7) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°15') ♅4 | ♅4

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the

art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy, so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited, guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a 'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper. Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars / Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his nature exemplifies the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°29') ♄4 | ♆9

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction can pose several difficulties: in choice of actions, where you may struggle to establish what your real aims are; in making that final decision to attempt to achieve them, and in ensuring that sufficient and persistent effort is then made to guarantee success. An unintegrated Neptune can dissolve that focused will, making decisive clarity difficult to maintain. Additionally, you tend to avoid accepting the consequences of your choices, and there can be a refusal to acknowledge responsibility when such actions lead to failure or negative results.

Part of this derives from lack of prior consideration and a willingness to sometimes jump into action on impulse alone; yet this is often used as a spur to be decisive. 'I didn't know it would turn out like that...' is used as a defensive excuse, and is probably true because possible repercussions were not evaluated. Yet continuing with such an approach is essentially avoiding personal responsibility. You may realise eventually that most actions you take on impulse go awry in some respect, rarely fulfilling your initial intention.

This issue related to choice and action is one which needs clarification and resolving. You may find that it is beneficial to pause before acting on impulse, and sensible to slow down and take time to consider the likely results of your decision. This may then show you alternative routes to take, or may even dissuade you from taking action at all. As Mars will influence you to be more dynamically assertive, you need to take into account your effects on other people too, especially any family and those closest to you. This may then modify your more self-centred tendencies and ensure that through insensitivity you do not then create unnecessary pain for anyone.

You can be quite attractive to others, as the Mars-Neptune energies combine to create a potentially dynamic glamour, yet this apparent combination of action and sensitivity can often be superficial when the Mars characteristics are dominating the more subtle Neptune ones, which is more often the situation. Neptunian qualities come through disguised as a flexibility of personality, a set of masks and images that you almost automatically assume in your relations with people and in social or work environments. You recognise that these lead to some inner confusion, especially in respect of decision-making; but they are also usable for self-projection. You quite enjoy playing with these masks and feeling that your real intentions are hidden within a secret persona; you do not really like others to know you too well.

This leads to the attraction of acting behind images, and there is often a dramatic side to your nature, perhaps through some creative expression or even theatre work, where imagination can flourish in an evocative situation and you can be hidden behind the mask, performing a role. Certainly you will develop a favourite image of yourself which is projected out for others to see you through. Some have affinities with medicine and healing abilities; even here, you may hide behind the image of nurse, doctor, consultant or psychic healer. Alternatively, your dreams and desires about yourself could be unrealistic; and whilst you aspire to great status and achievement, your lack of will or application and your impracticality defeat you. Ultimately, your image of self-elevation may only exist within your imagination.

Steps can be taken to improve matters though. Feeling able to release your blocked imagination into daily life is important, because whilst initially such a move may be glamorous and ineffective, you can learn to direct it towards deliberate intentions, and so use it as a powerful energy to achieve your aims. Techniques of creative visualisation are recommended to take advantage of this process of mental imagination, and can help to re-create your life. Future planning can help you to gain greater control too, so that there is less opportunity for something unconsidered to destroy your intention. And working hard to actually achieve viable skills is another way of helping yourself; if you do not do this, that unintegrated Neptune will serve only to dissolve those dreams instead of helping to fulfil them.

In intimate relationships, more awareness will probably be needed. A combination of impulsive Mars and the self-deluding tendency of Neptune may conspire to show you the

pain of disappointing illusions in love. Mars can encourage you into sudden passionate affairs, caught within the glammers of a new lover, but when you are directed by purely unconscious motivations the likelihood is that suffering will result, as a prompt to make you more aware the next time. Be wary of any personal tendencies toward self-deception and deceiving others or being deceived; these may be likely, and can be associated with the sphere of the conjunction's natal house. Try to remain honest and frank, as communication is vital in relationships, and you have a tendency both to be emotionally vulnerable and to have unusual emotional needs, so the quality of your intimate relationships should ideally be high.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have the planet Mars conjunct Neptune, indicating some conflict between your impulses to act and your willingness to accept responsibility for the results of your actions. You may not deliberately avoid the consequences, but it is often difficult for you to clearly see the burden of guilt. Your imagination is sometimes blocked because you are unable to plan ahead well enough, and you allow chance to determine the results. Almost everything you do on impulse will prove disappointing. Before you act, you must realistically weigh the energy you are investing against the probable effects. You are inclined to ignore reality and the feelings of others when you assert yourself.

People are drawn by your magnetic appeal. You easily take on characteristics that will please others and not appear threatening to them. The theatre and related fields are especially suited to your active imagination and great creative potential. With your acting talent, you can also successfully 'play the role' in many professional activities. To gain acceptance in your field of interest, you may have to resort to subterfuge. However, honestly developed skills must soon replace the act, if you expect to retain your position. If other factors of your chart indicate caution, reserve, and responsibility, medicine may be the best field for your sensitive nature.

Be extremely careful in your romantic relationships. What may seem to be true love could turn out to be merely an escapade for you or your partner. Such a disappointment would be very painful. It is easy for you to become entrapped in an alliance that would be embarrassing if it were revealed. Don't deceive others, or you risk being deceived by them too. Any contacts you make must be made honestly.

Be wary of medication unless a physician advises it. Good hygiene is essential, for you are more susceptible to infection than others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the desire for self-preservation, executive ability and energy (Mars) conjuncts a need to blur the borders and thus to refine, to idealize or to make things fluid (Neptune), very divergent and apparently conflicting elements may be expected. The background of

the signs plays an important role in this, however.

If Mars has few or no dignities, Neptune may drain the energy of Mars, leaving less resilience, less self-assertion, and less pugnacity than one would normally expect. Even if Mars is well-fortified, Neptune will still undermine, and the Martian influence will be rather impersonal and idealistic, yet will work in such a way that we can throw glamor around ourselves and we appeal to others as very lovable. For film stars and models, this aspect is ideal. Incompatible as the two factors may seem, they do interact. That is to say, Neptune transforms the manifestation of Mars: either the energy is reduced, or else the attitude is relatively free from Martian egotism and so indefinite that others read into it what they will.

The conjunction also makes us a trifle woolly-minded but idealistic. We want to help humanity and can work hard for a social cause. We regard Martian energy as something to be used for the group rather than for personal ends: the collective within us takes precedence over the individual. Therefore a Mars / Neptune conjunction can cause a certain amount of trouble with relationships. Neptune is a planet capable of producing glamorous, shimmering illusions, whereas Mars gives a need for down-to-earth activity. Therefore we can be very romantic, but are liable to deception by an internal dream-world, which we may also project on the things we see around us. A plus point here is that, for the professional artist, this is a fine aspect which enhances his or her powers of expression.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars symbolizes the action principle; Neptune adds fantasy, illusion or delusion to any facet of the action principle. In one sense, this conjunction can indicate inspired action; it conveys creative activity. It may also indicate a person who doesn't know what he's doing.

Since Mars rules sexuality, the Neptune influence indicates one full of fantasy and delusion; and that fantasy can manifest in myriad ways. It can indicate the person who must have a spiritual and inspired sexual relationship; it may reflect the person who wants to live out all his sexual fantasies. To determine whether or not the conjunction suggests those who may have unprofitable or strange sexual relationships, one must check the other aspects in the chart to see if sex is viewed as something abnormal. If so, the conjunction will support that abnormality; if not, the conjunction will reflect a person who may be at least an interesting sex partner. Sexual dysfunctions will be indicated by other aspects to Mars, Moon or Venus. If the Sun is afflicted, the person may have an unhealthy self-image and therefore take sexual action that reflects his self-image.

This particular conjunction must be interpreted according to the additional aspects to it, for the energy will syncretize all the planets involved. If the individual develops a sense of self-worth and becomes trained in metaphysical principles, the energy can be

indicative of brilliance.

(Charles Carter)

This is a very potent feature in any chart. The temperament is often fond of romance, colourful things, painting, ritual, music, dancing, and similar expressions of the emotions. There may be vanity and much self-approbation, with lofty aspirations which tend beyond the possible and desirable. The enthusiasms are not always wise or well-controlled. There may be an analytic tendency, a desire to plumb the depths, or there may be a soaring ambition, but the native seldom seeks ordinary or merely routine things.

With respect to externalities, things ruled by the house wherein the conjunction falls are likely to present intricate and important problems; and perhaps ill-will and cunning will be aimed at the native from those directions. Sometimes there may be great apparent success and power in regard to the matters denoted by the houseposition and rulerships, but often this proves illusory or is marred by treachery. Bitter disappointment and disillusionment may follow on bright beginnings. As a typical example, in the 5th house, still-born children may occur.

9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°27') ♄4 | ♀8

(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

10) ► **Jupiter** ♌ **Parallel** ♏ **Saturn** - (2°00') 009 | 4

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Jupiter to Saturn shows that you have enormous potential for success, although it won't come without effort. In spite of overwhelming odds against success, you are eager to explore new means to make a massive assault and assert yourself in the world. You have the fortitude and staying power to mobilize all your resources for this task. Planning every step of the way is absolutely essential, along with knowing when to act and when not to. You have a vivid picture of your future already realized in your dreams, but you are realistic enough to accept the responsibility this entails. You know that even with a driving ambition, striving for significance is not

enough unless it satisfies a clearly pictured mental vision. You have the courage to be ostentatious about your belief in yourself, while remaining cautious enough to stay within your limits. Your capacity to achieve goals is in direct proportion to your willingness to accept selfdiscipline and hard work. The glow of success is so sweet that you can accept these facts.

You are hopeful yet realistic, eager yet serious, assertive yet deliberate. Generally you don't take chances, preferring to use proven methods to get what you want. You apply your talents in the most practical way so that little effort is wasted on non-productive projects. You can find rewarding satisfaction and exploit your creative talents in law, education, medicine, accounting, or the ministry. To these fields you would bring a profound understanding of people and an ability to help solve their problems. You are patient with less gifted people and willing to be of assistance when they need you.

In your moments of relative leisure, you enjoy reading informative books that are useful in your professional interests. In your constant striving to raise your level of competence, you might attend evening sessions at an educational institution. Never satisfied with the extent of your knowledge, you realize that competition requires to keep abreast of current thought and developments in your field.

You respect the lessons of history, which stimulate your philosophical musings on destiny and the role of each individual in the destiny of man. Your retentive memory is a great help in crises that require an immediate solution; you may even be surprised that the necessary information comes to mind so readily at the right time.

Overdoing is your most persistent problem, for it can cause physical exhaustion. You especially need to get away from your daily concerns and truly unwind. Frequent 'little vacations' are especially effective in restoring vitality and giving you a fresh approach to your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When enlarging, widening and augmenting Jupiter goes hand-in-hand with its opposite (i.e., with restricting, narrowing and inhibiting Saturn), inconsistency is the result. On occasions when we would like to be cheerful and enthusiastic, and would like to widen our horizons and throw ourselves heart and soul into some project or other (Jupiter), we fear a loss of security, become inhibited, and behave with extreme caution (Saturn). This leaves little room for spontaneity, and there is a danger that we shall let slip many good opportunities, because when we finally get round to saying 'yes' it will usually be too late. The reason we wait so long is that we want to be fully informed before making a move, or else we need time to overcome a nervousness of anything new. Of course, this aspect has the great advantage that it discourages us from rushing headlong into wild adventures.

However, the limitation, melancholy and general cheerlessness of Saturn are relieved by the underlying brightness of Jupiter; so that Saturn / Jupiter combinations do have a certain amount of joy about them even though this is tempered by seriousness. Also, whenever we are down in the dumps, the optimism of Jupiter can lift our spirits again.

With the conjunction, we are capable of toiling hard and long. We envisage future rewards (Jupiter) for the hard work we must do (Saturn). So the combination is excellent for tasks requiring steady application and considerable self-denial. A vision of the future is accompanied by a willingness to move forward stage by stage; so there is definite organizing ability. However, this will show itself clearly only if the background of the signs concurs, and if the aspect ties in with personal factors in the chart.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is interpreted on many levels of experience. Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to others; Saturn symbolizes restriction in some way. The sign of the conjunction is important, for it lends its qualities to the aspect. Jupiter symbolizes how we open up, and Saturn symbolizes the restrictions placed on us at an early age because of our father's attitude toward us, or our response to his influence. In a mundane sense, the conjunction means that the individual has a tendency to open up (Jupiter) and close up (Saturn) at the same time. He may reach out to share some new experience and be afraid to do it because there is an unconscious memory that authority figure or Fathers don't like him doing that. It may mean that the father is a restrictive influence when this individual is learning how to relate; maybe the father can't relate easily either.

