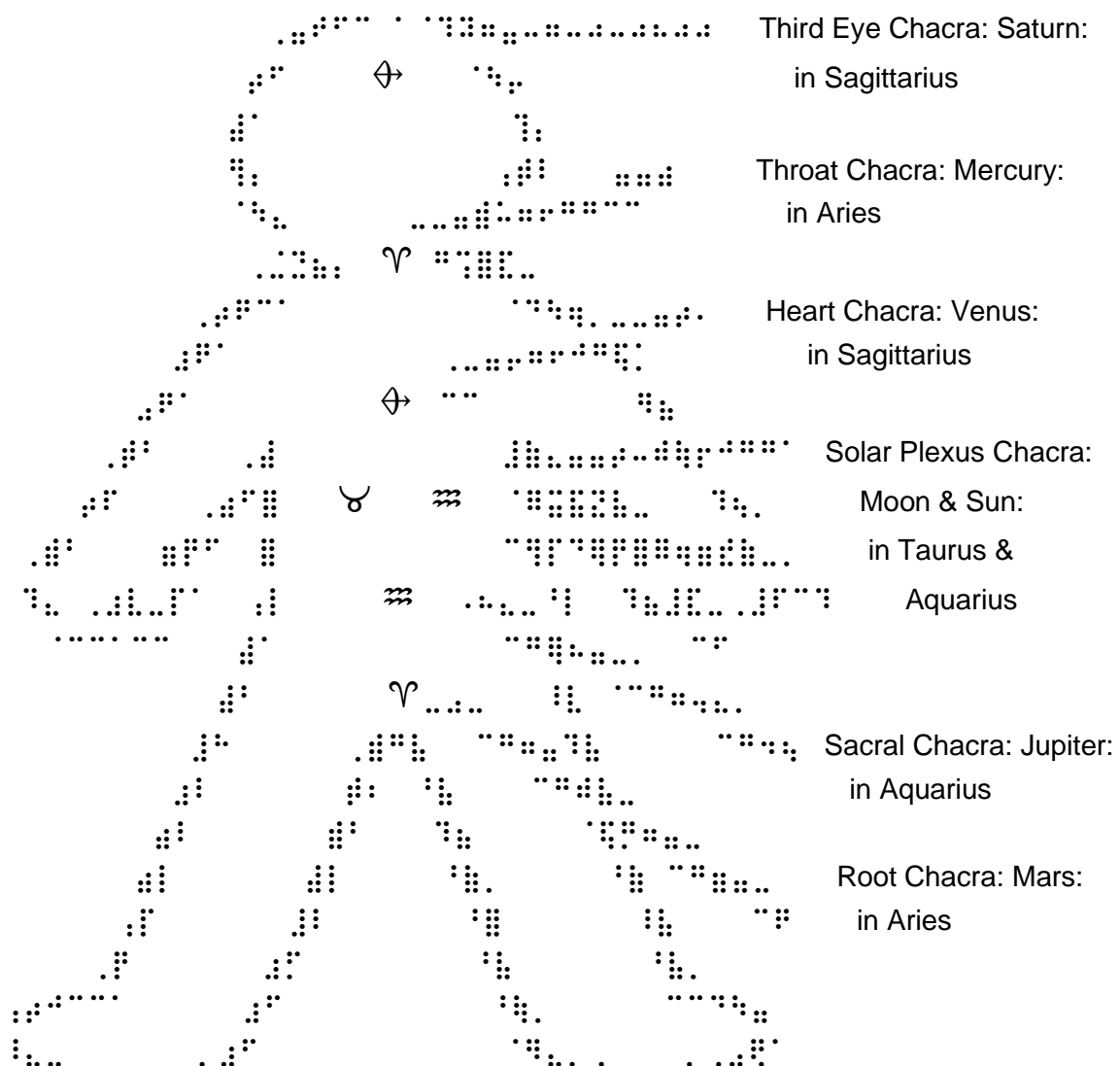


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Summaries

Aquarius Sun ☿ ♊ and ♄ ♉ Taurus Moon man

([836] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Contradictory Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Light-headed, composed and determined;

Negatives: Stubborn, conflictual and obsessive;

Perfect partner: Someone who can offer them the stability they need;

Advice: Be mindful of how they come across to other people.

Sun ☉ in XII 12th House

([870] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very compassionate - Summary:

Strengths: Intuitive, perfectionistic and affectionate;

Challenges: Aloof, judgmental and stubborn;

Advice: They need to allow themselves free and uninhibited expression.

Moon ☾ in III 3rd House

([874] i.thehoroscope.co)

Keen on what the world has to offer - Summary:

Strengths: Curiosity, responsivity and affection;

Challenges: Nervousness and restlessness;

Advice: Try slowing down and focus more on what is said.

Neutral: Knowledge is what feeds their soul and mind

Moon ☾ in 4th Nakshatra: Rohini

Short Version [2]

Strength: lovely appearance, respectable leader, charming, responsible, helpful, friendly, truthful, affects others, balanced mind, fixed in purpose, well-educated, financially strong, dutiful to the family, gifted at arts, healthy, socialite, goal oriented, gentle, soothing voice, morally oriented, inner strength.

Weakness: materialistic, manipulative, pampered, deceptive, takes advantage of others, sexually or sensually indulgent, critical of others, possessive, jealous, overly sensitive, variable in nature, addictive, indecisive.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in first pada

(10°00'-13°20' degrees Taurus): Aries navamsa. You are courageous and more inclined

to leadership than other Rohinis. You are not afraid to stand up for what you believe in. However, you are short-tempered and can indulge excessively in material pleasures, especially sex.

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

Mercury ♀ in ♈ Aries man

([884] i.thehoroscope.co)

He's the one rushing to speak first - In a nutshell:

Positives: Disciplined and responsible;
Negatives: Narrow-minded and obsessive;
Soulmate: Someone who is observant and kind;
Life lesson: To get less annoyed and more attentive to criticism.

Mercury ♀ in II 2nd House

([909] i.thehoroscope.co)

They choose their words carefully - Summary:

Strengths: Pragmatic, resourceful and kind;
Challenges: Indecisive, moody and shy;
Advice: They need to refrain from giving up so early into something.

Venus ♀ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([937] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Dynamic and enthusiastic;
Negatives: Unpredictable and impatient;
Soulmate: Someone who is honest and straightforward;
Life lesson: Taking the time to be more observant.

Venus ♀ in X 10th House

([954] i.thehoroscope.co)

Craving for a VIP entourage - Summary:

Strengths: Elegant, charming and sociable;
Challenges: Complaining and obsessive;
Advice: Try doing things differently from time to time.
Neutral: Very passionate about their work

Mars ♂ in ♈ Aries man

([957] i.thehoroscope.co)

A temperamental individual - In a nutshell:

Positives: Dynamic and persistent;
Negatives: Domineering and procrastinating;
Soulmate: Someone who will fight for their desires;

Life lesson: Focusing more on creative pursuits.

Neutral: He wants someone who will fight

Mars ♂ in II 2nd House

([982] i.thehoroscope.co)

A tendency to be overprotective - Summary:

Strengths: Diligent, methodical and elegant;

Challenges: Materialistic and superficial;

Advice: Being careful about the challenges they choose to pursue.

Jupiter ♃ in ♒ Aquarius man

([1003] i.thehoroscope.co)

A generous and practical side - In a nutshell:

Style: Unique and sociable;

Top qualities: Broad-minded, progressive and witty;

Weaknesses: Stubborn and rather too direct;

Advice: Try to get away from your circle of friends sometimes.

Jupiter ♃ in XII 12th House

([1016] i.thehoroscope.co)

Compassionate and open-minded - Summary:

Strengths: Relaxed, confident and hard-working;

Challenges: Distracted, unpredictable and cynical;

Advice: They should be careful at the things they share with others.

Saturn ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([1025] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Truthful and exploring;

Top qualities: Direct, knowledgeable and justitiary;

Challenges: Tactless and prone to anger outbursts;

Advice: Remember that mind beats intuition when it comes to risk.

Saturn ♄ in X 10th House

([1038] i.thehoroscope.co)

A great deal of personal aspirations - Summary:

Strengths: Elegant, flexible and ambitious;

Challenges: Vain, controlling and dismissive;

Advice: It's not the end of the world if you are not right all the time.

Uranus ♅ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([1049] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Hopeful and exploring;
Top qualities: Generous and spiritual;
Challenges: Tactless and impatient;
Advice: Keep being attracted to new and radical ideas.

Uranus ☿ in X 10th House

([1062] i.thehoroscope.co)

Looking to express themselves freely - Summary:

Strengths: Confident, unconventional and kind;
Challenges: Opportunistic and obstinate;
Advice: They should understand that professional recognition is not everything in life.

Neptune ♃ in ♍ Virgo man

([1070] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Dedicated and demonstrative;
Top qualities: Serviable, efficient and healing;
Challenges: Highly critical, impatient and fussy;
Advice: You need to put effort to convince your partner of your vision.

Neptune ♃ in VII 7th House

([1083] i.thehoroscope.co)

An altruistic personality - Summary:

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

Pluto ♇ in ♈ Aries man([1089] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Full of desire and empowering;
Top qualities: Quick, accomplished and optimistic;
Challenges: Impulsive, insensitive and arrogant;
Advice: Don't be ashamed to ask for advice.

Pluto ♇ in II 2nd House

([1102] i.thehoroscope.co)

Nothing truly puts them down - Summary:

Strengths: Observant, confident and ambitious;
Challenges: Moody, speculative and extravagant;
Advice: They shouldn't let themselves driven just by money.

North Node ♋ in ♍ Virgo

([1118] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Observant, talented and insightful;

Challenges: Secretive and dismissive

Excited about new adventures, A need to be more attentive to details

South Node ♊ in ♓ Pisces

([1136] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Idealistic, ambitious, gentle and caring;

Challenges: Disorganized and overly-emotional;

Lots of challenges in their way, Purpose in life

North Node ♋ in VII 7th House (Libra)

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;

Challenges: Selfish and impulsive

Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

South Node ♊ in I 1st House (Aries)

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;

Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;

Willing to meet others' expectations, Giving more importance to feelings than to physicality

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♐ Sagittarius

([1145] elsaelsa.com)

Divine Seeker

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in X 10th House

([1158] elsaelsa.com)

Dark Reputation

► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus - (0°54') ♍7 | ♎10**

([179] astromatrix.org:) Unconscious Needs

Opportunities: 1. Knowing Your Desires 2. Gaining Confidence

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

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Venus - (0°12')** ♄10 | ♄10

([180] astromatrix.org:) Giver And Receiver

Opportunities: 1. Following Your Higher Callings 2. Finding a Stable Home Life

Challenges: 1. Figuring Out Your Life 2. Achieving Both Success and Satisfaction

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Mercury - (1°57')** ♃12 | ♃2

([3] astromatrix.org:) Mental Focus

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

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

► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♀ Lilith - (0°48' S)** ♄10 | ♄10

([627] astromatrix.org:) Breaking out of relationship stagnancy

Opportunities: 1. Embracing sexual experimentation 2. Increase in psychic awareness

Challenges: 1. Trusting your intuition 2. Letting go of control

► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♀ Lilith - (2°28' A)** ♄10 | ♄10

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

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ☾ Moon - (2°08' A)** ☾1 | ♃3

([240] astromatrix.org:) Inferiority Complex

Opportunities: 1. Giving Back to Society 2. Valuing Yourself More

Challenges: 1. Understanding Your Emotional Nature 2. Knowing Yourself Through Others

► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon - (2°47' A)** ♃12 | ♃3

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

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☉ Sun - (5°14' A)** ♃4 | ♃12

([309] astromatrix.org:) The Achiever

Opportunities: 1. Reaching Long-Term Goals 2. Being Practical to Achieve Success

Challenges: 1. Learning from Authority Figures 2. Making Independent Decisions

► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars - (1°23' A)** ♄10 | ♃2

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

Opportunities: 1. Loving Intensely 2. Seeking Pleasure

Challenges: 1. Understanding Indirect Communication 2. Understand Other's Motives

► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (0°35' S) ♃2 | ♃10

([649] astromatrix.org;) Speaking your truths

Opportunities: 1. Stronger sense of empowerment 2. Channeling inner wild through creativity

Challenges: 1. Conforming to traditional rules 2. Overcoming Insecurities of society

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) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°54') ♀7 | ♀10
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°12') ♀10 | ♀10
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°57') ♀12 | ♀10
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°38') ♀12 | ♀7
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°00') ♀2 | ♀10
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°19') ♀2 | ♀7
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°27') ♀10 | ☾1
- 7) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°49') ♀12 | ♀2
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°19') ♀10 | ♀7
- 9) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°23') ♀10 | ♀2
- 10) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (8°26' A) ♀10 | ♀10
- 11) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (1°04' S) ♀12 | ♀12
- 12) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (7°44' A) ♀2 | ♀2
- 13) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♀ Saturn** - (3°16' A) ♀10 | ♀10
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (6°55' S) ♀10 | ♀10
- 15) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (3°08' S) ♀2 | ♀2
- 16) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (10°11' S) ♀10 | ♀10
- 17) ► **Neptune ♆ Conjunct ☾ North-Node** - (0°05' S) ♀7 | ♀7
- 18) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ☾ Moon** - (2°08' A) ☾1 | ♀3
- 19) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (3°12' A) ♀12 | ♀10
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (1°42' A) ♀2 | ♀12
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (2°47' A) ♀12 | ♀3
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (1°43' A) ♀3 | ♀12
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♀ Neptune** - (1°29' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Square ☾ North-Node** - (1°34' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 25) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♀ Neptune** - (4°45' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 26) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ☾ North-Node** - (4°50' S) ♀10 | ♀7

- 27) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Square** ♀ **Neptune** - (5°26' A) ♂10 | ♀7
- 28) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♀ **Jupiter** - (4°10' A) ♀4 | ♀12
- 29) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (2°34' A) ♀2 | ♂10
- 30) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°23' A) ♂10 | ♀2
- 31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°45' S) ♂10 | ♀2
- 32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (8°18' A) ♀2 | ♂10
- 33) ► **Saturn** ♀ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (5°01' S) ♂10 | ♀2
- 34) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (5°10' A) ♂10 | ♀2

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♒ Aquarius 15° 11'

(Betty Lundsted)

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

Aquarians bring new concepts to everything they touch. They make innovations in social work, spirituality, humanitarian areas and the scientific world. They take the traditional

ideas that Capricorn presents, and bring them into new perspectives. This creative ability doesn't always make them popular, and can even compound the Aquarians' difficulty in fitting in with the group. Natural talents or abilities are seldom recognized when attention is focused on what is lacking: the Aquarian focus is on belonging somewhere when it should be on the creative process.

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

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

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

You do not fall deeply in love easily or often, as your mind remains detached from your emotions; when you do, however, you might have difficulty coming to terms with your emotional power and intensity. Generally you succeed in keeping emotions away from many aspects of your life, believing that they distort the joys of the intellect. You may be late settling down with a partner, and need to choose wisely by seeking an intellectually compatible personality. You wish to retain independence and do not like being dictated

to or dominated.

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

Static

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

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

Dynamic

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

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

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

Aquarius females

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

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

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

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

In all, the Aquarius woman is loyal, is a wonderful person to take your problems to, and is able to help you to help yourself. There are likely to be very few dull moments with her. Her intuition is developed to a fine hone; she can usually sense what the future holds.

Aquarius males

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

People with Sun in Aquarius are usually independent, unconventional, outspoken and fair-minded. You see your 'role' in life as the rebel, the person who rejects bogus authority and outworn traditions and ushers in the new order. However, you sometimes lack perspective in your battle with the establishment. At times, you simply provoke confrontations to see what impact you have on others; and you enjoy antagonizing people who are in positions of authority. You like to take chances, to keep things stirred up; and relish a good argument now and again. However, you may become the rebel without a cause.

Always ahead of your time, you are seen by others as a bit different or unusual - an

image you encourage. You like to shock people and shake up institutions that have become too rigid. You have the ability to bring a breath of fresh air into stale, stagnant environments.

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

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

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

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

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

(Sasha Fenton)

Aquarians, while being very friendly, are actually quite hard to get to know; and some of

them are so strange that it is difficult to work out what they are doing and why.

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

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

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

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

Most Aquarians love to teach and have a real talent for the job, and many of them work in the field of education, while others are happy to coach others in a more casual

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

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

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

Aquarians are so varied in their nature that they can do almost any kind of work. However, self-employment and owning a small business appeals to many of them. Some years ago, my friend Denise had to hire a fairly large gang of workmen at her place of work, and she commented to me that out of the twelve workmen with whom she was dealing, eleven were Aquarians! It's not surprising that Aquarians find their way into

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

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

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

There are Aquarians who have a multitude of fascinating and wonderful possessions, ranging from the latest in computers to mobile games, ornaments and even, perhaps, a spaceship in the garden. Others collect antiques, junk or animals. All Aquarians seem to

collect books and bits of paper. Some Aquarians spend their money on experiences rather than things. Aquarians can be found riding horses, learning to paint, hunting for ley lines or attending astrology groups. However much friendships and experiences are valued, the Aquarian also values a comfortable home, a good, fast car, and whatever eclectic status symbol appeals most to him.

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

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

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

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

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

The saving grace of Aquarians in all situations is their wonderful sense of humour. Aquarians vary so much from one another that it is not surprising that they vary in their sexuality. Many of these friendly, outgoing people are very attractive, but whether they will actually take up all the romantic offers they receive depends upon other factors on their charts. Some Aquarians prefer to be on their own, without any kind of involvement other than that of friendship; while others only really enjoy sex when in a safe, comfortable partnership. These subjects have many friends, but are cautious when it comes to deeper relationships, and they prefer not to flirt or play dangerous games with other people's partners. Once they are in a happy relationship, they enjoy making love,

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aquarian parents can have a very individual attitude to the education of their children. They must remember that the child may be more conventional than the parents, and it is

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

You like new things and new ideas, and are bored by old ways of thinking and acting. The friends you choose are people who feel the same way. You are an individualist and a free spirit, but at the same time you need to work and share your life with other people.

Friends are very important to you, although if they try to hold you back or make you conform to their ideas, you will rebel and go your own way.

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

The motivating force behind Aquarius is some form of gregarious, or herd, instinct. He likes folks. He is sociable. In a higher manifestation, he is social. In a lower manifestation, he thinks that the world - the folks - owe him a living. Any way you look at the Aquarian, and whatever Aquarian you look at, you will find folks at the centre of his attitude. Either he depends on them or they depend on him. Whether he is a social reformer, or a hobo, people will be around him; he will be holding them up, or they will be holding him up. He thinks himself a great individualist, and he may be, but you'll rarely find him alone. Rich or poor, great or small, deep or shallow, he is the life of the party. He may put his mind on the woes of humanity, solve their problems, give his time for theirs in a figurative or literal sense. Or he may fritter away his time in pool halls. But he will always be where there are people, in the flesh or in theory. His best expression comes when he has hitched his wagon to a star of social work or one of the social professions: invention, medicine, law, politics, architecture, literature, science, music or art with some social application. His worst expression is going places and doing things to no purpose. Some prime examples of wasted talents come in this sign - as well as some of the greatest martyrs and benefactors of the human race. Aquarius is generally misunderstood even when he has achieved greatness - and always think he is misunderstood when he is wasting himself. In love, Aquarius is noble but not necessarily conventional; loyal, if not faithful; affectionate, if not independent, and resentful of intrusion on his private studies, which may irk the spouse because they never seem to produce anything except big electric-light bills. Aquarius the social or sociable can be anything or nothing, but the one thing he will almost never be is lonesome. He may think his spirit yearns for understanding, but he will never be far from someone to listen while

he attempts to explain himself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Aquarians' appearance of calmness is deceptive; their anxiety can even make them feel ill. Since they take their work very seriously, nervousness and apprehension seldom leave them. They do their best work with others or with organizations that attempt to bring about some ideal. In such pursuits, their excellent memory, creativity, knowledge, love of freedom, and humanitarianism find their outlet.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is because you have allowed detachment and eccentricity to run rife and develop like a virus until Other can no longer be bothered with trying to relate to the absurdly non-negotiable front you present. More than any other sign, you are capable of making being alone into an art form. The trouble is that this might not amount to quite what you originally had in mind. Beneath all your rationalizations of you-versus-the-world lies a deep fear of being seen to be just another human being, complete with emotionally tacky bits. But the paradox here is that they are partly what make anyone special! And the more we look at and allow others to see our emotional interiors, the more we grow and develop as people, rather than remaining frozen at some icy altitude of emotional immunity. A failure to evolve and mature in this way can mean that Other changes but you do not - leaving you apparently outcast. You must track back to when in

your life you cut out emotionally in the first place - and why, for it holds the key to how you got to be this way.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of originality manifests through inventiveness.

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

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

Since Aquarius stimulates the mind, as its opposite sign Leo arouses the emotions, the native of this sign is governed by his head rather than by his heart. His love nature is

more altruistic than egotistic, and he prefers to express it in an impersonal manner. This coolness may seem enigmatic to the sentimentalist for whom love is a warm, spontaneous feeling rather than a mighty cosmic energy which can be tapped and utilized as scientifically as the physical energies of heat and light.

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

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

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

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

Sometimes so much of their energy goes into cogitation that little remains for tangible achievements. Aquarians can rationalize their lack of accomplishment by declaring that the game is not worth the effort, and think that the world is unprepared to be awakened. Their outlook may be too panoramic to make the everyday struggle to eat, reproduce, and survive seem worthwhile. Then, if an Aquarian is unable to rise to the challenge of Uranus, he falls back into Saturnian pessimism and inertia. Some modern-day 'dropouts'

seem to be tuning in on the vibrations of the Aquarian Age in this negative fashion.

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun ☉ in 12th House

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests an emphasis away from the outer world towards an inner direction, in an attempt to shine the Sun's light into those darker recesses of the emotions, mind and psyche. Your conscious identity needs to be redefined in a way which takes account of your whole nature, and has the healing quality of inclusiveness rather than tending towards a separatist exclusive bias which has consequences of inner alienation and personality splitting.

The 12th house has deep associations with the collective unconscious mind, the personal subconscious, and the past; and it is the psychic content of these that interferes with and influences your present life experience. Residues from the past and the constraints of 'unfinished business' may still litter your psyche, and you may need a phase of releasing energies and blocked emotions from your nature by experiencing a healing and liberating inner cleansing. If you suffer from feelings of guilt, irrational worries, or a sense of unease, then it is likely to be patterns agitating within your unconscious mind, which if left unresolved could begin to form neurotic complexes or inhibit your capacity to form satisfactory social relationships.

You may be highly self-aware, and this can be restrictive, especially as you may register empathic vibrations from people around you which could become uncomfortable or even distressing, particularly if you fail to identify that you are being receptive to others' feelings and pain, and that they are not necessarily your own.

Your unconscious mind is demanding access into your life; and a confrontation with those inner ghosts is essential to begin resolving certain conflicts. These un-lived or repressed aspects of your nature plus any absorbed psychic accretions from your environment have to emerge into the light, or else they will unbalance your identity and personal stability. You may sometimes feel as if you are struggling to maintain barriers, fearing that those inner dam walls will crack and those stormy waters will break through, tearing down all attempts at control and limitation. One of your strategies is often denial; but this is sowing seeds of later problems, as energies are repressed and personality splits amplified by such an approach; or you try to establish fixed habit patterns and worldviews which you hope will support security and stability in life, ignoring and disregarding anything that fails to fit the constrictive boundaries that you have established around yourself for protection.

Your path of development has to be two-fold: an inner healing is required which purifies and liberates any blockages, and offers a transformative attitude of self-acceptance as its foundation; and the next stage is then to begin opening the parameters of your self-circumscribed barriers against life, so that a new and more inclusive identity can slowly form and be more suited to deal with life.

This can involve a fusion of your conscious and unconscious mind, of your ego and higher self, and requires a greater flexibility of your personality than you have previously allowed or believed possible. This step may not be easy to take; and you may feel that everything is falling apart, but it is a phase of dissolution prior to a new re-assembly of the psyche, and is a transformation of state similar to the phases of the new creation in the alchemist's crucible. A reunification of the separated components of your nature is required; this is your solar quest and task, and when achieved will open a whole new dimension for you to enjoy, as your inner life takes on a new vitality and cohesiveness.

It is unlikely that you will discover this path early in life, but you may find it later once you

have undergone certain experiences. You have to heal yourself, and may need periods of relative privacy or seclusion to generate the healing silence. You will probably feel uneasy about intimate relationships during youth and early adulthood, and may choose to withdraw from deeper human contacts. Transcending any feelings of inferiority and insecurity may take you several years of effort, but will be worth your attempts to change. Mundane life may seem to lack a vital spark with you, and you may not be at your best in dealing with the demands of everyday reality; it is not your favoured dimension, and you prefer the inner life, even when it is not so pleasant. Discovering a life purpose, meaning and direction is likely to be difficult until you re-orientate your inner life.

There may be artistic and creative talents present; and these should be consciously developed as a medium for self-expression and as a channel through which to release blocked energies. Dance, music and art may be specific areas, and there will be a latent psychic ability which could be exploited for both your own and others' benefit. Mediumistic tendencies may lie close to the surface of your nature, and through your sensitivity healing powers may also be contacted; but until you rebalance your nature and have healed your dilemmas and conflicts it may be wiser to leave such types of expression alone. Similarly, prophecy and visionary tendencies may also be present, emanating from that close connection to the collective unconscious mind. Esoteric and occult work may appeal, especially the type of inner meditative service that invokes spiritual energies and potencies into fertilising, influencing and overshadowing the collective mind of humanity, and which inspires the global vision of interdependence. Participation in this service is an act that all can join.

Your potential is considerable, but it is imperative that you redefine your identity in more inclusive ways, so that you expand beyond the walls of your self-imprisonment, achieving this through an inner redemptive healing. Then your social contribution and desires for service can become more effective. Refusing to take such actions is liable to intensify your discomfort as inner pressures are amplified and become more insistent, breaking those dam walls which cannot remain intact for ever as the 'water level' rises. The preferable alternative is that through your using healing and creative 'valves' the pressure can be regulated and directed into positive channels.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the ego is under great pressure. They have the same powerful ego thrust as those with the Sun rising, but are met by so much opposition in youth that the ego either swells to immense proportions to crush out all opposition, or retreats from battle altogether. In youth, they are so determinedly and uncompromisingly themselves that they attract the opposition of family members, schoolmates, friends, and neighbors, who never cease to give them a hard time.

They will learn to live with others the hard way. Some truly learn to compromise, and

some to dissemble and intrigue, pretending to compromise while pulling strings and making secret deals to get what they want; while some retreat from all confrontation, if they can. Those who attempt to retreat often find that life has a way of coming after them and forcing confrontations that they would rather avoid. Some become monsters of egotism, seeing enemies everywhere and crushing all who stand in their path. Anyone not with them will be considered against them, and even their friends may be suspected of being enemies in disguise. Still others will go the opposite way and come to suspect their own egos, and ego itself, as a negative, selfish force. These people will be inclined to champion the voiceless underdogs of the world and give endlessly of themselves to others.

Most people with this position have an intensely private side that they keep hidden from all but their most intimate friends. On the other hand, there are those who go to the opposite extreme and live only for the spotlight and, as their close associates know, have absolutely no private life at all. They have an instinct for the public mind and can capitalize on (or even create) popular trends, though there is always a strong streak of the purely individual in everything they do that brands it theirs.

They are usually quiet on the surface and become talkative only with those closest to them, though even this can go to the opposite extreme, in which case they can be compulsive talkers, pouring out a continual stream of egotistical self-applause.

They are usually involved with an institution for a while, whether as a patient in a hospital, as a student in reform school, in an orphanage, as an inmate of a prison, or as a worker in one of these facilities.

Given to working for causes, they can even create a cause in order to give themselves something to work for.

The overall truism about the twelfth-house Sun is that it tends to go to extremes; what sort of extremes will be indicated by the aspects to the Sun and its dispositor. Often, these people will go to one extreme in youth, then overcompensate at mid-life by swinging to the opposite extreme, coming finally late in life to more perspective and a more comfortable position near the middle of the road.

Those who rise to power have a tendency to misuse it. The tendency to go to extremes and to vacillate from one extreme to another can have terrible consequences, both for them and for their constituents. Those who become successful in other fields often carry a reputation for misbehavior or suffering; for instance, actors or writers may prefer to portray martyrs, villains, or underdogs, than more upbeat types. In almost any field they may have a reputation for being hard to get along with.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Fantasy is central to your life-purpose. No dreams, no life-energy, it's that simple. Fantasies are constructed around two sets of images: monumental self-importance where the whole universe is commanded by your particular essence, or total surrender, the release of self as you dissolve into the cosmos. The difference is that one image expands ego while the other evaporates it, but the end-result is identical: reunion with everything. The pitfall is losing the distinction between what is real and what is only possible, what's actually happening and what you imagine to be happening. Don't get lost in the Twilight Zone; you could go crazy. The challenge is to offer no resistance to either realm. Allow dreaming to influence and be influenced by real life; and let fantasies gently guide your development rather than blinding you to what is true.

Unfocused intuition: Give intuitive receptivity high priority in your life, without controlling the specifics of what you receive, and your life sings with vibrant energy. Shut down your intuition, and you close off access to cosmic juice. Don't strain to figure out why you pick up flows of imagery and feeling, bits of information and insight. Don't strive to figure out what they mean nor what you should do with them. Your task is to remain radiantly quiet, vibrantly still, pregnantly calm. The pitfall is misinterpretation, creating sophisticated forms while missing the truth. The challenge is to become a clear channel for the universe to speak through, a prism for otherwise invisible light.

Withdrawal or isolation: You require frequent periods of isolation from ordinary life. You need time away to recharge. It is when you are most isolated that your purpose is revealed. This propels you back into the world with renewed enthusiasm. You are everywhere and nowhere simultaneously, both a real person and yet a mere vessel for greater divinity. Your power comes from balancing the paradox, allowing both poles to exist simultaneously. Meditation in some form is an essential.

Selfless giving: When you give of yourself with total compassion, you plug directly into your Godliness. When you act with forgiveness, you absorb life-force. When you give of yourself, you fulfill your destiny. Giving does not mean martyring yourself. Don't give yourself away. Instead, give the understanding that we're all in the same boat. Don't strive for sainthood, for too often that course boomerangs back toward egotism. Let your life respond to a power beyond that of mere selfhood. 'Not my will, but Thine.'

'Past lives': Your past lives are pressing in, trying to be felt and understood. You're at the end of a life-series; it demands integration through this current life if the whole evolutionary pattern is to be made spiritually meaningful. The precise nature of the lives in question cannot be seen from the Sun's placement alone. We can suggest, however, that they focused on developing personal effectiveness through the integrity of individual power. In addition, your relationships to your father or to other authority figures have karmic rhythms. Naturally enough, the pitfall lies in replaying the mistakes of the past without letting go of the attachment that cause such patterns to exist in the first place. The challenge is to see in every action the signature of prior momentum, and to adjust your understanding accordingly. Eventually you can achieve true spontaneity rather than

be undermined by repetitive cycles of unconscious reaction.

(Robert Pelletier)

You can achieve significance and successfully exploit your creative potentials if you use your skills for some cause that improves the quality of life for others. You may have to maintain a low profile, but that should afford you privacy to come and go freely according to the demands of your work. You need to go your own way in your career, so you can grow into increasing opportunities to demonstrate your skills. You invest your resources as necessary, and you expect a favorable return. An imaginative and creative person, you realize you can't do everything yourself, so you obtain the services you need from people who are qualified in their fields. It is important to establish your own roots to prove to yourself that you can achieve on your own. You keep your private life separate from your professional affairs, rarely allowing one to interfere with the other.

Your career allows you to utilize your ideas in a program designed to satisfy your need for personal security. You need to know that you are independent and that you can extend your field of influence when the opportunity comes up. You see what goals can be achieved by capitalizing on your resources, and you have the focus and determination to pursue your objectives with consistent effort. Your ability to improve your financial condition is unlimited, and you have the imagination required to succeed where others fail. Success inspires you to even greater achievements.

You will always be challenged to find worthwhile ways to use your skills creatively to get the results you want. You will have to be very discriminating in handling challenging situations, which may occur often in your career. This may cause some problems if your partner resents the time and attention you give to your professional interest. Getting an education will enable you to define your goals and objectives and decide on what training you need to pursue them. You have always known that you have the potential for success; and you spend much time formulating plans for making the most of your creative ideas. Success depends on paying attention to all the details of a project, so that you know the results in advance.

You must invest in your creative potentials if you want to derive any benefits from them, and you should establish priorities in your professional and personal objectives. It's simply a matter of deciding which is more urgent. Your career may have to take precedence over personal considerations, for that requires the greatest coordination of your skills. Succeeding in the marketplace also satisfies your need for gainful employment and security. Ideally, your partner should get involved in your career; but he or she should also realize that you need some time to be alone with your thoughts. A sympathetic mate will stimulate you to greater achievements.

Failure to recognize your potentials can be a serious liability. You can succeed if you promote your skills aggressively. Obscurity in your developing years doesn't matter if

you know your efforts are appreciated by those who benefit from them. You might prefer to keep a low profile so that you can have a private life away from the public eye. At the same time, you will know you've made a significant contribution to improving the quality of life for other people. You can satisfy your own needs when you work to serve others.

(Howard Sasportas)

There is a basic archetypal discrepancy between the solar principle and the essence of the 12th house. The Sun's task is to establish, clarify and perpetuate a separate identity, while the 12th house dispatches forces which threaten to dissolve, undermine, de-structure and overwhelm the boundaries of the individual ego. Resolving the conflict requires that the person's sense of 'I' extends in scope beyond the more normal or usual reaches of consciousness. With the Sun in the 12th, the ego must play its part as a servant of the soul.

Those with the Sun in the 12th need to learn how to straddle the borders between personal and universal, conscious and unconscious, individual ego and collective self. This is challenging: the personal ego needs to be flexible enough to allow entry to these elements and yet not so weak that it is overwhelmed by them.

In the effort to maintain a solid and firm identity, the person may reject the existence of a personal or collective unconscious altogether. In the name of clarity and reason, barriers are erected to prohibit the entry of anything fuzzy, vague, irrational, mystical or transpersonal. The daytime border patrol follows the orders of the ego with the utmost alertness and alacrity, but the nightwatchmen are notoriously inefficient. As soon as they fall asleep on the job, what has been hidden or kept out of consciousness slips through and invades. The next morning the day patrol is back at work and the intruders are driven out once more. And so it goes on - vast reserves of psychic energy are spent keeping one part of ourselves away from another part. Alienated from aspects of our own make-up, it is not surprising that we suffer so much conflict and disease, not to mention the feeling of being cut off from other people. The Sun in the 12th, however, is given the opportunity to join the two sides of the self - personal and universal, conscious and unconscious - in an attempt to help these make friends with one another.

The coalition between the forces of the ego and the hidden, deeper realm of the psyche is potentially very fruitful. Those with the Sun in this house can act as channels or mediums for the expression of mystic or archetypal images in the collective unconscious, whether it is through art, poetry, dance, music or some form of psychic work. Their sensitivity and openness to that which is beyond the requirements of the personal self make them effective servants and healers who respond to the needs of others. They may be used as vessels for invoking changes on the level of the collective. In some way the personal identity meets and incorporates something larger and more universal.

In line with traditional 12th house associations, those with the Sun here may need to spend a good deal of time on their own. So receptive to others, they continually absorb influences from the environment. Periods of withdrawal and retreat help them to shed what they have 'picked up' and regain a sense of their own boundaries again. Sometimes, crisis and confinement precede an experience of awakening and illumination. Others may be so confused and undermined by unconscious forces or outside elements that leading an ordinary day-to-day existence is severely hampered.

Various forms of institutions may play a part in their lives. The vocation could involve work in hospitals, prisons, museums, libraries, etc.. Certain astrological texts suggest that those with the Sun in the 12th have used their will-power too selfishly in a previous lifetime. Now they must employ their power for the sake of other people, or have the experience of being at the mercy of somebody else's authority. Hidden pride and arrogance or the unconscious belief that the world owes them a living and should without question recognize them as special could cause problems.

The Sun is a 'male principle'; and in the nebulous 12th it could mean some confusion around the father or other males in the life, or sacrifices to be made regarding them. Sometimes, there is a strong psychic link with the father.

Moon ☾ in ♉ Taurus 12° 24'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might habitually seek others to provide the Taurean need for attention, pampering, and love by supplying material and sensual comforts. This dependency may create an impression of personal inadequacy in order to induce others into giving you their tangible resources. By your projecting a helplessness in obtaining material goods, they may furnish you with comforts. When this happens you tend to feel loved, secure, and worthwhile. But in displaying an image of helplessness to others, you also begin to believe it.

Your self-worth can be undermined when others respond by contributing to your sustenance. Their aid reinforces the belief that you lack the energy or abilities to provide your support. When your security is dependent upon the material aid of others, you cannot be creative or capable for fear that these comforts may be taken away. This results in feeling helpless and unable to actively establish your material sense of worth in the world.

Dynamic

You may notice that relying on others for creating your self-worth has not worked. Others cannot provide this sense because you possess a supply of personal resources that are not being used. The lesson is to contribute your resources to the world, thus earning the Taurean comforts and establishing self-esteem. You can accomplish this by recognizing other people's emotions coming into expression. This recognition can inspire you to get in touch with your creativity.

You can gain a deeper sense of inner stability and self-worth by supporting and contributing to the material stability of the environment. In choosing to sacrifice the role of pampered child, you create goals and objectives that motivate you to establish a set of values. When you notice that the people who feel good about themselves are those who are contributing their talents and resources in a tangible way, you are inspired to manifest and establish your creativity. When you appreciate your ideals enough to manifest them, you find the confirmation of self-worth that you need.