The conjunction will indicate a person who takes relationships seriously, one who may work too hard on developing all the potential in a relationship. It may indicate a person who takes relationships so seriously that he or she is afraid of making a commitment, or even starting a relationship at all. This person may have relationships that are similar to the kind the father created; and the pattern can be determined by exploring memories of the father's friendships over the years. Once the pattern is understood, the father's influence is diminished, and the owner of the conjunction is free to pursue the kinds of relationships he wants to develop for himself - although he will approach the subject seriously.

In order to reach the fullest possible realization of life potential, in order to develop consciousness to its highest point, the individual with this conjunction will have to develop a perspective on how he reaches out to relate, and an understanding of the restrictive influence from his father - and then both aspects of personality will develop at the same time. As he begins to view his cautions, and as he faces his fears and the feelings of limitation and frustration caused by Saturn, his opportunity to open up and to relate to new experience will also be developed. This person will then have an aboveaverage perspective, for he cannot relate fully until he takes responsibility for himself.

The aspect will be further determined by the sign of the conjunction, as well as the house placement. The conjunction taking place in the twelfth house seems to be the most difficult because this house signifies that part of ourselves which can remain the most unconscious.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful but admittedly critical position. It must be regarded as potentially gloomy, for it occurs sometimes in charts of suicide, especially if it falls in Virgo. It distinctly favours a hard life, with privation, struggle, or danger. The native essays difficult though sometimes glorious feats, and may acquire fame through performances of great arduousness, whether mental, physical or spiritual. It is distinctly a sign of great possibilities to be realised by hard work.

It favours great singleness of purpose and endless patience. The native is generally religious, favouring old and established communions. There is often a rather eccentric tendency as regards the use of money: the native may be generous to the wrong persons and niggardly to the deserving. Jealousy sometimes occurs.

With respect to external conditions, what has been said regarding the harmonious aspects is true also here, but the elements of toil and danger are likely to be more in evidence.

11) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°46') ♄4 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction came within a nine degree orb in November 1988, was exact in February, August and October 1993, and stayed in orb until 1998; the last time before that was 1821-3. These children will have a strong degree of identification with the collective mind and group consciousness, which in some cases could revert back to fervent nationalist affinities in countries that have a powerful controlling religious, racial, political and social structures. Yet in most cases it is unlikely that this will result in the emergence of charismatic demagogues as in recent examples of the manipulation of the masses.

There will be a directing sense of social responsibility, and an awareness of participating in a social community, which will be expressed in positive ways for the betterment of all. The merged energies of this conjunction will inspire concepts of brotherhood, which will reflect the ideals of Uranus and Neptune, as a form of revolutionary mysticism emerging from an acute mental and emotional sensitivity connected to an intuitive imaginative faculty.

Personal freedoms and rights will have a high priority, and there will be a new perception of 'leadership' being formed, which can dissolve those old patterns of a powerful leader and hundreds of following 'sheep'. There is a distrust of leaders, based on an intuitive perception of their real motivations and characteristics, which will also develop into a new understanding of authority and power in society. Those born under this aspects will be willing to 'fight' for the maintenance of personal freedoms and rights if they are under threat by the decisions of social leaders. A new balance of power between the people and the state will begin to form, and a new politics should rise into view, reflecting this increase in individual rights and power. Generally, this should be a period of spiritual and scientific development, where breakthroughs occur in the exploration of nature and mind.

Changes that became inevitable by 1994 will have to be more fully achieved and realised by this new generation, imbued with a more conscious spirit of human unity and solidarity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune shows that you are aware of your obligations to the social structure to which you belong, and that you identify closely with its mass consciousness. You are keenly observant of the deception that the leaders often use to gain and maintain complete control of the people, and this disturbs you deeply. You recognize that this pattern can lead to loss of personal freedom unless steps are taken to eliminate the offenders. Since you belong to a generation that will not tolerate abuses of authority and power, you realize that freedom can be lost if not protected against political erosion.

When the conjunction occurred in 1821-3, among the important achievements were the invention of an ingenious process for waterproofing fabric and the development of cement, which later played a large role in the industrial revolution. These physical phenomena - cement and waterproof fabric - exactly parallel the strong foundations of the courageous individuals who have this aspects and the process they use to protect themselves and their rights.

You respond to people who need your understanding of their social predicament, whether it is a personal problem or one they share with others. Although you know that you can do little by yourself, the combined effort of those sharing your concern can be a powerful force against social injustice. Working together, you can restore order and freedom where there was chaos and privation.

(Betty Lundsted)

It seems that the conjunction of these planets would make for some interesting life experiences - the concept of individuality or humanity is brought together with that of

creative expression. These are the times when important changes in attitude and / or consciousness take place.

When this aspect occurred in the early 1820s, it brought the world Mary Baker Eddy, Dostoevski, Clara Barton, Louis Pasteur and Johann Strauss. If this conjunction also involves a personal configuration, a personal kind of creativity emerges - for example, Clara Barton had this conjunction also conjunct her natal sun.

(Charles Carter)

This potent aspect occurs again and again in the charts of the great. It stands midway between the harmonious and inharmonious contacts, and produces the great savant or prophet, such as Pasteur and Ruskin, and people of remarkable but more doubtful repute, such as Nell Gwyn and Caesar Borgia. Dr. A. R. Wallace exemplifies the spiritualist tendencies of the aspect.

It seems on the whole to be self-willed, but frequently extremely able, and rarely to be lightly disregarded. One would expect eccentricity, but on the whole good intentions and kindness, Neptune softening Uranus, as it softens Mars.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in

the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

12) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°56') ♀♂9 | ♁8

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction tunes natives to what is socially popular and acceptable. They have an intuitive ability to be in the right place at the right time. On the negative side, there is a tendency to be mindlessly swept along with current social conditions, wherever they may lead. Going along with the crowd can be the easy way out and end ultimately in disaster. For example, a native involved in the cocktail party circuit may overindulge in drink simply because it is the socially acceptable thing to do, and end up as an alcoholic. It is important for these natives to exercise discrimination. Misused, this aspect can be highly

seductive. It can sweep the natives along without their being aware of it.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of community-sense or of team spirit. Anti-social behaviour. Sociological correspondence: anti-social elements.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the deeper significance of 'psyche' or the occult is transmuted, extracted and applied to convey the messages to the general consciousness. The idea is to distribute the Neptunian energies, either good or bad, to the surroundings and associates. This often leads to the highest or the lowest form of Karmic function. Bridging the gap between the higher consciousness and the 'commoner' through the Neptunian process is basically achieved by these individuals.

(Donna van Toen)

Sensitivity enhances growth potential. There's a tendency to seek the impossible or the ideal that keeps the person aiming higher and higher. In the over-compensation phase, there can be problems stemming from anti-social behavior. Avoidance of people, escapist tendencies and use of consciousnessaltering substances are also common.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction gives full scope in contacts to an all-embracing love of humanity. The native is ready to give up all for love, and believes in universal philanthropy and in spiritual freedom. Many take up social work in the belief that the only way or them to develop is by caring for the sick or for the underprivileged. As a matter of fact, the Neptunian sensitivity frequently leads them to forget their own development as they work and sacrifice themselves for others. Nevertheless, the boundary-removing principle of Neptune can do much to promote spiritual development.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet

Neptune.

13) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (9°26' S) 82 | 82

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Venus represents a strongly developed love nature. Although it may not be apparent to a casual observer, you are extremely eager for people to like you. In fact, you make subtle adjustments in your urge for recognition so that they will be warmly disposed toward you. But you may not always compromise, simply because you don't want to give an impression of being weak in character. In more intimate contacts with persons you know well, you are not afraid they will misjudge you this way, so you behave more naturally.

You especially want people to recognize you as a substantial individual who offers many important values to those who are willing to share them. You are open to communication with others and will listen enthusiastically in conversation with them. You enjoy people and are generally cheerful and sociable in large or small gatherings. On the chance of meeting someone who can be useful at another time, you take care to circulate freely and 'touch base' with everyone. You know how to make lasting impressions by dramatizing yourself, for you don't want to be overlooked merely because you didn't take the time to make your presence known.

Your greatest problem is that you assume people will think well of you even if you do nothing to deserve it. You can become pompously presumptuous that your presence alone is enough to merit everyone's attention. You are a romanticist at heart and can be swayed by a display of affection. Appreciative of the finer things in life, you get a sense of fulfillment when you indulge in them, in addition to the comfort and pleasure they give you.

(Haydn Paul)

Only the conjunction, semi=sextile and semi-square aspects are astronomically possible between the Sun and Venus, as the maximum distance between these planets is 48 degrees.

This conjunction conveys an optimistic and cheerful spirit, where you will greatly enjoy social company and the pleasures of life, so that esthetic and hedonistic activities are indulged to stimulate your sensual nature. Love and social relationships are highlighted, and you will be attracted to participate in the social whirl, circulating around your collection of friends, family and acquaintances.

You feel it important to be liked by others, and this need may make you act in certain ways which gain the approval of people, so care may be required to ensure that you do

not overly compromise your own feelings and thoughts in order to remain socially acceptable. There can be a dramatic quality to your style of self-presentation, perhaps emerging out of an artistic and creative sensitivity, and this will be employed to gain the attention of people; you prefer to leave your mark and need to feel recognised.

While some may see you in a superficial light, this is not how you desire to be socially acknowledged. The recognition you are looking for is of your whole personality, your talents and qualities, and as you grow older you will prefer to enjoy the company of those who can appreciate you more fully. This may be through mutual interests in art, culture or the beauty of nature, because lying beneath any socialite veneer is your real appreciation of the harmony of life and nature which evokes that romantic and poetic spirit that inspires your perception of life and infuses a hidden desire for inner peace and integration. You enjoy quality in life, and will try to create a pleasing home environment which allows relaxation into domestic comforts and pleasures.

You will attract others to your potent magnetic personality, and you are likely to experience a variety of relationships as a consequence of your romantic attitudes. You open easily to demonstrations of love and affection, and your heart can quickly melt. As a lover of life, a certain intensity will be present, as will the tides of love's joys and pains, but never attempt to turn off your developed love nature, or you may find that life rapidly loses its lustre and becomes grey, mundane and lifeless. Part of your role is to spread life-appreciation, enlivening others so that they too can become sincere lovers of life, and isn't that a task well worth pursuing?

Some may find you 'too alive' or narcissistic, so you may need to be aware of others' reactions, and if they are correct in their evaluation of your self-centredness then some modification may be advised, so that you equally acknowledge their natures, qualities and personalities too. In conversations, the art of listening is as important as the art of communication, and your enthusiasms may require occasional toning down.

You can bring positive benefits to those who become intimately close, through sharing your vitality, love and affections, and even if your relationships do not persist, you hope that those involved with you do not regret the time that has been shared. Changes will come through the expression of your heart and life enjoyment, and these may reshape your conscious identity and self-image over time, so that more depth and insight begins to be unfolded. Others may turn to you for support and advice, wanting your flame to relight their own. Your path of solar development is through the unifying love energies of Venus, so let these radiate outwards into the world, touching and igniting the hearts of others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When conscious behavior (Sun) is attended by the need for emotional and material safety and comfort and the desire for beauty and harmony (Venus), the behavior is

generally friendly and accommodating. Friends are easily made and the native also finds it easy to move in society. The feeling for harmony in relationships gives diplomatic ability.

On the other hand, the native finds it difficult to air problems or to talk them through, since he or she loves to be surrounded by a pleasant atmosphere. The danger is that this attitude will result in a false bonhomie and in superficiality. And so the conjunction will deny depth to the personality if the native is content to smooth things over on the surface.

Yet, as we have seen, this conjunction does have its good side. Generally, the native is very agreeable and has no difficulty in being friendly and sympathetic to others. There is also a need for shared experiences, preferably with the life partner. Showing affection is an essential mode of expression for the native and he or she is extremely romantic.

The feeling for art is often well developed, although the background of the signs will have a say in this. The individual with the Sun conjunct Venus is fond of pleasure and the good things of life, and may sometimes overindulge in them. By and large, the aspect is an enjoyable one to have, even though it may make the native a trifle lazy.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus is similar to Mercury in that it is never far from the Sun. Venus is usually in the same sign as the sun or one behind or ahead of it. Venus represents what we want in life: the finer pleasures, the things we want around us, the person we want to be, the way we appreciate art, the way we appreciate love. It helps to define how we receive loving as well as our intellectual concept of what we think love is. The Venus position in relation to the Sun sign give a clue to what people are (Sun) and how this relates to what they want to be (Venus). When people talk about what they want to be, it is usually Venus talking.