General

Your psychology unconsciously draws you to seek material security above all else. You associate having a strong financial base with emotional stability and ease.

Because you are accustomed to accumulation, you can have a difficult time letting go of anything, even things that are holding you back. This can impede the flow of money coming into your life. The first things you need to let go of are your ideas: the idea that you have a difficult time with money; the idea that you have to earn every penny on your own and that it's going to be a tough process; and the idea that you have to do everything yourself, in exactly your way, for your needs to be met.

You can have such a strong fear of losing your material security that you actually create a 'poverty consciousness' in your life, feeling that resources are limited and that you must be careful as to how you spend every penny. Your lesson is to learn to trust the universe and be open to the flow of money coming in and out of your life. You can do this by not focusing so intensely on your financial restrictions (that is, exactly how much this month's bills are) and by simply being open to the universe blessing you with prosperity! You need to focus your creative mind less on financial worry and more on visualizing the universe's just pouring money on you and your joyful response. In this way, you can open yourself at last to the abundance you seek.

You are also learning to accept the gift of money by allowing the resources of others to enrich your life without feeling you have to 'pay back every penny'. You need to be open to the joy of freely accepting money from other people and releasing the ego identification, not feeling that you have to do something in return.

You have strong physical desires for sensuality, touching, and physical contact in life.

Once again you are learning to accept the natural healthiness of your needs and to be open to having them fulfilled by others. In this area as well as in the area of finances, you are learning to focus less on your needs and to be more aware of the enrichment that the universe is offering you through other people.

You are also learning to accept the idea of 'bargaining' and 'discounts', and not assume that you have to pay the 'full dollar amount' for everything you want. Through being aware of others' motives to 'sell', your capacity to 'buy' what you want at discount is enhanced.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, the Moon indicates that the native has a good idea of what he thinks he desires: he tends to become overinterested in material things and luxuries, and can become bogged down with possessions. At times he has an obsession with collecting things. He is not necessarily a self-starter - he requires stimulation. This comes in the form of an aggressive partner or friend; or it can take the form of actual stimulants, including alcohol. He is attracted to the physical, passionate - he wants to be admired, needs attention and feels there is not so great a need for action if it makes one uncomfortable. The native has the ability to bounce back, to ride with the blows of fate, and to shift and adjust until he is secure.

The Moon in Taurus paints the picture of one who can be determined to the point of obstinacy. Idealism in itself will not move him - but it will show him where he can gain, help himself or make his position more secure. He is reserved, but loves the 'good life', including parties, excellent food and drink. His intuitive intellect, finely honed, has great 'staying power'.

The Moon here takes what comes, analyzes it to suit his own needs, and then 'lives with it'. This includes relations with members of the opposite sex. Some key words are voluptuous, indolent, and self-indulgent.

On the positive side, this lunar position gives the ability to appeal to popular tastes, to adjust to changing social conditions and capture the imagination of the public. The native is romantic, appreciates what he possesses, and can make a little go a long way.

The astrologer would do well (all other factors in chart being considered) to encourage the native to look beyond the immediate to make full use of a fine sense of what people want, need and are capable of obtaining. With the Moon in Taurus, the native should be encouraged to read, to broaden his horizons, and to realize that indeed 'a house is not necessarily a home'.

(Tracy Marks)

We who have Moon in Taurus need to experience a solid base of self-esteem and internal security, to gain confidence in our internal resources and our capacity to earn what we need and utilize what we have, to experience physical and emotional warmth, to know the pleasures and pains of living within our bodies and sense, and to maintain contact with the earth. When our essential Taurean needs have not been met, we are likely to overcompensate by indulging ourselves, compulsively clinging to other bodies, food, money and external sources of satisfaction. We may become indolent, greedy, overmaterialistic, and bound by our insistence upon security to a routine, risk-free and ultimately sterile existence.

A Taurean parent figure may have influenced our security patterns. Positively, our parent may have been earthy and well-grounded; able to provide the warmth, stability and constancy we needed; to comfort us; and to help us gain confidence functioning in the physical world. Negatively, our parent may have been ensalved by his or her senses, attempting to chain us likewise to a predominantly physical level of existence. We may have been overindulged rather than deprived; provided with excess food, money or other comforts of living without our needing to ask, so that we came to expect to be provided for; or we may have been dominated by a possessive parent and learned to resist intrusion by dawdling or by turning to possessive and clinging behaviors ourselves.

We may repeatedly give ourselves messages about our lack of value or competence; about holding on rather than letting go; about the necessity of earning more money and maintaining our job security; or about the importance of purchasing and enjoying all the comforts and physical pleasures which soothe us. We may coddle ourselves into too easy a lifestyle or defend against our needs by maintaining too rigid a self-sufficiency. To successfully reparent our Taurean inner child, we may have to reassess those internal messages which keep us bound in unsatisfying habits and behaviors, and to develop new messages which: a) build our self-confidence, helping us to trust and discover our internal resources and internal security base; b) encourage us to experience and satisfy the most essential needs of our bodies rather than become mired in patterns of laziness, sensual gratification and physical or material greed; c) allow us to relax and surrender to our deeper beings, so that we may let go of our possessiveness or compulsive self-sufficiency and experience our capacity truly to give and receive warmth and devotion.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is exalted in the sign of Taurus, and this will be displayed by an emphasis of Taurus and Moon patterns of personality and behavior. The concept of roots will be extremely important and meaningful for you. Through creating an organized life-style routine, you will feel more secure and inwardly stable.

Change is viewed with unease; you react against external threats to disrupt your established lifestyle and behavior patterns. As you rely on traditional cultural attitudes, beliefs, values, and behavioral standards, you reflect the dominating customs of society

and peer-group associations. Those who would bring radical change to this static social pattern are seen as dangerous; and because your identity is so attuned to this social collective consciousness, your attitudes are usually conservative and uphold the status quo. Your peace of mind comes through repetitive routine, where consistency is an important quality. You hate having your habits disturbed, and resist having to make changes at all; in fact, you can find it challenging to alter inner patterns.

You have materialistic and pragmatic views, relying on tangible aspects of life and evaluating things through this perspective. You may tend to dismiss artistic or intellectual styles of expression as too abstract, and feel uncomfortable with more subtle, intuitive types of feelings, as they hint at rather than give clear messages. Financial security is essential to your emotional peace, and you should have good financial skills to satisfy your desires for a physically comfortable environment. Once attained, the enjoyment of sensuality and luxury may make you a little apathetic and lazy. You may need others to prod you into new activities and projects, although, once provoked into action, your commitment and persistence should ensure success.

Intimate relationships are important for emotional well-being; and these have to be well-founded, secure and reliable for you to feel content. Your energies are applied toward creating permanence in life: a comfortable home, economic security, stable employment, marriage, family, and barriers to fend away any threats to this stability.

Within your inner life, the same tendency exists; there may be denial and repression of any impulses or feelings that cannot be easily categorized and fitted into your life pattern. You may try to impose self-control over your emotions, as volatility is considered highly threatening; you will not want anyone close who displays emotional changes, moods, and unpredictability, as this is a reminder that you cannot control everything.

Underlying these tendencies is the probability that you feel personally insecure, having doubts about your self-worth and abilities, afraid of letting go, and an inability to cope without familiar life-style patterns. Such external supports include the family circle, relationship dependency, food addictions, money, and status. While you freely give support and physical affection to your family, you may also treat them possessively; their important role in building your security buffers should not be underemphasized.

You may need more flexibility in both inner and outer behavior patterns. Your security is actually fragile and vulnerable, and liable to be disrupted by the vicissitudes of life. More self-sufficiency and faith in yourself is required, as you become confident of your personal strength and in your ability to exploit talents and personal resources.

Habit patterns should not be perceived as emotionally inviolable; and greater flexibility should ideally be built into them, as a risk-free life is virtually impossible. Possessive tendencies may need to be reduced, as does personal rigidity, which only inhibits experience and self-expression. Slowly, such barriers need to be dismantled, feelings

accepted and shared. A willingness to acknowledge the reality of life's more subtle dimensions is required, as this will be enriching. Focusing just on security needs will repress feelings and negatively condition your worldview with fears, anxiety, and insecurities. Learning how to satisfy deeper needs and how to relax into enjoyment will release higher personal qualities and assist in unfolding your potential.

(Skye Alexander)

Easy-going, even-tempered and good-natured, you are a pleasant companion and a devoted friend. It takes a lot to make you mad; you're a lover, not a fighter. You don't waste a lot of emotional energy worrying over trifles or engaging in life's intrigues and melodramas.

Your needs and desires are simple, down-to-earth and of a practical, physical nature. Sensual and strongly sexual, you have a direct and unabashed enjoyment of sex, and an innate understanding of what makes people feel good. You are nurtured by all kinds of physical contact, and are especially fond of hugs and back rubs. With friends and lovers you can be quite demonstrative, and even like to touch casual acquaintances and total strangers when you talk to them.

No lover of yours will ever feel starved for affection, though he / she might feel smothered at times by your possessiveness. You understand the world in terms of material goods and ownership, and tend to forget that people are not possessions. Generous with those you care about, you need to guard against trying to buy love. Not above being 'bought' yourself, you might be of the opinion that it's just as easy to fall in love with a rich man / woman as a poor one; and the road to your heart may lead through Tiffany's. You tend to measure someone by what he / she owns, and are inclined to look only at a partner's physical appearance and portfolio; thus, you can be quite superficial in your choice of mates.

Your fondness for wealth and innate understanding of the material world might result in a natural business sense of a gift for making money.

You need stability, predictability and a sense of permanence in your life. You don't make changes easily, aren't interested in anything new or 'different', and are anything but spontaneous. Once you settle in - to a job, a home or a relationship - you want to stay put, forever. Consequently, you are a loyal and steadfast partner. However, you are also terribly stubborn. Like a large, slow-moving oil tanker, once you've set your course it's almost impossible to turn you around (mentally, physically or emotionally).

This characteristic may show up in your socio-political attitudes. You are inclined to be cautious, conservative, and concerned with material, practical, day-to-day issues.

You love your creature comforts and appreciate beautiful clothing, jewellery, furniture,

art, good wine and food. Extremely indulgent, especially when it comes to sensory pleasures, you hate to deny yourself anything and are usually in debt. Your possessions also give you a sense of self-worth and stability.

You have innate good taste; your home seems to be waiting for House Beautiful's photographers, and your wardrobe is right out of Vogue magazine. Your 'good taste' usually includes fine food and drink, and if you aren't a gourmet chef, you at least enjoy cooking and eating well. Your motto might be 'eat, drink and be merry'. And since you're not fond of exercise, you have a tendency to put on weight.

Most probably, you possess some artistic ability and good color sense. Your natural talents probably lean toward sculpture, interior decorating, theatre set design, pottery, or other art forms that involve three-dimensional objects and the use of physical space.

The home in which you were raised was probably stable, materially secure and relatively placid (unless Mars, Uranus or Pluto is in hard aspect to your Moon). Intellectual stimulation may have been minimal, but your physical needs were always taken care of (unless the Moon and Saturn are in hard aspect). Your parents might have emphasized material things; either they were financially well-off, or they were eager to appear so. Your mother, in particular (or your nurturing parent) was probably affectionate, attentive to your needs and dependable. She also may have been a good cook and was dedicated to making the home as pleasurable as possible.

However, you might have felt a bit limited or smothered by your mother, and she probably tried to keep you tied tightly to her apron strings.

With your own children, you also are loving, affectionate and overly protective. You can't imagine your children as independent entities, and might even think of them as your possessions. You want them to have the best of everything, lavish them with gifts, and probably spoil them shamelessly.

Women usually respond to this energy easily and openly. Men sometimes project it onto the women in their lives, and may be attracted to women who are affectionate, domestic, earthy, strongly sexual and sensual.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Centered in the material plane, your emotions are attracted to material comforts and possessions. With a Taurus Moon you want the best of everything, and you rarely settle for less. The Moon is exalted in Taurus; this brings out the reflective and steady side of the Moon and de-emphasizes the Moon's changeable side.

You will stick to your ideals through thick and thin. You are blindly faithful, sentimental, affectionate and basically timid. You may lack originality, so try not to be too fixed in your

ways.

Your reactions to sense impressions are slow but strong. You have an accurate memory. You will ponder over an action for a long time, using premises, ethics and ideals; and you assimilate and act upon information in a slow and steady manner. It is difficult for you to change your mind, and you resent any interference once you have reached a decision. You are a determined person, with well-developed intuition and sound judgement. You want to excel in whatever you do. You are acquisitive, not only in land, art and other possessions, but also in friendship.

Your sense of touch and taste is highly developed, and you probably have a pleasant speaking and singing voice. Fond of music, art, dancing and all the things that make life more pleasureable, you need to gratify your physical appetites. You only welcome those ideas which are compatible with your stable temperament. You may be narrow-minded, and you are conservative and conventional. Pride, laziness, jealousy and too much stubbornness must be guarded against. Once set on a course, you forge ahead slowly but unswervingly.

You seldom succeed in leaving the family tradition or training and ideals that were imposed upon you by your mother, with whom you are closely, though not necessarily happily, linked. You have loyal and lasting relationships in friendship, love and marriage.

This position of the Moon may indicate gardening ability. In a man's chart it attracts a loyal partner who encourages his ambitions.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is fairly comfortable in Taurus, adding a measure of stability to the personality and bestowing an uncomplicated response to sensual pleasures. You enjoy eating, drinking, making love and listening to music. The feminine aspect of this placement prevents you from being much of an initiator; indeed, you prefer to spend your life sailing along a steady course rather than for it to be full of storms and disruption. The fixity of Taurus stabilizes the natural restlessness of the Moon, making you very purposeful and determined, particularly when it comes to getting what you want or hanging on to what you have. You try at all times to maintain the status quo; you may find that the circumstances of your life force you into this position. You might even find yourself putting up with a long-term lifestyle which is not of your choosing. The Moon is said to be 'exalted' in the sign of Taurus, which gives an inner sense of strength and resilience. Lunar Taureans, therefore, are noted for their generally robust health and their ability to obtain practical results in all that they undertake.

People who have the Moon in an Earth sign love the natural world, which means that you make a hobby out of botany or animal biology. You could become involved in some scheme that seeks to preserve the countryside (this is more likely if there is any

Aquarius on your birth chart). Even if you are not actively involved with these pursuits, you will love getting out into the fresh air and into your garden. Many lunar Taureans choose to work as representatives or even milkmen, so that they can be out and about and keep in tune with the seasons. You have a strong need to build for the future and create things which will be useful and long-lasting; this could be reflected in your choice of a career. You like the sea, but not with the same intensity as the solar or lunar Cancerian; you wouldn't have any great urge to run off and join the navy. Your affinity with nature could lead you to take an interest in the old religions of earth magic and the 'craft'.

You don't enter into relationships lightly; the fixity of Taurus plus your inner urge to build and preserve leads you to take any form of emotional commitment very seriously. Most astrology books tell us that this Moon position leads to possessiveness and jealousy; and, to some extent, this is true. Possessiveness is more of a problem than envy or jealousy, but this is a rather subtle concept to grasp. You don't envy the things that other people have or the relationships that they enjoy, but if your partner were to leave you for another, you would be very jealous indeed. If the object of your love promised to leave his or her partner for you, you would believe him / her;; if you then found him / her dragging his / her feet, you would become very upset and would remain that way for years. It is not easy for you to give in gracefully and accept defeat, especially in the face of what you see as a form of betrayal. This tenacity and endurance are both the strengths and the weaknesses of this particular Moon sign placement.

Your senses are strong, especially touch and smell; you love the scent of flowers and the feel of velvet. Your musical taste is well-developed; one Moon in Taurus lady told me that she hates the sound of a 'murdered song' but loves the sound of laughter. Obviously this sensuality leads to a love of sex with all its scents, textures and passions; however, relating is more important to you than sex for its own sake. You love to be cuddled and stroked in both a sexual and an affectionate manner; and ideally for you all this snuggling should take place within marriage.

You are, under normal circumstances, reliable and steady in relationships. You prefer to be faithful to your partner, but if for some reason you find this impossible, then you would try hard to wait for your children to grow up before actually leaving the family home; you try to do your duty for however long it takes. Oddly enough you are quite a flirt but this is 'social' flirting which is not intended to be taken seriously. You don't flirt in order to make your partner jealous; you do it just for the fun of it. You can appear to be intrusive or possessive to those who are close to you ('Where are you going, and when do you intend to be back?'); this is not intended to irritate them or to show any lack of trust on your part; you just need to make sure that your family is safe. My Moon in Taurus husband, Tony, likes me to be around. He isn't afraid that I will run off with someone else; he just worries about me. When a friend commented to him about this he told them, 'If Sasha is not home at the time she says that she will be, I start to think that she has had an accident. I have to get up early for my work, and if I am kept awake worrying

about her, then I get annoyed'. There is no way of changing this person's nature; one just has to be grateful that they care - there are plenty who don't.

You take naturally to parenthood; you love your own children and have patience with those of others. If you marry someone who already has a family, you cope with this very well. You take a responsible attitude towards those who depend upon you, both older and younger members of the family, even pets, without making heavy weather of this. You are very loving and caring, and really enjoy looking after, even waiting upon, those you love; but you become understandably resentful if this care is taken for granted and not appreciated. You are good with sick people as long as there is not too much mess to clear up; the one thing you really hate is the sight of blood (especially your own). Sometimes this practical type of caring is not enough and you may miss some essential element in your partner's make-up and fail to give him or her the understanding that he / she needs. Bethany, a really sensitive and intelligent friend of mine, summed this up by telling me that 'I just couldn't figure out what it was that my ex-husband really wanted from me half the time. I obviously missed something but, even now, I'm not sure that I can see what it was.'

You yourself strongly need the closeness of a family around you. Your sense of loyalty makes you jump to the defence of any member of your family who is criticized by an outsider. However, you yourself are convinced that you have every right to criticize them! Your own deep attachment to your family, your occasional misplaced pride in them, and your desire for them to have the best and be the best, can make you overcritical and even tyrannical at times (especially when you are in a bad mood). A strange fault of yours is that you seem unable to cope with people who lack confidence in themselves. You could even squash the little that they have. You need a certain amount of standing up to. You could actually belittle a partner, even belittle your own children if you suspected too much weakness. You respect strength, possibly because you need to 'tap into' the strength of the other person. You are not necessarily competitive though, and would help a partner or workmate to get ahead. Above all you need a stimulating partner who has similar interests to yourself. You are emotionally habit-forming, not keen on too much change or excitement. You must beware that monotony does not seep into your sexual behaviour.

You are attracted to beauty and people who have cheerful, pleasant natures. Your pet hates are fatness, ugliness and people who wear dirty, tatty clothing. Both the people around you and your own surroundings must be clean and attractive.

You have the quality of basic common sense (rare sense perhaps?). You like your bills to be paid on time, are careful with money, and like to have some savings to fall back on; but despite this, you are not unduly lucky with money and can be taken in by a confidence trickster. There are times when your judgement deserts you. Occasionally your patience deserts you and this can be an interesting experience for those around you as your temper is really fearful when it is unleashed; it can overwhelm you and

cause you to cut your nose off to spite your face.

You control your feelings very well and are adept at hiding them from others, probably due to childhood training; Taurus being a feminine and emotional sign, this repression can lead to moodiness. You may break out in a sudden angry response; if someone were to push in front of you in a queue, for instance, you may react differently from one day to another. Being naturally rather cautious, you prefer to allow new acquaintances to do the talking; it is only when you know people better that you can relax and open up. You are not above a bit of manipulation in social circumstances, but will generally use it in the form of humour to defuse a tense situation. You usually guard your tongue well, and rarely run off at the mouth. Once you have formed an opinion it is hard for you to alter it. You can have the rather unfortunate habit of laying the law down to others.

You are undoubtedly ambitious, both for yourself and for your family. Women with this placement seem to be given the message by their parents that they should stick to the old-fashioned idea of the feminine role; and, therefore, often start out as secretaries, nurses or children's nannies. All the lunar Taurean women to whom I have spoken tell me that they resented this bitterly, and also resented the associated implication that they were not as bright or as important as their brothers. They have all subsequently drifted towards less overtly feminine forms of work.

In common with the other Earth signs of Capricorn and Virgo, lunar Taureans of both sexes have to put aside their dreams and ambitions for the sake of practicalities. Later on in life they may not bother to revive those dreams, which I think is rather a shame. One lady told me that she always dreamed of carrying the Olympic torch. Many of you dream about being a musician, dancer or singer; but with a bit of luck from elsewhere on your birthchart, you may just be able to make it into showbusiness. Your practical side leads you to supply people with the things that they need; therefore you may deal in food, furniture, household objects, or even the things which help people make themselves and their homes attractive. Other typical Taurean trades are building, architecture, farming, market gardening, make-up artist, musician, artist and dancer. Because it is the Moon that we are dealing with here, you will not necessarily follow a Taurean trade at all; however, the need to be useful, get out and about and help to create something which is both durable and pleasing to the eye is a strong motivating force. You are not drawn to speculative ventures, which is just as well as you are neither a lucky gambler nor particularly good at handling business crises. You are not keen on sending memo.s or making up office reports - for one thing, you hate anything to be too cut-and-dried; however, if you have to produce these, you will do so thoroughly.

A couple of final comments on attitude to work. You prefer to find a steady job and stick to it. You finish practically everything you start; and although not terrifically analytical, you can deal with details without becoming bored. Your persistence makes you good in the field of sales; your flair for beauty could lead to a career in marketing (especially luxury products). A lot of this depends upon the rest of the chart, as a touch of Pisces,

Aquarius or Sagittarius for instance would add the ingredient of imagination. You hate to be rushed; you can cope with anything when left to work at your own pace.

According to most astrology books you should have good parents and have enjoyed a happy and peaceful childhood. My experience as an astrologer tells me that this is just not so. Whenever the Moon is in a fixed sign there is at least one parent who has a bullying or intransigent attitude towards the subject. This may be due to the fact that the parent has had a hard life him- / herself, and has subsequently developed a hard and unsympathetic outlook. A high proportion of lunar Taureans have at least one parent born under the sign of Aquarius, which leads to total lack of understanding and communication. All this leads to an almost Scorpionic ability to keep your thoughts and feelings away from your parents. This is fair enough as a survival mechanism, but the danger is that this behaviour will be carried over into other relationships or later dealings with 'authority' figures.

It seems that one of your parents grew up in some kind of deprived circumstances. This is more likely to have been poverty, a lack of opportunity and a lack of material security than lack of love (although that could apply too.) This parent, therefore, is left with the feeling that things are safer than people, and that one must obtain goods and money in order to survive. There seems to be little space in the parent's head for love, understanding and sensitivity to the child. You may have come from a comfortable home where your practical needs were taken care of but there will have been some lack of understanding. One of your parents may have been ill, a hypochondriac or just weak-willed. You probably harbour feelings of contempt for this parent, and these are very well-hidden - even from yourself. You may feel that the weaker parent could have done more for you, and more for him- / herself as well.

Most women with this Moon placement marry quite young and have children early. Lunar Taurean judgement being what it is, the first marriage might well turn out to be a mistake. It appears that you are attracted to exciting types who in your eyes complement your own stodginess. These types are too exciting to be good family men; therefore the disappointments are a kind of double blow. The result of this can push female Taureans into exciting careers as a result of the need for financial survival.

Insofar as the Moon influences health on a birthchart, an afflicted Moon in Taurus would bring problems in the area of the lower jaw, ears, throat, voice and tonsils. There may be thyroid problems and even, just possible, diabetes. You may have that famous Taurean tendency to gain weight, but this will be mitigated if there is a lot of air on your chart.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

According to tradition, the influence of the Moon is particularly powerful in this sign, because it is exalted. Bear this in mind when reaching conclusions about the interpretation of the Moon in Taurus.

A secure background to life is needed by Moon sign Taureans, both materially and emotionally, and those with this placing will respond very quickly and defensively when their background is threatened. Even if they are not particularly concerned with building up a good bank balance, or if they rely too heavily on their partner for support, their instinct will be to spring into action when in difficulties, and do everything in their power to ensure that their world is kept intact.

The conservatism and conventionality of Taurus may well clash with other areas of the subject's chart. Self-absorption will definitely be seen; and an independent, freedom-loving person can suddenly make a complete about-face.

If a strict adherence to convention is indicated elsewhere in the chart (a Capricorn Sun or Ascendant sign, for instance), the characteristics of this placing will blend into the personality, and the instinctive responses will not be a source of conflict.

The emergence of possessiveness, the worst Taurean fault, may need countering, but this will be hard to do. Practicality will be considerable, and a common sense approach to life will be a great asset, especially if a certain adventurousness is indicated by other planetary positions.

The stubbornness common to this sign will be present, but again this may only be an immediate reaction, with flexibility present on other levels. If there is a preponderance of fixed signs, bloody-mindedness and getting in a rut can become ongoing problems.

The Taurean love of good food and living, and a need to surround the self with beautiful, comfortable objects, may be apparent. Since the Moon is related to the health, it is necessary for the subject to realize that - especially when under stress - he or she is likely to indulge in chocolate bars and other comfort food. Weight gain can be the result. The throat, too, is rather vulnerable - link any such comments in your interpretation to the fact that this area of the subject's body may easily react to stress or general infection.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Taurus indicates a need for financial and material security in order to attain emotional well-being. The Moon in Taurus is very strong because it is in the sign of its exaltation. The emotions tend to be steady and placid. There is a great deal of common sense in handling financial and domestic affairs. This is also the 'green thumb' position. The position demands stimulation from other people to launch new projects, but once projects are begun there is steadfastness, and the persistence to see matters through to their end. New endeavors are not usually started until old ones have been completed.

This position of the Moon attracts wealth and the good things of life. As a rule, natives are fond of good food and seek material comforts. A stable domestic situation is important to their emotional security.

If the Moon is afflicted in Taurus, there can be unwillingness to change established emotional attitudes. Often this affliction can indicate a tendency to laziness and an excess attachment to material comforts.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a steady though stubborn soul. You need to be physically satisfied, but this may give rise to your being psychologically unaware. You have the instinct to find material security - which could necessitate enduring emotional limitations. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is a provider, but could also be seen as a burden.

You naturally respond towards Other with a sense of emotional permanence and stability; in a physical, material or sensuous manner, providing Other with the necessary creature comforts; and in a very real, substantial way, giving value for value.

Your inner child reacts with a great resistance to any change that might threaten, even when such changes are in aid of (re-)establishing security; by withholding or overlooking emotional and intangible favours; and by wanting to possess Other as if he / she were personal property.

You are unconsciously drawn towards relationships that are based upon material stability and physical gratification rather than spiritual growth. You gravitate towards the pleasures of the flesh, or Others who spice up your life, by way of compensation. And you are drawn to Others who are in great need of material support or physical affection or attention.

You can get caught up in relationships where Other is more dependent upon what you have than what you are; in relationships where stagnation and meaninglessness begin to reign, forcing you to review your motivations, or to stray; and in being heavily depended upon.

When you are alone, or simply being made to feel alone, it will be down to the factor of worth. Taurus Moon emphasizes the importance of material stability and of relationships having a permanence to them. This is all very well, but 'man does not live by bread alone', meaning that what is also needed to keep a relationship alive are more intangible qualities like mutual creative involvement (as opposed to childrearing), personal growth and change, or romance (whatever that might mean to you). And so there can come a time when the absence of one or more such qualities in your relationship starts to make the relationship 'bottom-heavy' in that it has all the 'things and trappings' but no zing or meaning to it. It just rumbles along, very slowly, and eventually comes to a halt. If you

have not found a suitable Other at all, it will be because such overly basic values have prevented this from happening. Alternatively, you may lack a sense of self-worth and therefore not attract an Other. But it would still come down to assessing yourself merely by material values.

(Grant Lewi)

Your image of yourself is flattering not because of any special quality you select so much as because you just think well of yourself. This can make for smugness, conceit and laziness; and it always warns you not to take too seriously what you tell yourself, but to keep your eye on what other people think of you. Follow your Sun-nature energetically or you will be lost in relaxation and uselessness. You have such a good time being pleased with life! You need to stimulate yourself consciously, for you are not a self-starter. You're likely to be popular because, demanding little of yourself, you also demand little of others and are the most agreeable of companions. You are not likely to be ardent in human relations; you take what comes, especially if it isn't too much trouble. Your assumption that you have the good things of life coming to you generally is carried out by the facts; you seem to make your picture of yourself as a luxurious creature come true in material affairs. When you have learned to follow your solar urges aggressively, when you are determined to be the best that your Sun sign has to offer, you go far. You then turn self-satisfaction into active selfconfidence, and you can have the world at your feet. The danger is that, sensing this, you won't ever do anything about it, will remain content in knowing you could do if you would, and thus never be anything but a gracious, affable and charming person. And, of course, that's not to be sneezed at.

(Robert Hand)

You like warmth, comfort, and the security of familiar surroundings. You like to be near a fire or in a favorite chair, and you enjoy good food. A very loving and affectionate person, you also need love and affection from the people around you. It is important for you to know that everything around you is going on as usual. you are not very fond of changes, especially in your own little world.

But you are very patient and do not get upset easily. When other people are angry and emotional, you can keep calm and make everything all right again. Even while you are young, others may come to you for help and advice because you are supportive.

Sometimes you find it hard to get going. You may be reluctant to leave a comfortable situation and go out to get some work done, or you may have trouble getting up in the morning. And when you do get going, you move a bit more slowly than most people, which may be rather annoying to others, but that is just your way.

Emotionally you are very stubborn. It is hard for you to change an attitude that is fixed in your mind, even when you have learned that it is not a correct attitude. You prefer

familiar attitudes, just as you prefer familiar objects.

When you have money, you spend it very conservatively, except on things that you really like. You hold on to money, and you try to find ways of earning more, not because you are selfish, but because you like security.

(John Townley)

You are a person of great emotional substance, and you provide an excellent shoulder for an upset lover to cry on. You are not easily or quickly angered, but once your ire is aroused, you are a formidable antagonist with a long memory for grievances. Therefore it is a good idea to air any differences with your lover right away, because otherwise they may mount up and damage the relationship later.

You do not rush into a love affair, preferring to build it in careful stages. Then, even after the affair is over, a warm and lasting friendship will continue.

Your preference is for straightforward simplicity in a relationship. Elaborate courting rituals are not your style, for they just seem to confuse the situation. You may not insist on total fidelity, but you want your partner to tell you the truth at all times so you know right where you stand. In return, you are scrupulously honest with your lover, even when it hurts, for you believe that a long-lasting relationship must be based on honesty and must live up to that ideal.

In a relationship, you are the salt of the earth; a friend and lover your partner can always depend on, even in difficult times. You don't commit yourself lightly, and when you give your word, you stand by it, particularly a commitment given in love.

(Arlene Robertson)

Since the Moon is exalted in the Venus-ruled, fixed earth sign of Taurus, this placement is generally a comfortable one. The usual insecurities of the Cancer influence fade into the misty distance; and in their place comes a stabilized, solid response to the variables of daily living. You, with the Moon in Taurus, react to everyday events with an earthy practicality based on the belief that common sense will bring any upheavals or unpleasantness into line with everything perking along at its accustomed pace. You are probably a delight to have around - a refreshing antidote to the hysterics and dramatics manifested in other Moon signs.

Because you are so practical, your securities rest in the possessions which you collect in order to function, and, in some instances, to function superbly. Owning many valuable things makes you feel secure. Anything involving real estate, which primarily means a home, is a joy - for what could be more secure than a home to return to at the end of the day - your own home and your own plot of ground? The Taurus bull needs the earth to

give him sustenance. Here you share something in common with the Cancer Moon position as ruler of the fourth house where your roots come from, for surely your roots in your own home go deep into the ground and feed your soul.

Using your native practicality, you often say, 'What is more practical than money in the bank?' - or, as a second choice, valuable belongings like gold and jewellery which can be traded for money. When you are assured that the bills will get paid and that no bank will foreclose on your mortgage, you can relax and enjoy your emotional life.

Your ability to size up business opportunities is invaluable, for here your common sense takes over. With your strong feeling of self-worth, you know instinctively that none of life's favors is going to drop pell mell in your lap, that they are invariably acquired through hard work, not from some nebulous fairy godmother. You also know that you are capable of the labors needed to attain them, and the security so necessary for your peace of mind.

A negative reaction to the lack of possessions would result in clutching, hoarding, holding on to even the most meager of your belongings. You might also become miserly and so fixed in response as to become rigid in your feelings.

You, the Taurus Moon person, expect others, especially family members, to behave toward you in a predictable way in your daily association. When on occasion a loved one responds in an unexpected manner, unfamiliar or alien to your expectations, you are emotionally wounded. 'You're doing that to hurt me', you might say. Or, 'If you really appreciated me you wouldn't act that way'. Your embarrassment mingles with your sense of disappointment and loss of power.

If you are a female with this placement, you look for a mate who will bring you financial security which, in turn, assures your emotional security. Or, if you are one of the new breed of career women, you are capable of climbing the ladder of success on your own and are thus able to obtain this necessary stability. If you are a mother at home with your children, you bestow on them a steady strong affection, a warmth, a sense of always being there when they need you.

If you are a male with this placement, your feeling of self-worth is very strong as you toil steadily for your family, your home, your piece of real estate. Deep within, you understand that the success you crave will come to you only because of your hard work.

Once this is achieved, you are also capable of relaxing and enjoying all your fruits - a beautiful home, bountiful food and wine, expensive clothes, the sleek luxurious automobile resplendent in the garage. As a father, you are indulgent, proud of your children and eager to give them every opportunity to enjoy life. But you also teach them how imperative it is for them to earn their own way.

If both partners in a marriage or close relationship have this same need for emotional security, achieved through love of home and possessions, their life together will be far smoother and more rewarding than one in which one partner is indifferent to possessions.

Keynote: An abundance of materials suggests constructive activities.

Symbol: A housewife, surveying her food-laden shelves, plans a party.

A person with the Moon in Taurus generally has a faculty for being both resourceful and well-equipped. This is a fortunate position since the Moon, which rules the realm of responses, can make use of the substance supplied by this sign of material plenitude.

Just as the power of the Sun is reinforced by the outgoing energy of Mars, the absorbing capacity of the Moon is supplemented by the ingathering magnetism of Venus. Consequently, the Sun is exalted in Mars-ruled Aries, and the Moon is exalted in Venus-ruled Taurus.

In Taurus, the inconstancy of the ever-changing Moon is made reliable. The emotional sensitivity of the lunar temperament is steadied by the earthy sensibility of this pragmatic sign. The female of the species is reputed to be capricious, yet women everywhere are remarkably unwavering in their desire for domestic tranquillity. In general, the negative or feminine signs serve as conserving forces in the economy of the zodiac. The restraint which the slow rhythm of Taurus imposes upon the Moon's fluctuations can be a steadying influence, just as a certain degree of reticence is becoming to a woman.

Lunar Taureans are attached to their families, and are often preoccupied with their ancestral homes and traditions. They have an instinct for business which enables them to amass money and invest it sensibly. Even when not personally wealthy, they are assisted by well-to-do supporters. Funds are plowed into worthy enterprises which grow, bear fruit, and propagate. These individuals can sense what the public wants and is willing to purchase. They prosper in work connected with food, such as restaurants, grocery stores, and farming. They also take an interest in real estate, and like to deal with tangible assets, such as land and houses.

People with the Moon in Taurus are often attracted to occupations involving the use of the voice, such as singing, public speaking, and broadcasting. A pleasing appearance and an agreeable manner contribute to their success. Their memories are retentive; and once something has impressed them, it is seldom forgotten.

Wherever Taurus dominates the scene, difficulties can arise because of an undue fondness for the good things in life. Overindulgence in food and drink may lead to a weight problem.

Lunar Taureans hesitate to launch new ventures. The Moon needs to be stimulated by

outside forces since it has no initiating power of its own. The prudent Taurean seldom welcomes new ideas, although he enjoys seeing the old ones dressed up as the latest thing. Often, he will persist in a course of action merely to avoid upsetting the status quo. Taurus is one of the four zodiacal 'power signs', but much of its potency depends on sheer physical bulk. The charging bull, once aroused to action, is not easily swerved from its course. Similarly, Taurus makes up in momentum what it lacks in maneuverability.

The prototype of the undeveloped lunar Taurean is the stolid peasant who cannot see why it should not be possible for him to have more of the things he wants without the mental discomfort of having to make radical changes to his ingrained habits. The Moon represents the pull of the past, which in Taurus can harden into stubborn prejudice. However, the higher types of Taureans are deeply sympathetic and ready to give practical help to all who are in need. They do not offer lip service to their ideals, but faithfully nourish, sustain and maintain the verities they hold dear.

Moon ☾ in 3rd House

(Haydn Paul)

Communication and thought patterns will be influenced by emotions; and attitudes, values and beliefs are derived from the bias. This can be displayed when making rational decisions, yet the decision has already been made by your dominant feelings, or within intellectual disagreements when rational thought dissolves into a passionate and emotional defense of a personal viewpoint.

One area of difficulty may lie in establishing consistency of thought or concentration, as the lunar fluctuating nature may result in changeability, and lack of persistence and application. Repetitive routine bores you; and regular changes of mental stimulation are needed to satisfy your curiosity for knowledge. Information is required, as you feel it helps to satisfy your security need, almost believing that the more you know about the world and people, the safer you can feel. Absorbing this knowledge will be a task that attracts you throughout life. This, associated with a retentive memory and imaginative abilities, may provide a source for opportunity and exploitation, especially if you continue to develop your talents for communication and literary abilities. You may have a tendency to fantasize and enter daydreaming states. This could be applied in a more concentrated, imaginative focus for creative expression.

Your environment and relationships will play an influential role in your life. While you may be capable of adapting to various types of environment and relationship, this is achieved mainly through a process of reflection and remolding your nature to accommodate changes. This can be through adopting the worldviews of those closest to

you as your own and then reflecting them out again. The demarcation lines between yourself and intimates dissolve; and your thoughts and attitudes become indistinguishable from those of whoever is a major influence at that time. You may imaginatively project yourself 'into others', and instinctively sense whatever they are feeling or thinking. This derives from an emotional need to feel connected in life, both through discovering knowledge and through empathic relationship.

Your experience and perception of life is conditioned by the state of your feelings, emotions, and instincts at any give time. These deep emotional complexes are the source of your decision-making, even though you may try to disguise this by logic and justification. If your life is not satisfying and fulfilling, ro decisions, aims and relationships are failing, be advised that self-exploration can bring clarity regarding the emotional biases which are secretly shaping your life.

Identifying the roots of your attitudes may enable wiser future decisions. Transforming any negative complexes would be extremely valuable, and is likely to release considerable blocked energy when healing has occurred. Holding onto negativity is foolish and will spoil your life; moving toward a more positive outlook will improve life. Learn how to observe and listen to yourself in communication and relationship; signs of inner needs will be there to be realized. Recognizing them is an essential step toward being able to consciously fulfill them, instead of failing to recognize your own messages to yourself.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Moon in the third house gives a hunger for self-expression, and for community and an easy give-and-take relationship with others. Without afflictions, these people express themselves easily and early in life, choosing their words carefully with attention to the effect on their audience; and are natural and spontaneous in speaking to groups. Uusally humorous and entertaining, they are not inclined to reveal themselves or their inner workings, but aim to communicate by means of stories, anecdotes, and jokes. If they are artists, their works will show this, plays and novels being a series of episodes. If teachers, they use anecdotes to get a point across.

They are usually pleasant companions, rarely putting pressure on others. They are very sympathetic and understanding of the human condition. Throughout their lives, they accumulate stories of people and keep account of the sum total of valor and suffering. They are quite objective about their own place in the scheme of things, and are usually modest and self-deprecating. If the Sun is in Cancer or Virgo, or either of these two signs is rising, there may be too much modesty. They will not think well enough of themselves, or will be afraid to push forward in life, continually asking that others evaluate them.

With the Moon in Capricorn, lack of understanding can damage rapport with others. There will be the desire to entertain, but not the understanding of how to do it. Stories

will be off the mark. With bad Saturn or Pluto aspects, bitterness, self-pity, and jealousy may distort their evaluation of their relation to the world. Their anecdotes will reflect this, the point of every story being how he or she 'showed them'. There may be times when their balance and good humor prevail and other times when the humor is sour and self-pitying. If other factors in their charts show a drinking problem or mental / emotional troubles, this lunar placement will intensify it.

With the Moon in Scorpio, emotions may get in the way at times, leaving them silent in groups, wishing they could join in spontaneously but finding it difficult to begin. Those with the Moon in the third house are very people-oriented. They believe in the old adage that 'the proper study of Man is Mankind'. They often become teachers, or reach part-time for the fun of it, because they communicate so easily.

Men with this Moon placement will be attracted to witty, communicative partners: teachers, writers, librarians, or students. With the Moon in Aquarius, Gemini, Pisces, or Sagittarius, they may find their partners hard to hold. Women with the Moon in these signs will find it hard to stay faithful, at least in youth. It generally indicates a talkative and / or intelligent mother.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: A 3rd house Moon indicates that you need motion and movement on a daily basis more strongly than other types. Curiosity is linked to emotional temperament; and since the Moon is strongly people-oriented, there is usually a desire to interact with others at the level of feelings rather than facts or figures. Interestingly, your maternal instincts are often directed at relative strangers as much as or more than at intimate family. It's almost as if the very sense of family becomes a function of the immediate environment. Thus, when people enter into your world, they are first approached with caution, but are soon welcomed with open arms. However, as they become less a source of curiosity and more three-dimensionally human, your interest may fade. So this placement embodies a blend of depth and superficiality. The challenge is to fulfill your needs for diverse stimulation while also providing interactive stability.

Concrete mind: You have a sense of cunning, a kind of 'feeling' basis for mentality, rather than the cold logic of sheer rationality itself. Needs are conditioned by the influx of information; and, conversely, perceptions are heavily influenced by emotional needs, which can be wonderful or terrible, depending on the situation. The pitfalls surround misinformation or misunderstanding through substitution of feelings for logic, while the challenge is to combine emotions and mentality into a mutually supportive and seamless whole.

Curiosity: There is a hunger to know, to understand; and you 'eat' information. Depending very much on your particular temperament, this can lead to profound temporary satisfaction, or it can produce an invisible 'mental indigestion', which will

register in uncomfortable feelings. Curiosity waxes and wanes accordingly. When the need to know goes unsatisfied, your security dissolves; so, do everything you can to find out what interests you. However, deeper insecurity can produce a condition where nothing will satisfy your need to know, in which case you must look within for the knowledge. Distinguishing between these two conditions is a real challenge.

Basic education: Early education is conditioned very much by the maternal figures through whom the child forms imprints. The mother's bent shines through in the child's attitudes toward school and learning. There is real appetite for knowledge; and when this appetite goes unfulfilled, the relationship to the real world is gradually damaged, first through frustration, then through disinterest. The challenge is to learn something new every day, and this is no less authentic than any physical need such as hunger or sleep.

Communication: Speech and emotion flow together into a seamless whole, with each influencing the other. The voice is often pleasing in tone, soothing to the ear. Emotional defensiveness can be heard as well as felt. Both thinking and speaking reflect the emotion of the moment; the mind is often the servant of the temperament, directed according to the current status of your feelings. In addition, what is said feeds back to and influences the emotions. The only surprise here is that both speaker and listener are often fooled into believing that what's being offered is 'objective' data. If others want clear communication with you, be sure they understand your underlying emotional state before they interpret what's being said.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of your natural curiosity, you accumulate considerable knowledge about many subjects. While your ability to retain information is notable, you sometimes have difficulty discriminating between fact and fiction. This is mainly because you allow your feelings to interfere with logic, which results in an emotional bias even in important matters. In your eagerness to communicate what you know, you often take liberties with the facts, especially when you want to impress people. At times you truly believe that events occurred as you have related them. Your gift of creative imagination only needs development to help you realize your goals and give you financial security for your later years. Pay more attention to your friends' suggestions for achieving your goals. You are on good terms with most or all of your friends, and you are happy to do favors for them, knowing that they will reciprocate.

Because you like people and have a talent for dealing with them, you might seek a career in communications. You indulge in much self-analysis, which has made you reasonably familiar with people's motivations. You could capitalize on this knowledge in a career that uses social contact as a tool for communication, such as writing or journalism. You easily show people that you are well-informed, and you stimulate them to enter freely into conversation with you. You should direct your attention to those who need your understanding and compassion.

Your fear of rejection and not being loved causes you to remain in an obscure position until you gain greater self-confidence. In this area, your imagination works against you. Pay more attention to others; they have their hangups and fears too. Then apply yourself to becoming proficient in your career to take advantage of every opportunity. Your most urgent priority is to get a formal education, so you can learn to use logic rather than emotion when you are faced with problems involving people. You must know as much as you can about human behavior in order to make accurate judgements. Don't take the chance that your feelings will give you the necessary information for making proper decisions.

You should not have any serious problem in winning approval from your superiors, because you are usually available for extra duty. You assume that it is your obligation to volunteer, because you feel you must do more than others to get the results you want. In spite of this, you become defensive when superiors show an interest in you, for you suspect them of insincerity. Personal involvement with people is part of your destiny; and it is the best investment you can make to win deserved appreciation for your efforts on behalf of others. You may experience some uncertainty and anxiety about the best way to satisfy your partner's desires.

Take advantage of your natural talents to gain the security you need to feel truly comfortable with your accomplishments. This might cause some discomfort and strained relations with your parents, if they disagree with your plans. The worst thing you can do is to yield to the pressure of family ties and deny yourself the privilege and opportunity to prove that you are capable of succeeding without interference from them. Your progress and success depend largely on establishing your independence and self-determination.

While the Sun in the 3rd bursts in on the scene and wants to create an impression on the immediate environment, the Moon in this house reflects and is shaped by the surroundings. As there is the ability to 'feel' what others are thinking, those with this placement may have some difficulty in distinguishing between their own thoughts and the ruminations of others around them. At times, they may believe that they are being objective and rational when in actual fact they are reacting on the basis of some emotional complex. Situations will be coloured according to their moods and sensitivities. If they are in a positive frame of mind, then they will interpret everything positively. If they feel touchy and vulnerable, the same environment will be interpreted quite differently.

The mind is imaginative; and there is usually a retentive memory. The Sun in the 3rd house believes that knowledge is power; the Moon in the 3rd craves knowledge for the security it brings to truly know how something works. Since the Moon is associated with influences from the past, there may be a fascination for such subjects of study as archaeology, genealogy and history. This placement gives a certain adaptability to changing environments, but the mind may wander or fluctuate from one interest to

another. The relationship to siblings - especially female relatives such as sisters, aunts or girl cousins - is worth examining for clues to the psychological make-up of those with this placement. Comfort and security is sought through a sibling or a relative, or they may have had to be 'mother' to others around them during the growing-up years. The actual mother may be related to more like an older sister than a parent.

The Gauquelins found that this placement confers some degree of writing talent. Unless the Moon were in an Air sign, the writing would be likely to display heartfelt emotion or describe personal memories and experiences. Public speakers with the Moon in the 3rd should be able to sway the feelings of the audience. Teachers with this placement can relate to the deeper feelings and needs of their students.

Mercury ♀ in ♈ Aries 15° 49'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you fear losing the visible impact of direct and authoritative communication, you cease to communicate successfully with others. You may have a tendency to speak in ways that appear aggressive, overbearing, and almost militant in expression. This challenging, intimidating attitude toward the audience can result in alienation and misunderstanding.

Dynamic

When your attention is on communicating in a way that inspires others to act, your natural sense of combat is turned into a creative, stimulating interaction. By focusing on inspiring others, you are able to express yourself in ways that awaken them to new perceptions of their immediate circumstances. By becoming aware of their reactions, you can know in advance the impact your communication will have. This awareness of the other person leads to gaining the Aries sense of freedom for assertive expression.

(Grant Lewi)

Your reaction to sense impressions is keen and alert. You detect smells, sounds, sights and tastes acutely and are very much alive to what you do or don't like in the world of sense impressions. Your sense of touch is not as alert as the others senses, though you are capable of training this sense if one of the others is served by it. Thus you can develop the sensitive fingers of a musician (violinist or pianist), making your touch serve hearing; or the robust hands of a sculptor, to make touch serve sight. Your reaction to sense impressions is personal; you interpret what you sense in the light of your ego, and

are a scientific observer only if your total ego development is along those lines. Generally you will be impressed by, and remember, what serves your purposes; let the chips fall where they may. Sound is very important to you, and you should strive to live only amid harmonious and agreeable sounds. Cultivate the habit of listening to music, for sound penetrates directly to your ego centers, and, if it is harmonious, serves to harmonize your whole nature.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, Mercury tells of one who reacts quickly, is sensitive, perceives artistic values; appreciates originality; is delighted by skill, talent and creativity; and is capable of offering criticism on the highest level. The astrologer must help the native to become something more than merely clever. He needs to learn the value of being thorough, determined - creative rather than merely headstrong.

Indications are that the native is fluent in speech. Grant Lewi makes that point that sound is very important to the native, and he should strive to live amid 'agreeable' sounds. The native, thus, would be attracted to music and should be encouraged to develop his sense of music appreciation. He reacts to first impressions and must avoid acting completely on impulse. He has an active imagination but requires direction, discipline and realization of his own potential.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind is quick and active, and you tend to grasp concepts with lightning speed. If an idea or subject interests you, you pursue it with fervor and enthusiasm. However, you have trouble sticking with anything for long, and your memory isn't very good. Your mind is always racing from one thought to another, and you find it difficult to concentrate. Consequently, you probably weren't an 'A' student even if you are quite bright. Mentally restless and easily bored, you need to be continually challenged intellectually in order to keep you interested.

You especially enjoy exploring new ideas and concepts. You don't believe something just because everyone else does, and you can be something of a renegade thinker. Conventional wisdom and accepted truths don't have much value for you, and you are eager to contest them with original ideas of your own. This is the position of the inventor and the adventurer. Because you aren't blinded by religious attitudes and beliefs, you sometimes come up with brilliant insights and epiphanies. But in your headlong rush to discover the new you sometimes overlook important bits of information or are careless in your research.

You have a powerful voice and tend to speak loudly and forcefully. This planetary position often signifies the dynamic orator or the irritating loud-mouth. You love to argue, and will debate almost any issue heatedly, even if your purpose is only to exercise your

mental muscles. Verbally assertive, even provocative, you get yourself into trouble regularly because you don't know when to hold your tongue or use a bit of tact. You have a real knack for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Even when you aren't angry, your tone of voice can be so abrasive that it antagonizes others immediately; and you can be difficult to get along with. Your bark, however, is much worse than your bite, and if your Sun is in Taurus or Pisces you are probably a pussycat who roars like a lion.

You often espouse unconventional beliefs, and aren't afraid to champion an unpopular cause. Direct and honest (sometimes brutally so), you say what you think. Not deceitful, you believe in laying all your cards on the table so that everyone knows where you stand and what your intentions are. Your purity of intent at times is so innocent and naive, though, that people who are more conniving or cunning can easily take advantage of you.

Mercury in Aries focuses energy into your hands, giving you great manual strength and / or speed.

Saturn aspects to your Mercury will help discipline your mind and focus your attention so that you can direct your mental energy into productive channels. They also improve your memory so that you are more likely to retain what you learn.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are imaginative, and you have good foresight and a desire to be first in everything. You can express yourself easily, and you can improvise beautifully. At times you use your nervous energies cuttingly or even sarcastically. Impetuous and impulsive, you may tend to sudden shifts and changes of viewpoint. This placement is not well adapted for sustained mental effort; therefore you need to cultivate patience and learn not to be impatient with delays. Witty, inventive and quick on the trigger, you have original ideas. Combative, you love a good debate. Sometimes you can be too headstrong or too self-centred. If there are challenging aspects from Mercury to Jupiter in your chart, you are prone to exaggeration. You tend to look at the world as you wish it to be, not as it really is. Many fixed planets in your chart will help to stabilize this placement of Mercury.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Aries indicates a way of thinking that is inclined to be decisive and competitive. The natives are fond of debate and argument. They often have the ability to think rapidly, and may produce many original ideas. However, they can be impulsive when making decisions and see things from too personal a point of view. If carried too far, this tendency can result in intellectual egotism and headstrong attitudes.

These people are impatient with opposition and delays; consequently, they will often act just to make a decision, to avoid being subjected to lengthy, frustrating decisionmaking

processes. But their impulsiveness means they do not always follow through on ideas they initiate, unless a fixed sign emphasized in the horoscope indicates otherwise.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, there can be irritability and a quick temper.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This gives decisiveness, quick thinking, and the ability to assess problems in a straightforward way. If Mercury is in negative aspect to Mars there may be impulsive thinking and hasty actions. Usually, however, the natural decisiveness works well, with the individual making the right choice and taking positive, assertive action. There is a love of argument and debate, with a tendency towards stimulating and provocative remarks. Generally fools are not suffered gladly; the individual comes straight to the point, and his or her outlook is both positive and optimistic. The overall grasp is excellent; but help is advisable when making plans, for he is bored by detail and prefers the broad sweep of a project. It can be difficult to concentrate for long, so study may be erratic. Here is someone who will stay up all night before an exam - and often this is no bad thing, since he is more concerned with the here and now than with facts he tried months before to memorise.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Mercury in Aries adds necessary decisiveness, a more positive outlook, and to a certain extent more self-assurance. The imagination will be ignited, and as a result the creative potential will be expressed positively when in other cases it can lie dormant due to lack of self-confidence. The high emotional level of Pisces will be expressed; and the ability to communicate feelings enhanced, although if Mercury is negatively aspected by the Moon or Uranus there can be an above-average amount of tension, and excitable, positive moods can alternate with periods of uncertainty. Piscean strength of will is increased.

If the Sun sign is Aries, the Arian need for action, and to be out in front, is spiced with extremely quick thinking processes. There is a general hastiness, with patience almost non-existent, unless the Moon or Ascendant suggests otherwise. Directness of approach, decisiveness and positive, uncomplicated thinking are splendidly in tune with Arian characteristics; and if they can be tempered (look for positive help from Saturn) the individual will certainly make his or her mark on the world. Impulsive, hasty actions with unnecessary risk-taking, and selfishness due to a lack of thought, must be controlled.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, speed and vivacity are added to the stable Taurean type, making him or her less cautious but more assertively decisive. However, the individual will also be less patient and may even show some irritation when others do not greet his ideas or suggestions in the right way. Problems and projects are approached with realism and enthusiasm; and the Taurean need for careful planning will be enhanced by the ability to grasp a situation quickly and concisely. A spirit of enterprise blends with the Taurus business ability.

Mercury ♿ in 2nd House

(Freda Edis)

In the second house, Mercury indicates a mind concerned with securing personal resources which may be both material and psychological. The possession of clear values and a personal sense of worth are important to people with this placement. At heart, they often feel the need for the security which comes with an intelligent recognition of a sense of values and self-esteem, though they might not always be aware of it. Often the trait takes the form of a pride of ownership. Attachment to physical objects, people or inner desires and ways of thinking is characteristic. So people with this placement may need to learn very consciously how to appreciate their worth without being either possessive or smothering to excess. They are capable of reaching a realization of the worth of their inner system of values and the way in which they use these in their dealings with others. At the same time, it is possible for them to combine this inner awareness with a desire for material and intellectual security and resources. Coming to a satisfactory appreciation of their possessions without feeling that they themselves are owned by them, or by their own attitudes of mind, may help them considerably.

Choice-making between things of value might be a function which would benefit people with Mercury in the second house. Where there is little discrimination between values, it is often because people are afraid to let go of what they once possessed, even when it becomes redundant. Fear of the consequences of making the wrong choice is a factor involved here. But, sometimes in life, this cannot be avoided, and people with a second-house Mercury may find it a painful process. Hermes was party to this dilemma when he gave the golden apple to Paris, asking him to judge who was the most beautiful goddess, Hera, Aphrodite, or Athene. Paris attempted to wriggle out of making the choice; but Hermes, on orders from Zeus, would not let him. Possession and repossession was a constant theme in the Trojan War, whether it was of Helen herself, or the city of Troy. Holding on to redundant values for too long can mean that the psyche rigidifies and can develop no further; so keeping a constant eye on the meaning of values may be one of the tasks facing people with Mercury in the first house.

Aphrodite was skilled in drawing her many lovers to her, Hermes among them. So, too, people with Mercury placed in the second house may be skilled, or not, in drawing to themselves the resources they need, depending on the strength and type of the aspects made with other planets in the chart and how aware they are of the qualities of the placement. The sign on the second house cusp and the planet ruling it will affect Mercury's placement, too.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

People with Mercury in the second house usually desire to be self-supporting early in life. They are always out to make a buck, and not always honorably or legally (the strength and elevation of Jupiter and Saturn will testify to this). They may live by their wits or by writing, speaking, acting, or teaching.

This location of Mercury contributes to sensuality, and gives a strong interest in sex and a tendency to be attracted to more than one person at a time. At some time during the life, there may be a powerful attraction to a much younger person. There is also a tendency to be attracted to socially inappropriate partners; in this, their desire to know and learn from what is opposite to the self is taking a sexual form.

There is apt to be a stubbornness with this position; once the mind is made up, it is hard to change it. This is even more likely if Mercury is in a fixed sign. There is a tendency (especially for those with the Sun in Virgo or Gemini) for ideas to crystallize, thus building a structure too rigid for a comfortable, free-flowing mental life. If this happens, events may occur at some point during the life that will be very painful, as these crystallized ideas or attitudes are forcibly dissolved and restructured.

With Mercury in the second house, the mind tends to work fairly slowly, one step at a time, and seeks to create a totally realistic, all-embracing, and dependable world view. Until this world view is complete (which is never), these people do not feel secure in venturing their opinions. They develop a philosophical nature: curious, eager to acquire facts, yet at the same time very slow to accept data that does not conform to their already crystallized ideas, and inclined to be less and less open as time goes by. They like to keep their ideas to themselves, and don't like to argue them out with others. They would sooner write a book or an article in which they can outline their entire view on a subject than discuss or argue it point by point with someone else. A free-flowing exchange of serious topics is uncomfortable for them, and they will usually shrug it off and back out rather than hash over a concept.

They tend to be quiet with strangers or in a group, though far from quiet at home or with intimates. They usually have good memories for facts, names, dates, places, and so on, which become etched in their minds, even if such details are not particularly useful.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: Mercury in the 2nd house reveals that self-judgements are based on mentality. There is a certain self-absorption in the mind, as the issues of personal 'goodness or badness' are debated within. The challenge is to make judgements about yourself from the sound and rational base of accurate and objective self-perception. Clear knowledge of yourself, however painful it may occasionally seem, can only help you.

Possession: You organize ownership rationally; and the very nature of your possessions reflects a mental orientation. Tools of communication or objects that can be used to further general relatedness are attractive possessions. As with the Moon, there is constant movement within the realm of ownership, but the reasons here are tied not to feelings, but instead to curiosity. Possessions, especially new ones, alleviate boredom. When an object has lost its mental fascination for you, when it no longer stimulates the mind, it has no further value. The challenge is to use possession to fulfill the constant demands of your nervous system for fresh stimulation.

Money: Your thoughts and communication often center around the issue of monetary resources, in terms of both acquisition and use. As with the Moon, fortunes may fluctuate, but the emphasis here is entirely mental rather than emotional. Money is appropriately used to provide mental stimulus, to further your education, or to promote communication, the sense of connectedness to a network of ideas. The challenge is to see the acquisition and use of money as an endless game, a stimulant toward developing rational faculties of clear perception and organization.

Self-exertion: The main method of exerting effort is mental rather than physical, working through the nervous system. You prefer to analyze tasks rather than use muscle power to accomplish them. Thinking and communicating are the most natural work orientation, although physical movement is necessary to provide a sense of satisfaction. Boring repetition deadens your motivation. The challenge is to divide any job into a series of smaller tasks, turning your attention from one to the other in sequence until the job is finished, thus keeping interest high and turning work into play.

Sensuality: There is a quickening of sensation, an increased sensitivity in the nervous system to the pleasures of touch. You have much curiosity about physical sensation, a basic interest in figuring out the correlations between bodily experience and emotional reaction. This is not an inordinately sensual placement, for Mercury is essentially a neutral planet, indicating a more detached interest than any definite feelings of liking or disliking. Conversely, Mercury's placement in the 2nd shows that thinking and communicating are almost sensory experiences; physical pleasure is experienced from the stroking of mental stimulus. The challenge is to see mentality as an expression of personal enjoyment, to understand that the brain is the most sensual organ of the body.

(Robert Pelletier)

The emphasis you place on both human and material values enables you to derive much satisfaction from your endeavors. You understand the necessity of using your deductive ability to get the most from your resources, and you are never at a loss to apply your talents gainfully. Eager to demonstrate your creative talent, you attract the attention of your superiors, who will give you opportunities to establish a place for yourself in your career. You also attract favorable notice from the public, for you serve their interests

well. Your concern for security leads you to improve your skills to augment your earning ability. Your goals are reasonably well-defined, and you waste little time getting your career plans under way to achieve your aims as soon as possible. You are willing to invest time and energy in getting the education you need.

Appreciative of the good influence of your parents in your early years, you try to live up to their expectations and be a credit to them. You were taught to build a solid foundation for your life in order to be independent in your later years and gain the security you feel you need. You have a wealth of ideas that you can promote in order to achieve that objective. You would find it painful to depend on others for anything. Occasionally you should break out of your job routine and cultivate an interest in activities that are totally removed from it. Focus more attention on developing your creative imagination, and indulge yourself in purely enjoyable activities. Let your hair down now and then, and learn to relax.

Competing with others stimulates you to use all your resources. You rarely come out on the short end of a challenging situation, because you use a 'nuts and bolts' logic to disarm your opponent. Thus you win people's trust and patronage, and they allow you to handle their affairs. You know how to exploit your creative abilities to win public confidence. Because you work so diligently in using your skills, you do ask that your efforts be appreciated. You want your partner's admiration for your achievements; and you hope your children will live up to your expectations for them. You want them to take advantage of the opportunities you've given them to make a life for themselves, and you would be disappointed if they let you down.

Not only do you want to achieve financial independence; you also want the public to think of you as a person with solid human values. You strive to provide services that will satisfy the most demanding individual, and you expect to be well paid for your efforts. You continue to improve your skills, knowing that this will assure you of a steady income. Though you may think twice before spending money for schooling, you realize that you must stay informed to meet the challenge of your competitors, so you continue to educate yourself at all times, regardless of your formal training. You accept the daily trials of the real world, knowing that you can solve any problems that come your way and earn a decent income at the same time.

You are unyielding in your views, and tend to turn a deaf ear to others' suggestions, especially when they criticize your activities. You should broaden your interests by taking up subjects that are totally removed from your profession or daily routine. The worst thing you can do is to remain ignorant of other people's ideas or to become detached from them by refusing to communicate.

(Howard Sasportas)

If well-aspected, Mercury in the 2nd can be a skilful manipulator of money or finance,

especially adept at arbitration and making deals with others. Money can be earned through such professions as selling, writing, lecturing, teaching, secretarial work, the transport industry, etc.. They may be concerned with the movement or distribution of goods, with devising new techniques of production, or with ways of improving the quality of existing products. Innate values to be developed include inventiveness, dexterity, flexibility and a talent for using words.

On a broader level, there is a curiosity and urge to understand the nature of the physical world. A small pebble found on the beach or the intricacies of a hair follicle found on the body are endlessly fascinating for a minute or two. A sense of security is found through knowledge and learning how something works. However, unless Mercury is in a Fire sign, it may take some time before experience is fully transmuted into understanding when placed in the earthy second house.

Venus ♀ in ♊ Sagittarius 25° 18'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might obsessively value the personal freedom you gain from the power of your philosophical perspectives in relationships. This may lead to withholding your special ability for providing inspiration to other people. When you indulge in the fear of being limited by relating to others in deep, personal levels, you may become the person who's always 'out of town' - never really there for anybody, including yourself.

If you allow tension and fear of commitment to block you from any relationship, you might experience a haunting sense of rootlessness. This results in a curiously empty feeling when you are thrust into unexpected situations. If you are content with fickle infatuations and careless involvements, you may eventually sink into low self-esteem. Your sense of values can be eroded if you neglect to establish worthwhile goals in partnerships.

Dynamic

You have a special gift for being able to teach others true freedom in relationships. You can do this by allowing the dynamics of the relationship to guide it to its own goals. Imparting your trust and optimism to others allows you to share with them a larger perspective of the situation. Thus, you can experience a constant expansion and excitement in your alliances.

This process of conveying trust can enable you to focus on a few deeper yet more rewarding partnerships. When you are in touch with the psychological processes of

other people, you can experience a continual sense of self-worth by inspiring and encouraging them to lofty goals that free them from the limitation of old beliefs.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus in Sagittarius is often a larger-than-life character. Outgoing and fun-loving, these people like to be where it's at - watching the latest film, eating at the trendiest restaurant, or dancing at the newest disco. If there is something new and exciting going on, Venus in Sagittarius wants to be there. These people like to be with people, entertaining them and making them laugh; and many of them are to be found on the stage, doing this for a living. Like those with Venus in Leo, these people love to dramatize and exaggerate their feelings, which means that their relationships often move from one big drama to the next.

The pleasure principle is more important to the Venus in Sagittarius person than cosy domesticity. These people want relationships to be fun and free, and may well run away if things become too heavy and serious - or they may just hide their heads in the sand and pretend it isn't happening! Finding it easy to fall in love, but hard to commit themselves, they tend to be afraid of deep involvement. Their impulsive nature will often cause them to jump in at the deep end only to get cold feet and swiftly extricate themselves.

Hopelessly optimistic, they expect an enormous amount from relationships, which can make them very hard to please and subject to frequent bitter disappointments. Filled with romantic longings, they tend to move restlessly from one person to another in search of the ideal partner. The Sagittarian tendency to live in the future makes it hard for these people to accept the here and now. They are always waiting for the perfect love to appear.

For a relationship to work for people with Venus in Sagittarius, they need someone who shares their interests, enthusiasms and visions of the future. Their partner must also understand their need for space and freedom. In a relationship which meets these needs, the Venus in Sagittarius person is a delightfully enthusiastic and generous lover who can make every day seem like a holiday and fill his or her partner's life with warmth and fun.

(Skye Alexander)

If you have artistic ability, you probably express it in a way that shows your sense of fantasy and humor. Though you may be as serious as anyone about your art and self-expression, you seem to have more fun with it. Whether you're writing an adventure story or designing a skyscraper, you don't hesitate to depart a bit from stark reality, to exaggerate and include a touch of whimsicality. You have a vivid imagination, and a special talent for keeping your audience entertained. You enjoy art that is bigger than life

and not so harsh; in your opinion, art should take us beyond the mundane and broaden our perspective by introducing us to all sorts of possibilities.

In relationships, you are equally expansive and curious. Friendly, outgoing, adventurous and optimistic, you love to socialize and often are the life of the party. Your list of friends, acquaintances and lovers is extensive, and includes people of all kinds. You see no reason to limit yourself to only one partner and miss out on other possibilities. Your motto might be 'you only go around once, so why not try everything while you've got the chance?' Consequently, you'll have problems if your lover isn't as free and easy as you are and insists on fidelity and permanence. You mean well and don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, so you tend to promise what you can't deliver. If you get caught in an awkward amorous situation, your first line of defence is to lie with a smile. You can be terribly fickle, flirtatious, superficial and self-indulgent in matters of love. To you, it's all good fun. If your Sun is in Capricorn or Scorpio, you'll tend to be more serious and willing to make commitments, though you might subscribe to the old double standard: it's okay for you to run around, but your partner had better not try it.

You tend to idealize the concept of love, so much so that it is impossible for you to find a flesh-and-blood mate to fulfill your romantic fantasies. You are looking for a fairy princess or knight in shining armor, and may prefer chasing your dream to settling into a real-life, day-to-day partnership.

Generous with your time and money, you enjoy showering your friends and lovers with gifts. You like to go out on the town with your partner and do things in grand style. Cuddling up with your lover in front of the fireplace isn't exactly your idea of a good time; you'd rather play a few games of tennis, have a sumptuous dinner, go to the theatre, and then dance the rest of the night away. Anyone who's involved with you had better have plenty of energy.

You want your partners to expand your horizons, and to expose you to new ideas and experiences. Perhaps you choose lovers who will play the role of teacher for you; or you might enjoy teaching them what you know. Another possibility is that you could be attracted to people from other countries or cultures. For you, relationships are growthproducing opportunities, and you learn something from everyone you meet.

Women with Venus in Sagittarius pride themselves on their sense of humor, gregariousness and cheerful dispositions. It is important to you to be well-liked and to have lots of friends and admirers. The more popular you are, the better you feel about yourself as a woman. Quantity is more important than quality. You also may enjoy sports, and are especially concerned with looking physically fit. A dedicated follower of fashion and fads, you are always eager to try the latest trend.

Men with this plentary position are most attracted to active, vivacious, friendly and funloving women. No intense, possessive or highly emotional types need apply. You

want a partner who's more of a buddy than a lover; someone with whom you can do things and share ideas and experiences. You admire knowledge and worldliness, and are fascinated by women who have done things and who know things that you don't. Tall, slim, athletic women with long legs probably appeal to you most.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Sagittarius indicates people whose emotions and responses are idealistic and spiritually oriented. They are friendly, vivacious, sociable, and outgoing. Dane Rudhyar, one of the greatest psychological astrologers, pointed out in *The Pulse Of Life* that each sign of the Zodiac is a reaction against the extremes of the sign that precedes it. This observation is especially true of Venus in Sagittarius, which is frankly outspoken about inner feelings, in contrast to Venus in the preceding sign of Scorpio, which is secretive and calculating. The soul-racking emotional intensity, the jealousy and possessiveness of Venus in Scorpio leaves a bitter taste in the evolutionary experience of the soul that has Venus in Sagittarius. Consequently, people with this position seek to base emotional conduct in personal relationships on more objective, socially accepted principles founded on ethics, philosophy, and religion. Traditional moral structures make them feel more secure in their emotional conduct. They seek to be honest and open in their feelings and reactions to those they love or those with whom they are romantically involved.

People with this Venus placement will often try to convert their sweethearts or spouses to their own religious beliefs or moral principles in order to have a commonly agreed-upon basis of conduct. They generally seek to marry within their own religious or philosophic milieu, but are not afraid of getting involved in unusual romantic relationships.

With the Jupiter rulership of Sagittarius, their taste in art and décor tends to be lavish; and they like flamboyant displays of color and form. If they can afford it, their homes and aesthetic surroundings will display a royal, palatial atmosphere. They are attracted to classical forms of beauty such as Greek architecture and symphonic music. They are fond of art forms that have a religious or philosophic motif; and religious music can deeply affect them. Religious ceremony and pageantry appeal to them.

This sign position gains emotional satisfaction through outdoor games and sports; those who engage in horseback riding or skiing are typical examples, and dates which include these activities will appeal to them. This sign position gives a love of travel to distant places. Natives often seek to marry foreigners or people of foreign extraction or other races; or those with a philosophical bent, with advanced education, or with connections to institutions of higher learning.

Women with this Venus position seek men with gallant romantic appeal. The dramatic element appeals to them.

If Venus is afflicted in Sagittarius, there can be bluntness that offends the feelings of others, impractical idealism in romance, and a tendency to impose religious and moral standards dogmatically on loved ones.

(Isabel Hickey)

Demonstrative and friendly in affection. A breezy attitude toward love. Not always dependable where affections are concerned. Good intuition. Two different types are shown when there are planets in Sagittarius. The gambler type loves fun and a good time; extravagant, easy-going, and always ready to be on the move. The other type is philosophical, religious, with great inner strength, and idealistic in nature. To know which type, study the aspects to Venus, and if Venus is afflicted to Jupiter it will be the first type. Good aspects and a strong Saturn will indicate the second type. Venus in Sagittarius is well placed for it is a combination of Jupiter and Venus, and both are benefics. Here we have Venus in Jupiter's home.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although considerable enthusiasm and lively emotions will be warmly expressed towards partners, the Sagittarian need for independence may make the individual loath to be too tied to one person. The duality present in this sign will be evident, and more than one relationship may be experienced at any given time. Certainly, love will be enjoyed; and the subject will make life rewarding and exhilarating for the partner, both in bed and out. In turn, the partner needs to respond well, not only sexually but also intellectually. Eventually, a philosophical, idealistic element will develop and have its effect on the partner, doing a great deal to instill a more meaningful expression. However, intellectual rapport and friendship, as well as the willingness to enjoy sex, are essential. This is a lively friend who will make life fun. The attitude toward finance may be 'Easy come, easy go', perhaps with the emphasis on 'go'!

If the Sun sign is Libra, the subject may not seem to care about love, but he or she needs just as much romance as others. This placing helps to rationalize the feelings, however; and the need for intellectual rapport and good friendship, as well as pure romance, is very healthy. This combination is excellent for friendship, easing any Libran tendency to take too much from other people. Professional financial help is advisable.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus influence lightens the steamy, rather heavy Scorpio attitude to love and sex, adding a need for intellectual rapport. Much will be expected of partners, but much will be contributed. Scorpio jealousy can clash with the Sagittarian independence; and a resolution of this conflict is important. Here is a friend who needs to share interests and challenges. Investments will be enjoyed, but a gambling spirit should be controlled.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, much attention is given to the emotional chase. Fickleness must be countered. All the attributes of Venus in Sagittarius generally (above) will be present. If Neptune is also in Sagittarius, there will be idealism and romantic rêverie. Money can easily slip through the subject's fingers.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, then although the loyalty and faithfulness of Capricorn is less evident, this is a good placing for those with rather serious Capricorn qualities, helping them to enjoy life and warming their cool emotions. There will be less social climbing in the love life, but a good mind will be deemed important, and the partner will spur on the Capricorn ambitions and aspirations. Friends must share demanding interests. Moneymaking is less important than for other Capricorn groups.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, then the Aquarian spirit will be sympathetic to the independence of Venus in Sagittarius, while the fire of that sign will warm the distant but dynamic attraction of Aquarius. Nevertheless, the liking for individuality will not encourage even the most romantic Aquarian to rush into a long-term commitment. Sexual experiment is usual. There is a wide circle of friends, who often share philanthropic or intellectual interests. Money will be spent erratically, often on silly, trendy things.

(Grant Lewi)

You react to emotional stimuli eagerly. Your heart is unafraid of love; you dare to feel, and to follow your instincts to the last outpost of experience. You are not an experimenter in love; you don't trifle with your emotions; but others may, because your eagerness may be mistaken for lightness. You see no reason why emotions aren't made to be followed, and are among the most impulsive of the children of Venus. Because of your sincerity, you can get into trouble, until you learn that all the world isn't as direct and earnest as you are. But though you may give yourself to unworthy takers and be hurt (for you are very sensitive), you will never lose your high standards nor your emotional courage, and you will go on from disappointments undefeated to trust your emotions again, matured but unafraid.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Sagittarius, Venus is indicative of one who is likely to become involved in numerous affairs of the heart but is generous and really intends to be loyal. The native tends to love things which are not easily obtainable. Thus, he is in danger of attaching himself to persons who care so little that the native is exploited, even humiliated. The astrologer must help him overcome what might be an inner desire to be punished.