People with Venus in the same sign as the Sun usually are quite satisfied to be themselves, whatever that is. They have the potential to like themselves if the conjunction is not afflicted by another planet. It can make them very smug and selfsatisfied, for they like being the person they are. When we try to work out our ties to our parents, or when we try to understand our life, Venus conjunct the Sun can be difficult; for, we tend to stay in our rut rather than try to get out of it. Venus in the same sign as the Sun may indicate that a conscious decision has to be made before we can look at the motivation for what we do in some serious manner.

When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the father either overaffects the child or the child subconsciously plays the role of the mother in order to gain Daddy's approval (Venus indicates a tie to the mother; Sun indicates the physical father.) This closeness to the father may be difficult to understand or to become conscious of, and the only time it

becomes important is when the person is in the process of self-examination regarding relationships. A woman with Venus conjunct the Sun is tied to her father from a subconscious psychological point. She may marry a man who has the same attributes as her father. If she has Venus conjunct the Sun and no other emotional blocks (by aspect) in her chart, this problem is relatively easy to work with if she wants to be free of the influence. But if her Moon, Venus and the Sun are afflicted her chart becomes more obscure to work through; the struggle for consciousness becomes more complex. If she is interested in developing relationships that do not include the father image, she must find a way to understand the conflict.

A man with Venus conjunct his Sun is emotionally close to his father, and the aspects to the Sun-Venus conjunction will indicate how this closeness will take place. When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the psychological influence of the mother (Venus) is very close to the father image on a physical level (Sun). The child sees the parents' roles jumbled together and this can confuse him. A boy child may use his mother's 'role' games to get close to his Dad.

This aspect depicts a relationship that is not uncommon among parents. The power parent is determined by the Sun sign; yet, when Venus conjuncts the Sun, the mother has a close rapport with the father, which may not be confirmed by the rest of the chart, by the power parent, or by what she says about her husband. In other words, not matter what she says about her husband to the contrary, she really likes the way he is. This confuses the child. In adult relationships it causes the following problems: a mother-dominated male may use his mother's tactics to get on with men as an adult; a father-dominated male feels that there should be some mystical-bond between his lady and himself, and is disappointed when he doesn't feel it; a mother-dominated female will feel a closeness to her dad that she can't understand, so it's a combination of love and resentment; the father-dominated female may marry a man in her father's image.

The only time it is necessary to do something about this conjunction is when something keeps interfering with the development of meaningful, lasting emotional relationships. When we think our problems happen to us because we only meet 'awful people', we need to look inside ourselves to understand what has been programmed into our subconscious selves - for this program is the one we draw to us. It cures itself when we become conscious of it.

14) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ☿ **South-Node** - (3°59' A) 82 | 82

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) refers to a condition in which major circumstances in the native's environment deny him opportunities and resources for self-expression, limiting especially his leadership and power potential. Obstacles are thrown in his path, making it difficult to achieve what he desires, even to the extent that he is denied the

fruits of his efforts.

Natives are not swept along in the mainstream of events, as in the case of the Sun conjunct North Node. This conjunction indicates a karmic situation in which individuals in previous incarnations selfishly promoted their own ambitions at the expense of the self-expression of others. This time around, they experience what it is like to be thwarted by the actions of others. However, this aspect can bring a thorough mastery of that which the native is able to command.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives greater difficulty in establishing the new growth at the North Node because the ego wants to stay at the opposite South Node area with the Sun. The ego feels better associating with South Node affairs; and in order to grow and learn, the person must buck a strong ego.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect indicates lack of physical vitality and general suppression of ego. It is more of a counter-balance from the previous life which tells the person to slow down regarding the ego-ambition-recognition, etc. in this life. If this is not done consciously, then it will be forcefully achieved by proper circumstances. Conversion of normal energies of 'individuality' into evolution of that soul will be noticed in this aspect in that particular life. This often indicates some Karmic connections with the 'father-figure' that need to be balanced in this life. Often a conflict from a previous life with the father has brought about this condition and circumstance.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, negative ego-forces often come into play. The natives are full of self-admiration and believe they have full control of everything represented by the axis concerned. Many of them are conceited and proud, and lay claim to being unique when (in most instances) they are not. They refuse to admit that they possess the weaknesses of the sign involved, and believe that, being already sufficiently developed, they have no need to work on themselves. Often, these people feel that they are being neglected, and imagine that they are tremendously important, although usually this is mere self-deception. They have a tendency towards monomania.

15) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ☾ **South-Node** - (5°27' S) 8 2 | 8 2

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect tend to loneliness and personal isolation where their feelings are concerned. They are inept in timing social and romantic advances, approaching others

when they are preoccupied or indisposed. Consequently they suffer frequent brush-offs and develop inferiority complexes. On the positive side, love takes on a serious and profound meaning. There is a desire to help and relate to those who really need love and friendship. In the long run, this brings spiritual rewards.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect gives the individual a difficult time understanding and diagnosing love emotions and feelings. These people face several hidden problems regarding love / romance and with people of the opposite sex. Here the basic need for that soul is to convert the physical sexual energy into high consciousness. This is not an easy process by any means. Not many of these individuals can manage the processing or conversion. This makes the aspect a tough one to live through in that lifetime. During the recent lives, the person has overindulged in too many good things. As a result, here in this life, a coffee-break for that soul is provided. If they do not learn to accept this, the changes are circumstantially forced upon them eventually.

(Donna van Toen)

This person may have trouble adapting to new people and circumstances. Often there's difficulty in close relationships. This person may be agreeable enough but about the wrong things. Sometimes an over-developed sense of duty contributes to emotional stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, slowing down is even more marked. There are a dislike of exertion, reliance on others, and the view that making a token effort is good enough. According to the theme of the axis, the native waits to be motivated by others, and is dependent on stronger, usually male, persons. The love of ease and a tendency to compromise mean that many opportunities for personal growth are allowed to slip by, and that refuge is taken in pseudo-harmony.

Venus square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, little endeavour to oblige other people, a disagreeable nature. A disharmonious love-union.

(Bernice Grebner)

This does not exactly favor happiness. This person is usually very sensitive and cannot express his affection comfortably. He cannot adapt easily to intimate relationships. For a man it may remove the woman he loves in some way, or may make the relationship difficult, especially if square. It may not deny love in his life, but it can put obstacles in the way that he must overcome. This diminishes the Venus charm and makes the feelings easily influenced. Venus square the Nodes tends to break up his numerous love affairs. Venus opposition the South Node designates an imbalance or excessive feelings. There can be great sacrifice to an ideal love. The square is not food for lasting love, and may tend to make the person tyrannical and jealous. The Node square Venus is especially significant for it takes much of the person's attention. The interest goes to the sign and house in which Venus is located; and great force has to be exercised in balancing the whole T-cross.

16) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (9°53' S) 009 | 009

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction occurs approximately every thirteen years, and tends to create characteristics that are often similar to the Pisces temperament, where both the positive and the negative qualities of both planets are present and highly active.

Tendencies towards excess, idealism, creativity and naivety will be evident. The Jupiter impulse of expansion may encourage you to reach beyond your actual capabilities. Whilst this can aid in stretching you - and in some cases you will succeed to a greater degree - the likelihood is that when it is combined with a Neptunian distorted perception of your abilities you will fail more regularly than triumph. Over time this can become a repetitive and inhibitory pattern which powers your self-confidence.

The sphere of relationships is likely to be a source of many lessons for you, and to reflect back several of your own tendencies towards those less realistic qualities of Jupiter and Neptune that are present in an unintegrated personality. Whilst faith and trust are potentially positive qualities to possess, life experience often demonstrates that placing our confidence in everyone will unfortunately and inevitably lead to disillusionment. In the ideal world this would be possible, but in our current reality there are many who will self-centredly take advantage of others' naivety and innocence (and ignorance too). A more realistic appraisal of the motivations and nature of others is necessary; an unconscious automatic offering of your trust and faith in the goodwill and fine nature of others will lead to your abuse. Discrimination is always required, so that you can recognise those in whom such fragile qualities will be rightly respected. Blind faith is an innocence waiting to be ruined; and many will be queuing up to take their pickings.

Yet this ideal of relationships will still persist, often despite many disappointing experiences over the years. It is probably wiser to be more careful in your more personal

and intimate relationships, because unless you are aware of what is occurring, your love life could be painful. As you have a natural impulse to care and serve others, you could be exploited by less scrupulous individuals, taking advantage of those tendencies of sacrifice and martyrdom that hide within the Neptune influence. This also leads you towards illusions related to the feelings of others for you, where you convince yourself that they are a strong and true love, and then allow yourself to become deeply committed to the relationship; you may be correct in your assessment, but it is an area in which you are very vulnerable to self-deception, and perhaps more caution and less haste should be advised. Time taken in establishing others' motivations and deeper nature is often time well spent; resorting back to a blind faith, trust and assumptions founded on satisfying your own needs can be a recipe for future problems. A careful evaluation of the other is necessary; otherwise, under the pressure of actual marriage or living together, other aspects of the other's nature will emerge which may not suit you (or vice versa). Many relationships flounder today due to mutual self-ignorance, where inner projections of illusions and the anima-animus patterns overlay the real nature of the participants, until time dissolves them and each partner wakes up to realise that they are living with a stranger.

It is not suggested that you become overly sceptical or cynical, but that a deeper and discriminatory look is made, into both your own nature and that of any proposed partner. It may be that those tendencies of faith and trust should be applied in a more impersonal sphere, where instead of having to believe in individuals (who are always capable of letting you down) it becomes more abstracted into a belief in the essential goodness of humanity that is slowly evolving and being anchored in the world. Certainly your experience of relationships will be a testing ground, and one where many lessons can be realised; and, it is to be hoped, where your evaluations will become more acute and realistic.

When disappointment strikes you, there is a tendency to retreat into a private fantasy world. This can be positively used as a self-healing technique, but you must avoid any temptation to use this purely as an escape, for if you do so you risk losing contact with reality. A place to consider the implicit lessons and meanings for you, yes, but not one where you elevate withdrawal as a means to remain ignorant and persist in any illusions.

You may have desires to experience 'sublime feelings and emotions', an intensity that is not commonly found in everyday life, and an expansion beyond your normal boundaries of existence. This can be a latent mystical proclivity, which you search for in love affairs. You may be similarly attracted towards involvement with drugs, alcohol or spiritual cults. Certainly the addictive attractions should be avoided, and if you do look towards the spiritual scene, be careful of illusions related to gurus, cults and the like. Discrimination is vitally necessary in these realms too.

Throughout your life, there should be a fertile imagination at work, which may find means of expression in art, music or literature, or by absorption in religion and philosophy.

Suitable channels for this imagination need to be established, or else it will just amplify your inner dreams and distorting illusions.

Idealism will remain strong, although there can be a lack of real practicality and common sense, where through a lack of persistent self-discipline you often fail to deliver what you are capable of doing. As a result of your high emotional sensitivity, you may be attracted towards work related to a feeling of social obligation, where social welfare and aid for others becomes dominant. Such spheres as medicine, nursing, mental health, teaching, community welfare or voluntary service could satisfy this need. You may have to guard against becoming too personally involved when you offer sympathy and support, or else your own ability to serve will be weighed down by the weight of the world on your shoulders. That type of martyrdom which turns you into a victim is often an unnecessary sacrifice, and can be avoided by a different inner perspective.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct Neptune, you are inclined to do things to excess. You may talk about subjects you don't really understand or try to accomplish tasks beyond your capabilities. You trust others to maintain the confidences you share with them, carelessly assuming they deserve your trust. When you give others the benefit of the doubt, you may be sadly disillusioned, for they often seem to deceive you. Your faith in people is deep, but you assign it blindly.

You are philosophical about people, and hopeful that you will find someone in whom you can confidently believe. From your experiences with others, you learn many lessons that help to refine your judgement. You have a spiritual understanding of your social obligations, which you fulfill by offering your talents, inspiration, and imagination whenever you can. You would work with particular effectiveness in the broad area of human welfare. Such professional activities as teaching or working in a Sunday school, orphanage, mental health program, medical relief agency, or the Peace Corps, are suited to your temperament and disposition. You can easily become totally immersed in providing sympathetic understanding to those who most desperately need it.