The key here is perspective. The native must see things as they exist in relation to his own life. Once he recognizes the reason for his actions, he gains inner illumination. He tends to follow his emotions blindly; this leads to bumps, bruises and emotional involvements which create depression.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an adventurous, though potentially wanton, lover. Love for you is something that should be exciting and rapturous, yet at the same time having meaning and even some deeply moral and religious quality about it. Basically you want to satisfy equally both your body and your soul or mind; and you will pursue such an objective enthusiastically and uninhibitedly. Troubles arise when the lusts or needs of your body leave the idealism of your mind behind, or vice versa, either being merely fancy.

You attract with a demonstrative, honest and open manner; with a light-hearted, party mood that immediately gives Other a sense of fun being in the offing; and with a sense that you have definite and intelligent ethical standards.

You repel with an immodesty and seductiveness that eventually becomes counterproductive; with loose morals - and impersonal affection to match; and with hypocritical efforts to get Other to behave in the upright manner that you feel you yourself ought to, but fail to.

You are attracted to Others who are emotionally sophisticated and / or mentally informed; to Others who have an enterprising and expansive approach to life, or have exotic connections, or are of foreign origin; and to Others who have a playful streak but have principles as well.

You are repelled by small-minded, dull or dishonest Others who lack experience or a sense of adventure; by provincialism or parochialism; and by Others who are too reserved, inhibited or sanctimonious.

When you are alone, it is for one of two reasons, or possibly both. The first is that you give or promise a lot but overlook the details, and so eventually you are disappointed, or Other is. This implies that you get carried away with your own enthusiastic idea of love and Other, and so fail to see - possibly because you do not want to - the small or unsensational aide to Other's character and life. This in turn suggests that you do not acknowledge the same in yourself because you somehow believe it to be unlovable. The second reason why you could find yourself alone in an unwelcome way is that you and Other's beliefs or moral values do not agree. You have an interesting mixture of both wild and ethical behaviour which is quite hard to understand or accept - unless you yourself do. Until then, you are unlikely to attract an Other whose values harmonize with yours.

(John Townley)

You have a natural and healthy appetite for sex; but sex for its own sake is not likely to be enough. You are more interested in the feelings and principles behind it than in the

act itself; and sex without personal involvement is surely less than satisfying.

You are not strongly motivated to learn complex or unusual sexual techniques, except perhaps to please a lover who has a special taste for them. For you, sexual pyrotechnics tend to get in the way of necessary love communication, distracting you from the warmth and friendship that truly fulfilling sexuality means to you.

Your kind of experimentation is in the lover you choose rather than in the way you go about lovemaking. You are uninterested in one whose personality is modest or commonplace, preferring a more adventurous and unusual type. You feel that such a lover will greatly enhance your own experience and that the relationship will be a continuing exploration of new territory.

For this reason, your lovers are in general more outgoing and volatile but less cautious than you. Therefore, you have to play the role of stabilizer from time to time. In that way, you can enjoy the adventures you get yourself into, and at the same time keep them from getting out of hand.

(Robert Hand)

You try to be very fair and just with all of your friends, because you want everything about your relationships to be on a high moral plane. You are as fair as possible with everyone you like, and very upset when someone is unfair to a friend of yours. Yet you are tolerant of other people's weaknesses. You prefer to base your opinion of someone on his or her overall personality, ignoring little faults. However, if a friend breaks an important rule, you may end the friendship on the spot.

You are usually very friendly and quite outgoing. You don't hide your feelings for others, for you are open about your emotions. People will probably like this in you; and you should have many friends. However, you do not like possessive people or those who use friendship to tie you down. You want to be free to be friendly with anyone without your friends saying 'no'. Later in life, you may have difficulty settling down to a single relationship with someone of the opposite sex.

You are fond of nature and the outdoors, and may study a subject such as botany, geology or bird life just for pleasure. You like natural themes in art, and art and music that is large and impressive.

(Donna van Toen)

Though Sagittarius is a Fire sign, I find it doesn't have the same sort of passion as Aries and Leo, and therefore you don't have as strong a need for sex. Rather, what you need is spontaneity, because your needs tend to change according to your circumstances. You also need a mate / lover who feels the chase is as important as - or even more important

than - the catch; you seem to need that game-playing, courtship stage more than most. For this reason, anyone who tries to turn things toward a serious commitment too soon is liable to wind up hearing 'Good-bye' instead of 'I do'. You're as anxious for a stable relationship as the next one, but you want to be the one to stabilize it; and pressure to commit yourself only threatens your freedom and drives you away. Finally, you need a mate / lover who respects - and preferably shares - your philosophy of life.

Venus ♀ in 10th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Creative goals; projecting beauty, glamour and illusion; harmonious or creative father figure.

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

Just as the fourth house has traditionally been the house of the mother or the provider of emotional nourishment, the tenth house represents the father or the goal-setter and authority figure. Due to the interchangeability of parental role models, the two houses can be viewed as the parental axis, the fourth house signifying the more nurturing parent and the tenth house typifying the professional role model and the attributes he or she inspires. With Venus in the tenth house, the most admired parent has instilled - by example or instruction - the importance of diplomacy, salesmanship and popularity in attaining one's goals. On the negative side, people with Venus in this house have learned to associate success with a beautiful, friendly and good-tempered personality at such an early age that their public image often becomes confused with their private feelings. With so many children presently raised in single-parent households, it is not necessarily the father who is the career-orientated parent; and, as a result, the tenth house also represents how we are viewed publicly, while the fourth house denotes what we are really like in the sanctity of our own home. If the tenth house, its ruler and / or occupying planet are harmonious, this image is, for the most part, successfully conveyed. If they are afflicted, there will indeed be a conflict between the private and public image. There may also be too much dependence on the approval of others; or ambitions may be lived out through a successful partner - which ultimately leads to a sense of frustration.

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

These are people who want to be noted for their beauty, style, charm and grace. The tenth house is their public image, and this means they will want to look their best and may feel 'on show' as far as their looks are concerned. They may be very fashionconscious, or possess a very attractive style. They have a good sense of how to present themselves to their advantage. They will be very aware of the social niceties, never putting a foot wrong or making a social gaffe.

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

They may meet a partner associated with their career. They may want a relationship that

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

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

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

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

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

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

This can be a placement where the mother has been pretentious. The tenth house will describe the mother's ambitions for her child, often unconscious ones, that a child will take on. For a woman, there might have been pressure to be elegant and graceful as a child. For example, she might have been forced to take piano lessons and ballet classes and, if from the middle or upper classes, sent to finishing school. She may have been brought up to be ladylike and expected to marry well. A man may have been brought up

to be chivalrous, charming and exceptionally polite. This can be a man who has been made to have manners. The mother is often very aware of how a combination of these attributes in her offspring, together with good social connections, can help them get on in life. At worst, someone with Venus in the tenth grows up to value all that is superficial and empty at the expense of deeper and more genuine relating. While this might be a mother who values social polish highly, she may equally have been fostering her child's creative and artistic talents too. Whatever the actual background of people with Venus in the tenth, their relating patterns will be particularly heavily influenced by their mother.

(Martin Schulman)

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

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

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

Some with this placement can form lasting relationships and partnerships or even marry, not for love, but for the feel of status, the accumulation of wealth, or the formation of what seems to be an otherwise practical or convenient union. If the individual does this, he tends to lose his human quality and instead fills his life with untouchable treasures and unreachable worth, hidden by his inability to recognize his real feelings and tap his own resources. Thus, although the individual can have a strong sense of quality, his preoccupation with what he defines as established comfort, or with the level in life's station that he seeks, can make it extremely difficult for him to experience the beauty of his sincere feelings.

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Venus in the 9th or 10th house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

some time in the life.

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

host or hostess.

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

You find it difficult to decide whether your love relationships or your career should have priority. Each of these areas seems to constantly intrude on the other. You may be concerned about your ability to satisfy your family's needs and give them every advantage and opportunity to become successful. You similarly use every chance you get to demonstrate your abilities and further exploit your creative potentials. But you

don't mind waiting for the appropriate moment to set forth your ideas in planning for your future. You know how to keep your opinions to yourself when it will enhance your position before the world and in your career.

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

Mars in Aries 26° 41'

(Donna Van Toen)

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

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

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

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

or even desperation.

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

Honest, open and direct, the Mars in Aries person likes to let his / her potential lovers

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

at starting things than completing them; and your life may be littered with half-finished projects.

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

When the energy from Mars in Aries is flowing, and the individual is happily occupied with plenty of varied interests, all will be well; but the stagnating effect mentioned above

will provoke health problems if it is allowed to persist. Usually, however, the subject will not allow this to happen.

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

can remain as, or devolve into, anger.

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

Mars in 2nd House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

wants to defer to you.

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

Sex can be a huge issue to these people, as their value as a person is bound up with their sexuality. Because of this, there can be an overemphasis on performance and technique - there is too much at stake to leave things to chance. To them, sexual prowess means security, and in order to feel secure they need to have an active and

successful sex life. Because sex is so important to them, they do not enter into sexual relationships lightly. Their sexuality is of great value to them, and they do not give it away easily. There is also a tendency to use sex as a bargaining counter.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people don't want to deny themselves any sexual experiences if Mars is in Fire or Water. They are more likely to accept restraint in Air or Earth. This makes for a hectic emotional life. Out of forty-seven celebrity charts with this Mars, only four were those of women (and one of them took a man's name). Women with this Mars usually have too exciting or time-consuming an emotional life to have anything to spare for a career.

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

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

They are apt to be rather cynical and not terribly idealistic, unless other aspects show that strongly. They are also apt to be loners, and to stand apart from the rest of society in some way. They may feel somewhat misunderstood or isolated. With bad aspects,

this can become paranoia, wife-beating, bar-brawling, or such; even (with other testimony) the total isolation of madness.

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♒ Aquarius 14° 7'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone openly expressing knowledge out of the fear that you may not have enough to share or that the information you have is not important, you can unwittingly repress communication of your learning. Personal frustration can result. You may inadvertently allow righteous judgements about the unimportance of all knowledge, including your own, to prevent you from sharing with others. The result is likely to be intense internal frustration.

Dynamic

When you take the leap of faith and allow your knowledge to flow freely into group situations, you can experience the joy and expansion that inevitably comes as a natural result of your generous sharing. By not trying to prove uniqueness or superiority and instead seeking to share in a way that actually contributes to situations at hand, you can begin to experience the joy and freedom of speaking from higher levels of intuitive knowing in a way that expands the circumstances for everyone. Self-trust increases as you use your innate connectedness with groups to promote a natural sharing of objective knowledge.

(Marilyn Waram)

With Jupiter in Aquarius, there is a double emphasis on intellectual freedom, humanitarian focus and the need to go well beyond the boundaries that others commonly accept. Jupiter is looking for ultimate truth, and when in Aquarius may do so in some very unusual ways and places.

The person with this placement may take an extremely intellectual approach to values and beliefs. He may believe only in mental processes, logic, and technology, but he could also be open to New Age thought and spiritual practices. He will find Science of Mind -type religions vastly more suited to his spiritual needs than conventional major religions. He may place all his faith in the newest, unconventional, and even bizarre cults, idolizing the unusual and the revolutionary. He could develop a strong faith in a Universal Power, but resist committed membership in any particular congregation.

Generally with Jupiter in Aquarius the person expresses his values and search for truth in Aquarian ways - that is, in ways which validate individualism, freedom, and free

thinking. He may want all his values to be avant-garde, unusual, futuristic, humanitarian - or outrageous, shocking, and iconoclastic. He may value only the strange, the countercultural, and the eccentric. This placement indicates the person will do almost anything, including deliberately challenge established systems, structures, establishments and ways of thinking, in order to break free of restraints. He simply cannot tolerate them. In an otherwise gentle and co-operative individual, he may simply leave to keep the peace. He may go his own way, and he is remarkably unattached to anyone or anything except his freedom, so it does not bother him to any excruciating degree.

In a generally fiery or rebellious personality, however, this placement may add to the refusal to compromise, and the generally mutinous reactions if restrictions are imposed on him. He may, with Jupiter's propensity for self-justification, even consider that violence is an acceptable route to freedom, if it seems to him that that is what it will take. Usually, however, this placement signifies an individual who satisfies himself with cerebral revolution, with perceiving the world in a completely innovative way that changes his understanding of many functions, concepts and established systems and structures.

He may revolutionize spiritual thought, or value ingenious and inventive approaches and thought processes. He may take an entirely unique approach to values, perceptions, and the search for truth, or expect too much from his capacity to be original and to come up with novel ideas. He probably has a terrific sense of humor, and may be able to point out the ludicrous aspect of human efforts in such a way that others step outside themselves for a precious, enlightening moment. Jupiter in Aquarius is an indication that difficulties with faith, morals, and beliefs may be due to stubborn refusal to accept the possibility of a Supreme Being or force in the universe, to rebellious dissension with ideas which are excellent simply because they are conventional and not unusual enough, and a strongwilled, headstrong determination to go his own way and do his own thing regardless of the consequences.

When Jupiter in Aquarius is constructively expressed, the individual is a leader in innovative thought, both purely intellectual / philosophical, and spiritual. He places tremendous faith in 'the common man' and expects each individual to expand knowledge and freedom as much as possible. He supports philosophies and values which are as humanitarian and universal as possible. He decries racial, sexual or cultural prejudice. He will teach the ideals of the future, ideals which lead to his vision of a Utopian society.

(Skye Alexander)

You seek knowledge and understanding in many different and often unusual ways; and your search for truth is unbounded. Unlimited by conventions and accepted belief systems, you eagerly explore new ideas, and might be on the cutting edge of science, technology or 'New Age' thought. Because you look at things in a different light, you may

make important discoveries that others miss; and your insights could help expand humankind's understanding of the Universe and our place in it.

Intellectually-oriented, you enjoy learning, respect knowledge, and are especially interested in abstract or modern fields such as computers, aviation, alchemy, astrology and electronics. The 'god' you worship might be science or metaphysics. Your personal growth and learning are likely to take place outside the ordinary channels, however. Perhaps you are self-taught, or your education has been erratic or atypical in some way.

You see yourself as a member of the world community, and are interested in improving the lot of humankind. Your interest in universal brother- / sisterhood, equality and human rights could lead you to become involved in causes that address these issues; and working for social change makes you feel good about yourself. In fact, you may never be happier than when you are protesting injustices.

Often your ideas conflict sharply with conventional ones, and you enjoy being seen as a renegade. You gravitate towards avant-garde or progressive views, especially in politics or religion, and could benefit through organizing or working with an ideologically-based group. However, you tend to be overly idealistic and impractical, and many of your utopian ideas simply won't work in the real world. Strongly opinionated, you rarely hold your tongue and are sometimes quite tactless when it comes to expressing your beliefs. You also can be self-righteous and evangelical, intolerant of people who are more conservative.

Through being 'different', trying new things, and breaking the rules, you develop a broader understanding of yourself and the world in which you live. One of your functions is to expand the awareness of others, too, and enable them to go beyond the boundaries of accepted thought, behavior and experience. You have the ability to help people see things in a new light, to make them think about things, and to open their eyes to alternative possibilities. You may even achieve success or recognition for your unusual ideas and / or lifestyle. You may break with tradition in artistic fields, causing others to view art in a new way, and outraging conservatives in the first place.

In your desire to be unique, however, you may go overboard and adopt odd or iconoclastic attitudes and / or behaviors just for the sake of being different. You love playing the eccentric, and have fun shocking those who are more traditional.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Aquarius indicates people who know no class, racial or religious distinctions. They insist on social, religious, and moral values that are universal, impartial, and democratic in every respect. There is a desire to share and experience with men and women from all walks of life.

These people have great tolerance, and they understand that it is not necessary for all to live by the same life-style or have the same value system. Each person has his own place on the evolutionary spiral of life, with unique lessons to learn and valuable contributions to make to society. Without these differences, a complex, advanced civilization would be impossible.

Those with Jupiter in Aquarius realize that tolerance, respect, and co-operation are the essentials for a successful social order. They therefore attract many friends and become involved in organizational activities that are designed to uplift humanity and bring about brotherhood among men. They distrust attitudes and laws that foster social distinctions or chauvinistic nationalism.

Jupiter in Aquarius when well-aspected gives an interest in occult wisdom, such as philosophy, astrology, karmic law, and reincarnation. In advanced types, one finds the pioneers of religions and social concepts of the Aquarian Age. These people are broadminded and receptive to new ideas. Many social reformers and leaders of humanitarian organizations have Jupiter in Aquarius.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Aquarius, these people can be too casual and unreliable in their relationships to friends and in group obligations. They can espouse revolutionary concepts and impractical, unrealistic causes that ignore discipline and responsibility. They often scatter their energies, thereby missing their goal.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

There is usually a splendid imagination and no lack of originality with this placing. The effect of an Aquarian Jupiter will be to endow the subject with powerfully humanitarian qualities, and give him or her the need to express them in a positively helpful way. The sense of justice is also very prominent; and this individual, by taking positive action, will see to it that justice is done and seen to be done.

Here is someone who is impartial and tolerant, and who can be very sympathetic in a totally unsentimental way. Many of these fine qualities are often expressed through an attraction to humanitarian causes, with plenty of hard work done on their behalf. The independence of Aquarius will certainly be present; and while this sign may make the subject cool and distant, that is not so when Jupiter occupies it, for the planet's warmth and general cheerfulness will melt the crackling ice which is usually characteristic of every Aquarian. The social life is extremely important, and the subject will no doubt have a wide circle of friends who will be encouraged to become involved in, for instance, his concern to improve the lot of those who are less fortunate than himself.

Scientific or technological ability can be present; and originality and imagination will be expressed very inventively. Sometimes there is literary or musical talent, but control your enthusiasm as this emerges here. The potential may well be present; but unless Jupiter

is personalized you should see if these abilities emerge independently elsewhere in the chart; and even then you should be rather restrained in your statements! In some cases, the sense of humor may border on the eccentric. If Jupiter is afflicter, there can be a lack of tact, and sometimes a sort of stubborn intolerance and an element of unpredictability. The intuition is usually increased by this placing.

(Grant Lewi)

This position causes you to see opportunity in very broad social, artistic, political matters. If your aim gets broader than your capacities - and it may! - you can be a drifter with high principles and little to show for them. If your abilities are up to your aims, you go far, for then you will see opportunity in all manner of big public things, and the free flow of your energies in these directions will lead effortlessly to success. Nothing is too big for you to envision, and even if it's too big for you to tackle or master, you dare to think about it. Air castles can be your downfall; you have to strive continuously to find the practical (if rough) methods by which they may be constructed into houses of earth. You are capable of passing up financial chances if they interfere with your larger aims. You have to learn the value of security because this position doesn't give it to you. Your tendency is to see life through the wrong end of the opera glasses; realities recede in favor of other things, and a liberal dose of the earth is necessary somewhere else in the chart if this position is to contribute to success

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Aquarius, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through humanitarian ideals, intellectual development, and daring experimentation. Optimism can be deflected by an overly-detached, uninvolved attitude, but one is usually generous toward others. One's faith is eccentric, individualistic, unorthodox, and unique to oneself. One trusts in the unity of all humanity and all knowledge, and has a broad tolerance for a wide variety of free expression.

Since Aquarius is co-ruled by the risk-taking, rebellious planet Uranus, it is not surprising that those with Jupiter here are usually quite comfortable taking risks in many areas of life. In fact, social, political, intellectual and creative risks are stimulating to them and even necessary for them to feel alive. In the area of human relationships, they will also take chances as to the form, structure, and definition of their relationships; but perhaps it is the Saturn co-rulership of Aquarius that introduces a strong disinclination toward risktaking as soon as they enter the domain of emotions in those relationships. Free and easy, tolerant, unconventional they can be, so long as they are not made to deal with or express emotions. Those with Jupiter in Aquarius are often quite unaware of some aspects of down-to-earth life and human feelings, which is understandable since they seek to rise above emotions and to seek well-being in detachment. They easily place their trust in large ideas and plans, but remain uncomfortable with the subtler nuances of human relationships, unless perhaps they have personal planets in Water signs. This of

course should not be surprising since Aquarius is an Air sign, not a Water sign. But this is a particularly aloof Air sign and more detached and cold than Gemini or Libra.

These people often cultivate extreme ideas and beliefs, sometimes vacillating between quite contradictory concepts. They are very independent people, even to the point of being so willful as to be described as downright contrary.

With this placement come both humanitarian impulses and the flaunting of social conventions. In all fairness, however, it should be stated that some people with Jupiter in Aquarius express a sort of ivory-tower humanitarianism, sometimes with a streak of arrogance and even acting condescending to 'less intelligent' people. This must be what Jeff Mayo observed, which led him to the comments below.

Mayo wrote of this placement: 'Rudely tactless and intolerant. [At best] impartial and broad-minded'. Carter wrote 'Just, humane, often gifted in science'. Davison wrote: 'Enthusiasm for humanitarian causes, reform. Expands originality... imagination, philosophical interests'. Hickey wrote: 'Makes a good scientist interested in large projects and reform. Expands interest in group endeavors and can work well with others. Keen judgement and good intellect. Gives originality and the ability to implant new ideas in other minds. Make good diplomate, labor relations experts, personnel managers and organizers'. Moore & Douglas wrote: 'These individuals have inventive minds which are well-adapted to promoting comprehensive programs of a philanthropic nature... often becomes involved in the handling and distribution of money in the interest of social, scientific, or charitable enterprises'.

These folks are often drawn to government service, and are what Marcia Moore called 'the ideal democrat with a knack for handling groups of people'.

Sometimes a 'know-it-all' arrogance can be observed in this placement; but also a courage and risk-taking propensity - based on a vision of the future - centrally characterizes an Aquarian Jupiter.

In fact, those with Jupiter here are focused on the future. Rarely materialistic, their sense of prosperity and confidence comes from exercising their unique breadth of vision. As Moore and Douglas put it, their 'broadened viewpoint introduces new patterns of perception'. Many with this placement achieved scientific and / or creative breakthroughs.

(Syndey Omarr)

Jupiter in Aquarius depicts the native whose friendships and 'status' mean much - he does all in his power to win people, to please and charm them.

Jupiter in Aquarius is the humanitarian. In the broadest and most creatively mature

sense, he wants people to be happy, pleased, content, productive. He joins organizations to help bring this about; he lends money, time and effort trying to practise what he preaches. On the negative side, he is extravagant, gives lip service to social work, and merely broods about the plight of the downtrodden. He can be found working in conjunction with public projects. He is connected with the theatre, financial institutions, with publishing houses, newspapers and magazines. His view is wide; he would make an excellent representative for a travel agency or a good 'contact man' for a public relations firm. He is diligent and convincing; he possesses charm and a liberal point of view.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a freedom giver, though potentially an erratic giver. You have the goodness to be open-minded, and should pledge to avoid being too abstract. You have the morality to be non-judgemental and impartial, yet should avoid being distant and aloof. You have reverence for equal rights, yet should not become bound by political correctness.

You can be trusted to aspire to the ideal of everyone having the right to be who he / she is, and, more significantly, to be free to grow into that person, through whatever process of success and failure it takes. You can also be trusted to resist dogmatism and anything or anyone that restricts the development of human potential, individually or collectively.

You may be excessively liberal, to the point where Other finds it very difficult to get an honest, human emotional reaction from you. This can drive him / her to great extremes to shock you into one. You may also be excessively open-ended morally - and unpredictable, anything from tight to loose. Other can find this so hard to relate to that he / she rebels.

You believe that life is what you think it to be, and so the freer and less biased your mind is, the more easily and healthily you will grow and progress. This implies that you are free to imagine God to be whatever you want 'it' to be, including the belief in the nonexistence of God. You believe in the Universal Mind.

You disagree with fundamentalists who think they're right and everyone else is wrong; and with anything that denies the essential quality of human nature: free will. Be aware that being averse to giving a definite form to your beliefs could amount to a lack of conviction generally.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you have put yourself in or got yourself into a state of mind that has 'immunized' itself against relationships. This you have done because intuition or experience tells you that being emotionally involved with another human being is painful and upsetting for it tests your theories of life to a point where they do not hold water any more. It is far easier to keep your philosophy intact when there is no Other to challenge it by putting you through emotional hoops where

your intellectual theories provide no answers and bring no comfort. And so the deeper reason for your being alone is that you are having to stretch your mentality and morality to accommodate your emotional needs and desires. Double standards must be identified and reconciled; and concepts of personal rights must be expanded to include the rights of Other to disagree with those concepts. What is contradictory had better be read as being paradoxical (believing in nothing being a belief in itself), or being a challenge (Other's chauvinism versus your liberalism, or vice versa).

(John Townley)

You are often attracted to more than one person at a time; and if circumstances allow, you carry on several relationships simultaneously. And if you have only one partnership, this tendency will probably be expressed as a multiplicity of sub-relationships with your partner. You both play a number of roles, depending upon the time and place.

Sexuality is an area of considerable research and discovery for you. At its most exciting, sex continually presents something new and unique to your imagination. To keep your creativity burning, you need to find multiple forms of unusual sexual expression, for you will become frustrated if you continue along a monotonous path for too long.

Such needed variety can be increased if you and your partner play clearly defined but ever-changing roles. Each love scene should be not only a physical but also a mental challenge, in which you both participate fully. To some extent your head may rule your heart, as far as new sexual experiences are concerned. You require more than just a thorough physical experience to find true satisfaction in expressing your sexuality.

An imaginative partner will be an invaluable asset; and the more stimulating nonsexual communication there is between you, the more satisfying your sex life will be.

(Robert Hand)

This is an indication that you will grow through being free to find new ways of living and new methods for accomplishing old purposes. You should not be confined or forced to follow old ways. There is a side of you that is quite inventive, which can really benefit from looking at life from a new angle.

However, although you are in many ways an individualist, you do not think just of yourself. Even while you are young, you are very aware of the groups that you belong to. You are not selfish. You understand that your friends have needs, and you look for ways in which you and your friends can benefit together.

You are usually very fair, believing that everyone should get what is due to him / her. Your sense of justice is strong; and as you get older, you will fight hard to ensure that the people who are close to you are treated well, especially by persons in authority. You

have no special awe of authority figures; in fact, you ignore the traditional notion that anyone in authority should be respected. These people must prove their worth as far as you're concerned. You don't respect tradition very much, unless you can see clearly that it has a real purpose here and now.

As you get older, your social consciousness will evolve further, and you may become involved in some mass movement to spread the ideals you believe in. Even while you are young, you recognize that you are more effective as part of a larger movement than as an individual. You have a good sense of organization, and you know how to make sure that every part of a group is effectively contributing to the whole.

Jupiter ♃ in 12th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Jupiter in a house that has both a Jupiterian and a Neptunian coloration is usually expressed as an active fantasy life, full of imagination, dreams of the future, and / or yearnings toward a spiritual or idealistic goal. There is usually an inner generosity of spirit, sometimes manifesting as charitable or philanthropic activity or as work in the helping professions or healing arts. In the deepest region of their heart, these people usually trust in life (or God), and feel that they will be taken care of; hence, they are eager to treat others with similar protection and abundant giving. The experience of solitude, or even of loneliness, is not an oppressive condition for these folks, but rather a profound inner need, to enable themselves to search within and to explore their inner world and higher goals.

As life goes by, these people learn subtle but very essential life lessons on a profound level, sometimes at a level so deep that it is impossible to express it in words; it may even be completely unconscious. These individuals need to grow beyond the constraints of the past by exploring old emotional patterns and transcending them. Tuning in with a positive attitude toward spiritual truths helps them to overcome the feeling of confinement that the twelfth house often symbolizes. In fact, those with Jupiter here will often find fulfillment and enjoy working in places of confinement (hospitals, prisons, special schools, etc.) or in charitable or educational institutions. A tendency toward seclusion is usually apparent, although less so than with most other twelfth house placements, since Jupiter represents a rather enthusiastic and outgoing energy. However, even those with Jupiter in the twelfth are usually not particularly ambitious (unless other powerful chart factors indicate it), because their need for growth and social involvement is often expressed in less 'worldly' fields of activity. And so, while Jupiter here is comparatively rare in prominent people, we can still find a wide variety of

expressions of this principle.

As one might expect with Jupiter in a somewhat Jupiterian house, there are a large number of successful athletes in this group, including many Olympic champions. We might inquire why this is so, for this is not a Mars factor, the astrological symbol traditionally associated with athletics. In addition to the rulership of the outdoors by Jupiter, physical activity of this type gives one a sense of expansiveness, room to breathe, and a sense of exhilaration. Also, the team games constitute their own fantasy world, an appropriate twelfth house domain, in which the individual can try to accomplish the impossible or at least can realistically experience the satisfaction of constantly improving his or her own performance. In addition, most athletic training requires a solitary focus, separate from the rest of the outer world. And finally, a sense of deep faith is required to sustain oneself during the times of inevitable defeat, frustration, and personal failure. In many ways, one needs to transcend, at least temporarily, one's ego-self in order to perform at one's peak in many athletic endeavors.

The tremendous life of the imagination mentioned earlier is often expressed through the arts.

We cannot leave the subject without acknowledging that individuals with Jupiter in the twelfth can be extravagant, irresponsible, and so unrealistic that they can become caught up in big schemes that lead them toward destructive behavior.

(Marilyn Waram)

With the planet of ultimate values placed in the house of ultimate spiritual values, anything seems possible! Both Jupiter and the twelfth house represent elemental components of human nature which do not wish to accept boundaries. It is their nature to go beyond boundaries. In the first case, through ceaseless expansion. In the second, by transcendence. In addition, both of these elemental components deal in future possibilities, not practical issues. They are both mutable; restless and changeable, not stable.

Jupiter in the twelfth may indicate an individual who has limitless faith in the universe, its goodness and her future in it. It is another of the placements which has a somewhat stronger than usual possibility of a supportive basic world view, of a foundation belief in the perfection of the cosmos, of the protection or at least general good will of the Being or Knowingness behind it all. With the level of faith possible in this placement, this person can become a fantastic inspiration to all who know her. The broadness and depth of her spiritual acceptance may be incredible. It may also fall into the category of 'Goody Two Shoes'. She might insist that everything that occurs, no matter how tragic, has to be good. In so doing, she may deny the very real pain of people who need to grieve.

This person may make spiritual development and reconnection with the Divine Nature an

ultimate value. She may honor a peaceful, loving, flowing attitude as the highest path. She could revere music, art, or the savior role. She could also be seduced by the victim and martyr roles, due to an overemphasis on self-sacrifice. She may need to learn that there is a considerable difference between self-sacrifice and self-annihilation. She could get into the habit of giving up too much of herself in order to help others or to keep peace. She might expect all of life to be flowing, harmonious, loving and sublime, and suffer wretched disillusionment when the harsh realities of life catch her by surprise. She may be able to view the world with rose-colored glasses indefinitely.

With Jupiter in the twelfth, the person could idolize spiritual values to such an extent that she tries to apply them in areas of life where they are inappropriate, such as in human relationships. She may have completely unrealistic expectations of others. She might not realize that in an ideal world her ideas would be the norm; but we do not yet live in that ideal world. She could enshrine passivity, gentleness, and surrender. She could confuse total acceptance of what comes one's way in life with giving up. She might expect herself, as well as others, to always be empathic, sensitive and receptive.

Jupiter in the twelfth is another natural square. Zip Dobyns characterizes this type of combination as a clash between 'head goals' - what we think should happen - and 'heart goals' - what we feel would bring peace and love. An example of this is when an individual holds both human life and human rights to freedom of choice in reverence. Where, then, are the loyalties to go in issues such as abortion - the sanctity of human life versus the right of each woman to decide for herself - or the murder of an incredibly abusive spouse - again, the sanctity of human life versus the right of each human being to decent treatment? Another example would be when a parent has to make a difficult decision to discipline an unruly youngster. Heart may make excuses and try to be empathic, and may want to 'spare the rod and spoil the child'. Her head, however, may tell her the child will grow up to be irresponsible or selfish, and thereby unable to create a happy life, unless she is taught some fundamental lessons at an early age. The two sides, each with its own values, clash within the one person.

Sometimes this placement indicates someone who places an unhealthy amount of faith in God, with no expectation that she will ever need to do anything practical to take care of herself. Or, she could have unrealistic expectations of God and be disappointed when she sees the unfairness and bleakness which is part of life on this earth, thinking that if there was a God, He wouldn't let such things go on. She may have God confused with Superman, and expect Him to be around to rescue all those who break the rules.

An extreme manifestation of Jupiter in the twelfth is total worship of the Truth - the individual's truth, that is - to the exclusion of all other considerations, including decency, integrity or other fundamental principles.

At its highest expression, Jupiter in the twelfth could symbolize someone who puts the mystical, magical and spiritual aspirations of the twelfth house into intellectual concepts

which can be published and taught to others. It could indicate a person who values spiritual development to such a degree, and seeks it with such passion and hope, that she makes breakthroughs in understanding which markedly inspire others on the quest. She may use music, art, or inspirational writing as media through which she communicates important concepts from the unconscious.

(Eve Jackson)

The service required by the sixth house is of an immediate and practical nature, coping with the succession of small tasks that enable smooth running of the machinery. Twelfth house service is of a different order, involving complete and utter availability in which there is no room for self-interest. It is the house of sacrifice; and planets here are never fully to hand for conscious personal use, but must be offered, whether we like it or not, to something beyond ourselves. It is frequently strongly tenanted in charts of Mediums and psychics who, from no personal choice, find themselves surrendering personal control to allow the passage of something else through them. We are channels through which twelfth house influences manifest themselves.

Jupiter is traditionally the natural ruler of the twelfth house, a fact which was brought home to me when I looked at several hundred members of that most Piscean of callings the acting profession and found that a very high proportion had Jupiter in this house, pushing the more flamboyant fifth house position well into second place. Here, then, is the receptive side of Jupiter, giving expression to all our fantasies, carrier of moods and longings and fears which are not the actor's own but belong to everyone. He or she puts us in touch with the mystical realm, with stories and experiences that are universal, and in the process becomes something much larger than everyday life permits.

The gain with a twelfth house Jupiter is perhaps in proportion to our ability to lose ourselves; and this can be experienced in the traditional places of confinement and isolation, so that there are sometimes experiences of unexpected joy and meaning in hospital or prison when all the normal trappings have been stripped away; and particularly when the planet is well-aspected here, there can be a feeling of mysterious protection. There is sometimes a strong psychic attunement and a susceptibility to prophetic dreams.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Fantasy means freedom, release from the constraints of personality. It is also a road to wisdom and truth. The pitfall involves the possibility that your dreams may not translate into reality, that they remain instead a source of illusory optimism while your real life remains blind. The challenge is to use your imagination to see what's possible in the human realm, and then work to infuse that goodness into your day-to-day living.

Unfocused intuition: Intuition works through the conceptual mind. You see patterns of

understanding, huge puzzles resolved by a single formula. Currents running through the collective imagery of humankind reveal themselves as pure ideas, or laws to live by. The more people you interact with, the more you plug into your intuitive base. Strangers trigger new insights, new ways of seeing life. New social structures galvanize your enthusiasm. Visit the ruins of ancient cultures. Feel the presence of civilization. However, avoid the pitfall of oversimplifying reality into a set of moral rules. Remember, life is bigger than philosophy. The challenge is to let higher sources guide the development of your understanding.

Withdrawal or isolation: You can be filled with bountiful life, but you need isolation to stay in touch with it. Retreat is necessary to rejuvenate your positivity about relationships. Religion has great significance for you; and you may become immerse in the study of spiritual questions. The pitfall involves withdrawal into an unreal world of ideals and aspiration. You may waste yourself thinking about how wonderful life can be without doing anything to create it, becoming involved with an image of yourself rather than who you really are. The challenge is to use privacy to connect with life's wonderful possibilities, and, renewing your faith, to come back into the world ready to make life more positive.

Selfless giving: To an extent, each of us is imprisoned within his or her human self; we are a concentration of life-energy into a temporary package. You're more sensitive than many people to the restrictions of your cell walls. Offering yourself without consideration for gain allows you to feel the translucence of those cell walls. The pitfall lies in groundless help, offering this season's vintage of distilled philosophy without providing any pragmatic assistance. Also, you are occasionally too opportunistic in giving, offering yourself only when it is convenient for you to do so. The challenge is to show your faith in others, and to effectively convey that things have a way of working out.

'Past lives': In past lives, there's a possibility that you misunderstood social relating; and that pattern has built sufficient momentum to bleed into this life. There may have been false promises; commitments made but not honored. You took advantage of others, or were used badly by them. Now you need to learn how to communicate and relate so that no-one is abused. There are also incarnational patterns involving the abstract mind. Misconceptions you drew from teachings in others' lives have left you mentally out-of-round. Finally, you may have been a spiritual seeker who sought the divine through miracles. You need to understand how to ground that experience, to test it in the crucible of real life. Balance your hopes and dreams against the stricter demands of pragmatism. Let your idealism shine through, but remember the Hindu admonition: 'I you see the Guru on the road, kill him, for he's not the Guru'.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Jupiter in the twelfth gives a proud bearing, similar to Jupiter in the first, though there is often a touch of sadness about it, like the dignity of a good king or queen in exile. These

people are extremely good-hearted and willing to give and to help others, but they often suffer from a feeling of spiritual isolation, a sense of loneliness in their perception of things, the feeling that no-one else shares their point of view. They are inclined to give too much to friends, acquaintances, or strangers, and then be hurt to the quick by the ingratitude, sloth, and selfishness they may get in return. This can cause them to swing to the opposite extreme and to refuse to help others in any way or to give anything at all. They may become so isolated at some point that they will require help from an institution. This often occurs through the workings of fate, or karma, and no apparent fault of their own. Nevertheless, a twelfth -house Jupiter is a potent insurance against real disaster or any lasting difficulty. It is a sort of magic talisman that does little when things are going well, but casts a protective spell in times of trouble.