There is always a danger of abuse from people who may try to capitalize on your willingness to serve others. Unless you are alert, this can also happen in your personal relationships. You want to believe that your lover's feelings are those of true love, and you may encourage the relationship to develop, hoping it will lead to marriage. Unless you learn to question everyone's motives in relating to you, you will certainly be disappointed.

You must develop respect for the harsh realities of your surroundings. In your desire to experience the highest emotions and most exquisite sensations, you risk aligning yourself with escapist fanaticism. Avoid drugs, cults, and irresponsible charlatans.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The impact of a need for expansion and for widening horizons upon a basic need to refine and disassociate things (which is felt most strongly in the areas of religion and philosophy) produces a state of affairs that is rather hard to define. The combination could lead to dreamy and impractical idealism.

Fantasy is usually well-developed, and we have a Utopian vision of the future; perhaps seeing opportunities and improvements (Jupiter) where none exists, or, if they do exist, failing to recognize their drawbacks (Neptune) and nursing vain hopes about them. Because, with this combination, we do not have a very good grip on everyday practicalities, we need to proceed with caution. We take risks we would never accept if we were not wearing rose-colored glasses, and can end up with a fiasco. The conjunction and the hard aspects (if linked with the personal planets) commonly indicate inveterate gamblers.

If we have any Neptunian aspect, we are not easily moved to take positive action. But as soon as the unseen world, or the world of art or of emotional union with a greater whole, enters in, Neptune offers every imaginable help. And when, as here, Jupiter forms part of the aspect, we possess an added insight into the religious or the mystical. Jupiter gives a natural love of spiritual things, and the conjunction with Neptune intensifies devotional feelings. Ideals (Jupiter) are fostered by these feelings and especially by the need for the sense of oneness given by Neptune. Not only do we have social sympathies, but we are also keen on social action; for example, by engaging in relief work in deprived inner city areas or in the Third World and in general by standing up for the underdogs (including literal underdogs, such as stray animals). Idealism is great and it is deeply rooted, which is why we can serve others for a long time, or alternatively, can devote ourselves to artistic or spiritual activities. In other areas, where there is not sense of underlying unity, we find it hard to summon up much enthusiasm but spend a lot of time dreaming of better things.

(Betty Lundsted)

The conjunction between Neptune and Jupiter is not a personal aspect, for it will be present in all the charts of people born when Jupiter is transiting the same sign that Neptune is during a given year. The aspect indicates a group of people who will view relating from a more spiritual point than those born in the same year.

Neptune clouds the Jupiter position, causing many different kinds of personality traits. These traits can range from an overly spiritual or cosmic-love approach to all relationships down to the mundane set-up for too much sugar intake. Neptune symbolizes the creative dream as well as universal and impersonal love. When a person reaches out to relate (Jupiter) and his relationships are colored by too much 'universal love', the individual with this aspect is more prone to be hurt when the relationship

doesn't stay in the lofty spiritual heights that he expects it should - thus a withdrawal into the personal universe full of love that can be made more sweet by the addition of candy, starchy foods, or even alcohol.

On the other hand, when this individual realizes that he tends to see relationships through rose-colored glasses, that he may project too much Neptunian dream-world spirituality onto his relationships, he can begin to reconstruct the way in which he approaches other people. When the reaching out or relating principle (symbolized by Jupiter) gains perspective, he can then use his Neptunian energy to uplift the kinds of relationships he forms, but from a conscious point. He can recognize the qualities he brings into his life, or the qualities he needs in order to feel complete when he looks for companionship. The energy is thereby transformed, and he can proceed to develop very special ways to share his personality with his fellow man. The aspect implies that a spiritual awareness, or a need for discovery of the man-universe relationship, is important.

(Charles Carter)

Among natives with this aspect are to be found a wide variety of effects, some of a purely external character and some showing its psychological side. Among the former we have several cases where there has been a seafaring strain in the family, the case of the daughter of the murderer of Whiteley, born whilst her father was awaiting trial, the case of a child born in a penitentiary, and children of preachers, sailors, and others with Neptunian-Jovian characteristics. The conjunction of two planets both possessing, through the sign Pisces, much in common, saturates the birth chart, so to speak, with its influence, which will show forth in many directions, though often in a somewhat subtle and not very obvious manner. It tends to religion and idealism, though often not of a conventional kind; it is extremely humane, and is fond of animals.

The sensitivity of the contact may cause a certain degree of 'astralism'. In one case (in Cancer, with Pisces asc.), the native 'saw fairies' from early childhood in circumstances which almost precluded the possibility of suggestion. James Coates, mesmerist, had the conjunction in Aquarius; and Algernon Blackwood, the writer of occult fiction, had it in Aries. It is musical and artistic.

17) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (3°03' S) ♄4 | ♄4

(Haydn Paul)

During the twentieth century, the conjunction aspect was made during 1942 and in 1988. It offers the possibility of an effective balance between these two antagonistic planets. Apart from those born under this aspect, the energy released into the collective mind at these times can aid in the interplay between forces of order and chaos, conceivably bringing the opposites into equilibrium and allowing a space for something new to be

born.

For the individual with this aspect, there should be the ability to fuse ideas with practical application, to ground and anchor those sometimes slightly intangible and ephemeral Uranian ideas, thus transferring the, from the level of mind into material existence. You should be able to take advantage of your personal resources and talents; and these can be effectively expressed through efficient organisation. The flow of Uranian energy should seem more consistent and reliable; and you will be able to apply persistence and focused will to achieve your objectives. Often, you will find enjoyment from becoming involved in situations where you can create order from chaos. Whilst this may appear Saturnian in nature, Uranus is not chaotic for the sake of it, but is only disruptive in order to create the conditions for a higher order to be superimposed.

You can function in a 'bridging role', carefully restoring a balance between order and change, and re-integrating this into a new structure which is an improvement on the previous one. In modern life, where so many changes are occurring so quickly, such a role can be most important, and utilises both of these planetary characteristics in a positive way. You have a sympathetic understanding of the past, and of the values and attitudes of conservative stability, yet also intuit and appreciate the necessity of change and evolving of social structures, organisations and individual development. You will try to integrate these threads, uniting what is worth retaining from the past with the ideas of the next step forward. Doing this, you work with both your intellect and intuitional faculties, and so reflect the next stage in human development towards the consciousness of unity.

You are likely to prefer a form of expression that involves a social contribution over and above mere participation in society; you would like to feel that you have some influence in improving things, and that your preoccupation is not totally for personal gain. This need can often give you a sense of direction in your life, and one which can absorb both of these planetary energies. If you begin to feel that you are having to keep down inner pressures of certain kinds, perhaps through a lack of channels to release them into, then it is a likely sign that you are not fluently expressing both the energies. Look at your life pattern and see which one is being repressed. In most cases, this would be the Uranus energy, as the Saturn energy, which is one of order and discipline, is often expressed through social conditioning. To free this blocked energy, more spontaneity, more experimentation, and exploration of new interests, would help. These would stimulate needed changes to happen, and so break down any fixed lifestyle patterns that are becoming inhibiting. If the Saturn energy is repressed, more self-discipline, commitment and perseverance to achieving your objectives would help. If the lifestyle lacks control, too much freedom could also lead to a loss of personal centre and stability, leaving you feeling lost and unsure of what to do or in which direction to travel. You will need to draw through the Saturn qualities of boundary-making and structure, so that your life and inner nature begin to take distinct form again, creating a stable foundation from which to work.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have the ability to give form to many creative ideas. You are unusually mature in your attitudes, which enables you to derive some benefit from everything you do. Your desire for freedom is matched by your capacity to earn it by carefully and efficiently mobilizing your resources for particular objectives. This self-discipline will always sustain you. You have a healthy respect for authority and its lessons. You also have the drive and ambition to accomplish important, long-term tasks that can assure your future security.

Your professional potentials are almost unlimited because you are not afraid of responsibility and the demands of leadership. Almost certainly, you have much to offer the world in terms of understanding and experience. You comprehend the lessons of the past, and you act aggressively to help rid the future of ignorance. These contributions should be harnessed to group enterprises or socio-political endeavors. Fields such as science, mathematics, research, politics, the occult, and especially teaching are some of the areas in which your talents would be useful.

You are most comfortable in the company of rugged individuals who have high aims and ideals. You need to associate with adventurous types whose grip on the future is firm. People 'on the move' and on their way up in the ladder of achievement are those to whom you can relate meaningfully. You are impatient with trite, superficial people, since you doubt that they can serve the needs of the masses. Your life has purpose and direction, and your closest associates have similar goals.

You must relax periodically in order to recharge your energy centre. You can easily drive yourself too hard, unmindful that your physical reserves are being depleted. When tired, you may become pessimistic about plans that would otherwise seem to be going well.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two very conflicting factors are brought together here: a need to carve out an identity for ourselves, to define limits and to preserve form (Saturn), and a need to break structures, to overstep limits and to develop individuality (Uranus). Clearly, this will sometimes make it difficult to decide whether to preserve or to destroy.

Whenever we are engaged in giving life a certain shape (Saturn), we suffer from the urge to break out of or alter this shape (Uranus), and so we become tense and restless. Attempts to bring about change are impeded by a desire to proceed along fixed lines or according to a set pattern. There is no stagnation with this conjunction, but a restless activity continually generated from within, which can make the native feel insecure. Nevertheless, the conjunction does have a creative side that can be put to very good use. We regularly break free from anything that might hamper us (Saturn), and are unlikely to be rigid in our opinions. Tendencies that are too revolutionary are held in

check, as is the temptation to be provocatively iconoclastic. Generally, one of the results of all this is a democratic attitude born out of tension and uncertainty.

If we are assailed by fear and doubt (Saturn), the conjunction with Uranus can really wind us up, so that disruptive tendencies are increased. The development of personality (Uranus) may be accompanied by feelings of anxiety and guilt (Saturn); we are always trying to improve situations and want to stop them getting out of hand. Therefore this conjunction often produces great self-control. With this aspect, we are very determined because Saturn and Uranus encourage stubbornness and willfulness. Uranus in full flight is a poor listener, and Saturn dragging its heels is not likely to change course. When linked with personal factors in the horoscope, this is not a bad combination for doggedly pursuing personal interests.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual's developing psyche and Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation, the father will have some unusual or unconventional effect on the child. In the personal chart, Saturn represents the part of ourselves we are 'cautious' about; that part of personality we view with apprehension. The conjunction to Uranus can also indicate certain kinds of erratic or self-willed behavior that directly relate to a father influence. The conjunction indicates a person who may be unruly or recalcitrant about his fears. He may hang onto beliefs long after they have been proven invalid.

Since Saturn represents authority, the conjunction indicates that the individual has little respect for it; that his life is bound up in learning about his concept of authority. The Uranus influence can indicate that he has the energy (in his generation) to lift the consciousness of tradition to another dimension. If the conjunction is involved with hard aspects to other planets, it can indicate an individual who wants to win at all costs.

A young person with this conjunction will be involved with group values, or the establishing of personality in the face of what he considers a stringent world. After the age of thirty, the personality will be somewhat settled and other aspects of maturity become visible.

The conjunction indicates the ability to rise above the father, to remedy the father's influence, to change and uplift the traditional. This individual may be able to bring into being a new approach to tradition because of his work and his attitude toward life. Because Uranus can represent willfulness, it's important to consider it in this conjunction - this may be the mark of a self-centered individual, one who is interested in living a personally erratic or eccentric life at the expense of those around him. When this occurs, check the other aspects in the chart that may also indicate a fear of approaching life - for instance, if the Moon afflicts this conjunction, the individual may be emotionally apprehensive, and because of that apprehension he may be excessively harsh with

others.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful combination, characteristic of a person of considerable self-will, varying from the selfish and obstinate to enlightened determination. It tends to the unusual; and those having it are rarely concerned at all to please the conventional-minded. They are as a rule democratic in spirit, though autocratic in method; and they have considerable breadth of outlook, originality, and energy of mind and body. The temper is inclined to be masterful.

There is often bodily strength and hardihood if the appropriate houses are involved, but there is a likelihood of accidents and possibly of suffering violence.

The affairs of the houses occupied and ruled are likely to present difficult problems; and the native will require the utmost tact, patience, and will-power to solve them satisfactorily, for the conditions caused by these heavy planets are not likely to be ephemeral or superficial in character, but may last for years or even be life-long.

Any good aspects to the conjunction will indicate the direction from which help may be sought.