The sorrows of an older relative or advisor may be a turning point for them, causing them deep anguish and introspection that leads to a change of perspective or of lifestyle.

The closer Jupiter is to the Ascendant (within ten degrees), the more benefits it brings, similar in quality to those it brings in the first house, though there will often be strings attached, or varying degrees of constraint in the ability to take full advantage of them.

(Howard Sasportas)

The poet Holderlin wrote that 'where there is darkness, the saving powers also rise'. This is one of the most important ramifications of Jupiter in the 12th - just when things seem the most helpless and bleak, Jupiter arrives out of nowhere and salvages the situation. Those with this placement may feel as if they have a guardian angel, who appears in the nick of time with a shiny new 'get-out-of-gaol-free card'.

But should we put this down just to luck and good fairies? What really sustains and rescues those with Jupiter in the 12th is a deep faith in the benevolence and significance of life, and an openness and willingness to receive whatever it has to bring them. In any house in which it is placed, Jupiter is looking for meaning in life; but in the 12th, that meaning is not found in any outer event or external reality, but rather, it exists nascently within the self. Through the meaning and significance they choose to attribute to an event, those with Jupiter in the 12th can turn negative experiences into positive ones, and obstacles into blessings.

Jupiter's house is where we are looking for the truth. In the 2nd, this may be sought in values, money or possessions; and in the 7th, through partnerships; but in the 12th, the truth is found within the self, on the level of the unconscious mind. A willingness to turn the attention around 180 degrees and explore the inner imaginal realm of dreams and symbols will help those with Jupiter in the 12th find the kind of truth they are seeking, and contact the inner 'wise person' inside each and every one of them. The breadth and scope of infinity, that bigger picture Jupiter craves to see, can be found in the vast interior recesses of the psyche - a world beyond time, space and all boundary.

Meditation, stillness, prayer, retreat, music or art may be the path into that world. Imagine Jupiter's joy when he finally arrives there.

Running around desperately hunting for their joy in all other directions, many people with this placement will look everywhere else but inside for their fulfilment. Reckless behaviour, overindulgence in alcohol and drugs, manic theatricality, hypocrisy, general imprudence and other such negative traits may be the 'self-undoing' of a 12th house Jupiter.

Jupiter in the 12th house can be the channel through which inspiration and healing flow; and therefore those with this placement have much to offer working within hospitals, prisons and various charitable institutions. The expanded vision which dawns in times of trouble not only provides hope and inspiration for themselves, but will guide others through difficulties as well. I have seen this placement in the charts of a number of gifted counsellors, psychics and healers. Flowing aspects to Jupiter in the 12th also bode well for those who are institutionalized for any reason. Benefitting from the care and protection they receive, they can turn the experience into a positive one, or else they will probably not have to stay confined for any longer than necessary.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because you are sensitive to other people's needs in your emotional and professional affairs, you will probably respond and demonstrate that you can serve their best interest. This ability assures you of continued growth and development, and indicates that you will reach your goals. But your contributions may be considerably lessened if you spend too much time and energy in satisfying your own desires. Those who lack your resourcefulness may turn to you to learn how to sustain themselves more effectively. If you have learned from your parents' example, you know you need to establish your own roots before you can succeed in your endeavors. Your parents' faith in you helped you realize that you are qualified to seek your own destiny. By setting your own course in life, you will be able to extend yourself to reach your objectives, which will inspire you with greater self-confidence.

You are always eager to demonstrate your abilities to your superiors, who quickly feel confident of your ability. Probably you will be given many opportunities to prove that you can take on even greater responsibilities. You generally know what is expected of you, and whenever possible you try to exceed that. Knowing how important it is to be financially independent, you can see the wisdom of regularly saving something from your earnings. This will lessen your anxieties about security in the future, when your earning ability may be lessened. Plan to put something aside for a rainy day, for you could run into foul weather at some time in the future.

People with problems are drawn to you, perhaps because they recognize that you can help them. You should seek a career in some area of personal or social service. As you

succeed, your confidence will increase, thereby improving your self-image. Capitalize on your gifted imagination by getting the education you need to successfully exploit your creative ideas. When you understand the problems you face and have the training to deal with them, there is no limit to the heights you can reach. Hard work, along with your wealth of creative inspiration, will certainly lead to success and the satisfaction of reaching goals that seemed beyond your limit.

You can meet the challenge of competition if your partner shares your dreams and supports you. Knowing that someone depends on you spurs you to excel in your endeavors. All this can happen if you invest in developing your creative potential into skills. Your children may want to pattern their lives after your example, so you should learn how to increase your creative output. You may find it difficult to satisfy your children's needs as well as your own. Reason and good judgement must prevail, but unless you can improve your output, it may be difficult to fully satisfy their needs. You are probably not aware of all your hidden resources, which will be revealed through meditation. By reflecting on your problems, you can always come up with a solution. It is essential to define your goals and prepare a plan for mobilizing your resources so you can reach them. Serving people who are less qualified or less fortunate beings brings out the very best in you. Knowing that you've stimulated those around you to succeed on their own will give you great fulfillment.

Saturn ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius 28° 34'

No interpretation.

Saturn ♄ in 10th House

(Liz Greene)

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

This is the interpretation generally given to Saturn in his own house and sign, and it is

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

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

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

The concept of self-determination as it is postulated here is a very ancient one which places the responsibility of the choice of earth plane circumstances in the hands of the self. It is one worth considering with an open mind, whatever the labels are to describe the situation, because it sheds some light on the deepest meaning of Saturn himself. He may be seen, finally, as the instrument of opportunity through which the person comes to understand the nature of his free will. It is certainly evident that those with a prominent tenth house, and particularly with Saturn in this house, often have the role either thrust upon them or seek it assiduously - and these are probably the same thing - of effecting some kind of change in the structure of the group, or of holding authority, or serving as an example of achievement. The inner sense of purpose, drive, and responsibility is often very strong when Saturn is in the tenth house, particularly if he is conjuncting the midheaven. There is frequently a strong sense of fate with regard to the role in life. Often sacrifice is required and a long, arduous process of building and preparation, where the personality with its desire for recognition drives the man on until he has achieved some degree of notice or responsibility. It is generally only later that, as the integration occurs which allows him to understand himself and his inner motivations better, the larger reason begins to emerge as to why he has done all that work.

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

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

We must also consider the fact that the chart can only map out a series of potential developments, but the individual must be able to meet the challenge of these developments if they are to express this in life.

It is of interest to consider the relation of the tenth house to the mother, for the development of the potential of Saturn in the tenth often sticks here. She is usually the dominant parent when this placement of Saturn occurs, although this may be because of the death or absence of the father rather than a temperamental bias. This dominance may be of an obvious kind and may be expressed in stern, authoritative behaviour which is lacking in warmth or empathy. There is often a preoccupation with rules of conduct, propriety, and what the neighbours think, and an emphasis on material rather than emotional values. The dominance of the mother may equally often be reflected in that kind of instinctual woman who carries an unconscious and powerful ego drive beneath an apparently passive exterior. Sometimes the mother is a burden because of ill-health or dies young. In all these situations the seed is sown for a powerful influence on the psychic level which must be dealt with by the individual before he is able to express his full potential. He must symbolically cut the emotional umbilical cord, which generally remains well into adulthood.

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

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

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

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

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

Professionally the person with Saturn in the tenth house is generally successful, largely because he tries so hard and is so persistent. He does not work well under others because although he may for a time be able to present the smooth surface of humility which is such a gift of the Saturnian personality, his own ambition and love of success will eventually push him out on his own. His problem does not lie in the achievement of success once he has begun his climb. It is getting started in the first place which is the initial task and which involves his overcoming a fear of failure which may lead to inertia. The remainder of the task is to establish a definition of achievement which is not based on purely external values. It is difficult for a person intent on a mountain climb to comprehend the fact that his climb is meaningless, and the reward of the summit is illusory, unless his success serves as a demonstration to others that the summit can be achieved. It is usually the work of Saturn in the tenth house to give structure and form to

some group idea. If an individual refuses to accept the offer of this opportunity and attempts to live his task through another person, he generally must accept the price of frustration and a sense of purposelessness. If he accepts the challenge of his own inner self, then he himself can become Saturn the teacher in his most beneficent form.

Uranus ♅ in ♐ Sagittarius 18° 23'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new philosophical directions and new horizons for society's moral behavior. Disruption occurs in hanging on to belief systems and moral attitudes that justify old social behaviors.

(Joan Negus)

Uranus was already in Sagittarius as we entered the year 1900. In 1899, the US asked for an 'open door' policy with China by which all countries would be treated equally in terms of trade with China. In 1900, Russia, Germany, France, England, Italy and Japan agreed. Just the words 'open door' imply the Uranian idea of freedom; and the Sagittarian connection is inferred because fairness was an issue and foreign countries were involved.

Another example of Uranus in Sagittarius occurred in China with the Boxer Rebellion. The revolution was to protest foreign domination. The revolutionaries called themselves 'righteous harmony fists'. Property owned by foreign powers was destroyed and, after the rebellion, compensation was paid to the countries involved. In 1908 (when Uranus was firmly entrenched in Capricorn), the United States returned some of its settlement to China for practical purposes of education.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries also coincided with the time of the robber barons of industry. These men were expanding (a Sagittarian keyword) their corporations and forming monopolies, in defiance of the Sherman Anti-trust Law. They considered themselves above the law. By February 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt was waging war on the monopolies in order that the government might exercise more control over them. His first step was to bring suit against the Northern Securities Company. This case was not settled until two years later - the year in which Uranus moved into Capricorn.

Exploitation of their employees was also part of the lack of concern of these captains of industry. Although deplorable conditions existed long before 1904, it was not until that year, with Uranus moving into the Earth sign of Capricorn, that something concrete was

done about it. Textile workers in Fall River, Massachusetts waged a long and bitter strike. This brought to light the mistreatment of employees, including children, which led to a Child Labor Committee being formed in Congress and, eventually, to the protection of all children through Child Labor Laws.

In the area of modern technology, the first cable was laid between San Francisco and the Philippines in 1902, and the Wright Brothers made their first flight in 1903. Both of these occurrences are clearly Sagittarian examples. The cable stretched beyond our domestic borders and the airplane is not only connected with distant travel, but this invention is also responsible for bringing the world closer together in terms of time.

During the next period of Uranus moving through Sagittarius (1981-88), technological developments were centered on space travel and computers - emphasizing the revolutionary broadening of our horizons in true Sagittarian fashion. The idea of 'trust-busting' came before the public again with the suit brought against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, after which AT&T had to relinquish rights to local phone companies. Revolutions included the fall of the government in Haiti in 1986 and US intervention in Grenada. Human rights were important in both cases, and correlate with Sagittarian idealism.

If we look at the overview of the mundane affairs mentioned above, we find two contradictory themes. On the one hand, we have the robber barons expanding and developing without thought of the welfare of others - making their own laws or seeming to feel above the law. On the other hand, we see the emphasis on fairness, justice and benefits for humankind in the improvement of conditions of workers and the motivation behind the revolutions.

Both these themes can be evident in individuals with Uranus in Sagittarius as well. There may be a disregard for others if one's own freedom is in question or if people are interfering with one's expansion or development. But there is also an idealistic quality that is prevalent when others are being mistreated and one is not personally involved.

If you have Uranus in Sagittarius, you may be a visionary or an idealist in terms of your philosophy regarding freedom and individualism, but actions do not always follow or accompany the words. Moral consciousness may be an issue in your evaluation of world conditions, but in your own life, your urge for progress may override your own conscience. You could espouse ideas of justice and equality for all and discuss changing world conditions. But when you are exhilarated by challenge, and you are using your ingenuity in broadening your own horizons, the matter of right or wrong might not be considered. So, although your enthusiasm may cause you to ignore your righteous philosophy, the philosophy is still there. And once you are conscious of your actions not always reflecting your belief system, you can correct the situation. You should still try to be innovative and move ahead, but keep your philosophy in mind as you are personally trying to develop. Not only should this keep you within acceptable boundaries; but also,

by applying your moral viewpoint to yourself as well as to the world around you, you cannot help but improve both your position and that of those with whom you come into contact.

The theoretical side of freedom and justice may seem more obvious than tangible results stemming from actions taken. It is easier to philosophize than it is to work toward specific, concrete ends. This is clear in terms of the mundane data given above. The deplorable labor conditions in factories were exposed while Uranus was in Sagittarius. And the anti-trust suit against the Northern Securities Company was started during that period as well. But it was not until Uranus moved into Capricorn that labor laws were passed and the government won its suit.

In terms of creativity, if you have Uranus in Sagittarius you will probably find anything that fits this category will have as its purpose the betterment of humanity or the broadening of personal horizons. This latter can include bringing the world closer together (as illustrated by the invention of the airplane) while you are expanding yourself. So if you have Uranus in Sagittarius and are having difficulty being creative, focus on your motivation. This might help to get you started.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Sagittarius when the 20th Century began, and remained there until December 1904. In November 1981, Uranus again entered this sign, and remained there until February 1988, returning again briefly from May 1988 until November 1988. Sagittarius is associated with expanding horizons; anything that helps us grow or increases our understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live is related to this sign. Higher education, religion, philosophy and long-distance travel all help broaden our knowledge. Therefore, those of you who were born with Uranus in Sagittarius will experience and bring about changes in these areas.

Around the turn of the century, when Uranus was previously in Sagittarius, unconventional religions whose belief systems diverged from the prevailing Judeo-Christian attitudes of the Western world became popular, and many people explored mysticism, ancient religions and secret spiritual societies. During Uranus's most recent passage through Sagittarius, huge numbers of people once again were rejecting orthodox religions and turning to other belief systems - Eastern philosophy, astrology, witchcraft, Native American teachings, ancient religions - and literature that reveals formerly hidden knowledge became widely available.

Those of you who have Uranus in Sagittarius in your birth charts might be interested in unconventional religions or have spiritual beliefs that are avant garde or radically different from those of the general public.

Uranus in Sagittarius also signifies major changes and breakthroughs in travel. In 1903,

for example, the Wright brothers made their famous flight at Kitty Hawk and introduced the world to air travel. The automobile had its real beginning at this time, too, with the founding of the Ford Motor Company in 1903. During the more recent Uranus-in-Sagittarius period, the Voyager space probe journeyed to the outer planets for the first time, increasing our understanding of the solar system. Those of you who have this planetary placement in your charts may be interested in or responsible for new developments in the travel field. Perhaps the first people to journey to other planets will be members of this Uranus group.

This planetary position also is responsible for changes in education. When Uranus was last in Sagittarius, the progressive education movement in the United States, influenced by the philosophies of Rousseau, Froebel and others, introduced industrial, social and agricultural subjects into the school curriculum. Changes in the education system during the most recent transit of Uranus through Sagittarius include a marked increase in the number of students attending private primary and secondary schools rather than public institutions, and enormous increases in the price of higher education. Computers, both as a field of study and as a tool to aid study, have revolutionized educational programs at all levels. Sagittarius is associated with religion; and while Uranus has been in this sign, church-operated schools in the United States have proliferated. The debate over the church's role in public education has intensified, and attention has been focused on such issues as the teaching of evolution, school prayer and censorship of textbooks.

Those of you who have Uranus in Sagittarius in your birth charts are interested in and might be involved with creating, developing or promoting new methods and fields of study. Perhaps you feel there is a need for greater freedom and individuality in education, and will work to bring this about. Or, having been born during a time when quality education seems to be beyond the reach of all but the wealthy, you may attempt to make learning more accessible to all who want it. You could rebel against the influence of religion in the schools or go to the opposite extreme and strive to strengthen the connection between church and state in terms of the public education system. Whatever path you take, you are sure to be involved in changes that affect what and how we learn.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Sagittarius brings about new concepts in religion, philosophy, and education. Natives of this position of Uranus can pioneer new religious and educational forms. They have a strong desire to incorporate into religion the principles of science and the occult, such as reincarnation, astrology, and mental telepathy.

If Uranus is afflicted in Sagittarius, there can be dogmatic adherence to eccentric religions and social philosophies, or a desire to negate all religious concepts, producing sceptics and agnostics.

Uranus in Sagittarius gives natives a great deal of curiosity about foreign cultures. They will travel suddenly, taking long journeys out of the spirit of adventure. They will have many unique experiences in foreign countries or with foreigners, and they tend to adopt foreign religions and philosophies.

(Grant Lewi)

Your originality requires scope and proceeds from vision. You generalize readily, feeling yourself most at home, and in the sphere of your greatest mental efficiency, when dealing in large terms, ideas, symbols. This can make you a great artist or thinker or philosopher or preacher - or it can make you just a fuzzy thinker, never getting down to case. You should learn the worship of facts, and you need never worry about getting stodgy, for facts will always be to you the stones to build generalizations from and will never make you a groundling. You have a kind of fear and contempt for the earthbound, feeling that your true genius takes you out of the class of mere bookworms and grubbers into a higher atmosphere of the spirit. No idea is too lofty for you to grasp - or so you think. And by being willing to grasp facts first and build the ideas from them, you can be really as high and profound as you imagine yourself to be. When you learn the value of knowledge (as insurance for your ideas), you can be a real intellectual force; and it is in this role that you find your truest expression.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here, Uranus is in lively, dynamic spirit, giving an original slant to the intellect and opening up the mind. The Sagittarian need for challenge is complemented by an attraction to all things new and unusual. Uranus travelled through Sagittarius between 1981 and 1988; and Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, made a transit of that sign in 1983 - a delightful joint influence, adding liveliness, an attractive sense of humor and very good brain to those born under it.

Generally speaking, the splendid influence of this placing alone will make these children intellectually and physically adventurous. They will be humanitarian and be able to contribute fully to the greening of the Earth, for they will be entirely aware of world ecological problems yet have a very different approach from those of the previous generation of Uranus in Scorpio. Parents of children with this placing should try to always increase their awareness of the beauty of the world. These traits will be particularly pronounced if Sagittarius is prominent or Uranus is personalized.

(John Townley)

You may be able to convert your sexual energy into very active physical expression, particularly when pursuing adventure or a challenging new experience. Similarly, exciting new situations often stimulate your sexual and emotional drives, which may be rather sluggish when things are slow.

Others in your age group are likely to have a particularly simple and romanticized view of love that may or may not fit in with your own. If you share their idealized concept of love, you will be most content with lovers in your own close age range. If your view of love is more complex or realistic, you may be happier with a partner who is either quite a bit older or much younger.

You should understand your generation's attitude toward relationships, even if it differs a bit from your own. There is much beauty in an honest, energetic approach to love; and the qualities of earnestness and ingenuousness are well suited to pure love untainted by baser motivations. If you can sustain a relationship on this level, tremendous fulfillment is possible, but often such success is easier to achieve in a movie script than in real life. However, this general direction is worth the effort; tempered with realism, it can be most rewarding. Certainly this is one of the most sought-after styles of loving.

(Robert Hand)

These children are strongly attracted to new philosophies, and will question all accepted traditions and ideals. They are interested in new and innovative ideas rather than the tried and true, feeling that the past has outlived its usefulness. They have a strong drive to be free, and may be quite eccentric. If the current interest in new religious sects and cults continues, these people are likely to be very much involved with them, and will change them tremendously.

Uranus ♅ in 10th House

(Joan Negus)

Uranus in the tenth house can mean that you change jobs frequently, but there are so many other possibilities that it is a poor excuse for career failure. Although it can indicate a restlessness in the area of occupation, you could also be dissatisfied if you were unemployed for too long. Important requirements are that you have a degree of freedom in what you do in the world and that you are challenged in that area. If you are not working, you may be free, but you will be missing the challenge.

You are probably most content if you can use your ingenuity in your career. You thrive on spontaneous responses to situations and, therefore, prefer not to be involved in a job in which there are no surprises. However, you really do not want a totally unstructured situation, nor do you respond well when you feel another person is using surprise tactics to control you. You tend to resist any change suggested or instituted by someone else. If circumstances demand a new approach, you have the ability to come up with one that is fresh and original. But if you are supposed to carry out someone else's new and creative

ideas, you might rebel. And you possibly would seem so unbending that you might be considered a reactionary.

If you have Uranus in the tenth house, your profession should ideally include a broad, stable structure within which you can operate, but enough flexibility to help you avoid monotony and boredom. You will want to be aware of company goals so that your direction is clear. But, you prefer to pursue these goals in a manner that you select. And, if left to your own devices, you will probably go beyond the company's expectations.

You could decide that having your own business is essential to your need for freedom, especially if you have had dealings with tyrannical bosses. Working for yourself can be very appealing to your urge for independence. But what you should consider before you embark upon this path is that there are responsibilities connected with self-employment that are not part of working for someone else. When you have your own business, you have to deal with finances, advertising, marketing and probably a number of other issues, depending on the type of profession involved. In other words, when you are the one in charge, success or failure is based largely on your own efforts or your ability to delegate well.

If you are thinking about starting your own business, you should consider what needs to be done in order to make it succeed. Determine what you want to do yourself and what you would like others to do. You might like the idea of doing everything yourself and, if this is feasible, there should be no problems. If, however, your goals are too large to handle alone, you can still establish a successful business if you analyse your situation and take action accordingly. After you decide what parts you will enjoy doing yourself, find people for the remaining tasks who have capability in the sector of the business involved and are self-reliant, but not so independent that they might overthrow the power figure - you. This last possibility can be avoided if you select subordinates who are trustworthy and also report to you regularly in order to keep you informed of what is occurring.

What you do not want is to feel more tied down in your own business than you were when you worked for someone else. If you have to worry about what your subordinates are doing, you will feel weighted down. Responsibilities may interfere with your creative ideas which you started your own business to express. So if you are feeling uncreative or bored with your career, do not permit your restlessness to cause you to act hastily. Before you move in this direction you might first get away from the office for a short period of time. Go out into the world and do something exciting or creative but totally unconnected with your current career. This may be enough to renew your enthusiasm and give you fresh ideas. Another goal or dimension might be added to your business or, possibly, a new type of career could stem from your newfound excitement or creativity.

Another course of action could be to simply try a new or different approach to your work. Or you could investigate new equipment available to you that might be exciting to use

and possibly streamline your business. That could make your work easier and give you more time to be creative. Also relying on machines instead of people could be appealing to you. A machine may break down, but you don't have to worry about its motivation in doing so. If, after various attempts to put new life into your business, you are still dissatisfied, you might then consider doing something else.

Although Uranus in the tenth house indicates that change can be undertaken in the career, you do not want to make abrupt changes without forethought. Sometimes restlessness and the desire for change, or pressure from others, may cause you to act too rashly; and you can create a situation that is worse than the one you left. Some of the suggestions mentioned above could be tried, or you might create other appropriate actions. Keep in mind that a change of attitude may be as satisfying as a change of career. There is a desire to make drastic changes, but minor adjustments may be all that are needed. If you have made minor adjustments and are still dissatisfied, you might consider a career in a Uranian field such as astrology, computer technology, electrical engineering, or anything unusual or on the cutting edge.

(Haydn Paul)

The challenges confronting you with this placement are involved with your relationship to society, and your role and function within the collective expression of your generation. This will concern personal desires and the expression of your individual tendencies, as well as a potential social contribution that you may make.

There is likely to be an inner impulse to succeed and to rise socially, gaining prestige, status, authority, power and influence. Applying your strong will may make this quite possible, but much will depend upon the sometimes unpredictable Uranian activity, and whether this will undermine your conscious efforts. You may be quite able to organise yourself well, and progress through discipline and work, but much will depend on your sense of social relationship and obligation.

If the thrust of your desire is purely personal, for ego gratification, power over others, social status, or monetary gain, and fails to take due regard for others or the social consequences of your decisions, then Uranus may conspire to prevent further progress, perhaps through the influence of others in your social circles or by allowing you to over-emphasise several of your more damaging characteristics through hubris. This can often occur in business or political scenes, where the dynamics of the élite power structures can be difficult to handle successfully. Your ambition could be thwarted, perhaps through a Uranian lack of deference for an employer or authority senior to you in the hierarchy.

Often, your relation to authority can be difficult and touchy, and your feelings towards power can be ambiguous. An adjustment may be required in these feelings, so that you are able to develop your own personal power, instead of probably inhibiting it to some degree. If you can accept your own power, then your attitudes and understanding of the

roles and functions of authorities and power will also change.

You will be really looking to discover your own role and function in society, a process of potential integration into the whole. You could fail, and become a reactionary revolutionary, feeding off rejected negative energies, and primarily being destructive rather than constructive in your response to your own failure.

Yet the most appropriate way could be the pioneering of new ways and concepts, where liberal humanitarian and radical social politics attracts you, satisfying the Uranian impulse for future-oriented social change. As usual, you will demand as much freedom as possible in your life, stalking around like a caged animal if it is denied. This need could develop into an unusual career or profession, which can absorb such a demand without any detriment, and it may be that over time your innovative perspective could lead you to become a leader or spokesperson for some idealistic cause or scientific development. This will depend on that ability to generate personal power and to apply it in a socially influential manner; and this is unlikely to happen overnight but likely to emerge as a consequence of effort and persistence in a chosen direction.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 10th House correlates to in human consciousness is the need to give structural cohesion and definition to the totality of what one is inwardly and outwardly. It is the need to establish inner and outer laws, rules, customs, norms, and taboos that regulate the functioning of life itself. These laws, rules, or customs, establish inner and outer conditions that by their very nature condition, shape, and define the essence of anything: e.g., when water is poured into a certain shape, the inherent essence or spirit of the water now reflects the shape that it is defined by (poured into). It was stated earlier that Uranus correlates to the Creation that is projected outwards from its Source, and that the root principle of the projected Creation is Intelligence. This projected Creation is everywhere and constitutes everything. As this Creation / Intelligence is reflected in human consciousness, which simply means a consciousness that has the capacity to be aware that it is conscious (self-conscious), and from a metaphysical point of view the Universe being conscious of itself, the essence of consciousness is thus defined by, conditioned, and limited to consciousness in a human form: the structure of consciousness as expressed through time, space, and the time / space laws of cause and effect that are the essence of evolution. In reverse, this is why human beings project upon the Creator anthropomorphic images of their own form.

Uranus here means to learn the difference between the laws, conditions, rules, and norms that are made by the human being, and those laws that are intrinsic to the condition of being a human being. To give form, shape, and definition is an inherent law of the Creation, which is projected outwards from the Source, as an example. When this law is linked with time, space, and the law of cause and effect, the evolution of form,

shapes, and definitions takes place. Similarly, this law is reflected in human consciousness as the need to give definition, structure, and form to itself, which changes over time through cause and effect. When a group of people live together in the same time and space, this intrinsic law manifests (projects) as the need to establish social definitions, laws, customs, norms, and taboos in order for the individuals, who reflect their own laws, to live together in a social unit that is regulated by the consensus of social contracts: laws.

Uranus in the 10th House is a natural paradox. On the one hand, any group of people who live together must have social contracts, laws, that allow them to live together, On the other hand, every individual within that social group is an individual whose individuality is subjected to the social conditions of the society that he or she is born into. It is this interface between the individual and the social group that induces the paradox to manifest. Individuality and consensus are inherently antithetical. The challenge for those who have this archetype in their consciousness is to define, first, their won intrinsic nature in total, and then to objectively acknowledge the social system, the prevailing social conditions, consensus, rules, laws, regulations, taboos, and norms that they are living within in order to understand how to integrate within the social system with their inherent individuality intact. The resulting overall lifestyle of each individual will be reflective of the individual's actual nature, a nature that is not defined or limited by the consensus-held beliefs, values, norms, and so on.

Even though the challenge is for the individual to define his or her own inherent laws, beliefs, values, and identity, the most common reaction is to define oneself, to experience oneself, to reflect the nature of the times that one is living in. When Uranus is in an individual's tenth house, he or she may adopt the overall lifestyle of the prevailing peer group (the values, beliefs, etc.) in order to feel socially, thus individually, secure. If so, this reflects an emotional and / or psychological reaction to the inner sense of being quite different from the consensus that is reflected in the prevailing peer group.

Liberation for individuals who have Uranus in the 10th House means to be free from all judgement or perception patterns that are projected upon themselves or others (patterns that are based upon, or are reflections of, the consensus status quo of the prevailing peer group of the society in which they live), to realise that such judgements or perceptions are based upon and conditioned by the mainstream consensus of social contracts that allow for a group of people to live together. Liberation occurs when these individuals learn the difference between their conditional identities and their actual identities: the deconditioned / unconditioned Self. Freedom from the known occurs when these individuals allow for new ideas or ways of responding to life conditions, instead of hanging on to old ideas or ways of response just because a security exists with respect to the way they have always reacted to, or thought about, something. Freedom from the known occurs when these individuals realise the difference between natural or inherent universal laws versus the laws made by human beings, and when they harmonise individual requirements to reflect the universal laws and / or requirements.

A natural stress can occur in the skeletal system and bone marrow of the organism. The stress can lessen the secretion of fluids vital for the integrity of the skeletal system's maintenance. Brittleness of bones, arthritis, curvature of the spine, accelerated tooth decay through weakness in the enamel, and immune system problems associated with irregularities in the B and T cells can all result. Deficiencies in calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus either will be genetically present or will be transitorially produced. Pituitary and thyroid problems (commonly a deficiency in iron) can manifest, and toxic retention on a cellular level can 'pollute' the inner environment, which can lead to cycles of fatigue or, in extreme cases, to cancer in its various forms. Skin eruptions, sores, ulcerations, and abscesses can also manifest because of these toxins as the body attempts to purify itself. Dehydration leading to constipation can also occur in the intestines; the toxins that this produces generate, in varying degrees of difficulty, problems associated specifically with the colon and generally with the intestines: the growth of polyps, cysts, abscesses, blockages or closures in the passageways, etc.. The increased pressure to eliminate can thus produce haemorrhoids, anal itching or burning, a 'frozen' sphincter muscle, etc..

Neptune ♆ in ♍ Virgo 23° 49'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation of Neptune in Virgo have the potential for realizing the higher aspects of health and service on a planetary level. They are infused with the vision of plans to make perfect health available to everyone. Growing world concern over the effects of pollution, environmental hazards, and devitalized foods has increased through the efforts of this generation. On a personal level, it indicates the dilemma of dealing with idealistic expectations of automatic emotional fulfillment coming from one's job in life. It offers the choice of accepting or denying the responsibility of serving one's fellow man in whatever capacity one may find oneself. A sense of true inner joy is possible through the conscious dedication of manifesting one's ideals of service in one's line of work.

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune was in Virgo last century from September 1928 to February 1929, between July 1929 and September 1942, and from April until July 1943. Virgo is associated with work, service, health and nutrition, ordinary life and the 'common man'. Whenever Neptune passes through this sign, the public becomes sensitized to these things and they take on special significance.

Neptune's most recent trip through Virgo coincided with the Great Depression in the United States, a period of economic instability and disintegration unparalleled in this

country. Twenty-five percent of the population was unemployed, and finding work became the most important thing in life for the average person. In the American prairie states, the Dust Bowl reached peak proportions, wiping out crops and bankrupting farmers. To provide some sort of relief for the millions affected by loss of income, the government instituted the Social Security Act of 1935, Unemployment Insurance and the Works Projects Administration. Europe's economy, too, was undermined at this time; and in Germany inflation was devastating. Those of you who were born during this period of economic disaster idealize work; and job security is extremely important to you.

An earlier Neptune transit of Virgo between approximately 1764 and 1779 corresponded with the American Revolution, a revolt of the common people against the British Crown, which was based in part on the colonists' dissatisfaction with the economic situation. This same period saw France's economy decaying due to a large public debt and government inefficiency; and the underprivileged were growing increasingly unhappy with the extravagances of the royalty. In both countries, food played a role: France's bread famine, America's boycott of British goods, and particularly the Boston Tea Party.

For people born with Neptune in Virgo in their birth charts, nutrition and health can be areas of much concern. Perhaps you dream of a time when all people have enough to eat. Your generation was in the forefront of health consciousness in the late sixties and early seventies. Or, you might hold misconceptions and illusions about diet and health, of worry incessantly about germs and disease. Perhaps poor eating habits have caused your health to deteriorate.

Neptune also rules chemicals; and while it was in Virgo chemical fertilizers and food additives were introduced into the food chain. Although the manufacturers of these products intended to improve food quality and quantity, in typical Neptunian fashion their good intentions were misguided and led to environmental pollution and illnesses in people and animals. Neptune's most recent trip through Virgo also brought new discoveries in the area of medicine, most notable the introduction of penicillin in 1939. However, some of the drugs developed during this period were found to cause bigger problems than they relieved. Those of you who have this planetary placement in your birth charts could have a fascination with the medical field, and the use of drug therapy in particular. Your idealization of the medical profession and your desire for quick cures might cause you to avoid responsibility for your own health and to rely too heavily on doctors and drugs to remedy your ills.

Finally, Virgo's relationship with everyday life was highlighted when Neptune passed through this sign; and suddenly ordinary household objects were idealized. The Art Deco movement of this period glorified common items; and artists and manufacturers paid special attention to the design of such things as toasters, vacuum cleaners, dishes and cigarette trays. For those of you who have Neptune in Virgo in your birth charts, function is probably more important than form. You idealize efficiency and practicality, and see beauty in usefulness. For example, nylon, one of the first synthetic textile introduced to

make clothing care easier, was developed in 1938; and as your Neptune-group reached adulthood the use of synthetic fabrics proliferated.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Virgo is in its detriment, indicating a generation whose creative, imaginative faculties are thwarted by adverse material circumstances. Neptune in Virgo encompasses much of the generation that grew up during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This was a time of chaos throughout the economic system resulting in scarcity of employment, which is ruled by Virgo.

The negative side of Neptune in Virgo can manifest itself as a tendency to psychosomatic illness and excessive emotional preoccupation with inconsequential detail. Also there is likely to be doubt or negativity toward intuitive impulses, which is manifested in materialism. Unwise dietary habits are typical of Neptune in Virgo if it is afflicted. Much of the chemical adulteration of our food began during this period.

(Grant Lewi)

This position of Neptune brought the depression and the beginnings of a new age. Those born under it will have come to maturity with a new slant on social and political matters, a new assurance of the dignity of work, a new consecration to humanity and to service. Your deepest wells of consciousness understand these things; and throughout your life unselfishness will be the keynote of your best expression. To learn early that the ego is of only secondary importance is to give yourself your surest foundation for happiness and success. You work best, you play best, you love best when your mind isn't on yourself. Learn the value of work for its own sake, and you give yourself the best key to contentment. If your Uranus is in Aries, make your individual genius work to promote some ideal of service. If your Uranus is in Taurus, individual and collective security can be made mutually to serve each other. In any case, awareness of big social, collective, political, economic forces, and identification of yourself with them, enables you to get the detached view of the world and yourself which will encourage you to draw on the deep and abiding strength within yourself and use it to gain the peace of mind and happiness you need.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here is the first modern generation seriously to criticize accepted religious beliefs. Neptune, ruler of Pisces - a sign closely linked with Christianity - was at this time travelling through Virgo, which is Pisces's polar sign. Virgo, ruled by Mercury, is analytical and critical. In addition, one of the most interesting generation influences of this planet is that at precisely the time Neptune first entered Virgo the cinema, which had until then been silent, discovered sound. (Remember that Mercury is the planet that rules communications.) In general, people enjoyed greater and easier communication,

and the medium of radio also increased this.

If Neptune is personalized or Virgo is a prominent sign in the birth chart, the imagination is stimulated and can be expressed well (perhaps through literary work). Since Virgo is an Earth sign, the subject may also have a flair for horticulture.

At worst, Neptune in Virgo tends to lower the self-confidence, since the subject's critical faculty can undermine his or her belief in what is achieved, and this can result in a lack of inner fulfilment. Discontent and restlessness may also be present, especially if these tendencies are indicated in other areas of the chart.

(John Townley)

People in your age group are quite particular about what they demand of partners and relationships. They tend to search endlessly for the 'perfect match' instead of growing and changing within a relationship.

This has resulted in a rather high divorce rate because couples find that they can't fit the mold of a perfect match without significant personal change. Thus, you might do well to avoid this generational attitude, although it is necessarily an ingrained part of your upbringing.

Thus, you may feel impatient if a relationship does not seem to be working out, or if it seems taht you will have to reshaps your own personality to make it viable. Few marriages are made in heaven, however, and mutual change and growth are necessary in almost every relationship. Expecting your partner to fit you exactly, or vice-versa, is a folly that is encouraged by movies and romantic novels. Often it is hard to completely get away from that attitude. You tend to feel that somehow it's just not right if the relationship doesn't go smoothly all the time. 'Perhaps we really weren't meant for each other' is the feeling that surfaces, even though that may not be the case at all.

However, understanding this prejudice that is part of your upbringing is half the battle in overcoming it.

(Robert Hand)

This was the silent generation of the 1950s, whose ideal was to settle down, get good jobs with security and become responsible members of society. They idealized work and duty somewhat, which weakened their desire to protest even when things went wrong in the world around them. The influence of Virgo made them feel that they were too insignificant to protest. Even so, some of them were in the vanguard of the protest movement of the 1960s. However, their approach to large-scale social organization was a great deal more disciplined and in some ways conventional than that of the generation immediately following.

Neptune ♆ in 7th House

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

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

Another positive expression of Neptune in the seventh or eighth is when spouses share a spiritual quest. They may read and study together, meditate together or support each other in exploration of occult concepts or in deep inner seeking. At any time, one may be more heavily involved, but the other is willing to give sincere support and to share and perhaps to contribute to discoveries. This is one case where a single spouse is not likely

to be able to do it all. As one learns and grows and changes, the dynamics of the relationship will change. The partner who is not involved in the growth will be terribly threatened by this and usually seeks to stop the changes, which means undermining or blocking the growth. This rarely works, however, since most people, having once seen a richer way to live, cannot go back. Unless both partners have some say in how the dynamics change, or both agree to keep it the same, the relationship usually grinds to a halt.

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

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

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

It is worth mentioning that the Neptunian who faces the cracking pieces of this illusion suffers a particularly terrible inner pain. It can be survived, if the Neptunian can

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

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

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

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

The Neptunian with a less strong chart will often choose the victim role. Again, the choice is unconscious. Usually the chosen role looks romantic or spiritually worthwhile to the Neptunian, who only wants to create a loving and perfect world. The pitfalls are not apparent ahead of time. The choice which looks like one of sweetness and Christian generosity of spirit may lead to dangerous repression of personal needs and the resultant illnesses, lack of energy, or accidents. The repressed energy is bottled up and the god or goddess is angered - the energy turns inward. The choice which looks like one of

loving sacrifice for a troubled partner may well lead to an abusive relationship. The choice which looks like dedication to an ideal may well turn out to be an evasion of worldly responsibilities which is motivated by fear.

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

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

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

The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth house possesses a rare talent for intimacy, perception and insight into others - including the ability to fathom their pain, and the ability to inspire the partner to develop spiritually. With acceptance of personal responsibility for emotional, artistic or spiritual fulfilment, all of these can be shared with a mate to create a truly special relationship with rich rewards for both partners.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

Pluto ♅ in ♈ Aries 23° 33'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 2nd House

(Ginger Chalford)

As a child, but more often as an adolescent, people can be very self-critical about their own worth and value. 'Am I good enough?' is a common anxiety to teens, as they compare themselves with other popular, good-looking and successful young people. Well remembered by every adult, this time is fraught with concern over one's self-image and how others are responding to it. Even though insecure, most adolescents will try to cover it up, pretending to be strong. This 'show' or game can go into adulthood as a habit, leaving adults at the mercy of their peer group's values. Emotions that may betray feelings of insignificance or low self-esteem are repressed or simply denied. Asking for affection can display weakness, and so affection may be hard to come by, too.

Usually, to compensate for feelings of inferiority or unworthiness, people strive to get self-validation from outside, from others. This includes getting possessions that are 'in' (be the first on your block!), or dating a popular person. A teenage boy gets a car and shows it to his friends, getting more social status. A girl may dress in the latest fashions, evoking an envious response from the other girls, and inviting male interest. Beauty and popularity are foremost; and those who have it flaunt it. Others without such natural assets have to accumulate some of their own in order to establish their self-worth and a positive self-image. Second house Pluto people may acquire possessions that can be shown off to advantage, or display talents that inspire the admiration of others. Possessions mean power. They mean validation, as in 'you're okay, since you have such neat things'. This is an elementary form of influencing and controlling others through money or things, of impressing others with a show.

This pattern shows up in adulthood as individuals strive for success, not for the pleasure of it, but for the rewards that justify and validate them. The rewards indicate that they are 'okay'. This motivation to struggle to the top CAN draw out natural talents and resources of the individual (which are plentiful given this Pluto position, as we'll see later), but that still does nothing to raise this person's level of self-esteem. Insecure, these people can be really slick and slimey business-wise, willing to go to whatever extremes are necessary just to pull a buck or a reward out of something or someone.

These people, not trusting themselves, will seldom trust others; but when they do, they will be victimised by them! There is a show of generosity to impress others, who may then turn around and steal from the Pluto individual, or retaliate in some way. There is often no recourse for the Pluto person, as there may be an 'inside' or possibly even illegal aspect to the transaction. Victimised and isolated, the Pluto second house sufferer has justification for not trusting anyone ever again.

The reflections of a poor self-image can be extreme. On the one hand, these natives can be broke frequently, struggling to pull together their inner resources and turn around those financial landslides. These second house Pluto people may even turn down job offers out of insecurity, a fear of incapability, or out of an inflated sense of what type of work they must have in order to get the validation they need to prove to themselves they are worthy. This person gives the appearance of being very picky, without being able to

afford that attitude, being virtually destitute. Also, they will balk at the idea of commitment to a job or work program, since they do not have the necessary self-knowledge to clearly make a good decision for themselves. Their insecurity and lack of self-trust can make it difficult to attract good opportunities. Generally, these people are the chronic complainers who are always in the midst of financial crisis or breakdown. Yes, they DO survive, but anything beyond that - such as a luxury, for example - is denied them. Indeed, they often have financial losses just before their anticipated successes. This is a result of a failure of self-confidence and self-trust.

The other extreme of this Pluto placement involves the struggle for domination over money. If self-worth is such an issue, those people with large amounts of energy are going to work and struggle really hard in order to make a lot of money, which will enable them to not have to think about money ever again. This sends them on a work pace that is never-ending, for they may not be able to judge when they have enough money to be secure and happy, and thus keep on working. That stopping point, if there can indeed be one, can only be recognised when the person has sufficient selfworth. Then she / he knows when to stop! But the Pluto second house struggler misses that grand finish, and one million dollars just doesn't become enough. Neither does the second million dollars. Neither do the summer vacation houses, or the four Mercedes cars, the servants, the private beach. None of the glitter will fill up that inner hole in the psyche, or cause the person to say "I am worthy, and I am unique, significant, and important to myself - and my knowing this is all that truly matters". Although the behaviour of people driven by insecurity can look terrific - they can be superachievers, super-manipulators, etc. - the motivation will still trip them up at some point, especially when they begin to realise that they are not really fulfilled with owning impressive things (this includes spouses too) and knowing famous people. Then they will be faced with a self-image crisis, and will have to re-evaluate their feelings of worthiness. Those who never come to realise this discrepancy between motivation and results will drive themselves into the financial ground, and will burn out their energy, their resources and / or their bodies by literally working themselves or their spouses to disease and death. The disease of cancer is often a companion to mischanneled Pluto energy, as it is one of degeneration - a Plutonian principle.

Fortunately, a positive use of Plutonian principles and power will bring in great results much more easily. The incredible amount of resources available to second house Pluto people is simply staggering. They can utilise things which others have given up as useless. They have ingenious abilities to revitalise a dying company or concern, to turn it around and make a sizeable profit out of it. They are able to turn financial tides around, in their own sphere as well as in their extended environment (which includes family and friends). They are not possessive, as the negative Plutousers are, for they are basically secure in themselves. They are selective with their trust, and seldom get 'burned' by others, since they have a clear head and reliable intuition upon which to base their decision whether to trust or not. They have what is known in common lingo as 'street smarts'. They have extraordinary talents with their hands, and can indeed do well at

anything that interests them.

The amount of money they make, and the amount of prestige and power they get in society, reflects rather than validates their own inner sense of worth and self-trust. This appreciation of their own identity enables them to make money easily, without struggle. Their investments will tend to bring high returns and work for them (instead of them having to work for their money). Even when beset with legal difficulties, the final outcome is all right, and doesn't shock the self-worth. If all their possessions are taken away from them, such as in a divorce case, etc., they know that they can rely on themselves to build their resources back up again. They know they have the power and strength to do that, so the loss is one of possessions, not of self-image. They are not crushed, but pick up their power and ability to act and go on.

Later in life, their interests will turn from mundane financial concerns to higher values. They may become interested in inner growth, with metaphysical values and attitudes becoming more important than material ones. However, if this metaphysical interest comes too early in life, before a comfortable financial position is attained, there tends to be a reluctance or resistance towards financial success, for they will often get involved with the personal negative ego and thereby fall back into negative personality patterns (see above). Pluto here must be grounded by financial success and self-worth in the natural house of Taurus, a foundation house, so that spiritual values will not be warped by material concerns. Individuals who have this placement will experience unexpected financial shifts that tend towards the positive end of the spectrum, rather than the negative, disastrous end. Still, at times these individuals, whether they are thinking negatively or positively, will understand and know that resources, money, etc. can be had easily, without struggle or pain. It's only the attitude that makes the difference in the results! Most of the obvious events experienced by the Pluto second house person are covered in the previous paragraphs. Briefly speaking, the negative possibilities include: sudden financial losses just before an anticipated success; financial breakdowns and landslides; denial of resources and money; inability to develop their natural talents for some reason; risks brought on by greed; being bilked by a shyster; possessiveness; and legal difficulties, particularly if underground activities are occurring. These problems reflect the restriction of resources in one way or another, and they often come about from the attitude that the struggle involved in getting something gives it value. Without struggle, there is no value, no importance, no significance. This attitude stems from a lack of inner self-trust and self-worth. On the positive side, Pluto second house experiences include: the appearance of financial partners when they are needed; an ability to revive faltering financial ventures; control of large investments, great talent and the power to develop it; high returns on investments; and the discovery of higher metaphysical values.

Many of the above patterns can be seen during a Pluto transit of the second house. For some people, Pluto moving through this house can create a conflict between the value systems of the individual and his or her parents. Throughout this transit, values will be

overhauled, and the individual to whom this is happening should be prepared to change willingly. Pluto, just as importantly, will bring in the new values which are destined to create more power through the use of natural resources (such as inner talents). As this transit takes several years, the metamorphosis can proceed slowly and thoroughly - it would be hoped to be completed by the time Pluto moves on. Yet, this completion will always be subject to re-evaluation and change, since the process of examining and shifting principles and values is an evolving one. Any events in the life during this time will hinge upon the individual's estimation of his or her selfworth. A good self-review and positive self-image will create pleasing, exciting, and dynamically powerful changes and events.

Clarity of one's inner values and sense of self-worth will save many an individual from the onslaughts of Pluto power in the second house. If you have this placement, you'll need to develop self-trust and self-esteem. Start by making a list of your natural abilities. What are you good at doing? What natural talents did you have as a child or adolescent, but never developed? If you had to borrow a thousand dollars tomorrow, from how many sources could you get it? How many people support you in what you want to do? Answer all these questions to the best of your ability. Reflect on them. How can you incorporate any undeveloped talents into your life now? How can you expand the number of people who make up your resource group? How do you feel about using people as a resource.

Now look at your self-trust and self-confidence. Monitor each Tuesday for seven Tuesdays in a row, to see how and when you are confident and self-trusting, as well as how and when you aren't. Write down at least six examples of each, at the end of the day. Notice the areas of your life in which you are usually confident, and those in which you aren't. You cannot have zero self-confidence - if you did, you wouldn't have survived to this point! Recognise that your self-worth, self-trust and self-confidence are selective, working positively in some areas and negatively in others.

Examine your self-confident areas, and the talents that you know you have. Tune into the feeling of what it's like to be self-trusting. When you can really feel it, transfer this feeling over to the areas in which you don't think of yourself as worthy or confident. Imagine now that you are confident in these areas. How does it feel? Write this down, so you can refer to it later. Now imagine yourself in the future, say two or three years from now. Imagine that you're confident in those areas where you previously didn't trust yourself. Feel how great this is! Enjoy yourself in this visualisation. Write down anything that you have seen in this imagined scenario, or any emotions you felt. Keep this for reference; and whenever you feel discouraged about this area of your life in the future, pull out what you have written and let it remind you what it feels like to be free of your anxieties. Get those good feelings going again! With a little practice, you will be able to more easily turn on your confidence when you feel the need for it. You will trust yourself more; and important things will start working out better for you. To reinforce this technique, you can (once a week is good) imagine being your confident, successful self - feeling good, feeling on top of things, etc.. Step out of it back into your current image.

Step into the more pleasant image once more. Step back out of it again, back into your present selfimage. Now drain all the colour out of your present image, turning it into a black-and-white picture. Imagine your current scenario with a chorus line of dancing elephants or something else silly in it. This can take away some of the seriousness of the situation. Now return to the more confident image, and fill it with colour. Make it more realistic than the other image. Touch it, smell it, taste it and hear it, as well as seeing it. This will reprogram your mind to accept the more confident and favourable self-image as the truer one. And as this happens, the circumstances around you will come to reflect the new image, creating for you a more positive reality!

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Sex is the force that individualises these people. It brings experiences that enable them to grow. It will be the road to power for some, and for some the road to despair and ruin - aspects will help to indicate which. They know this instinctively and therefore may fear sex and attempt to repress it. Almost always, they are very cautious with it, attempting to conceal its effect on them. They possess a compelling sexual charisma that does not always attract the ones they want. They may attract dangerous types or people who are not good for them, or who take advantage of them. They are apt to be sensualists and love good food, wine, and comfortable, active surroundings, including attractive companions. They are compelled into situations by their sexuality. Yet, at the same time, they are afraid of it, so they are liable to ignore, frustrate, or repress it, and this can cause them to take odd turns. They may turn to alcohol or drugs to relieve the pressure. If the sex drive is heavily repressed (as indicated by hard aspects to Saturn), their natural sensuality can turn to obsession, S. & M., cruelty, or hysterics. This is a good aspect for artists and writers, since these activities give a creative outlet for a sensuality that can be dangerous if given free rein, and equally destructive if repressed. They make good generals, as control of sexuality is a necessity of army life, and sexual repression a source of power; and they instinctively know how to channel their own repressed urges and those of others. They are often sexually attracted to those who are forbidden in some way, those of a different race, much younger, much older, married to someone else, or who come from a more primitive, less-educated or less-cultured background, or who gamble or are violent. They crave the excitement of the unknown at the same time as they fear it. They will be much happier if they can accept their sexuality and allow it some freedom. They will be healthier and less liable to personality and emotional problems. Unfortunately they are inclined to go to extremes, and so if they don't repress it, they may flaunt it. It is best if they channel it into art, painting, sculpture, music, or writing. They can get involved with illegal, immoral, or dangerous methods of obtaining income, or become involved with someone who does. Although in general they are not highly acquisitive, pretty much taking what life has to offer without asking for more, they are capable of conceiving a passion for some object (or person) and going to great lengths to acquire it. It is wise for anyone with Pluto in the second to be cautious about maintaining accurate records, because these people are vulnerable to tax audit.

(Robert Pelletier)

You place much emphasis on accumulating possessions, because they give you an artificial sense of power. Regardless of your motives for acquiring these resources, you risk incurring other people's resentment if you use your assets to enforce your will. It is natural for people to fear and resent someone who uses this kind of advantage. You generally get what you want by impressing people in important positions that you can accomplish almost anything if given the opportunity. You should have little difficulty with superiors, for they will delegate to you the necessary authority to satisfy their objectives. You have the savoir-faire to use your skills effectively and attain the limits of your potentials. You will probably succeed because you are not afraid to take chances in demonstrating your abilities, which you do with dramatic flair. You realise the importance of making some contribution to fulfil your social obligations. Perhaps you are motivated by a feeling of guilt for having prospered at the expense of the public, or perhaps you understand and want to help solve the awesome problems of society. You doubtless will have everything you need to enjoy a fairly early retirement; and your free time will allow you to become involved in the needs of the public.

You have a powerful urge to be secure and totally independent of others. You will probably make investments or invest in a retirement plan that will assure you of this goal. But you will attract hangers-on who will try to talk you into sharing your bounty with them. The only way this could be a problem is if you've accepted favours in the past that you must repay. You know your abilities and your limits. However, the important factor is love, which may have inspired you to succeed. The need to serve your children's best interests will certainly be a major consideration as you exploit your creative talents to the fullest.

It will take a lot of moral fortitude to resist the temptation to get what you want through collusion or by issuing ultimatums. But with some religious training or spiritual awareness, you can easily achieve your goals without resorting to those methods. You've probably had to work hard to learn as much as you have; and you pride yourself on being a self-made person. You understand the power associated with money, and you also recognise the social responsibility this entail. Your intuition will help you make wise investments, both for yourself and in counselling others. You put a high premium on your services because you know you can get the results people want. When the price is right, you don't deny yourself whatever you can get, either in acquiring worldly goods or in satisfying physical desires.

Try to communicate with people in terms that they can understand. Learn to relate to others and encourage them to trust you. You can be a positive force, helping people gain confidence to seek their own destinies. A little sharing can pay big dividends when you observe the fruits of your efforts to help people who need your stimulating encouragement. You cannot fail to win their appreciation. Don't be afraid to ask how you can help, for the chances are you can do much more than you realise. (Steven Forrest) In

the tradition, the second house is often called the 'House of Money'. In practice, that's a valid association, provided we keep the idea in perspective. Here, as in many other areas of astrological interest, I find it helpful to recall that astrology is far older than human culture. I'm not speaking of the knowledge of astrology, but rather of the astrological mechanism itself. Primitive hominids nuzzling around the Olduvai Gorge a couple of million years ago had birth charts and responded to astrological stimuli. They didn't know it, of course, any more than does a modern Senator or physics professor. What did 'money' mean to that hominid, ages before the first VISA card? The best answer is probably food, rocks to throw, perhaps a warm animal hide to wear on a cold night. And how did that hominid feel if he had those resources in abundance? Probably pretty good. Confident. And if he lacked them? Insecure.

That's the core logic of the second house. To feel self-assured, we must feel that we are prepared and equipped to face the requirements of life. We need resources, both materially and in terms of skills, connections, and knowledge. Money is certainly one such resource, but far from the only one. With any planet in the second house, the skills, connections, and knowledge most naturally associated with that planet are at the heart of the matter for us when it comes to maintaining a pleasant feeling of legitimacy, self-respect and capability.

Pluto in the second house? Let's have a look....Your high destiny: Every Age has its folk wisdom. Some if it is truly eternal and precious; some is hooked uniquely to the transitory blind spots of time and culture. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' - that, I think, is in the former category: eternal and precious. 'A woman's place is in the home.' 'Bpys don't cry.' Those nostrums seem less compelling today than they did a couple of generations ago. Here's another nostrum: 'You're good enough just the way you are'. We hear a lot of sentiments along those lines nowadays. How eternal are they? That's hard to say. Certainly exhortations toward loving selfacceptance can serve useful, healing purposes. But they don't help us understand the logic of the second house. Here we face the human need not so much to accept oneself as to prove oneself. How? Each planet has its own story, but with Pluto in the second house, you must prove yourself to yourself in distinctly Plutonian ways. And Pluto, as we have seen, thrives on extremity and intensity. With Pluto in this position, the realisation of your high destiny involves going to your emotional limits. It might literally mean facing the risk of physical death - as for example when a person attains self-respect and self-realisation through climbing a mountain or fighting back against a violent attack or virulent disease. Very often, there is a Plutonian Rite of Passage in which some powerful taboo must be broken - a man or women, for example, marries across a race line or 'comes out' as a gay person in conservative society. And thereby attains dignity.

Earlier in the book, quoting Robert Bly, we spoke of a 'witch' who guards the gate to higher states of energy, keeping out 'wimps' with all her treachery and ferocity. If you have Pluto in the second house, in realising your own high destiny that metaphor has particular relevance for you. Often, for people such as yourself, there is one critical fear-

facing, taboo-breaking test that arises, often unexpectedly, like a crossroads in your biography. A friend says, "Let's quit our stinking jobs and move to Europe". If you do, you've crossed the Rubicon. A month later you're making ends meet by serving pizza in Zurich. Everyone you know back at the Insurance Agency thinks you're crazy. Some days you do too. But in that dramatic, taboo-breaking action you've proven something to yourself: that you have inside you the basic resources of survival, that your life did not depend on your job, and that you are far more autonomous than you ever imagined

.Your Distorting Wound: Zen Buddhists say that being born is like setting to sea in a leaky boat. Unless either you're very young or your Pluto is very weakly placed, you probably don't need me to explain that proverb to you. Life is full of perils; and sooner or later we die. None of that makes anybody very comfortable, and so there is an unspoken collective agreement not to emphasise such Plutonian perspectives in normal conversation. We designate a priestly class to handle those realities for us. We dress them in black, encourage them to wear long faces, and generally don't invite them to our parties.

Ever since you were small, you've had an instinctual sense of the fragility of our circumstances. Second house energy is concerned with arming ourselves against threats; and Pluto is particularly skilled at recognising even the most dreadful of those threats. The linkage of planet and house is very natural here; they reinforce each other. Thus, Pluto in the second house often represents a cautious quality. Caution is a virtue in many ways, but taken to extremes it can cripple a person. And if it is taken to extremes unconsciously, its effects can be devastating. How much fear was in the air in your family home? What was the nature of that fear? These are critical questions. Because your natural awareness of life's fragility was like a vacuum into which your mother's fear and your father's fear rushed. Unprocessed and left unconscious, that fear can profoundly affect your view of life, leaving you hesitant to extend yourself toward your most interesting potentials.

In the state of grace, a child with Pluto in the second house wants experiences of the 'edge'. He or she wants to climb high in a tree, wants to see the scary movie - wants to forge a basis for self-confidence, in other words. But all children are busily forming a view of world based in large part upon parental and communal descriptions of 'what's out there'. The more the child perceives parents motivated by fear, the more he or she internalises a sense of being inadequate and powerless. "If they are scared, I guess I should be too." Complicating this dynamic, we also observe a tendency for any form of abuse, deception or betrayal to immediately lodge as a kind of poison in your second house circuitry - that is, in your self-confidence. Earlier in the book, we raised the question of 'where we carry the Wound', observing that not everyone who suffers the same hurt will bleed from the same place. For you, your self-esteem is the Plutonian lightning rod. The psychological wiring diagram looks something like this: 'There must have been something bad about me or I wouldn't have been hit, lied to, dismissed, ignored, abandoned, and so forth'. Your Navigational Error: The 'beer can' near your

existential compass can manifest as a systematic underestimation of your ability to deal with whatever life hurls at you, leading you toward an unnecessary emphasis upon safety, guarantees, and certainty as you navigate through life.

In our culture, money is generally heralded as the ultimate guarantee. Certainly having money does solve a lot of problems - it would be naive to pretend otherwise. But one point is sure: people who make weak responses to their second house Plutos tend to give money too much power in their thinking. They pay too much for money. They squander their lives in safe work that bores them. They fear trading the money they've earned for joy, experience, and adventure. They imagine that a lack of money prevents them from doing what, in their hearts, they hunger to do. Money becomes a substitute for the inner security that this Plutonian configuration ideally signifies. Often a person going down that money-road will acquire a lot of financial clout. But will these people ever feel secure? Probably not. Furthermore, tawdry circumstances often surround money bought at that price and for that reason: the hint of crime, or shame, or of something that couldn't stand the light of day. Money is only part of the picture. Think of the vast array of factors that help you feel safer in the world. There's a good chance that none of them is an inherently 'bad' thing; and blindly dumping all life's safety nets is certainly not the ideal path for many people. Maybe you come from a traditional extended family, and living near your relatives gives you a sense of wellbeing and security. If so, those people are part of your second house net. Since you have Pluto there, you need to consider whether you are leaning too heavily on that family solidarity. How can you tell? Ask yourself what your dependency on those people is costing you in terms of intensity and fulfilment. Have you avoided looking for work in other states? Are you thinking too much about what the relatives will think when you choose friends, hobbies, belief-systems, clothing? These questions are not always easy to sort out, but there's one sure test: if your Pluto is unhealthy, no matter what house it's in, you'll feel a kind of dull, passionless emptiness in your daily life. If you do, and you have Pluto in the second, you're paying too much for safety somewhere in your life. And it may have nothing to do with money.

The Healing Method: Pluto in the second house must prove itself to itself in extreme, intense circumstances. It demands a Rite of Passage. Earlier, we used the colorful example of a person quitting a boring job and moving to Europe: a scary experience, but she comes back home with a sense of being able to do anything, anywhere.

Pluto laughs at nickel and dime bets. It wants to see big bills on the table. It wants winning to be life-transforming... and the price is that losses are potentially catastrophic. To realise the best that's in your second house, you need to hurl yourself into frightening tests. Many times those tests involve facing your greatest fears. A young man might tell his domineering, shaming father to go to hell... and risk a beating or disinheritance. A woman might confront her boss about his sexual innuendoes, and risk losing her job. These two examples involve the classic Plutonian strategy of speaking the hard truth, eyeball to eyeball, with a person who might not want to hear it.

A man with severely limited eyesight might swallow his fear and travel abroad for an experimental corrective operation. He faces grave risks, but the potential reward is the inestimable resource of sight.

A fifty-year-old woman might take her life savings and use the money to finance going back to school to become a computer programmer. She's scared; and 'voices of reason' are telling her to hang onto that money as a hedge against Whatever in her old age. Instead, she invests in herself now... and her old age promises to be vastly happier and more interesting, and probably more prosperous as well. She trades the resource of money for the greater resources of marketable skills and the kind of selfconfidence that comes from challenges accepted, met, and conquered.

The Energising Vision: Security is an inner state, not an outward one. That's one of the genuinely ultimate truths, so easily lost in a web of lesser truths. Certainly having money in the bank, a good job, credit, and so forth are not to be despised; and you'll not read anything here about holy poverty. Poverty is merely an outward state, and as such is not inherently holier than any other visible condition. But true security is a confident attitude one has toward one's capacity for survival in this universe: an attitude that, come what may, there's an excellent chance I'll be able to land on my feet.

Some of that security derives from practical sources: knowing that we possess an array of skills that make us valuable to others or knowing that we are linked to supportive human networks. Some of it comes from our own history: remembering that we have often managed to improvise methods of survival in dicey circumstances. Some of it comes from possessing the right tools and the knowledge of how to use them. Some small part of this confidence derives from money.

But the lion's share is an internal sense that we are wise enough, cunning enough, fierce enough, creative enough, to deal with whatever comes along. And that confidence can only be forged in a spirit of Plutonian venture and risk.

(Jeff Green)

Pluto in the Second House indicates a prior evolutionary desire and need to develop self-reliance and self-sufficiency. In the broadest sense, the Second House correlates to physical and biological survival of the human species. Just as the species has learned to survive physically by identifying the resources necessary to accomplish this, such as learning to make fire, so have these individuals learned how to identify their own personal resources to sustain themselves. Those with Pluto in the Second House have an extra strong survival instinct as a result. From a biological standpoint, they have a very strong sexual nature because a function of survival is to reproduce the species.

These individuals come into life with an emphasised need to survive and sustain

themselves on the physical and, therefore, emotional plane. They will come into this life with a natural self-reliance and natural self-sufficiency. In prior lives they have been learning how to identify their own personal values and needs in order to develop these qualities. Whereas the First House Pluto had to initiate action and experience in order for self-discovery to occur, the Second House Pluto individual has needed to withdraw into him- or herself in past lives and will naturally gravitate to experiences of withdrawal in this life. By withdrawing, these individuals have internalised their conscious focus in order to discover their own values and needs from within.

By remaining rotted (fixed) in themselves, these individuals have experienced, sensed, or discovered their own essence as contrasted with the changing flux of circumstances around them. As a result of this process, these individuals commonly come into this life with what I have called 'frog in the well karma'. In other words, the frog in the well has identified a small piece of the sky - that which it can see from the bottom of the well. Furthermore, the frog has identified this small piece of the sky as the entire universe. The frog, of course, is quite secure and safe in the bottom of the well. In the same way, these individuals come into this life with a limited vision or knowledge about themselves and life in general. This limited vision is known, familiar and secure. Thus, there is a reliance upon this limited vision because it 'works'. This reliance upon the past can create an inertia or laziness, and a resistance to jumping out of the well. The degree of resistance and limited vision is relative to the mitigating factors determined by the signature of the main karmic / evolutionary dynamic in each birth chart. As an example, if the South Node is in Gemini the degree of resistance and limited vision would be less severe as contrasted with the South Node in Capricorn.

Relative to physical survival, those individuals in a herd state evolutionary condition tend to identify material values as a vehicle to self-sustainment. We can see the implied limitation here. Others in the individuated evolutionary condition have learned to identify themselves as the resource creating the means to self-sustainment. Those in the spiritual or universal evolutionary condition have learned that the Source or Universe provides that which they need in order to sustain themselves when one is receptive to that provision. They commonly isolate themselves from the environment and others in order to concentrate upon their relationship to the Source.

In all cases, limitation is implied. For those who have related to material values as a means for self-preservation or self-sustainment, the limitations are the values themselves. The material needs and desires for these individuals can be a bottomless pit because they believe that physical security brings emotional security. Relative to the fear of loss intrinsic to Pluto, there is a subconscious fear of losing (or not having enough) material goods. Possessions and money equal power because of the status that is implied in material wealth. Some of these people are not beyond manipulating the possessions, resources, or money of others in order to gain them for themselves. Others are not beyond forming vicarious relationships to situations or people who represent, or are the embodiment of, this kind of power and status. In other words, some of these

people have identified that they have these needs and desires, yet are too lazy to make the necessary effort to create the resources for themselves. It is easier not to do so. Instead they form vicarious relationships to others who have such resources, and become extensions of their identities and values.

A small percentage of those that manipulate the resources of others to gain those resources for themselves have used very devious or underhanded tactics to do so. A small percentage of those who have made minimal or no efforts to actualise their material needs may live beyond their means; driving the fancy sports car they cannot afford, charging the limit of their credit cards, going into debt. Individuals who have made the necessary effort to actualise their material needs can accumulate vast sums of money and possessions due to the concentration (Pluto) upon the desire and effort.

With the polarity point being the Eighth House, the evolutionary intent will lead these individuals into intense internal and external confrontations. Such confrontations will reveal the limitations implied in their value systems, in how they have learned to relate to themselves, and how they have identified the nature of their personal reality - the frog in the well.

For those who have amassed wealth, the shock of confrontation will involve the realisation that material abundance does not equal happiness or emotional security. The Eighth House, and Pluto itself, evokes or symbolises the awareness of deeper levels of reality; that there is more to life than material values.

Those who used devious means to obtain wealth will be haunted to their graves by a gnawing sense of guilt. Guilt would serve to shine a light upon the internal motivations leading to this situation. This in turn can lead to deep internal shocks of self-knowledge because these individuals have been typically 'unconscious' of these deeper motivational forces. In other cases, the wealth may be taken from the individual in order to enforce a re-evaluation of their value system. The issue of selfreliance is then experienced in a new way.

Under some evolutionary and karmic conditions, individuals with a second-house Pluto are born into difficult material conditions of lack in order to enforce lessons of self-reliance. In other cases, some individuals will be born into life situations in which there is wealth linked to the parents but they are denied the material resources because they are not able to relate to their parents' values, or cannot conform to the dictates of the parents' desires. In a few rare cases, the individual experience the shock of imprisonment if criminal means were used to acquire the material wealth. In other cases the individual will be made to struggle throughout the entire lifetime for material security. No matter how much effort they put into sustaining themselves, prior karmic causes will dictate that they live or survive on a marginal basis. An overall evaluation of the entire evolutionary / karmic issues pertaining to the individual's past must be made in order to understand the reasons why any or all of these conditions exist in this life.

For those who have been living beyond their means, the Eighth House polarity will at some point produce shocks of repossession because of the compulsive spending patterns. If material goods are repossessed, or if the individual experiences the increasing pressure to keep making money to pay for these material goods (which are a form of bondage), then at some point the internal or external shocks experienced may produce the necessary awareness as to why they are operating in this way. Again, the frog is forced from the well.

For those who have identified themselves as the resource for self-sustainment, i.e. some talent, capacity, or ability, then the Eighth House polarity enforces the lesson of merging with another or others. These individuals must open up to other people or situations through ways in which their own personal limitations and ways of relating to reality are exposed. They will have a deep sense of who they are, and they will relate to themselves and others from this more or less fixed sense of self-definition. This attitude not only produces self-limitation, but also produces personal isolation. These individuals may have identified their essence, their capabilities, their personal values; but if they do not know how to implement or apply them to 'forces' outside themselves, i.e. society and other people, then the Eighth House confrontation of limitation, denial or isolation will occur. It may be wonderful to have natural talent as a potter, yet if the effort is not made to integrate, apply, or link the ability to societal needs in ways that are compatible with others' value systems, it will not be possible to sustain oneself with that ability. Evolutionary and karmic necessity will create the effect of denying the individual's ability to sustain him- or herself relative to the intrinsic capability that they possess in order to do so.

Individuals with a spiritual focus must learn to open up to new rituals, techniques or methods that allow for a further deepening of their spiritual commitment. They must also learn to share their spiritual resources with others in some way, rather than living in isolation and nurturing only themselves. By their opening up and sharing themselves, a metamorphosis occurs due to the implied limitations from the past. If they do not learn to open up and share, then the Source or Universal will cease to provide the material needs necessary to sustain themselves. In addition, the small piece of the Universal sky that they have identified from their wells will progressively become filled with the clouds of stagnation. As a result, the deep inner core of spiritual sustenance will dry up. The resulting inner confrontation can produce the necessary metamorphosis through which these individuals open themselves up to their karmic and evolutionary requirements.

In all cases the Eighth House polarity point demands a confrontation with personal limitations. The frog must be forced from the well to expose it to the full light of day. This process occurs by forcing the individual in upon itself in some way to examine the internal dynamics that are creating these life situations. Thus, they are being forced out from the well to examine the larger and deeper forces at work within them: the motivational patterns and the reasons for those motivational patterns, their desires and

the reasons for those desires, how they have been relating to themselves and why they have been relating to themselves in that way, what resources they have identified with in order to sustain themselves and why those resources, and what personal values they have identified with and why those particular values. By doing so, these individuals create the potential for a total metamorphosis: to bring about a totally new way of relating to themselves, others, and reality in general. In this way, these individuals can adopt redefined value systems that allow for the necessary growth to occur. This natural evolutionary process occurs in such a way that these individuals subconsciously draw or attract life situations in which they experience the limitations associated with their value systems, needs, self-image, and the ways that they have been relating to themselves and others. The personal implosion that this produces forces the individual to examine all of these dynamics in order to find out why they have identified themselves in a particular manner.

Progressively these individuals will learn to unite their own resources and lives with others so that a personal transformation can occur; a transformation of limitations. Because of the implied inertia of the evolutionary past, changes occur slowly. Most of these individuals need to know 'why the change' prior to making the change. This fixity creates the potential for internal or external 'atom bombs' or cataclysmic upheavals through which the landscape is utterly transformed. Because of the evolutionary intent of the Eighth House polarity point, those with Pluto in the Second House will attract, at key points in life, intense and powerful people. These people will be timely messengers that deliver or create the necessary encounters and confrontations of personal limitations.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°54') ♀7 | ♀10
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°12') ♀10 | ♀10
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°57') ♀12 | ♀10
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°38') ♀12 | ♀7
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°00') ♀2 | ♀10
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°19') ♀2 | ♀7
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ☿ South-Node** - (1°27') ♀10 | ☿1
- 7) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°49') ♀12 | ♀2
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°19') ♀10 | ♀7
- 9) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°23') ♀10 | ♀2
- 10) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (8°26' A) ♀10 | ♀10
- 11) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (1°04' S) ♀12 | ♀12
- 12) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (7°44' A) ♀2 | ♀2
- 13) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♀ Saturn** - (3°16' A) ♀10 | ♀10
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (6°55' S) ♀10 | ♀10
- 15) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (3°08' S) ♀2 | ♀2
- 16) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (10°11' S) ♀10 | ♀10
- 17) ► **Neptune ♆ Conjunct ☾ North-Node** - (0°05' S) ♀7 | ♀7
- 18) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ☾ Moon** - (2°08' A) ☿1 | ♀3
- 19) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (3°12' A) ♀12 | ♀10
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (1°42' A) ♀2 | ♀12
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (2°47' A) ♀12 | ♀3
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (1°43' A) ♀3 | ♀12
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♀ Neptune** - (1°29' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Square ☾ North-Node** - (1°34' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 25) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♀ Neptune** - (4°45' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 26) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ☾ North-Node** - (4°50' S) ♀10 | ♀7
- 27) ► **Uranus ♅ Square ♀ Neptune** - (5°26' A) ♀10 | ♀7
- 28) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (4°10' A) ♀4 | ♀12
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (2°34' A) ♀2 | ♀10
- 30) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (1°23' A) ♀10 | ♀2
- 31) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♀ Pluto** - (1°45' S) ♀10 | ♀2
- 32) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (8°18' A) ♀2 | ♀10
- 33) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ♀ Pluto** - (5°01' S) ♀10 | ♀2

34) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (5°10' A) ♄10 | ♃2

1) ► **Descendant** DC **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°54') ♀7 | ♄10

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are drawn to refined and sophisticated people. You are well-mannered, and generally people have a good opinion of you. You make concessions if it seems necessary to maintain harmonious relations, and you refuse to judge someone whose conduct does not come up to your expectations. Too frequently you give people the benefit of the doubt and see in them qualities they don't possess. Wanting to believe that you choose to associate only with persons of the highest character, you are disappointed if they don't really measure up.

Although you appear self-confident and assured, the fact is that you are not comfortable unless you have someone around to give you the support you need. There is no deception in your claim that you are happy to meet people, because you truly enjoy their company and conversation. You work hard, although subtly, to make sure that people are warmly disposed toward you, and you try to emphasize your better qualities to prove you are worthy of their friendship. To put others at ease, you play the innocent role and make it clear that you won't threaten them. You hope no-one perceives your negative qualities and discovers how insecure you really are.

Your best publicity agents are your friends, who freely extol your virtues when anyone asks them. In the company of your superiors or anyone you admire, you tend to be shy.

Always on the lookout for ways to improve your social status, you prefer the company of successful people or those who are obviously on their way up. You have no qualms about forming close relationships with people who are financially secure if this will increase your chances of a permanent association. On the surface you are docile, gentle, and charming, but underneath you conspire and connive to make a better life for yourself through the people you deal with.