18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (9°27' S) ♄ 2 | ♀ 8

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests that most of your problems and challenges will arise in the area of interpersonal relationships, often created or stimulated by your own unconscious expression of this energy, which requires a deeper understanding and inner adjustment to be achieved before you can consistently benefit from its power.

Your temperament can be assertive, aggressive and extremist, tending to use your powerful will like a sledgehammer to achieve objectives. You prefer to force situations so that you are ready to take the advantage before anyone else can, or will act through impulse without fully considering the consequences of following your desires and aims. To others, your will and personality can seem a little overbearing, provocative and dominating, especially as you always prefer to be in control of all situations, and hate to feel unsure of your ground or realise there is nothing you can do to influence circumstances in your favour. This is why you desire to be in a position of authority, calling the tune and writing the rules, yet are so rebellious when roles are reversed; you then use your influence to be subversive and manipulate others to resist authority.

You will feel a desire to change the world into your image, reflecting the way that you think it should be. As virtually everyone else is attempting the same in small or large

ways, inevitably you may experience conflict with others who do not agree with your panacea for the world's ills. If you attempt to dictate to people, by forceful expression, you may easily fail to get the right kind of support and co-operation, especially if it is made clear that you intend to be the kingpin and final arbiter. The problem with dominating and forceful personalities is that usually they insist on having their own way, and are rarely, if ever, wrong. This usually ends in relationship conflict which leads to their more creative supporters quitting, leaving behind 'mere followers' who remain with the 'leader' in sycophantic acquiescence.

Without proper awareness and understanding, these tendencies can become negatively expressed, eventually to your detriment. Yet equally they can become extremely positive qualities to be used in socially creative ways once excess selfinterest is transcended, and you move towards the higher solar path of your individuality rather than just satisfying lower egoic needs and desires. You will need to undergo a period of self-regeneration, to acknowledge the needs of others to be themselves, not as mere adjuncts to your dictates, but people equally able and right to assert themselves. More harmonious and successful relationships are possible, especially when your need for self-assertion diminishes through self-understanding and confidence in your own worth. This can involve learning to be self-reliant in achieving your own aims, rather than having to manipulate others into unconsciously aiding your private intentions. Inner changes leading to a less aggressive attitude and less suspicion in working with others, more co-operation to achieve mutual goals, and a degree of compromise in your attitudes, will certainly bring more benefit to you and others. Gaining an understanding of the elements present in your psychology which desire for you to become an authority and leader can help to bring about an inner adjustment, and an ability to work with others can then emerge.

19) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°51' S) 8 2 | 4

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Sun to Saturn indicates that you have great depth of understanding and the capacity to help others understand what you have learned. You are modest in assessing your self-worth and are aware of your limitations, but you also know how to make the most of your potentials. You have a respect for authority and competence. Because you rarely voice your opinion unless asked, your views are considered authoritative and sincere. Usually you prefer to remain in the background and let others with greater needs gain the attention. You don't need anyone's approval for your actions because you generally observe the rules of good behavior.

Although you have a driving ambition to succeed, you methodically plan each step toward your goals, quietly and without fanfare. You have a distinct rapport with your professional superiors because you carefully avoid threatening them with your ambition. You always extract important lessons from your experiences.

You are suited for such occupations as teaching, research and development, industrial management, politics, or law. In any of these professions you would very probably rise to a management position. You take your work seriously and always strive to maintain your position by staying abreast of new developments in your field. It would be difficult for anyone to remove you from your position, because you have gained it by demonstrating competence, efficiency, integrity, and sincerity. In other words, you've earned everything you've gained.

You relate well to anyone who upholds the virtues mentioned above. Your mate probably shares your high regard for tradition and orderliness. Together you plan for a future made secure by your efforts.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that you will have a conservative attitude to life, preferring order and discipline linked to traditional values and social life paths. You will naturally follow a mainstream course through life, which also offers established routes towards achieving 'success'.

The sextile is especially effective within your mental nature, helping you to deepen your understanding and extend your communicative skills. Your thought processes are likely to have a natural logic, organisation, clarity and perception that can be exploited through several careers. Mental precision is valued in management roles, scientific research, law, politics, teaching, business, and this backed by leadership ability and practical, methodical abilities should enable you to attain your ambitions.

Work can become extremely important, offering a purpose and life direction, as well as being the sphere where many of your major personal assets are applied. While success highly motivates you, there may be a distaste for assuming a 'high profile' that draws personal attention, as you prefer to remain quietly working in the background. You can feel uncomfortable at personality extroversion, and in some situations this can work to your detriment, and you are overlooked or misvalued. Opportunities could be lost and progress halted. If this does occur, then you are faced with two alternatives. You either adopt a higher personality profile, or consider different routes to your ambitions, perhaps a change of job or career. Doors never close for ever, unless you refuse to open them; there are always alternatives and different options available to those who refuse to limit themselves.

You may find your life path in the sphere of communication and teaching, mainly through your ability to explain and express your knowledge in an accessible and meaningful way. You realise the essentials of a subject and ensure that these are grasped, so that a good foundation of knowledge is transmitted. Social concerns may become more predominant in your life as you grow older, and political issues may attract your

attention. You may become involved with community or social activities, or look for power and responsibility linked to political ambitions. While you favour traditional attitudes and values, you also acknowledge the need for development and progress, so you try to act as a 'bridge' between the past-present-future, carefully retaining the value of the past with an awareness of what is required tomorrow.

In social and intimate relationships, you prefer the company of like-minded individuals, those who have a similar or compatible perception, and whose attitudes do not openly challenge or disturb your implicit assumptions about life and yourself. Domestically, you will follow established social lifestyles, rarely considering any radical deviations or choosing to step outside conventional patterns. While you are aware of your own limits - but less so of those self-imposed ones - you may not always take advantage of your whole potential, and can create subtle demarcation lines of personal restrictions formed by your unconscious attitudes. Perhaps a greater tolerance of those who feel less need to conform may open you more to the potential and possibilities of life; not everyone has to follow the same road, and there are more ways open for you than have been consciously realised.

20) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°40' A) ♋6 | ♊8

(Betty Lundsted)

This combination is favorable for the effective timing of day-to-day events and the handling of small matters in a way that is harmonious with contemporary society. The natives' socially acceptable habit patterns make them popular. Family background may bring them good fortune.

(Donna van Toen)

Feelings are more controlled than with the trine. Often there's a feeling of not really knowing yourself or of having to protect your 'good' side from your 'bad' side. There's a need to be aware of the tendency towards a stagnating, non-productive sort of control.

Moon trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The supremacy of feeling in a relationship of living together; an inner or emotional attitude towards other persons. Associations and contacts with the female sex.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart it attracts a woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected

beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

21) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (1°44' A) 8 2 | 4

(Donna van Toen)

You have an even, well-balanced flow of sexual and romantic energies, meaning you're neither overly aggressive nor overly passive in your approach to these areas. Love-hate relationships aren't your style; nor are purely platonic ones. You tend to be happiest with an easy-going mate who has a considerable amount of imagination and is creative without being a moody, broody, artistic archetype. Your attitude towards sex is good overall. You're attracted to marriage and are generally comfortable in your role as a spouse, provided, of course, that you choose a compatible mate.

You probably get along well with the opposite sex. They like you; you like them - with one exception. That exception is that you tend to find passive people quite frustrating. Your approach to love is one in which you throw yourself into each new romantic experience. You don't like to do things half-way; and, once involved, you put everything you've got into making a relationship work.

Occasionally, sexual / romantic energies are sublimated into some sort of artistic activity. This is most common when air is the predominant element in the chart.

Normally, however, you're a loving person who wants and needs a sexual outlet. For this reason, a less-than-satisfying sexual relationship could lead to infidelity.

If you have Venus sextile Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing may apply, although your need for a sexual outlet would be less strong.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus sextile Mars gives you a warm, affectionate nature. Your physical needs are considerable, but you know how to contain them until you meet a person with whom you can enjoy a comfortable relationship. You don't display your feelings until you know the person fairly well and can determine whether the attraction is social and intellectual as well as physical. You realize it is necessary to compromise with people to win their continued friendship. Others are inclined to make concessions to you because your attitude encourages them to. You don't threaten other people's opinion of themselves by calling attention to their failings. Although you allow for human frailties, you expect to see the better qualities manifested.

You prefer to enjoy the more beautiful elements of life rather than preoccupy yourself with the seamy side of it. Your artistic nature inclines you to enjoy good music, fine works of art, good literature, interesting social contacts, and congenial friendships.

Professional interests are not specified by this combination of planets, but you would be suited to any occupation requiring human contact in a reasonably intimate way. With people you don't know, you like to strike up a conversation over some trifling matter just so you can introduce yourself and eliminate the strain of unfamiliarity. You have an optimistic outlook and generally wear a smile that shows the world that you are a congenial person. Public relations work would be enormously satisfying to you, and people would enjoy doing business with you, since you immediately put them at ease.

You probably still have the friends you made years ago, even though you may no longer be directly in touch with them. You retain good memories of the times you enjoyed with them and tend to forget any painful incidents that may have occurred.

You may marry someone who will co-operate with you in achieving the good things in life. But whether you marry for security or for purely emotional reasons, the relationship will prove enriching.

You are inclined to be a little careless about financial matters and may spend more than you earn. In your preoccupation with the refinements of life and the fine things money can buy, you are unconcerned with economy. When you indulge in a whim, one would think you had an endless supply of cash available. Conservation is a quality you need to develop.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates that the mother of the individual has a healthy attitude toward sexuality and femininity. This person can go into emotional relationships and easily combine the emotional and sexual needs. Relationships can be enjoyed.

The sextile indicates that an appreciation of beauty is inherent; often this person becomes involved in the arts, or employment may be obtained in the art field. Career action taken will include an appreciation of other people's needs.

Venus trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With harmonious Mars / Venus aspects, we are in a position to combine activity and passivity, industry and harmony, and therefore usually make a good impression. Affection means a lot to us, and, as a rule, we experience little difficulty in displaying affection to others. These aspects can make contacts pleasant; for although we often play an active role (Mars), we do know how to rein ourselves in when this will help things to run more smoothly (Venus).

As in all the Mars / Venus aspects, sexuality is important; so indeed is every form of sensuous enjoyment. Dancing, theatre-going and the like can be some favorite diversions.

We may well be very creative. Venus always gives a feeling for form, proportion and color; and this, combined with Martian drive, is what we need for producing original work. Nevertheless, the Martian energy may not be strong enough in these harmonious aspects for creativity to manifest itself.

In love we can be very passionate. The partner means everything and we are prepared to devote ourselves to the loved one. On the other hand, we expect the partner to be devoted to us. The easy aspects are traditionally said to be favorable for love: the need to unite with someone (Venus) is in harmony with a desire to go and prove ourselves (Mars). Also a measure of independence is expected within the relationship so that the partners do not take each other over completely.

(Charles Carter)

These tend to make the feelings warm and cordial; they indicate what we should generally call an affectionate, warm-hearted person, even though other configurations may deny expression. On the other hand, in an emotional chart their may be expression of an unrestrained kind, or gush; or, again, there may be a highly strung condition due to a lack of adequate expression.

The contacts are invigorating to the sexual nature, but better in this respect for males than for women, since they often appear in the charts of spinsters. This fact is probably due to the feelings of independence which they give and the love of freedom of thought or action; sometimes these traits even verge on the masterful.

These good aspects also tend to affectionate relations with the children and benefit from them.

They are very favourable for the family-life, provided that the planets are well-placed - all depends on this. The affections are rich and generous, and like will beget like in the shape of many kindnesses received. Mars, representing the rough side of life, is, as it were, blunted and mitigated by the Venus influence. It is decidedly good for men in their relations with women; they are likely to be helped in every respect, and often acquire both beauty and affection in marriage, and, by no means rarely, money as well.

22) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°47' A) ☿1 | ♄4

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars square the Ascendant indicates that you show not moderation in asserting yourself. When you feel the urge to take action about something important, you usually do so without polish or refinement. When you act this way, people resent it and find you offensive. When reminded of your shortcomings, you are offended because you feel you should not have to answer to anyone for your actions. It is nearly impossible to stop you from expressing your opinion, and you don't care where you are or who hears you. Anyone who provokes you invites your immediate reaction, usually a negative one.

You seem to enjoy watching people become upset by your display of bad manners. You delight in putting people on the defensive and watching them squirm as you antagonize them with your tirades. Because you aren't really convinced of your superiority, you have a chip on your shoulder. Only winning in a show of strength can satisfy your ego.