Venus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In practice, Venus / Ascendant conflicts do not seem to be too much of a disadvantage. There is a good chance that their tension will make us more interesting to others. Therefore, even with these aspects, we can expect easy social intercourse and a genuine desire for a peaceful, harmonious environment. Not that we always succeed in

obtaining the latter - we tend to overdo things, and may fail to read some situations properly. Certainly we need to learn how to direct our energies.

Although, in principle, these aspects can encourage laziness, not to mention self-indulgence and luxury, their tension guarantees a fairly energetic approach. Artistic and other aesthetic forms of expression are therefore more likely to find an outlet. Sometimes, however, the outlet is simply a matter of trying to impose one's own tastes.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a square or opposition may find their 'wants', their ability to receive love, thwarted or frustrated in some way. The attributes of both signs will manifest in attitudes presented to others.

The square is most often an indication that its owner will live one end and suppress the other, finding it difficult to attain the compromise necessary so that both energies can function at the same time. If the 'best foot forward' battles with the concept of love, all relationships will encompass a strain, and permanent relationships will be difficult to build.

When the opposition takes place between Venus and the Ascendant, some kind of compromise must take place between the 'persona' and the desires. The career drive may be confused, or the personal relationships may be difficult. These individuals will appear to be looking for a different kind of relationship from what their Venus sign wants.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus on the Descendant sometimes reveals itself as a concern with others' appearance. This may manifest in the field of work. For example, hairdressers can work on the issue of their own appearance through working on how others look. Success in such a field would also confer great personal popularity. Some with this placement project their Venus onto others by seeing them as 'nice', beautiful, good or even wealthy, but in so doing can find these principles within themselves. Many with this placement feel more valuable when in a partnership, and I have seen this work on a literal level, as in the case where an individual becomes involved with someone who, relative to his or her own income, is very wealthy.

Venus on either end of this axis inevitably gives rise to a strong concern with relationship. The need for partnership may be quite overwhelming. Some with Venus conjunct Descendant particularly also want a relationship that looks good to others. Depending on the overall condition of Venus and the 7th house, there may be a difficulty in accepting the more difficult, complicated and sordid aspects of one's relationships, since one always wants to keep everything 'nice'.

Venus making hard aspect to this axis sometimes suggests that the individual dresses inappropriately for the outer image that he or she is trying to convey.

2) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♀ ***Venus*** - (0°12') ♄10 | ♄10

(Robert Hand)

Your childhood home should be a place of warmth, love and friendliness; and while you are young your life should be reasonably calm. As a result, you will have an excellent relationship with your parents as you grow up, and you will feel secure within yourself. You will be able to give and receive love very easily and make others feel your personal warmth. Your family, as well as your own spouse and children when you are older, will always be important to you. Whenever you need help, you know you can turn to your parents.

You enjoy warm and comfortable home surroundings. Wherever you go, you will create a warm, friendly place where you can get away from the cares of the world. You enjoy having friends come to your home, because you like to share your personal world with others and make them feel as good there as you do.

While you are still quite young, but later in life especially, you will enjoy having objects of art in your home. You like to be surrounded by elegance and grace. In youth, your taste may border on the flashy, but you should tire of this quite quickly, and eventually your ideas about art and decoration will be quite advanced. Also you will prefer rather fancy clothes.

(Sue Tompkins)

I have frequently seen Venus conjunct the IC as being descriptive of a parent who pursued secret extramarital affairs.

Venus on the IC often suggests that the individual comes from a background which had money; there is a feeling of a 'good' home with this placement and the idea of 'good home' can be interpreted on a number of levels. Ideally it should perhaps mean a warm and loving environment; and the absence of hard aspects to Venus conjunct the IC may well indicate this. Certainly there are usually at least some aspects of the individual's ancestry or background that they value very highly.

People with this placement want to create a beautiful home themselves, a place with harmonious colours and pleasing music perhaps, and certainly one as free as possible from emotional discord.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates a love of domestic harmony. Therefore, the natives' home will be artistic and beautiful, even if on a simple scale. Since the relationship of home to marriage is important to this person, much of his money is spent on improvements in the home. Thus, there is likely to be a deep love for family and parents, along with a tendency to marry for the sake of having a beautiful family and domestic life. Fondness of good cooking is also indicated.

Venus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although we need a harmonious relationship with the environment, especially in social matters, we do not always know how to go about obtaining it. Whereas, generally speaking, any Venusian aspect to the MC would make us seem friendly, the tense aspects are not so straightforward: we do not have our relationships under proper control, therefore we are sometimes inclined to overcompensate Venusian characteristics and do our utmost to keep the peace and to preserve an air of affability. But sometimes we couldn't care less; we cannot be bothered to be nice, but just concentrate on enjoying ourselves. This is something that has to be reckoned with in all Venusian aspects, but in the hard aspects it can be very marked where there is no other safety valve. For with the hard aspects, we usually take Venus interests or callings very seriously, and are not so likely to be easy-going.

3) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°57') ♊12 | ♋10

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition reflects an inner conflict externalised into the outer environment of relationships. The issue of self-esteem and worth is highlighted, and you may experience a degree of hidden insecurity and fears of full involvement in life.

You may feel that your success is being frustrated by the world, which appears to confront you by obstacles on your way. Much depends on your reactions to such experiences, and your inner attitudes will determine how you deal with them. At times, you can seem almost over-assertive or aggressive, and this can diminish opportunities for co-operative endeavours to develop, especially when you fail to notice your effect on others, or inadvertently ignore their feelings and sensitivities. Often this is just an overreaction to your fears in relating to people, and instead of relaxing more, you tend to project through your tightness an overdominant energy that others can find uncomfortable. Alternatively, you could retreat back into a surrendered posture of passivity to life's challenges, defeated before you start. Certainly learning how to live with any restrictions imposed by Saturn may be a necessary form of adjustment,

although this should not imply a resignation to them, but merely a conscious modification to circumstances and a consequent step to transcend them later. The choice is yours to reshape your lifestyle patterns into a way that is more suitable and open to development.

Self-expression and creativity may feel restricted, although this is often dependent on your confidence in your abilities and self-image, rather than on any lack of talents and qualities. Being able to perceive yourself in a positive light may become a key to your success, because that would also alter your relationships with others. There may be an emotional reserve and lack of warmth in your social contacts, so that you feel uncomfortable in bridging social divides and entering deeper relationships. Cooperation may need further development, and that air of formality and strictness may have to be relaxed so that friendships or partnerships can be more easily formed.

The need for relaxation is present in both your outer and inner relationships. You may be unable to see your nature and direction clearly and this creates an insecurity which destabilises your self-esteem. You try to protect this by establishing defensive barriers from the world, and probably by denying inner insecurities, with needs and potential being 'locked away'. You may choose to hide behind responsibilities, your work or career, family or parents, and these become an excuse for restricting options and failing to exert your power towards success. Personal tightness and control may need to be relinquished, and greater self-relaxation would be highly beneficial, especially in changing certain attitudes and increasing your physical vitality which periodically can become low as the energy is diverted towards restraints. Becoming looser, more tolerant, accepting and understanding would act as a great liberator, or you may begin to bow under the strain of those self-imposed restrictions, especially as your enjoyment of life progressively diminishes.

A new inner balance and self-image is necessary. As this is achieved, any outer frustrations will correspondingly start to dissolve in equal measures to the increase in your self-confidence and clarified inner perspective. While initially it may appear as if the outer world and people are opposing you, it is this same source which can offer great opportunities as your changes proceed. Through the interplay of your nature and the environment, many inner crises and tensions can be healed and resolved, releasing latent qualities, talents and potentials in their renewal of blocked energies. Look especially towards the houses and signs of the Sun-Saturn opposition for areas which could be especially revitalised, or where your talents could be effectively applied.

Similarly, intimate relationships with partners or parents could be equally transformed, as old patterns derived from childhood frictions with authority figures or strict parents are replaced by more adult ones suited to your developed personality. Discovering a sincere loving partner could be very important, as a lover will revivify your self-image reflecting your qualities back, and this can convince you that you are worthy of being loved. Your inner question mark over this urgently needs resolving. A partner can also be a source of advice and confidence, and working cooperatively will open many new

areas of potential, providing you relax sufficiently to be open about your feelings and fears, and to acknowledge the emotional vulnerability of others too. Through greater sensitivity you can enter a different type of social relationship, as those barriers will have been dismantled, and your controlling nature reduced. Taking such a step may initially feel uncomfortable and unsettling, but doing so will transform the nature of your universe and liberate many repressed energies, recreating your future and enabling the following of your solar purpose.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of your Sun to Saturn indicates that you are undergoing a crisis in consciousness, trying to discover who and what you are. You see challenges where they may not exist, and you need to be constantly reassured of your self-worth. You are trying to resolve your personal insecurity so that you can get on with the business of making a place for yourself. Most of your lessons will be learned through personal dealings, in which many crises will be resolved. Others feel as threatened by you as you feel threatened by them. Eventually you will achieve a proper perspective, and your self-confidence will be restored to normal.

Once you have confidence in yourself, you can go on to success in such endeavors as teaching, contracting, conservation, law, mathematics, architecture, political organization, or any function in which you must express your talents and resources efficiently and with authority.

Your partner in life will probably be your greatest source of advice and sound guidance. Discuss with your mate any pending decisions. Try not to become so hardened by experience that you are unmoved by emotional considerations. You should be concerned with the feelings of others as you assert yourself in the world. Temper your judgement with tenderness.

Your lack of self-love is your greatest deterrent to success. If others won't give you room to expand, take it anyway. Don't wait for accolades from your competitors - you may wait a long time. But be careful that you don't restrict others when they try to express themselves. You must observe the same rules of behavior you expect others to abide by.

As for your health, keep your salt intake at a minimum, and avoid remaining sedentary for long periods. This can have an important effect on your circulation.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°38') ♁12 | ♃7

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition between Neptune and the Sun can stimulate a distorted and selfdeluding

perspective of reality, which tends to create additional problems and obstacles in your life and decision-making. You may find it difficult to analyse and evaluate options and choices correctly, often focusing on self-created and imaginary issues rather than actual problems. Sometimes these can take the forms of voluntary suffering arising from inner guilt patterns associated with deep-lying desires; an expiation or atonement of 'sins', actual or imaginary. This can result in the sacrificial martyr attitude, and is often quite unnecessary, yet in a strange way provides a foundation to your life. A sacrifice may well be required, that of your imagined illusions, prior to your attaining the deeper solar centre of balance, but such a sacrifice is often misunderstood and misapplied in daily life.

You tend to react strongly against any domination imposed by others, yet can easily submit if under the influence of a misplaced sacrificial trip. Your relationships can be characterised by degrees of confusion and misunderstandings, and through powerful emotions you are liable to overly intimate relationships with fantasies and wishful thinking, forming a deceiving miasma which affects all involved. There can be a pattern operating through you that subverts clear, honest and direct communication, even though you may not fully accept or realise this. As you tend to be insecure and defensive in relationship attitudes, tensions can be generated by your style of expression, which rarely accepts being wrong or any responsibility, yet operates in a manner which attempts to lay any blame on the shoulders of others. This creates confusion rather than clarity, and over time it may produce considerable friction. This nebulousness dominates your personality, turning you into a 'psychological chameleon', changing appearances and attitudes as distorted perceptions and personal biases intrude into reality.

You often avoid commitment and entering fully into emotional involvements through fears of being trapped or dominated, which, allied to a suspicious nature, does not augur well for stable relationships. As you are liable to fall under the negative Neptunian glammers regarding love and romance, this tendency may have developed from previous shattering disappointments. If this becomes a repetitive pattern in your life, then the cause is probably within yourself, and it is by exploration and inward journey to contact the solar light that you can discover and illumine your potential solution.

Coming to terms with such influential patterns concerning your identity and relationships requires considerable honesty and commitment. Beneficial change can be stimulated, but only if you really want it and are willing to put in the effort. The main problem with inner glammers and illusions is that they are so difficult to identify correctly, and obviously such distorting mirrors make it hard to perceive with clarity. The real effect of spiritual transformation shatters these mirrors. Being able to recognise and acknowledge that such problems exist is the first and most important step, followed by consistent action to discover the appropriate remedy.

Through insecurity, you are liable to doubt your capabilities and potential, fearing challenges as exposing failings and weaknesses. Retreat or defensive mechanisms may have been established as forms of protection. Essentially, you need to strip down your

habitual perceptions of others and yourself, so that the reality can shine through more objectively. Facing the reality of avoidance patterns and observing the influence of your emotional biases and defensive mechanisms can be very revealing, as can noting how you distort relationship communication; consider all this without self-condemnation or judgement. In looking lie the seeds of transformation. Refinding your own solar self and centre beyond these ephemeral influences is the purpose of your journey; and establishing strength in your own identity and resources will demonstrate a developing maturity, rather than any unhealthy reliance on others.

Discerning your aims in life, perhaps developing a programme towards achieving some of them, can give a directional focus, and allow you to express freely that blocked and frustrated potential which may have been previously inhibited. Taking such steps can renew yourself and relationships, protecting you from being negatively influenced by surrounding environmental influences entering your psyche. Once the changes are made, you can have much to offer people, where your sacrificial tendencies can be beneficial and reflect your higher solar path instead of an illusory Neptunian one. Working with types of meditation which deglamorise and strip away illusory veils of personality, or with relationship therapies, can be suitable approaches to cleanse yourself of the negative Neptunian tendencies, in order for the light of your co-ordinating Sun centre to shine through more powerfully.

5) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°00') ♈2 | ♋10

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Saturn shows that you are strongly opinionated and defensive. You have considerable intellectual ability and can accomplish any goal you set for yourself. You may be inclined to bend the truth in order to get your way with people, but people are more discerning than you realize and often are aware of your deceptions. In this way you will lose friends, which can make you depressed when you are alone. An isolationist to begin with, you alienate your few associates with your criticism and scheming. All this adds up to the fact that you must learn to mind your own business and have respect for the privacy of others. Don't assume that other people think a certain way and then complain because they don't think that way.

Your professional life will be strained unless you can become engrossed in your own affairs and forget what the competition is doing. Becoming skilled and competent in your job will give you the security you need. Some professions to which you can certainly make a significant contribution are: architecture, drafting, science, research, education, politics, government service, conservation of natural resources, and accounting. Many of these are challenging occupations that should command all of your attention and make sufficient demands on your talents. If you apply yourself, you will gain the recognition you deserve as a specialist and expert in your field. Then you will have no fear that anyone can upstage you or exploit your knowledge for their benefit. Don't isolate yourself

so much that you don't see other opportunities that may come your way. Stop looking for recognition from your colleagues - your effectiveness should be all the proof you need of your own worth.

If you can occupy yourself with your own affairs, you will not be angered when associates are promoted. You must understand that when you've proved yourself, you too will be considered for promotion.

You should maintain high moral and ethical standards to eliminate possible attacks on your reputation, which could seriously damage your prospects for growth and prosperity. This kind of recognition you can do without.

Always read contracts carefully, or, better still, get the advice of counsel. You can easily miss an important detail that may have serious repercussions later. Don't say yes when you mean no just because your schemes will be more successful if you agree. In general, if you keep all your affairs in order, you will reduce the chances of having troublesome complications that only divert you from your objectives.

(Betty Lundsted)

This person is born into an environment where communication is restricted. The father's influence keeps family members and others from saying what they want; communicating is done carefully. The child will be inhibited by attitudes of coldness or disapproval. Every time he reaches out to talk about how he feels, he is shut off, so he assumes that people always will reject his communications. The father may have difficulty handling the child's teething problems, or one of the childhood illnesses may cause a fretfulness that Dad can't cope with. Perhaps the father can't contend with the child's 'why' stage. At any rate, the child becomes apprehensive about speech, so the grammar school years are difficult; he may avoid recitation, answering questions, or any verbal communication with teachers or authority figures.

As an adult, he may have to learn how to communicate with others; he may have to teach himself no longer to assume that he will be disapproved of by those in authority. If a sense of self-worth hasn't been established, it becomes even more difficult to express feelings. His words are uttered harshly; they seem to offend people. Others feel he is officious, pompous or power-hungry, when in reality he's merely uncomfortable and unsure of himself.

Some compromise must be made so the planetary energies involved in the opposition can be expressed. Once the energy is transformed, the aspect indicates a thorough worker, one who handles details well, one who has a great deal of perseverance.

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.

6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (1°19') ♈2 | ♏7

(Haydn Paul)

Similar to the square aspect, there are indications of an inability to distinguish clearly between the real and the unreal, and of a blockage to the creative and imaginative faculty. The key to resolving these issues appears to lie in your relationships with others, and especially in those projections from your own psyche that you are overlaying onto the world and thus distorting your own perception and insight.

It is often your own sensitivity and impressionability to environmental influences that causes inner insecurity and fears of over-stretching yourself. There may be an unconscious telepathicability which transmits to you others' thoughts and motivations, and this can lead to confusion in your relationships, such as at times when they may be saying one thing and you are 'receiving' an entirely contradictory set of impressions on a more subtle level, which you register as a feeling of unease, disquiet and a lack of trust in them. In that context, you find it hard to believe the evidence of your own senses, and this has a direct impact on how you communicate to others. When reality becomes confused and distorted, some respond by imagining

conspiracies and enter a paranoid state, and this is a reaction to such intangible senses being operated and distorted by an unintegrated Neptunian imagination.

You are often socially 'touchy', strongly reacting against real or imagined social slights, and this acts as a weak spot in your personality, especially as you lack a strengthening inner confidence. Competition is not your style, although that does not make you immune to the influences of other competitive spirits in your environment, such as those at work who can easily ride roughshod over you in their scramble to reach the top. Sometimes you act as a victim, drawing out such tendencies from others, and then begin to bemoan your fate as they succeed and leave you only with disappointments. Linking your rising star to working closely in employment dog fights may not be advisable. Your own gifts may flower more effectively once you have withdrawn from the employment rat race. Perhaps exploiting latent creative talents may be the key, or entering some form of employment where co-operation is the underlying dynamic may offer you more satisfaction; but as human nature intrudes even there, the only answer may be a detached and sensible selfemployment.

Cleansing yourself of deceptive influences is essential, not just those outer influences affecting you, but also that pattern of creating them in your own perception and evaluation. Unrealistic daydreams which are unachievable or never manifested are symptomatic of deception. For example, you create imaginatively high aspirations which because of their 'perfect nature' soar beyond everyone's grasp, yet glitter in their pristine purity. Ultimately there is no real value in self-deception. It is a waste of valuable time and never leads to satisfaction. Perhaps it helps to avoid facing an empty, aching inner void, but that can more profitably be filled by something real, achievable and personally meaningful. Effort is needed. Anyone can dream, millions do, but trying to achieve those dreams at least offers a direction to focus along. False naivety needs to be dropped, as do the fictitious aspects of your life and your approach to self-evaluation. A more straightforward type of communication, inner and outer, will reap benefits and break the stranglehold of illusory deceptions, leading to a greater understanding of your own and others' natures, so that in your own life you move from illusion to reality and increase the quantity of light in the world. Personal 'redemption' is always positive within a larger social context.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury opposition Neptune, you are imaginative and creative, and have high aspirations. However, you are easily distracted by people who challenge your efforts to express yourself. In competition, you may even begin to doubt your own abilities. You are naive in many instances and fall victim to the subversive tactics of competitors. Your dreams are unrealistic, and you are unable to accept the abrasions of your experiences with dignity. Defeat may cause you to become paranoid, imagining conspiracies against you. Let others justify themselves to you, and learn to distinguish fact from fiction.

Your professional interests should be accomplished through self-employment. It is too risky for you to work or compete professionally with others. As a creative individual, you can find gainful employment in writing, art, music, or dancing, which do not necessarily involve working with others. Medical research is particularly appropriate for your talents. Also it would give you isolation from the destructive qualities you bring out in others.

With your appreciation of the finer things in life, you need to be free of artificiality in your way of life. You sometimes recoil from challenges because they would disturb the serenity you desire and find so difficult to achieve. You are easily threatened, and your self-confidence is undermined.

Your personal relationships are sure to be unusual because of the variety of individuals who interest you. A constant disbeliever, you are suspicious when anyone claims to love you. You alienate many possible romantic associations because you fear someone may be trying to take advantage of your weaknesses. You could deprive yourself of much happiness if you interpret innocent and sincere gestures as attempts to exploit you.

Make an honest effort to understand human nature, and be willing to make a sincere contribution in serving others.

7) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♂ **South-Node** - (1°27') ♄10 | 001

(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.

7) ► **Jupiter** ♌ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (0°49') ♌12 | ♎2

(Haydn Paul)

This is a favourable aspect, which should allow you the opportunity to unfold your natural talents relatively easily, applying them in a concentrated and determined approach towards achieving your ambitions. You have the fortunate ability to evoke a response from your 'inner storehouse' of gifts, and create an open channel enabling you to manifest these in an objective context. Those who are close to you or who work daily with you may be inspired by this ability; and you are likely to display certain leadership qualities.

You will approach life with zest and vitality, pouring your energy wholeheartedly into satisfying your aims and your need for success. You seem to feel that your success is guaranteed; and whilst you may often feel impatient, or temporarily frustrated in your purpose, you have too much self-confidence and determination to believe that you could fail. The opportunities are certainly there for you; and your inner gifts are there to be actively expressed and exploited by you to achieve success.

You may find that you express and explore your talents in several potentially lucrative areas, as your gifts can be applicable in a variety of ways. This can mean that you are likely to change direction several times throughout your life, possibly in a radical style, or just to find new areas to experience. You may not have a specific goal in mind - such as a senior managerial position in one company - but could become influenced by 'the inner storehouse' of innate talents to search for new directions in order to find suitable channels of release for as yet latent gifts; you may even find a problem arising out of the very multiplicity of choices available to you.

Ideally, you should look for a ways of life which actually offers you a variety of channels through which to express yourself, where there is a potential for a renewal of challenges and for a demand of personal growth. Working closely with people is likely to attract you, and interpersonal relationships can be a constant sphere of creativity and growth; much can be shared and transmitted even in creating and maintaining positive human relations at work.

In an intimate relationship, you should ensure that equality is developed, building a balance, as you may have a tendency to play the role of dominating leader too often. Development of each partner is also important; and your partner's needs and abilities should be clearly recognised and valued, helping each other to actualise hidden potentials. Change in the relationship and in your partner should arise naturally and easily; never attempt to force any process, as a natural evolution is safest, especially when in truth you cannot really understand the inner process and life experience / perception of another.

The best use of your abilities will be towards benefiting others in some way. Whilst Pluto is likely to 'co-operate' with you using this energy for personal success, if you tend to apply it in a way that exploits or abuses others through your becoming obsessed with self-satisfaction and desires, you may find that Pluto becomes more subversive and

undermines your purposes, stimulating failure as a natural result of your own distorted form of expression, thus creating your own downfall as Pluto forces you to look at the need for transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct Pluto, you seek to enjoy life at the fullest. You have enormous drive and ambition to achieve your goals as soon as possible, and are impatient with anything that delays you. To others, your goals may be unrealistic, but you strive for them with amazing determination. It rarely occurs to you that you may fail, for you do not accept defeat. You are driven by an insatiable appetite to get the most out of your potential. Your success at seemingly impossible tasks is almost inspired. Behind your ambition lies a powerful faith in your ability to rise above external limitations. Your accomplishments are acclaimed and envied by many.

Your professional interests are extremely varied, and you can excel in many fields. Even though successful, however, you will be uncomfortable until you find a life work that offers unlimited growth potential. Essentially you are attracted to professions in which you must work closely with people, such as law, medicine, psychology, or religion. On the other hand, your preoccupation with self may lead you to seek recognition in fields such as sports, research and exploration, or even gambling, in which the risks are high and the dangers tantalizing. You will become involved in financial enterprises of vast scope which will generate significant returns for you.

In your personal affairs, your inclination for success will attract you to other successful persons. You will seek a mate whose strength of character, accomplishments and recognition you admire. You will understand your partner's motives and enthusiastically stimulate your mate to achieve. Be careful, however, not to overemphasize your partner's earning ability and the resulting 'good life', thus downgrading the fine personal attributes that make it possible.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two planets, each of which is expansive in its own way - one through seeking a synthesis of a wide range of phenomena, the other through spreading its roots in the all-embracing consciousness - can have serious and far-reaching consequences. Pluto could carry us unexpectedly out of our depths, and with Jupiter we must always be on guard not to bite off more than we can chew. The danger of exaggeration and of overreaching ourselves is always present.

Whenever we are engaged in philosophizing, forming opinions, studying or any other Jovian activity, Pluto intensifies our efforts. It encourages depth; and in making a synthesis we are never satisfied that everything has been included. Therefore the combination leads to intense searching. Where our philosophical outlook is concerned,

we do not rest until we are able to penetrate to the core of life itself; preferably, we want to be in control of our lives. We do not form opinions until we have thoroughly researched the background information; the corollary being that, when our minds are finally made up, nothing and nobody can shake us. Our opinions become part of us, and we promote them with passionate intensity. So this aspect gives inflexibility, conceit and unreachability, but is outstanding for study and research.

The expansiveness of Jupiter stimulates Pluto's striving for power and urge to control and get to the bottom of situations. So this is a likely aspect to find in the charts of great leaders and demagogues (provided it is linked with personal points in the horoscope). Its drawback is that charismatic leadership ability may not be accompanied by responsible insights. And once these natives are captivated by some ideal (Jupiter), they can pursue it with such fanaticism that they have no time for non-supporters. Power struggles and differences of opinion are commonplace with this aspect.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because Pluto is one of the slow-moving outer planets, many people born in any given year when Jupiter is transiting the same sign as Pluto will have this aspect. It creates a mini-generation of people who will have choices to make as to how they pursue relationships. If the conjunction is unafflicted by other planets, it can be diagnosed by the sign and house placement.

It indicates that relationships will be affected by the unconscious motivation caused by the conjunction to Pluto. It can indicate a person who may need to control all his relationships; a person who needs to stay on top, and needs to manage those around him. He may reach out for new experience with great care and caution because he doesn't want to feel out of control. This person may be extremely sensitive about relationships in general, for a chance word overheard can send his subconscious self on a trip that will analyze and re-analyze anything that bothers him because of certain kinds of early childhood experience.

8) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°19') ♄10 | ♆7

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left

swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamourise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your

own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be

handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

9) ► **Uranus** ⌘ **Parallel** ☿ **Pluto** - (0°23') ♁10 | ♊2

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the

environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more

successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

10) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Conjunct*** ☿ ***Uranus*** - (8°26' A) ♅10 | ♅10

(Robert Hand)

This aspect signifies that you are an individualist and that you should go pretty much your own way in life. You especially need emotional freedom, and you don't enjoy being with people who are jealous or possessive. In fact, as a young child you probably did not like to be coddled by your mother, feeling that such emotions were smothering rather than reinforcing. This attitude probably resulted from an incident or series of incidents in earliest childhood that taught you that you couldn't count on the kind of nurturing children need from a mother. Therefore you understood that you must learn to do without it as much as possible. It is quite likely that your mother is very independent and has a busy life outside of being a mother. However, this aspect does not usually signal emotional inadequacy or difficulties, unless Uranus is otherwise poorly aspected. It often signifies a parent who, like yourself, is a very free spirit.

As you grow older, tradition and home life will mean relatively little to you, and in fact, you may regard them as elements that hamper your freedom of self-expression. As soon as you are able, you will try to break free of your family and your place of growing up. Even while you are quite young, you may enjoy the freedom of having no real roots; of fitting in, more or less, wherever you go. When you are older, you will keep your home simple and sparsely furnished, and you will try to have as few obligations as possible. If you ever have a family of your own, you will teach them to be as independent as possible, because you do not want anyone to depend on you.

(Sue Tompkins)

The inclination to rebel against the values or conditioning of a parental figure may occur even with Uranus conjunct IC, but its effects are not likely to be so obvious to the outside world as those of Uranus conjunct MC.

Uranus conjunct IC or even into the fourth house is sometimes indicative of great upheavals in the early home life. This placement is consistent with, for example, moving house in early childhood to a location that is radically different from that of one's forebears - perhaps being uprooted to a completely different country, culture or family, for example. Often the early upheaval is not that extreme, but in childhood may have seemed so. Sometimes a parent might have made a sudden exit or have been forced to do so. In any case, people with this placement often have to build their own roots, they often feel or are literally cut off from the roots of their family or their culture.

I know of one extreme case where a boy with Uranus exactly conjunct the IC, because he was born illegitimately, was placed in a children's home. He never knew who his father was, never saw his mother, and when aged about 11 was sent to Australia by the home as part of a Government scheme to help colonise that country. On all sorts of levels he was cut off from his roots, and has been looking for them ever since.

Sometimes, such early experiences result in the individual feeling unable to put down roots, for he or she cannot believe that he / she is ever going to feel safe. For some, depending on the other aspects, the lack of roots is exciting. Many others with this placement, though, often become very concerned with creating a permanent home and as much security as possible.

For all its difficulties, being cut off from one's roots, like most things, can have its advantages. Individuals with this placement have freedom at their foundation. They can do what they want without having to consider the pull of the past or the tradition of the family.

Whatever the exact scenario, those with Uranus on the IC are often thrown back on their own resources at an early age. Thus, the individual is usually deeply independent, not only in behaviour and choice of life-style but also in his / her ideas and opinions. Unlike

Uranus conjunct MC, though, there is usually no felt need to be seen to be different. On the contrary, any unusual family background, eccentric family members, or unconventional views are usually kept well hidden from public view at least until the mid-life Uranus opposition. Like Uranus in the 12th house, the individual with this placement will often want to be seen as conventional in public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction creates an unusual and constantly changing domestic situation. The parents or the home itself may be out of the ordinary in some way. Natives may be forced to change residence suddenly. Their homes are filled with modern conveniences and electrical gadgets or else with artifacts of ancient or unusual origin.

Often the home is used for group activities such as clubs or occult organizations. Electronic or scientific hobbies are characteristic, with basement workshops or gadget rooms to accommodate them.

If the conjunction (to the Nadir) is afflicted, it can cause sudden disputes and separations in the family life, such as estrangements from parents. If it is well aspected, the natives are friendly with their families and share interests with their parents.

Uranus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the planet is in hard aspect to the Midheaven, the changeableness, uncertainty and brusqueness of Uranus are not so easy to channel productively. Inconstancy, the abandonment of what looked full of promise, tension, a restless longing for change, and rashness are the result. With these aspects we need to exercise caution; as creatures of impulse, we often forget to look before we leap.

Even when we are very young, we can be rebellious, hard to manage, and sometimes maladjusted. Given a propensity for trouble-making and rule-breaking, we can easily become revolutionaries in the literal sense of the word. When Uranus is powerfully placed in the horoscope there is always a great need to be ourselves; but, with these hard aspects, being ourselves can get in the way of social and business aspirations. We may decide to be ourselves at some unfortunate moment, striking others as unpredictable and even egotistic. What is more, we show resentment at interference.

Nevertheless, the hard aspects are particularly creative. True, we suffer from mental tension and restlessness, but we are seldom short of bright ideas. Making discoveries, small or large, often seems like child's play; and by following a path where there is room

to try out various unusual options, we could go far.

11) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°04' S) ♍12 | ♍12

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter indicates that you almost never act in moderation. In everything you do you show boundless enthusiasm, and you never really believe you will fail. Because of this faith in your ability to do anything you set your mind on, you may overestimate your capabilities and suffer disappointment on occasion. But even then, you can pick up the pieces and start in on another venture. If you learn to plan your actions more carefully, your successes would be more consistent. Lacking the ability to efficiently manage your talents, you tend to wander aimlessly from endeavor to endeavor, trusting that everything will eventually work out satisfactorily. While you don't necessarily rely on it, luck seems to attend you when you need it most.

Although you want recognition for your efforts, you are not driven by ambition. For you it is more important to live a full life, rich in experiences and with abundant possibilities for using all your potentials. You are generous to a fault, and no one who brings you a tale of woe will go away empty-handed. This is one of the many reasons why you have some difficulty saving money. Even when thrift is essential, you are self-indulgent.

Your occupational interests are varied, but you are generally inclined toward a profession, such as medicine, law, education, philosophy, philanthropic endeavors, travel, or any other field that offers opportunities for growth. You quickly tire of routine jobs that have few chances for progress and development or jobs that don't use your imagination. You work best when you are permitted to use your creativity and work to the full measure of your enthusiasm. You are well informed on many subjects and always eager to learn more.

You tend to be liberal in your religious views and somewhat indifferent to religious organizations, a matter that you feel rather apologetic about. An avid reader, you feel you must develop your own philosophy to guide you in life. You have high hopes for the future and never allow yourself to get into a rut that limits your progress. Subtle spiritual urgings tell you that everything that occurs in the outer world has a purpose in the inner world of consciousness. You have enormous faith, although it does not follow any structured ideology, and it sustains you by enabling you to fulfill your destined role.

Your emotional contacts are primarily with individuals who share your enthusiasm about life, who are eager to share their experiences with you and are not exclusively preoccupied with material concerns. You appreciate the sanctity of all life - vegetable, animal, and human - and you are warmly disposed toward anyone with a similar feeling. You are an emotional glutton, and may have some difficulty finding a partner who will satisfy your physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a totally satisfying relationship.

Your physical problems come about through lack of moderation. Doing too much for prolonged periods of time without sufficient rest can easily produce physical weariness; also, your blood pressure could become troublesome. Cultivate healthful living habits.

(Haydn Paul)

You will be naturally optimistic, enthusiastic and eager to explore the potential of life, looking to exploit your solar power and Jupiterian expansive tendency to enable you to taste life as deeply as possible. An image that fits this aspect is that of the seeker, believing that you are following a secret path towards a future destiny, reacting against and resisting any restrictive limitations that may occur as obstacles to your progress.

This can, however, be an ambivalent tendency. You may be correct in your intuition, discerning the signposts of your path; yet equally, this could become a path of evasion if you believe that it offers a justification for self-centred choices, or if you assert personal freedom to the point where you wander through life with no sense of a clear direction.

One of your main assets is an innate self-confidence which generates a powerful faith in your ability to attain aims successfully. Through positive thinking you can attract 'good fortune' into your life, naturally expecting that all will work to your benefit. Usually, your positive attitudes will prove effective, yet there will be occasions when over-optimistic tendencies may stretch your actual capabilities too far, and you experience temporary setbacks to your plans. But even then, due to openness to new opportunities and directions, you'll succeed in discovering new roads to travel.

You may need to make more efficient use of your personal talents and resources, perhaps through greater self-discipline and focusing on your intentions. Forethought and planning may be skills which require additional development, and which can help to maximise future success. You will want to use your full potential, and searching for ways to do this may make you restless and unable to settle for very long. It is the expansionary quality of Jupiter that causes this agitation, and by recognising this activity you should ensure that routine work or lifestyles do not restrict or trap you, or else its intended positive contribution to your life could initially result in more disruptive effects.

Areas that may attract your interest include education, medicine, law, travel, philosophy, religion, social and humanitarian influence. You look for progress and scope for expansion wherever you become involved, especially when your contribution can be beneficial for others' welfare. There is the potential of merging your talents and interests with areas of social concern, so that your energy flows into the resolution of social issues, or you may become a spokesperson or representative of group ideals and social aims. Work involving the initial impulse for transformative social projects may particularly suit you, and offer ample scope for ongoing development. Linking your path with social needs could be an appropriate action and wise choice.

You enjoy expressing personal creativity and imagination, feeling that energy flowing into new forms and channels, sparking off new thoughts, directions and perceptions. Discovering a path which evokes self-motivation is very important, enabling that enthusiastic energy to be released. You like to be well-informed, and will be aware of most current social trends and world news. Ongoing learning is especially enjoyed, as it provides a source for the renewal of interest in life and opens up new areas of fascination and experience. It is a fullness of life that you seek, a real enjoyment of yourself and the world, and this can lead you to be attracted towards more hedonistic explorations. Yet underlying this is a need to create your own unique perception, philosophy and worldview, which is a reflection of a spiritual need to discover your own meaning and purpose of life.

Your spiritual interests do not really fit within orthodox teachings and religious organisations, and mainly derive from the sense of inner guidance and trust in the beneficence of life. You will adopt a position of tolerance and freedom, especially valuing the unity of all life and the concept of universal human fellowship, so civilrights issues may interest you, or ecological concerns.

In relationships, you prefer partners who are fundamentally in tune with your perception of life, fellow enthusiasts and positive thinkers who appreciate the subtler qualities of people and experiences, rather than being preoccupied with materialistic matters and the accumulation of money and social power. You will expect much from a partner, and can inadvertently place pressures on others to satisfy your needs, rather than being equally aware of their own feelings and desires. More awareness may be needed in intimate relationships. For example you may need to curb your tendency to over-indulge in pleasurable activities. Otherwise you may create imbalances in yourself that need adjustment through greater health care. Containing that restless spirit may also be necessary at times, and you may need to realise that if you always focus on the horizon then you can lose sight of what is around you, and so diminish your appreciation of what is currently present in your life.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The expansiveness and progressiveness of Jupiter go hand in hand with the way the psyche seeks to develop: a combination that frequently results in self-reliance, optimism and success. An air of confidence usually has a stimulating effect on others. However, people with this aspect need to be careful not to think too highly of themselves: big-headedness and megalomania are the bad side of Jupiter. In principle, Sun conjunct Jupiter can heal both literally (the physician) and immaterially. Properties such as joviality, fair play and optimism come well to the fore with this aspect, enabling these people to put fresh heart into others. Also they are quite likely to be open-handed, magnanimous and protective, but run the risk of acting in a spirit of self-importance and so of extinguishing the spark of true humanity.