Your parents probably tried to stimulate you to do the things they were unable to accomplish in their lives, and you became annoyed by this pressure. Disagreements and bickering in your early home life have caused you to become bitter and resentful of authority. Although you want your talents to be recognized, your inability to submit to authority creates problems and restricts the progress of your career. Problems may also result because your parents could not provide you with an education. If you have received an education, you have done so by your own efforts.

You admire people who can translate their capabilities into financial gain. But if you are willing to endure the self-denial and sacrifice required, you can accomplish the same thing. You know your future security depends on successfully developing your potentials. You are willing to work hard to realize your goals, but there are times when you wonder if they are worth all the effort and the frustrations you must endure.

Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if

we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

23) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°43' A) ♀12 | ♀9

(Robert Hand)

This aspect can indicate extreme insecurity and self-doubt, unless your parents and other influential adults make a special effort to reinforce your self-confidence. When you meet a difficult person or an obstacle, your first tendency is to run away, because you feel that you cannot overcome it. This is probably not true, and you must learn what you really can do, instead of limiting yourself to the few tasks that you are not afraid to do.

Sometimes you seem to be surrounded by energies that are very weakening, usually from people you are with who give off very negative energies such as resentment, hostility or anger. You don't attract such people to any unusual extent, but you suffer more than others from being around them. As much as possible, you should associate with positive and optimistic persons.

This empathy has a positive side, however, in that you understand other people very well, knowing what is going on in their minds as well as what they say. But it will take you a while to learn how to interpret the signals you get from others. While you are young, you may frequently misinterpret people.

You will feel a need to work for an ideal that is higher than yourself or for a person whom you can idealize and respect. This is fine, but you will probably be taken advantage of by people who are unworthy of your devotion, unless you work very hard to get past your idealizations and see who they really are. Then you can choose intelligently.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square, unless contradicted by other influences in the chart, indicates unreliability in professional obligations and confusion in domestic affairs. The home will be messy and disorganized, and sometimes the scene of alcohol or drug use.

There can be deception and irresponsibility on the job, in the form of laziness, inefficiency, or both. In rare cases, the natives are deliberately dishonest or deceptive.

This square can also manifest itself in escape from domestic and professional duties through daydreaming.

Neptune square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven make us insecure, and we have considerable trouble forming an identity. For not only are we very sensitive to what the world says of us; we are inclined to misinterpret what it says. To make matters worse, the world has a false impression of us anyway. But however that may be, with these aspects we are liable to run round in circles for a long time, worried by the difference between thoughts and impulses that are generated by ourselves, on the one hand, and our thoughts and impulses that have slipped unobserved from outside into the unconscious mind - from where they rise to influence us - on the other hand.

Hence we are extremely suggestible and easily misled; especially when, as often happens, we have not yet found our bearings. By drawing an inaccurate picture of self and society, we can become deluded and create confusion. On account of the pretence we know how to make, people can impute to us things for which we are not responsible. The other side of the coin is that we can go on to do extremely well in areas where pretence and illusion are raised to a fine art: the world of film for example. We need to be on guard against various forms of addiction; addiction to drink or drugs say, which may seem to offer a refuge from hard reality but, being impersonal, impedes personal development. The addiction can also be to unworkable religious and idealistic concepts that equally help us to avoid confrontations with everyday problems and push personality into the background. In addition to idealism, we are full of both empathy and sympathy. If we find ourselves in a stimulating environment where no unfair advantage is taken of our sensitiveness, pliability and insecurity, we gradually shed uncertainty and (provided we engage in Neptunian occupations with the active support of others) can do much to further our ideals.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Jupiter inclines you to react to your experiences with excessive motion and to fail in making intellectual appraisals. Consequently, you jump to incorrect conclusions, which causes difficulties in solving your problems. Your reasoning is based on such scanty evidence that you often have to withdraw any statements based on it. The fact is, you lack the emotional stability to pursue your investigations and really get at the facts. You are self-indulgent, not too ambitious, and sometimes irresponsible, preferring to live on the fringes of involvement with people and situations. Your fickleness does not endear you to those who support you because you don't seem to really care whether they support you or not. But if they turn from you because of your indifference, you could become bitter, feeling that you've been deserted. Because you lack emotional maturity, you will be passed by when opportunities come up, especially if they are of a serious nature.

You are generous to excess, so you may find that you are always short of funds when you need them most. Taking a course in financial management would teach you not to indulge in reckless credit buying without any means for repayment. This planetary combination means you prefer to take the easiest route to satisfy your desires, and your planning probably does not go beyond the immediate purchase. Credit buying should be avoided or, better still, completely eliminated. Money burns a hole in your pocket because you have very little sales resistance.

You vacillate between periods of intense enthusiasm and periods of complete apathy. You have creative inspiration but are not willing to make the necessary effort to develop and apply it. You feel sorry for yourself because you are getting so little from life, but on the other hand you won't make any investment of yourself.

You should develop a program that will give you strict rules for your financial affairs and help you accept responsibility and plan for the future. There is no other way to set your faculties in proper order. Once you do this, you won't have to settle for routine menial occupations that bore you and infest you with additional lethargy. You can look forward to such interesting fields as law, medicine, home economics, restaurant management, or education. An even better occupation would be in rehabilitation of the handicapped or physical therapy. In such areas you could compare your own situation with the lives of people who have genuine liabilities. That may give you the determination to accomplish some objectives and light the fuse of your creative abilities.

Your physical problems are almost completely the result of overindulgence in food and drink. Avoid rich foods altogether; they only bog down your already sluggish constitution. When you run, let it be as an exercise, not an escape from responsibilities.

25) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (5°57' A) 137 | 4

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Saturn indicates that your early conditioning has inhibited you from using your imagination in exploiting your potentials. Somewhat traditional in your thinking, you find it difficult to stay in the mainstream of current ideas or develop new ideas. You may be narrow-minded in your opinions because you fear change and the insecurity it represents to you.

In school, you were slow to learn because it required so much effort. You felt you were being punished because you were expected to maintain your grades. It's not that you are incapable, but rather indolent and mentally lazy. When you don't succeed with a minimum of effort, you quickly become depressed. The result is a lack of enthusiasm in developing your creative potentials. Your conservative attitude is a liability, because today's society demands personal assertion in order to succeed. Your fear of competition means you cannot prove to yourself that you are capable of meeting challenges. Unless you adjust your thinking to the rapid changes taking place in the world, you will greatly limit your progress.

Once you get over feeling negative about everything, you can make plans to see that your ideas are acted on. This planetary combination gives many advantages. Instead of fear, have courage to accept the obvious. Replace negative thinking with plans which allow you to face your obligations with optimism. Look to the past, of which you are so fond, for the lessons you need to adequately cope with problems of the present and future. You don't really have any alternative if you want to achieve your objectives in life.

You could achieve success in education, science, politics, conservation of natural resources, government science, industrial management, or architecture. As you can see, some of these fields, especially science and education, require that you be willing to accept change. You need only the determination to succeed and the ability to capitalize on your creative potentials in order to rise to prominence in any of these occupations.

Be careful not to sign legal documents without reading the fine print, and avail yourself of legal counsel. You can be vindictive if someone tries to take advantage of you. In your job, you are resentful of authority and complain bitterly when someone else gets the promotion you feel you deserve. You must demonstrate your superiority in order to attract attention. You may just have to try harder than others to succeed or gain recognition.

Try to look at the bright side of life and admit that, if you are having difficulty, perhaps you haven't made as much of a contribution as you could have.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is similar to the conjunction, but with the square the quality of excessiveness is added. The psychological influence of the father (Saturn) impedes the ability to communicate and, therefore, produces adults who find words difficult. They have problems communicating what they want to those around them. During childhood, somehow the father created some block or fear that the child responded to. It brings apprehension regarding self-expression. In order to overcome the aspect, this person will have to work through the block set up years ago because of the relationship with the father. Once that has been accomplished, this person can teach himself to communicate in a sturdy and diplomatic manner. Until the aspect is understood, however, the words may come harshly, or in some authoritarian manner that seems designed to offend the very people he wants to talk with.

This aspect can restrict relationships, for the core of any relationship is the sharing of one's thoughts and feelings. Mercury rules the mind, the thoughts, the ability to express one's thoughts to others, the ability to hear what is being said. When a father feels that a child should be seen and not heard, he may have no idea of the limitations to creative expression that he places on the child born with this aspect. He may have other children whom he raises the same way, but, without this aspect, the other children will not react in the same manner.

Along with turning this energy into constructive expression, this person will have to develop a sense of self-worth. If other aspects in the chart also indicate self-worth problems, he may need to seek therapy in order to transform the energy. Before one can confront authority figures in life, the inner self has to decide it is worth something.

Mercury square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between these two planets give a fairly gloomy cast to the mind. When we start considering anything (mercury), we come into conflict with the need to qualify, limit and define. In the worst case, this can mean narrow-mindedness, and mistrust of everything we meet. But there are other possibilities. Anxiety, caution, careful verification and even timidity are almost bound to play a part in ordinary contacts and also in our thinking. Once thing is certain: we are never going to rush things. We are serious, prudent, calm and collected, and will often reflect on what others say - not to be guided by it, but in order to work out what lies behind it. We want to know every detail so that we do not have to reveal how uncertain we are over relationships and contacts. Others do not find us easy to get on with. We are not spontaneous but rather inhibited and, sometimes by way of overcompensation, argumentative and domineering in our talk. Sometimes we seem like an immovable block of concrete and seem determined to

look on the dark side of everything.

Although these two planets are at cross-purposes here, the confrontations they cause can be instructive to us. The energy of the square or opposition helps us to come to terms with them, and, even though the aspects are hard, we can develop many valuable characteristics associated with the combination of Mercury and Saturn: willingness to work hard, a serious and studious nature, practicality, economy, sobriety, and good powers of concentration.

26) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♁ **Uranus** - (2°54' A) 137 | 4

(Haydn Paul)

The square has several characteristics similar to the opposition. In both we find eccentric thought-patterns, intellectual superiority, the 'know it all' syndrome, and a changeability of mind and emotions which can both confuse and antagonise others.

The main difference with the square's influence is the dominance of the Uranian 'rebel' attitude, which will condition your social expression. Your initial reaction to most social traditions, rules, and beliefs will be a belligerent opposition, even if you hide most of this activity within your own thoughts. A 'rebel of the mind!'.

There are at least two sorts of rebel: those who just oppose, and those who oppose and offer radical solutions to social problems. You are likely to have the tendency to be the 'opposer', as your ideas are often erratic and impractical, lacking in the ability to be easily applied by people in everyday life. This can be frustrating for you; but until you come to better terms with contemporary life, it may be inevitable. Part of this problem is your inability to acquiesce in social rules and accepted ways of behaviour, allied to an innate resistance to authority. You fail to see why you have to live in certain ways, acting and behaving according to a social code of conduct, or thinking within predictable and conventional parameters. You have enough of a sense of freedom to know that life does not have to be the way your parents, teachers, employers, politicians and priests tell you. So you become an outsider.

Alienation from society can vary in degree; but you may have to be careful that your tendency is not just negative in nature, but possesses a positive creativity for social change. Otherwise it can be just a pose, an image, a self-indulgence, especially when young.

Responsibility and commitment are two characteristics that you need to develop.

You may have to realise that the only person who is responsible for you is yourself! The responsibility for your choices and actions lies with you, no-one else; and it is a foolish denial of personal power to pretend otherwise, or to seek to blame society or someone

else for the repercussions of your choices. It is your life; and your choices will determine success or failure, enjoyment or suffering.

Your need for self-assertion and uniqueness often causes you to reject wellintentioned advice, without even serious consideration. You do need to listen more to people, because there is usually something of value there for you. Self-preoccupation blinds and deafens you to much in life; and your obstinate insistence on being right can lead to difficulties which defeat even your own objectives.

Basically, what you are looking for is a personal state of freedom. The freedom to live in a world that suits you; and there can lie the problem. How to move from a restrictive world into liberation? One approach is to transfer the energy flow from opposing 'out there' to beint turned within, to experience fully the contradictions in your nature, accept them and attempt to resolve or rebalance them. Techniques from the humanistic schools of psychotherapy and creative visualisation could prove useful in this act of recreation. The social rebel has to undergo an inner revolution. This may be quite difficult; yet it offers the potential to reorientate the energies that are creating problems in your relationships and simultaneously affecting your enjoyment of life. It is a transference from a negativity to a positivity that is to be the aim. You can create a better world to live in if you apply yourself to transforming that inner conflict. You are intelligent and talented enough to use your potential to build a freer world (via relationships, employment changes, etc.), where yuor choices lead to positive enhancements and increased options for enjoyment. Being frustrated and opposing the world is a waste of time and energy. Determine what sort of life you do want to live; and then find the way to do so; attempting that will absorb your time, energy and commitment in a potentially creative path to your future benefit and for others. Externalise your dream of a new life!

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury square Uranus, you are mentally alert, bright, and ingeniously talented. You are also eccentric in your thinking, and your opinions are usually dramatically at odds with prevailing beliefs. You are a rebel with causes that most people find obnoxious or belligerent. In seeking to obtain truth, you often bypass logic. Your extreme impatience with established facts often forces you to create whatever truths require the least commitment from you. The problem is your refusal to accept responsibility for what you say.

Your arrogant 'know-it-all' attitude makes it very difficult for you to succeed at occupations in which rules must be observed. You take rules lightly, and openly protest to the person who constructed them. The first lesson to learn, then, is humility. When you have learned this, you will be readily accepted and will have the opportunity to demonstrate your vast intellectual talent. You can rise to the top in many fields, such as science, education, social sciences, and even politics. Only time will convince you that it is foolish to project yourself prematurely and run the risk of being discredited.

Experience is what you need to sharpen your deductive ability and reward you for using your talents wisely.

Your personal relationships often don't last long, because you are unable to compromise. Often, what you say is not what you really feel, which makes anyone who is emotionally involved with you feel unsure. Problems between you and the one you love aren't easy to resolve. You don't want to give in, yet to obstinately stand firm is completely unrealistic. You are obviously exciting to have around, but perhaps it would be wise to choose someone with a more stable temperament as your lifetime mate.

Try to slow down and maintain a moderate pace if you want to avoid nervous problems. Don't stay keyed-up for prolonged periods.

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.

27) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☿ Jupiter** - (2°18' A) ☿1 | ☿09

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter trine the Ascendant means that you always expect to succeed. You find it possible to make grandiose plans for the future, because you know how to capitalize on your creative abilities as tools with which to seek your goals in life. Knowing how is not the same as actually doing something, however, and your success may be delayed by the delusion that you can succeed without a lot of hard work. You like the good life and all its comforts, which can be yours if you are willing to make an enormous investment of personal effort.

Although you have high expectations, you secretly fear you won't succeed in winning over your competitors. You overestimate other people's skills and underestimate your own, which can lead you to have a defeatist attitude. Concentrate your efforts on gaining excellence in what you do, so that you can dismiss these anxieties.

The people you work for regard you more highly than you think. Hoping to gain their respect, you attempt to do more than your share in the tasks assigned to you. You admire those who achieve distinction and realize that you must be fully informed if you hope to win similar honors. However, you tend to dawdle when you should discipline yourself in working toward your goals. By indulging in personal pleasures to excess, you waste energy and time that could be used more constructively. Because you are careless about managing your financial affairs, you sometimes can't avail yourself of opportunities when they arise.

Your talents are needed in many fields, but unless you learn to establish your priorities, you will waste your gifts in non-productive enterprises. You are too generous in sharing your ideas with others when you should develop them for your own benefit. Avoid borrowing money if you can; because of your self-indulgent nature, it may be painful to repay unless you learn to have greater self-control.

Jupiter trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Ascendant have much the same effects as the conjunction. We radiate cheerfulness, optimism and cordiality, and cultivate a wide circle of acquaintances. When Jupiter, with its gift for improving and remedying, is in easy relationship with the Ascendant, we like to be helpful to others - not in a subservient way, but out of simple kindness. 'People are entitled to be themselves' is our motto. Love of freedom and the need to be able to develop freely are two of our prominent characteristics.

Although, even with the easy aspects, we have a tendency to lecture and moralize, we generally manage to do it in a manner that others can accept without being offended. We enjoy propagating ideals and a vision of the future, and like talking about the things that enthuse us - particularly those that widen our horizons, either literally by travel, or metaphorically by immersion in philosophical or general human concerns.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with the sextile or trine relate to others by using a similar energy to that of the Ascendant. They tend to open up (Jupiter) in a manner complementary to the persona they have put forth.

28) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (0°46' S) ♀12 | ♄4

(Robert Hand)

As you grow older, you will get ahead by doing everything in a very systematic and orderly manner. You try to take good care of your possessions, and you like to have them arranged neatly about you. Also you try to use your possessions in the best way possible.

As you get older, you will be fascinated by the tools and techniques of any subject that interests you, and you will become very proficient in those techniques.

Even at an early age, you will feel that very little that is worth having comes for nothing in this world, but you are willing to work. As a result of this understanding, you may seem older than your age, and you may prefer the company of older people.

Although you can work with others if necessary, you probably prefer activities that you can pursue by yourself, because then you do not have to worry about whether someone else's standards are as high as your own. You are very exacting in your work, and find it frustrating to deal with anyone who is less exacting. This same energy may also cause you to feel a bit different from other people, even sometimes as if you don't belong with them. However, this will not bother you greatly, because you are confident enough to be yourself. It is more important to you to be right than to be popular. This attitude will win you the respect of your elders, and all your life you will get along well with persons in authority. Eventually you will probably be in a position of authority yourself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates considerable professional ambition. The natives will work steadily and hard to achieve their chosen career goals. They are reliable in their jobs and possess organizational and managerial abilities. Thus, they gain the confidence of people in positions of authority and are promoted. This configuration favors a slow,

steady climb to the top. It especially favors those in politics and indicates honesty in public office, providing other factors in the horoscope are confirmatory.

The professional success gained through hard work contributes to a secure and wellordered domestic life.

Saturn trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever the aspect between the Midheaven and Saturn, a feeling of vulnerability and inferiority will play a role. In the harmonious aspects, we can come to terms with this fairly well. They give us a serious outlook on ourselves and on life in general, and our sense of responsibility is well-developed. We can work hard and long, and we like to finish what we start. Indeed we can be very self-denying on behalf of work or for some other goal; also there is more than a hint of wanting to let the world know that we can play our part in fine style. Ambition is certainly not foreign to the harmonious aspects.

Saturn is the planet of time. Therefore we seldom see a meteoric rise to fame and fortune; instead, there is steady application giving solid achievement. Given time, this will operate to our advantage.

Even with these relaxed aspects, we seldom choose the path of least resistance - neither in forming our identity, nor in regard to social status. In any case, we are eminently suited to heavy, prolonged and responsible work. We can be a tower of strength to others, and can help them to shape their lives, too.

29) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☿ **Uranus** - (3°49' S) ♀12 | ♄4

(Robert Hand)

Probably your beliefs and ideas are different from those of the people around you, and you put a different value on physical objects as well. You do not like to be tied to possessions that you must take care of. This means that eventually you will prefer to have as few possessions as possible so that you can go wherever you want without any worries. Very early in life, you will decide that you have to follow a path that is uniquely your own and does not follow anyone else's ideas about what is good for you. You want to break new ground, but in order to get there you won't have to battle others, especially your parents or other authority figures. You should be sufficiently creative so that you can make them see the desirability of letting you have your way to a reasonable extent.

You may change your mind several times about what you want to do with your life, not

so much because your mind is unstable but because it is so difficult to find exactly what you need. Incidentally, this can be a sign of an interest in or, later, a career in a technical field, such as electronics, computers, engineering or science. Or you may be interested in the occult and astrology.

You like a certain amount of excitement in your life, to keep from getting bored. You prefer anything new to what is old, so you will not be particularly interested in keeping in touch with your childhood and your past once you are finished with it. You are future-oriented, always looking ahead to the next thing to come along.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates professional success and even fame through unique contributions to the natives' professions, which are in unusual fields. Renown may come suddenly.

The configuration favors scientists, occultists, astrologers, and particularly those in electronics.

The home life and family conditions are likely to have an original flair. There can be unusual gadgetry or architecture for the home itself.

Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new

direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♅ Pluto** - (5°22' A) ♀12 | ♁8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you will always want to use your resources and talents to the best of your ability in order to get ahead in life. Even while you are young, long before most people are considering a career, you will begin to learn the best ways of using your talents to get where you want to go. However, some problems may arise in the course of your development that you should be aware of.

For example, although later you will be concerned with resources, in youth you may simply be interested in owning things, which may result in your having a lot of useless clutter. Also, you should not be so possessive that you are unwilling to share at all.

On another level, this aspect can signify that you get very involved in learning various skills. This can be very useful if you concentrate on useful skills and if you do not get so wrapped up in them that you lose track of relationships with others. Do not become too self-involved. Any situation in which you feel compelled to act by some inner compulsion can be bad for you because you are not aware of yourself and what you are doing at the time. As a result, your activities might have totally unexpected consequences. Make sure you understand your reasons for doing whatever you do.

Nevertheless, you have a strong drive to get ahead and to succeed, which should be very advantageous in competition with others. Your objectives in life may change several times, and as an adult you may change careers, but your work and your outside interests should be enormously satisfying to you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates driving ambition toward professional success and leadership status. The natives keep improving their work techniques. They understand power and know how to deal with people in positions of power. To executives, this configuration gives strength, farsightedness and initiative. There is, in short, the will to succeed.

The professional success gained makes possible a regeneration of domestic conditions. The home and profession may be a base for occult or scientific endeavor. The configuration favors those who work in science, politics and metaphysics.

Pluto trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With one of the easy aspects of Pluto to the Midheaven, we shall strike others as forceful or even ambitious. It is obvious that we are not going to let anybody get the better of us if we can help it; and we try in whatever way possible to acquire a certain amount of authority. In situations that are important, either we take charge or else we look for an opportunity to throw our weight about. The desire for recognition, perseverance and a strong will, not to mention a desire for power, figure largely in social relationships. We can be very patient in pursuing the goals we set for ourselves.

Even in these more mellow aspects, we are liable to suffer from an inflated self-image - in fact, because the aspects rouse relatively little opposition, there is plenty of room for the self-image to expand. We know how to present claims in such a way that the world will accept them as quite natural or, at least, will not openly contest them. And so our aspirations are confirmed, and there is a risk of gradually becoming so addicted to attention and applause that we always try to push ourselves to the front and elbow everybody else out of the way.

Pluto / Midheaven aspects give a deeply penetrating mind, which does not desist until it has discovered the core of things; a mind that leaves no stone unturned, and investigates all that is hidden, suppressed, veiled, mysterious, magical or otherwise strange and obscure. We are notably fascinated by the human psyche, with all its mechanisms and motivations, and sooner or later become excellent judges of character. Therefore the aspects are good for psychiatrists, (para)psychologists and similar specialists.

With these aspects, we often attract individuals who, on seeing us, think they have found a strong shoulder to cry on - even though we ourselves may be feeling weak. It is not surprising perhaps that they should see strength rather than weakness, because weakness is something that the person with a Pluto / Midheaven aspect never admits. We are very good at advising people and at helping anyone in need. Yet, when we ourselves are in need, nobody knows about it to help, since we are stupid enough not to tell them. We always want to control the situation. Therefore, even those with so-called 'harmonious' aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven can become involved in confrontations; and sometimes they are assailed by feelings of loneliness.

31) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (3°19' S) 8 2 | 4 6

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of the Sun and Moon indicates that there is a certain harmonious balance between your will and your habits and emotions. You naturally react to stimuli in such a way that your ego can continue to develop properly. There is a good balance between the lessons you have learned from your past experiences and your ability to use these

lessons to realize your destiny. Your relationship with your parents was generally favorable to your continued growth. They might even have inspired you to assert your own individuality so that you could become your own person rather than a reflection of their desires. You should enjoy a pleasant relationship with them and with other members of your family throughout your life. Only stress contacts between the Sun or the Moon and other planets in your chart could complicate the foregoing. In such instances, you would be responsible for the difficulties; the favorable influence here would still hold true, as you would eventually realize.

Your greatest problem, if it can be called that, is your tendency to be apathetic when you could deliberately assert yourself. You have an abundance of creative talent that can be usefully applied in situations that involve people and close relationships. Young people and children are comfortable with you and are on their best behavior because they want to please you. They respond to your attitude of protective caring for them, and they would never forget your contact with them.

You have the opportunity to rise to prominence if you want to. There is a luck factor in your favor, but you also have the temperament to feel completely at ease in positions of authority. You always exercise your will with an understanding of how people will react to it. Persuasive but not offensive, you have a knack for getting people to do what you want without appearing domineering. Your refined nature is a decided asset if you choose to pursue a professional career.

Your sincerity and honesty make you attractive to both sexes. You are warm and friendly towards casual acquaintances as well as close friends, and wherever you go you leave a lasting impression.

You underestimate your potential to climb to the top in any endeavor you find attractive. You should choose a field that has possibilities for growth. Land or land development, homes, and domestic enterprises in general are some of the areas in which you could build a very rewarding future. Working with the public is advised because you have the calm disposition to cope with any situation that could develop.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there can be a positive harmony of conscious will and your instinctual, emotional, and habitual response patterns to life; fewer inner conflicts between your feeling reactions and the application of your purpose should occur. You are likely to feel self-confident and optimistic about fulfilling your potential, aims and ambitions, and you may discover that doors open for you at the right times, or people offer support and help which enable you to move forward; luck may be a factor in your life.

Your early life experiences, parental relationships and childhood social conditioning are likely to have been generally favourable, and little negativity has made any deleterious

mark on your development. There may be benefits from hereditary influences, possibly in natural talents and gifts, and some of your habitual pattern tendencies may be family traits, although the likelihood is that they are essentially positive and constructive. In your adult life, you will try to maintain good family relationships, both with your parents and with any family that you are responsible for creating. You tend to relate well with young children, who enjoy your sincere concern, care, understanding and attention.

You ensure that you learn from all experiences so that lessons do not need to be painfully repeated. One area where extra prompting may be needed is in application. As your basic temperament is relaxed and laid-back, generating sufficient momentum towards achieving aims can sometimes seem to be too much hard work to bother. You may be unwilling to stretch and really challenge yourself to develop, and thus may fail to realise the depth of latent potential that you actually possess. In fact, you should have considerable natural talents waiting to be exploited, and you should become alert to any opportunities that offer the prospect of growth and unfoldment, so that your creative drives and ability to unite feelings and will are successfully released in your environment.

Self-assertion may need a concentrated focus for you to progress in a career; although the potential is there for good advancement to be made, there may be a question mark against your level of commitment and desire actually to enter senior positions. Your sensitive good nature may be less of an asset in such positions, however, where harsh impersonal decision may be required for business viability. Yet you could effectively serve in an authoritative role, especially in spheres of interpersonal contact and communication, where your assets of friendliness, sincerity, persuasiveness and understanding people's motivations can make you a very good mediator between levels of employees.

Feeling right with yourself is important, and you recognise that is a key to good personal health and enjoyment of life. The free-flowing nature of this Sun-Moon contact helps you to appreciate your strong physical vitality, stamina and ability to recover easily from any temporary illness.

In social situations, you tend to act as a 'bridge' between people, being able to understand and empathise with different types, and through that reconciling aspect of your nature can help people to join together more easily. You can be sexually attractive, and this can lead you into successful relationship experiences. The main issue is to use this aspect's positive and constructive nature as fully as possible, and not just allow that stable, tranquil and contented nature to cast a soporific spell over you. You need to awaken your solar nature and qualities, in addition to expressing your lunar qualities comfortably, because that will become your path of selfdevelopment.

32) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (6°07' A) ♄6 | ♁2

(Haydn Paul)

The trine suggests you have a harmonious and sensitive nature, often expressed through a conciliatory spirit in social and intimate relationships. Working in a mediating capacity or with the public may enable this quality to be successfully demonstrated.

Personal assets include a warm, sensitive, and sympathetic heart, empathic understanding, imagination, sincerity, an optimistic, positive attitude, and a sense of perspective and proportion that heals, calms, and aids communication if conflict occurs. You should be able to use these well for the benefit of all. With your support and encouragement, many a troubled heart can be soothed. You can be a good listener, resisting the temptation to interfere by imposing your perspective on someone. You listen with an open heart and mind, and then help another to gain a deeper understanding of his or her problems by proposing key questions that require consideration for progress and resolution. You prefer straight talking, moving beyond superficiality and evasion to the essence of problems; some may respond well to this; others may find this approach too unsettling and challenging, and avoid involvement with you. But your intentions remain good, and you know that you genuinely desire the best for everyone, often spending time sharing positive and creative energies with others as a consciously supportive action.

You have a confident and positive self-image, valuing your perspective on life. Personal integrity is important to you, so avoid compromising this; being true to yourself has a higher priority than simple personal gain. You believe that positive attitudes benefit all; and you may decide to reject indulging in negative thoughts and emotions, attitudes that can make you useful to others who are more prone to suffer from life's vagaries. As you probably realize, positive attitudes, thoughts, and emotions generate positivity, while negative ones generate only negativity; whichever attitude dominates will shape and create life experiences.

There can be artistic and imaginative abilities; and creativity could be usefully pursued for self-expression or professionally, especially in areas like art, music, acting, singing, or craftwork.

Love, domesticity, and family are important; and you will derive much benefit from ensuring that your intimate relationships are honest, positive, and optimistic. Emotional satisfaction is highly valued; and you need to feel convinced that your emotional commitment to a lover will not be abused or that trust broken. Having children will attract; and you can display a natural understanding of childhood needs. You will have a protective family instinct, and prefer to keep your home life and relationship private, sharing only what you choose to with outsiders.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between the Moon and Venus shows that you have a gentle and harmonious

disposition. Optimistic about the success of your relationships, you feel reasonably secure that your trust in people will not be violated. You are probably an attractive person, either by your physical appearance or in other ways that make you seem so. You don't have to work at having good intentions, because your motives are rarely less than honorable. You are imaginative and inspired in using your creative talents. You have faith that other people can succeed, just as you believe in yourself and strive for excellence in everything you do.

You can achieve prominence in work that involves handling people, and your talents would be best suited to public relations. You should always remain exposed to the public, where you can assert yourself warmly, sincerely, and imaginatively. Your presence in a group is always desirable, since you energize others when they lose interest. You have a calming effect on people who are distressed, because you refuse to be negative. Your peaceful demeanor is infectious, and an otherwise dull day brightens when you come on the scene. Your judgement is good, but you don't try to override anyone else's opinion. Your values are well organized, and integrity keeps you from forming an alliance with anyone whose integrity can be questioned. You are never offensive or coarse, and vulgarity is something you cannot tolerate. When a vulgar incident occurs, you simply walk away and detach yourself from those who indulge in it.

Your emotional satisfaction is derived from relationships that are honest and sincere. You don't bore people with details of your private life, and you are not interested in invading their privacy. Your mate should be interested in having children, for they would be a source of much joy to you. Young people are drawn to you as if fascinated. You make them feel perfectly at ease because you show that you care for them.

You could find additional pleasure in avocational pursuits such as theater groups, interior decoration, artistic endeavors, or craftwork with children and young people. Sunday school might also be a rewarding way to spend leisure time, and your participation would enrich the lives of those involved because of your effective delivery and sincere interest.

33) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°11' S) ♄4 | ♀8

Mars trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The desire to co-operate with others, comradeship, and team-spirit, a social conscience, the desire for progeny. The attainment of joint or shared successes, the stage of entering into union with others.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect invigorates the sexual nature and gives much vitality. In a woman's chart, it

gives her the magnetism to draw a vital man into her life. For a man's chart, it shows good sexual strength and strong vitality. It can give a feeling of independence because of the vital nature these people have. This person is well able to function physically in most things he attracts. He is able to undergo danger with great courage, and has great endurance in conflict. It gives practical application of energy to the affairs of Mars and the South Node.

34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°36' S) ♄4 | ♇8

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, this indicates that you will have a good organising ability, using your concentrated will-power to make the maximum use of your talents and resources, provided that you have clearly defined your purposes in the light of your real potential.

The concept of a manipulator of energies - or magician - is evident; and you will naturally use subtle energies to help achieve your will; this may be applied either consciously with deliberation, or as an unconscious psychological projection or emanation from you. This ability can be developed through forms of self-training; and you are likely to be attracted to occultism, astrology, magic, yoga and science, appropriate areas in which to investigate subtle energies through personal experience. You may have a sense of underlying purpose in your life, perceived as a fated path which is unfolding naturally from within you, yet is a path that you feel you have to follow towards an unknown destination.

It can be that this meaningful path of purpose threading through your life has the effect of stimulating essential change and transformation in the lives of yourself and others, and is a 'calling' from the transpersonal dimension as reflected by Pluto.

You are capable of handling wisely any leadership or managerial responsibilities that you achieve; and you should be able to obtain the co-operation of others by your sensitivity to their feelings and openness to their ideas. Basically, you value people and have respect for others; and you use your powers of persuasion not to abuse the trust of others or take personal advantage, but to develop constructive harmony.

You accept the inevitability of change in life, especially in social spheres; and you may apply your talents to social transformation. You are less accepting of change in your intimate relationships, however, as you prefer things to remain in the same pattern once it has been satisfactorily established. You may feel inclined to use your 'subtle forces' to protect and restrict such a relationship; and whilst it may be quite protective in effect, you do have to remember the necessity for personal growth and development, and that an atmosphere of mutual freedom is preferable. If you choose your partner wisely, there is the potential for a relatively stable partnership to develop, where both can unfold their

unique potentialities over many years.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Saturn to Pluto gives you the power of concentration. Instinctively you know how to manage your affairs for the most benefit. Your thinking is organized, your purposes are realistic, and your attention to duty guarantees success. You recognize that social changes are inevitable. You accept your responsibilities, knowing you can make an effective contribution and can participate in making productive changes in society.

You have the determination and persistence to succeed in any field in which management skills are essential. Because you consider carefully other people's values and feelings, you are better able to make decisions based on all the available facts. You can effectively manipulate individuals to achieve broad social changes, but you are impatient with those who without trying say they 'can't do this' or 'can't do that'. You are especially capable of handling the resources of a large industrial or social enterprise. In promoting and establishing programs for the benefit of everyone, you try to use public resources. You can stimulate government agencies to assist people in financial difficulties or those who are unable to help themselves.

You may seek a government position to better serve those who rely on your talents and persuasive abilities. Your efficiency may even stir your colleagues to assist you in reducing governmental waste. Because you are aware of what is useful and what is not, you might also serve the public by reducing expenditures and thus lowering taxes.

You have the power to transform the apathy of youth to excited participation in the affairs of their environment. You can dramatize to adults how their lethargy and indolence has resulted in depletion of public resources. You have much to offer, and you should make it available, for you know what's right and what's wrong with society.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father influenced this person's psyche in a constructive manner, teaching him how to co-operate with peers. The fears and cautions in life can be faced and handled; they will be similar to the father's and described by the sign and house placement. The father's role can be reviewed with little problem.

The aspect indicates a natural concern for the needs of the times, the needs of the masses, and the need for communications as it affects groups. It indicates individuals who fit in comfortably with the status quo.

Saturn trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, harmonious aspects between Saturn and Pluto indicate tremendous perseverance, a hefty power drive, and forceful behavior. We can become completely immersed in the things that fascinate us, and may toil long to achieve personal goals. With this combination, we cannot be provoked with impunity; but, like a skilled strategist, wait patiently for the chance to repay with interest whomever has offended us. We can work in a very disciplined manner, and have an unmistakable hunger for power, but handle it well: generally speaking, the harmonious aspects arouse little opposition.

Also, with the harmonious Saturn / Pluto aspects, we could be capable of very hard work, both physical and mental. Energy and tenacity are so great that we are able to push ourselves to the limit. Neither Saturn nor Pluto is propitious, even when the aspect they make with one another is propitious: they often cause difficulties - but leave us more than equal to them. We are always trying to prove ourselves both to ourselves and to others, and function well in trying circumstances or under (great) pressure; in fact it seems that it is only then that the full potential of these aspects is realized.

Because perseverance is so great and because we experience little resistance from outside (at least directly), we are liable - with the harmonious aspects - to dig our feet in on every issue, making no concessions to others. Using tight self-control, we express ideas in a disciplined, impassive, yet very decided way; and this can make us seem hard and unapproachable. Incidentally, there is a clue here as to why a Saturn / Pluto combination, much as it favors in-depth research of all kinds, does not encourage us to probe ourselves too deeply - even when the aspect is an easy one. Saturn, as we have seen, has a somewhat inhibiting effect on spiritual growth and transformation.

35) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°33' S) ♄4 | ♇8

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.

36) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Semi-Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°06' S) 009 | 8

(Donna van Toen)

This seems to operate much like the sextile with an added inclination to withdraw when pushed. Sociability and moods tend to be erratic.

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