Thinking too highly of themselves can also be expressed in the optimistic laying of grandiose plans with an inattention to detail that is bound to produce mistakes and disappointments. But then, doing things with a flourish is typical of this aspect.

Natives with Jupiter in combination with the Sun tend to see things in broad perspective. Quite often they have philosophical, pedagogic or religious interests, and are keen on anything that gives food for thought or widens the horizons. Tolerance results from a deep conviction that humanity is essentially freedom-loving; people with a Sun / Jupiter conjunction like to make up their own minds and to arrange their own lives.

Moderation is not Jupiter's strongest point and, when the planet is conjunct the Sun, psychological and physical problems can arise through an unwillingness to exercise restraint. These problems are seen in such varied activities as speaking, eating, and drinking. Nevertheless, much of the damage can be repaired thanks to the native's irrepressibility.

(Betty Lundsted)

These planets in aspect indicate an emphasis regarding how the individual is programmed to relate to the self (the inner values, the personal needs). Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to the concept of self, family and the universe around us.

The conjunction represents the well-born in some way. These children are born at a time when the father feels good about himself and the family is doing better than other families in the neighborhood. If they are born in a poor neighborhood, their family is the most successful around. If they are born to a professional or wealthy family, the environment is comfortable. But the comfort usually expresses itself in financial terms rather than in emotional terms; so, the child may be well fed, well educated and well cared for, but the sense of happiness, or emotional comfort, may not be there. It brings an energy to the child that attracts money, prestige and trust as the child matures. Because people trust them, any venture that these individuals undertake will probably go well, unless there are other aspects to the Sun-Jupiter that cause a problem.

When the father feels good about himself, the child absorbs an inner sense of wellbeing and brings to maturity the ability to co-operate with authority figures. The child born in a masculine sign will always do better than the child born into a feminine sign for the Earth / Water sign child gives more emphasis to the aspects coming from the mother's side of the family. In order to develop the influence from the father (the Sun sign) the mother-blocks must be released. Then the energy is free to flow.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction may be regarded as a potent benefic influence, probably in a general

way second to none in this respect. It is more ambitious and active than the trine or sextile, but commonly it resembles them in the simplicity of its life. It has literary, religious, scientific, and philosophical tendencies, and may also be incline to military and naval matters.

It has the benevolence of the good aspects, but perhaps it is more vigorous, decisive, and direct in expression, and there may be a taste for invective or satire if Mars is also strong.

12) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♅ **Pluto** - (7°44' A) ♈2 | ♈2

(Haydn Paul)

You should have a powerful, penetrating and incisive mind, which is attracted towards delving deeply behind appearances. Whether these are social facades or intellectual theories or philosophies, your innate curiosity will enable you to look beneath the surface. As you tend to see your mind as a resource which you can utilise, you often collect many fragments of information on your searches, which you attempt to collate together into a workable source.

You feel 'at home' in your mind, enjoying applying it to a multitude of challenges and problems, confident in your ability to resolve them or make some kind of sense out of them. Following your natural investigative ability, you have an inner process occurring whereby you attempt to extract meaning from your studies and experience, hidden meanings that are mostly relevant only to yourself, although some may be of value to a wider audience too. There is a purist streak in your mind which prompts you to take quite an impersonal attitude to people and events, especially attaching a high value to 'truth' over the social games that people play; your directness is likely to stimulate reactions from others.

As usual with the Pluto energy, there will be an unknowable depth and dimension to your mind, with a tendency towards powerfully expressed extremism and assertiveness as you proceed to manifest your objectives. Your ability to concentrate your willpower and sustain it for as long as necessary will aid you in achieving your dreams. Your beliefs and opinions will tend to be fixed; and you will be difficult to shake from any position that you have decided to take, preferring a vigorous expression of your standpoint against any opponents. As you hate to be seen to have a weaker or fallacious argument, you tend to be well-prepared and confident upon any theme that you may be challenged upon; otherwise you have already prepared some way to evade a confrontation if you feel that you could be defeated. There may be a tendency to hold a grudge against any who have opposed you, or who stand in your way; and you will remember them, waiting for a suitable time to settle the scores.

Unnecessary social problems and suffering for people will draw out a sense of aggrieved

anger in you, as will social and political hypocrisy. You will tend to respond to these feelings by becoming more involved in reorientating your energies into channels which directly oppose those who appear to be creating or amplifying such problems. You feel that you can contribute towards changing things for the better; and this can lead you towards involvement with radical politics. The nature of your political views will depend on your personal analysis of causes; but in extreme cases may tend towards anarchism. Any tactics of subversion will appeal to the Pluto energy, as will the emphasis upon change and transformation. If the social emphasis of Pluto dominates, then much of your life will be directed by the theme of transformation, social and political.

You will tend to be demanding in your personal relationships, expecting a high quality and strength from any partner. But even though you may attempt to force him or her to submit to you psychologically, it will be much better for you if you fail, for a good relationship needs equality and mutual respect. You often tend to use your persuasive power to influence others to agree with you; but you have to learn more tolerance and a broader understanding of the freedom and rights of others to hold their own views. Ideally your long-term partner should be similar to you in outlook, motivation and interests, because you may tend to turn the relationship into a form of intellectual power struggle, which would probably turn it sour before long if you did not have these in common. The obsessive tone of Pluto may cause some difficulties, both in your mental preoccupations, and in your relationship, especially if you are unaware of this aspect to yourself, which can easily turn you towards being excessively self-centred if unmoderated. The positive side of a relationship is that it can break down such tendencies, and open up the awareness of 'the other'; certainly you should learn to appreciate any relationship as bringing a more expansive quality into your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Pluto shows that your mind is deep, penetrating, and inclined to extremes. You interpret your experiences like a detective reconstructing a crime, looking for hidden meaning in obscure detail. You evaluate matters subjectively, and your psychic sense often reveals clues that are hidden from less sensitive observers. Curious almost to a fault, you go to extremes in gathering the information you need to solve your problems.

You have a genius for asserting yourself persuasively whenever it seems the only way to accomplish something. You are fearless in pursuing your objective, and others admire your determination and persistence. Once your mind is made up, you don't change it unless the evidence is overwhelming. But because you defend your views so vehemently, people may find your attitude offensive.

You are fascinated by the mysterious and the occult. With your quick observation of details and understanding of their value, you could succeed as an analyst or investigator. Such fields as crime detection, chemistry, research, pathology, or surgery

would enable you to apply your skills and potentials constructively. You could become an explorer or a financial analyst and advisor.

You should moderate your anarchistic inclination. Even when you are not actively vindictive toward those who defy you, you nevertheless think revenge. Social injustices are a particular irritant to you, and you could vent your hidden anger by directing your talents toward correcting them. You know how to dramatize situations to gain the attention of people in power so that changes can be made. You could easily become the spokesman for those who lack the courage to speak for themselves. Perhaps politics would give you the leverage to accomplish many worthwhile objectives for yourself and others.

In personal relationships, you are demanding and sometimes extremely intolerant of weaknesses. Although you seek out those who will submit to you, then you are contemptuous of them for doing so. This is the paradox of this planetary combination, and accounts for the difficulty others have in relating to you. The fact is, you admire strength and respect authority, so you challenge others to demonstrate these qualities. Ideally, your mate should be strong and be able to take a position with you so that you could contribute to each other's development and objectives. Sharing goals and motivation would produce a permanent bond between you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need to make contacts, to communicate, to reflect and analyze, and an ability to give factual descriptions (Mercury) is greatly intensified by Pluto. Not only do these people have a compulsive need to get in touch with people, but they may be dogmatic when talking to them. The unconscious power of Pluto builds up such a charge that they impress others as being forcible, and the effect of words is often greater than they can foresee and may create problems within the circle of acquaintances.

Thinking is concentrated too. If they want to know something, they set themselves to research it thoroughly. The same intensity is seen in the way they regard and analyze facts, although here the unconscious power of Pluto may have a distorting effect. Once they make some discovery or form some opinion, they fail to examine it further in the light of reality. It forms their reality, and any facts and figures they gather are intended to support it. They present ideas trenchantly, and can be obstinate and inclined to use their reasoning to 'disprove' every counter-argument.

The forcefulness and intensity of this conjunction can lead to quarrels and differences of opinion. These people hold their ground against all-comers, and actually meet with a great deal of opposition. A sharp tongue is dreaded: they never shrink from confrontations or their consequences. Because of great powers of penetration (Pluto), they often put their finger on an opponent's weak point.

This is an outstanding combination for research work, especially in unexplored fields or in fields which have long been taboo; all Pluto's aspects have something defiant about them. These natives cannot tolerate being balked, and will not stop until they have bulldozed a road to any matter in which they are interested. With Pluto aspecting Mercury, they persevere until they completely understand (or completely demolish) some topic.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Pluto can be called the symbol of the collective unconscious in the chart - Jung's definition of the intuitive history of the species since time began; that part of ourselves which transmits knowledge over generations; that part of ourselves which combines instincts with conscious development - then this aspect can understandably be a powerful one.

In everyday activities, the person with this aspects doesn't always know what he is talking about, for the words come out before he knows what he is saying. If he uses this energy constructively, he has the beginnings of a great writer, a great social commentator. The childhood experience with the family may be an overwhelming one in terms of communication; words are controlled, or words are used to control others. the power parent is the most controlling influence, unless the aspects indicate otherwise.

For example, when a child is born into a mother-dominated household and Mercury conjuncts Pluto, it can indicate that the father attempts to stay in control, but from a passive controlling point. Passive control can be called the tyranny of the weak, and, if this is the case, the conjunction will have strong or hard aspects to the Sun or Saturn. If so, the child will attempt to control from a passive point as well. The child with this conjunction is controlled and manipulated by his parents, and his investigation of new ideas may be suppressed. When the child becomes an adult, this energy will place limits on relationships because his conversation may not be spontaneous. Manipulation via words can be used in career; copy editors often have this aspect.

13) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (3°16' A) ♄10 | ♄10

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn indicates that you feel you must make concessions to others to get what you want. You are always the one who is expected to adjust to the demands of others in order to have a satisfactory relationship. As a result, you are often dissatisfied with the contacts you make, either because they are not fulfilling enough, or because you feel you are being used. You may become resigned to making the best of a relationship in which you give more than the other person does. On the positive side, however, this shows that you take the relationship seriously. You are loyal and sincere in your affections, but tend to be inhibited in demonstrating them, because you are afraid

that others will take advantage of you.

You have reasonably good judgement, which is reflected in your material affairs. You are self-disciplined in handling money, and prudent enough to always save something regardless of your income. Such prudence is a way to compensate for the disappointments you may have in personal relationships, and you consider it a reasonable substitute. Saving money also gives you security and allows you some material comforts.

You are temperamentally suited to occupations in which success depends on adhering to rules and regulations. Finance, banking, building trades, insurance, law, real estate, sales, and designing are some endeavors in which you can successfully apply yourself. Ideally, you should have a position that allows you to function independently. You are dutiful and responsible, and would accomplish more without a supervisor breathing down your neck. You are certainly able to work with others, but you prefer working in privacy.

Your romantic interests are stimulated by individuals who are serious, sincere, honest. You need a person you can respect and who will respect you too. A mature individual represents security to you, in addition to providing social status. Your lover must be tactful and polished, and have a strong and admirable character. You are repulsed by vulgarity and disturbed by disorder. Your objectives are well-defined, and you will expect your mate to co-operate in reaching mutual goals. Because of your deep concern for the integrity of the family, you will unhesitatingly withdraw from any external situation that threatens your family.

It is important that you look at the bright and positive side of life; negative attitudes can bring about negative effects. Problems in the throat glands may have a similar origin. You can improve your general well-being by adopting a more cheerful outlook, but the optimism must be genuine.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for warmth and love, for security and harmony, is a weak and sensitive spot in all Saturnian aspects to Venus (and most of all in the conjunction). We find it hard to let our warmth show and are often so prickly that we erect a wall around ourselves and seem very cool, impassive and formal. Nobody sees that inside we are crying out for a little friendliness and warmth to give us a sense of personal worth and that it is through sheer inability to handle relationships that we are shutting them out. Therefore the Venus / Saturn aspects are regarded as fraught with problems, and classical astrology promises little joy in life and many emotional upsets to those who have them.

Nevertheless, with this aspect we can become very fond of a person and we have the potential to build up a lasting stable relationship; that is the other side of Saturn. There is more faithfulness with these aspects than there is with aspects between Venus and

Jupiter. But before we give ourselves to another, we have to know that other through and through and completely trust this person, because Saturn will only bet on certainties. Of course, this can consume time and effort. In fact, we need to guard against letting the security factor predominate: we should resist the temptation to look for a fatherly or motherly partner, as they would not be close enough to be a true companion.

With all this uncertainty and vulnerability, suspicion can creep in. We are so anxious to keep our loved one that we hedge him or her in on all sides and make the relationship difficult or even impossible. At times, our attitude can be most subservient: we slave away to do everything to our partner's liking, but are still very constrained. If, as is quite likely, they seem to be ungrateful, then we must realize it is because the partner is put off by our air of taut worry.

Learning self-confidence and self-acceptance is a must if we are to settle down. Once we accept that we are not cut out to be one of the world's revellers, but are solid, reliable citizens in need of security, and once we bring ourselves to reveal our weak side, we can enjoy a strong, enduring marriage or friendship.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Venus and Saturn are conjunct, it indicates that the mother and father of this individual presented a united front that placed certain restrictions and limitations upon his psyche during his formative years. Venus indicates the effect of the mother's attitudes regarding her femininity, and these images will help form the concept of womanhood, the feminine function and the concept of love in later life. Saturn represents the area of restriction; it also shows how the father influenced the psyche. The combination of these planets indicates a strong tie to the mythic Mother and Father image - these archetypal images can easily be confused with the physical parents.

The aspects between the Sun and Moon indicate the parents in a physical sense; and how they responded to their lives when the personality of the individual was forming. The Saturn-Venus placement affects the concept of giving and crystallization in the psyche and is a more difficult concept to comprehend. The conjunction of Venus and Saturn implies that the individual was restricted or restrained from having what he wanted during the first three years of life. This may not mean that he was abused (although I would not entirely dismiss the thought), but that he may have lost his favorite toy or blanket; or he may have been fed according to some scientific theory rather than when he was hungry. This person grew up to view affection as something that is coupled with loss. He may be a pessimist in love relationships and may be apprehensive of romance. He may marry out of common sense: in other words, he doesn't marry someone he loves, he marries someone who will logically make a 'good' partner. Or he falls in love with someone, and ends the relationship after the first argument because he feels the relationship is over. Or he withdraws into years of hurt feelings and never trusts the loved one again.

People with this aspect are extremely interested in guarantees - one must constantly prove to the Saturn-Venus types that one loves them. Ironically, they don't offer the same guarantees. They can be takers and have great trouble giving. They don't know how to give because they did not see their parents giving to each other; when children don't see this during their formative years, they have to make a conscious attempt to learn how to do it as adults. These people also think the grass is greener on the other side and often wonder whether they might do better in another relationship - so, sometimes, they can be seen as flirts.

When the individual becomes aware of this aspect, it's a good idea to start practising how to give - not how to buy someone, but to give. Learning how to give a part of the self is the hardest thing for this person to do. Because the parents' marriage was not a model of a healthy relationship, it is hard for this individual to learn how to have one. My suggestion would be that any activity in a relationship that is inspired by the memory of 'that's what Mom and Dad would have done' is probably not what needs to be done. Sometimes we learn what we want by beginning to understand what we don't want.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction is extremely powerful, and partakes of the character of both good and evil contacts, the life, on its affectional side, being completely dominated by the sense of duty; duty and happiness become identified. Except for its great power, it is in no wise different from the inharmonious contact (the square or opposition, q.v.).

14) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (6°55' S) ♋10 | ♋10

(Haydn Paul)

Aspects made between Venus and Uranus emphasise the spheres of social and intimate relationships, with the energy focus turned towards exploring the outer world through an extroverted personality.

The dominating influence will be the urge for excitement, the stimulation of the unknown and the thirst for the richness of life's experiences. You will not be an introvert; and your main preoccupation will be ensuring that your life is 'interesting', occupying yourself with a multitude of interests and explorations so that there is no time or space left for inner enquiry.

The Uranian influence is the stronger partner of the two, and its agitating vibration will give you an inner restlessness, which you try to release in social activity and interaction with friends. However, the development of your creative, artistic, unorthodox individuality may lead to adaptation problems in mainstream society, where you react against being employed in mundane, repetitive jobs, or refuse to feel imprisoned in traditional social

attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles.

You insist on being free to be yourself, and to do as you please. At times, this can reflect an immature, seemingly adolescent attitude, which can be too self-centred and lack real awareness of others. Also, your definition of your self is inconsistent and dependent on the attractions of the moment. This develops the appearance of unpredictability and lack of continuity, which others often see as a lack of responsibility and commitment.

This will affect your intimate relationships; and you will probably have difficulties in maintaining lasting partnerships, either because the relationships collapse through a withdrawal of interest, or because there are too many inner desires and conflicts which trigger stormy, emotionally distressing confrontations. These may arise because of your insistence upon having your own way, which can clash with a partner's views, needs and desires. You see your need for freedom to be important, and so you tend to resist any attempt to make you give a serious commitment. Your emotions may only be touched on a superficial level, and rarely fully engaged with another, which can also lead to periods when you are tempted to become promiscuous in a search for variety and new experience. Sudden affairs are quite possible, and also satisfy that urge for excitement and even danger, where you can express yourself even more freely than usual. Certainly your love life will have an erratic quality, similar to the flow of your sex drive, which will confuse others. Your disdain for traditional forms of relationship can lead you along many different paths; join this with the fascination that the unusual has for you, and your life could develop like a multi-coloured weaving, some colours harmonising, others clashing.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus conjunct Uranus, you have a sparkling, effervescent personality. Popular and sociable almost to an extreme, you have a dynamic zest for living a full, unrestricted life. You seek every kind of human encounter in order to fully explore life in all its dimensions. You tend to disregard socially acceptable relationships unless they are exciting enough for you to feel uninhibited.

You are best suited to occupations that involve novelty and in which you can function in your own uniquely creative way. You don't take easily to routine, and a daily schedule of repetitious work would be unbearably boring. Professions dealing with the public are more in line with your sociable temperament. Public relations, party planning, social functions, fashion shows, investment counseling, and interior decorating are some of the fields that can give you the mobility and creative expression you need.

In your personal relationships, you demand unlimited freedom so you can detach yourself without guilt when you lose interest. If a person continues to fascinate you, you form strong ties. But you may sever those ties suddenly if you meet someone whose unusual qualities gain your attention.

It may be difficult for you to establish a permanent relationship, since you are outgoing and probably career-oriented. It is better to defer marriage until you've had the opportunity to try making it on your own. Because your romantic responses are unpredictable, you would be well advised to be engaged for a reasonable time before marrying. If you marry on impulse, it probably won't be permanent. Only strong Saturn or earth qualities, determined elsewhere in your analysis, can reverse this trend. Your responsibility is somewhat lacking, indicating that enduring ties are unlikely.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Venus, representing the need for harmony and warmth, teams up here with Uranus, the need for individuality, freedom and a life of our own. As it happens, the two tend to clash; especially as Uranus causes enough disruption to drive us off the well-beaten track in order to find ourselves. That is why Venus / Uranus aspects, and especially the conjunction and the hard aspects, are traditionally associated with homosexuality, perversity, and so on. However, these are the extreme, and are by no means the universal rule in real life.

Nevertheless, it is true to say that with these aspects we take to people who boldly go their own way or, at least, are somehow different - maybe eccentric or reformist. In friendships and love life, we seek the stimulus of change and variety, and are not particularly stable. The restlessness of Uranus affects feelings. Being highly strung and having an overpowering desire for personal freedom, we experience difficulty in forming firm friendships. Friendships make us tense, nervous, and insecure - because we are doing our best to stay unfettered while trying to build up harmonious relationships, and this requires concessions on our part. Sometimes we prefer being cool, with an emphasis on externals and the avoidance of any deep emotional expression. Only in the extreme case, when all the rest of the chart points in the same direction, can perversion or sexual aberration show itself.

With a conjunction between Venus and Uranus, we resist becoming fully domesticated; yet the relationship with our partners can still be fine as long as we are not hemmed in by conventional rules, have scope for development, and above all are living with a partner who is unconventionally stimulating.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are conjunct, it indicates some kind of tie between the psychological effect of the mother and the behavior pattern that she manifests during the individual's formative years. It is indicative of some kind of eccentric or erratic behavior on her part. She may have been tremendously creative or self-willed. The Uranus-Venus conjunction indicates that the mother presents herself to the native in some sudden and erratic manner which the native cannot relate to; even so, the native forms a similar

behavior pattern because of the mother's behavior. This behavior pattern affects the part of life that has to do with the intellectual concept of love, how one is able to appreciate love, to receive love or to communicate it to others. This tie can bring out unusual talents as well as unusual perceptions of what love is, so it can manifest either in creative energy or in an abrupt attitude regarding affairs of the heart. This individual may make impetuous decisions and cause unnecessary pain to those around him. He will have to learn how to 'play fair' since his early childhood experience taught that decisions are made before talking things over with the partner.

The aspect indicates that this individual may fall in love impetuously and fall out of love the same way. The concept of love will be unusual, unorthodox, and the lover may seem to be a very different type from the norm. Because the image of woman in the psyche is an unusual one, the loved one may be an unusual Uranian type who may not seem suited to this individual's outer personality. This conjunction may signify a lack of communion, for all decisions regarding love may be made in an abrupt manner and without consulting anyone else. When a relationship problem needs to be solved, a person with this aspect thinks it through, makes a decision, and when any discussion of the problem takes place it is merely a social courtesy, for as far as he is concerned the decision is done. Relationships are ended with no warning, and the partner may be left in a state of shock.

Men with this aspect may leave a woman, with little idea or no feeling about the emotional trauma caused to her. Women with this aspect may be an enigma to the men with whom they are in contact. The aspect is harder on the female than the male because she may reject her biological role. The mother may have resented the responsibilities of motherhood when this person was young, and the memory in the subconscious mind recalls some plaguing fear about childbirth, or distaste for the responsibilities of child raising to such a degree that this woman may avoid ever getting pregnant. The biological role can be reconsidered when the aspect is analyzed from a conscious point. She is not required to be like her mother or to have the attitudes of her mothers. The damaged image in the psyche can be healed through good counselling or therapy.

(Charles Carter)

The inner effect is a high state of emotional tension, with a craving for peace, perfection, and the realisation of beauty in the life and surroundings. From this, we may get great genius, but always accompanied by self-will, waywardness, and a lack of practical common sense and balance, unless indeed the horoscope powerfully supports the aspect with steadying influences. In an ordinary chart, it inclines to wildness, excitability, and recklessness in incurring personal risks, both physical and in the way of reputation.

Exteriorly, it tends to danger of violence, attacks, or accidents, if the rest of the nativity is of this kind.

15) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Pluto** - (3°08' S) ♋2 | ♋2

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect should give you considerable physical energy and vitality which you can apply to tasks requiring persistence, determination and endurance. You are able to direct a potent will towards realising your aims; and your innate vitality when rightly directed will be the means by which you steer your life course.

The energy can tend to amplify any self-centred tendencies in you, stimulating your desire nature and setting goals to achieve which would be primarily for your own personal benefit and satisfaction. You may like to create challenges for yourself, as a test for the efficacy of your 'powers'. If this tendency is allowed to dictate life choices, then you may become dominated by an insatiable desire compulsion, which is rarely fulfilled; this can reflect a certain naivety or innocence in your outlook which is essentially selfish and adolescent in quality; and the 'I want' syndrome may need more conscious moderation in order for you to regain control.

Often you will prefer to assert your individuality, sometimes even as a compulsive expression despite the reactions of others. You may not always think things through enough, or consider the possible implications of your actions and words prior to committing yourself. This can obviously create some difficulties for you; it is similar to the behaviour of an adolescent, which as most parents discover can lead to considerable family friction.

You will have a dislike of restrictions imposed upon you, always having a need for as much freedom as possible. If you feel that your energy is imprisoned, then you will be looking for the way out, feeling that before too long your energy will explode, and this can be quite uncomfortable. To minimise this, you should try to develop your life so that your choices of partner and work are reasonably compatible with your needs, if only to avoid unnecessary inner friction.

In your intimate relationships, you may be too forceful and aggressive. The Pluto energy will tend to make you too possessive and demanding of a partner; and you may attempt to dominate by your sexual expression. Sexual experiences will hold great meaning for you; and you will try to release much of your physical vigour on the physical level in an intense and potentially transforming manner. You may need to gain greater control over this aspect of yourself, to avoid it becoming obsessive or too extreme and violent in approach or tone.

As you mature more, you may discover an increasing interest in and awareness of social concerns; and this can be a fruitful channel through which to express your vitality and talents. You can be quite useful in encouraging others to apply their positions of power

and influence to work for greater social benefit; and your ability to resolve difficult situations by strength of will can be creatively positive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mars and Pluto shows that you have a strong desire nature, with the persistence and determination to get what you want. You may often find, when you get it, that you didn't really want what you were pursuing after all; that it was merely an exercise to prove to yourself you could. Satisfaction is the only motive for many of your pursuits. You may easily mistake willfulness for desire in your motivations.

In a crisis, you can contain yourself until the right moment occurs to act. Then you will use all your energy to cope with and resolve the crisis. You have enormous compulsions to assert yourself, especially if you suspect that anyone is trying to restrict you in any way. You don't tolerate domination, although you do respect authority if it is fairly administered.

In your personal relationships, you tend to be the aggressor, which may make others apprehensive about getting too close to you. You are possessive in love and demanding even of your friends. Your desire nature precedes you, stimulating others either to anticipate your physical charms or to feel threatened and avoid you. Your physical needs are strong, and your ambitions could induce you to use sex as a device for achieving your goals. You often justify your methods as being the only way to gain your objectives.

You are aware of the social problems in your environment and can be extremely useful in urging others to make the necessary changes to solve these problems. However, you are able to persuade others, because your demands have a threatening quality. You have the courage to take on the most difficult tasks fearlessly, and are resourceful in gaining financial support for your enterprises. You need to find a way to express yourself through constructive activities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When there is a conjunction between two planets that both have to do with the wish for self-expression, with the wish to prove oneself and to make one's mark, then there is an almost compulsive need to show off combined with enormous will-power. Pluto intensifies the executive force of Mars and puts us in possession of an almost inexhaustible supply of energy and incredible resilience. The craving for power (Pluto), on the other hand, is activated by Mars so that we really want to take the reins in our hands and are fired by boundless ambition.

We can usually look after ourselves; we do not brook the least opposition but ram opinions down people's throats and go our own way without fear or favor. The aspect has been termed destructive, but need not be so provided we have an outlet for our

strong drive and ambition. A splendid way of using energy constructively is in competitive sport; politics is another option. We do not spare ourselves. Whatever we engage in - politics, science, sport, occultism, etc. - we throw ourselves into it heart and soul, outstripping many of our rivals and making a name for ourselves. Life's challenge attracts us, and we get a kick out of playing for high stakes.

The activity of Mars is enhanced by Pluto, and we are quick to push ourselves into precarious situations. In more placid times, we can eagerly mastermind a strategy for pulling off some coup or other. The person with a Mars / Pluto conjunction has a strong, extremely inflexible will, and is not to be balked. We will run our lives without reference to current rules and regulations. If we are thwarted, we can go to extremes; sometimes gradually cutting ourselves off from everybody.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle may be overwhelmed by the power of Pluto's energy. This may indicate an individual who takes 'controlled action'. Action may be manipulative of either self or others, or both. This individual may be unconsciously angered, for Pluto indicates unconscious motivation and Mars can symbolize anger. Action taken based on an unconscious motivation may not be responsible action, and it might be harmful to others. Action may be caused by anger or control needs. It may be that this individual is influenced by the symbols of the collective unconscious; that the images in the psyche interfere with any physical action taken. It indicates (because of the energy coming from the psyche) that action taken can be inspired by the mythic images of the collective unconscious. Action may be extremely creative. Before the creative potential can really be expressed, however, the anger must be worked out.

If this person has other aspects that indicate problems expressing sexuality, this conjunction may indicate a set-up for sexual violence. Sexual violence may range from having sex that hurts self or others, to possibly indicating the rapist, the masochist, or the person who may draw sexual violence to him.

An astrologer once told me that hard aspects between Mars-Pluto combinations implied a need to develop conscious responsibility for action taken. She recommended the study of metaphysics.

16) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (10°11' S) ♅10 | ♅10

(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.

17) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Conjunct** ♁ **North-Node** - (0°05' S) 177 | 177

(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.

18) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ☾ **Moon** - (2°08' A) 001 | ♃3

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile the Ascendant shows that you try to understand why you react so sensitively to what people say to you. You also try to understand the various circumstances in your life, so there is harmony in these areas of your life. It wasn't always this way; until you matured, you felt apprehensive that people were criticizing

you, or that you were handling situations less skillfully than you should. Even now, there are times when you have some difficulty in separating fact from fiction, but you are learning all the time. You are not becoming less sensitive, just more understanding. You tend to become overly emotional in your dealings with people and to underestimate your competence in successfully handling the situations that develop. The truth is, most people consider you quite competent, so stop worrying about it.

You have a wealth of ideas, which you should capitalize on. Perhaps in your work you can make meaningful suggestions that could be used constructively by your superiors. Your work is very important to you. You accept your tasks eagerly and want to prove your competence by performing them well. In reaching the goals you set for yourself, you continually strive for excellence. Once you get over your feeling of inferiority, you can succeed in meeting any challenge from competitors.

In a personal relationship, you hope to be appreciated for the contributions you make to sustain it. You are more than able to share mutual interests without shirking your responsibilities. Most people realize this, and some may try to take advantage of your compliant nature. You have a wide circle of friends with whom you enjoy many pleasant social gatherings. You love to be included in social affairs where you can converse with people on a variety of subjects. You are fairly well-read and can make a substantial contribution to discussions on many topics.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are able to relate well emotionally to others. The emotional life presents few problems, and the environment does not pose a threat to our sense of well-being.

We are solicitous of those around us, and are prepared to help and pamper them; yet we have sense enough not to tie them down but to leave them as free as possible. However, we are very much involved with others and this can sometimes create difficulties, because we would much rather have company than be on our own. Not everyone can live with us on these terms.

Generally speaking, though, development will be emotionally stable as far as environment is concerned, and our need to be caring can be satisfied both in the family circle and in social and other work.

(Betty Lundsted)

These are people who have been taught to respond to life in an emotionally constructive

manner during childhood.

19) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♁ **Uranus** - (3°12' A) ♀12 | ♂10

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun sextile Uranus, it is important for you to maintain communication with other people at all times. You are eager to share your experiences with others and impatient with those who are unwilling to include you in theirs. Your opinions are willful and outspoken, but you can usually justify them in such a way that they are accepted. Your attitudes are relatively uninhibited and not bound by tradition. You find life exciting, and you live every moment of every day. Boredom is something you never have to cope with because your mind is so active. In your philosophical view of life, everything has meaning. You take even negative incidents positively, so that you are rarely 'down in the dumps'.

Your original thinking and strong will are suited to the fields of politics, science, or education. You can adapt to any profession that clearly has the objective of improving the masses. You are able to project your ideas and opinions without demanding that others yield to them unquestioningly. But you are impatient with dawdlers who continually put off making decisions. Your development is accelerated, and your intuition is so finely honed that you can instantly evaluate facts and render a judgement.

Teaching others is probably your best avenue of expression. You can effectively dramatize knowledge to make learning easy for your students. Truth is something you insist on, and you deal harshly with those who distort it in their dealings with you.

Your restless mind and eager disposition contribute significantly to your romantic relationships. You are broad-minded and understanding of human nature. Although you will tolerate failure, you do not accept dishonesty from anyone with whom you are emotionally involved. You can easily detach yourself from an insincere or dishonest individual, as though you had never had any feelings for that person.

(Haydn Paul)

The more radical use of the conjunction energies are potentially easier to express in both the sextile and the trine. Whereas an important shift may need to occur in the individual with the conjunction aspect - in order to renew and redirect any overflowing, insistent Uranian energy through the unifying Sun centre - these other two dynamic, harmonious aspects are ripe for exploitation and unfoldment.

You should have a progressive outlook, and a sense of social affinity which is directed towards affirming its positive side and potential for future improvements in the quality of life. The assertive and possibly aggressive rebellious stance is already transformed within

you into a reformist tendency. 'Change from within' is more your keynote, rather than a direct destructive attack or negative attempts to withdraw from participation in society.

Your mind will be very active, searching, questioning, and naturally explorative, allied with an intuitive creative need for self-expression. It will be important to be personally assertive, but undue eccentricity is not your style. Due to that positive solar relationship, you will feel more centred, forming a stable inner character and extending an ability to direct your life and make wiser choices. Tolerance and understanding of others will be more evident, especially an intellectually derived tolerance based on your innate humanitarian instincts, although often your emotional affinity with others can be a little cold or withdrawn. You do not feel at one with this world, yet intellectually your mind is; perhaps more empathy is required.

You are likely to contribute to groups which support social reform, and have an attitude of 'changing the world to be a better place for everyone to live in'. Probably you could rise to important positions in such groups, transmitting your enthusiasms and positivity by becoming a spokesperson for their visions and ideals. Your opinions are usually forthright, and you try to stay true and committed to your beliefs. Honesty and straightforwardness are high on your list of essential values, and you have little tolerance for lies and deceits and those who perpetrate them. This can easily lead you towards opposing a national government or establishment groups who are 'economical with the truth' on orders from their 'superiors'. Equally, it could lead you to break away from groups that you are associated with, if they - in your opinion - fall to such low levels or compromise and fail to live up to the high ideals which they may offer to the public.

You believe that life has an inner meaning of great value, and continually search for the threads of this throughout your life, trusting in the belief that life is good, often despite appearances. This is part of your quest for the spiritual dimension of your solar centre, and will draw you increasingly closer to that integrative heart of your nature. However, you are aware of the darker sides of existence, and feel inspired to try to improve the quality of life for those who suffer or for the following generations. At times, especially perhaps after any disappointments on your path, you may coolly withdraw from relationships or social involvement. See this only as a temporary phase for re-evaluation. You need to communicate with like minds, sharing experiences, insight and knowledge. This may easily develop over time into forms of teaching where through sharing you can contribute towards progress for others, and this could become a fulfilling route for you to follow to embody a higher solar purpose.

Sun trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, the harmonious aspects between Uranus and the Sun indicate an individual who wants to live his or her own life without any restrictions. He or she will be alert, restless, highly strung, and full of scintillating insights. We should realize, however, that remarkably brilliant as some of these ideas and insights may be, there is no guarantee that they will be usable or true.

Sun / Uranus aspects promise new and stimulating ideas which just keep popping up every so often. With the easy aspects, the native is able to integrate such ideas into his or her daily life in a less traumatic fashion than we would do with the hard aspects. To be sure, the easy aspects also produce dissatisfaction with the status quo, but they enable the native to build the new on the foundation of the old, and this willingness to preserve some links with the past often brings the support he or she needs from others.

In many instances, people with Sun / Uranus aspects take an interest in all things technical. They are fascinated by whatever breaks new ground, such as aeronautics (including aeromodeling), radar, radiotechnology, electrotechnology, or indeed anything requiring insight, intuition and skill. The resourcefulness bestowed by the harmonious Sun / Uranus aspects is great.

Because they are so intent on personal development, these people are unlikely to tolerate having someone over them to tell them what to do, but they are not averse to good advice. They need a partner who is an equal, neither above nor below them. However, in many cases, they act as a kind of informal leader by setting the tone and direction of the partnership and by acting in an inspiring manner, all the while making sure that their own freedom and that of their partner is preserved.

However, they should be on their guard against losing touch with reality, because they are apt to venture down strange, impassable byways and to end up going nowhere.

(Charles Carter)

This is pre-eminently a contact of leadership, for the will, in all Sun-Uranus aspects, is strong and independent, and the native will, either naturally or by his own conscious efforts, obtain a position of some authority and independence. Moreover, it is a very popular configuration, and the native is readily liked and obeyed, sometimes by reason of his mental or other powers, but more often by his personality, which appears to emanate some kind of magnetism that attracts and holds. It is not always tactful; but there is breadth of vision and stability of purpose; the native is often identified with some cause or movement; he does not waver or fluctuate in his aims and opinions; there is nothing in him of the opportunist (unless other aspects bestow this), and as a result people feel that he stands for something definite, and can be depended on. But, while not of a time-serving temper, the Sun-Uranus man has a keen and true sense of the dramatic, and may often be a most convincing and powerful orator, there being great reserves of nervous and emotional strength, and a burning zeal.

As a ruler it makes the native efficient, scientific, despotic, but not unbending or automatic; he has feeling, and can be appealed to on the emotional side, especially if the cause that is pleaded has a dramatic aspect.

So far as feeling goes, Uranus tends to a rough-and-ready, careless good-nature. Uranus rising is usually kind but rather casual and off-hand. It differs diametrically from Sun-Neptune in its love of power, responsibility, and publicity.

This aspect occurs constantly in the nativities of statesmen, generals, municipal officials, civil servants, and, to a lesser extent and in combination with other planets, in those of eminent thinkers. In the nativities of girls it often indicates a 'good' marriage to one in authority.

20) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°42' A) ♈2 | ♊12

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury sextile to Jupiter indicates that your mind is never at rest. You have a limitless thirst for knowledge and an awesome capacity to accumulate information. But you aren't satisfied with simply being informed; applying your knowledge constructively is as important to you as acquiring it in the first place. You have excellent reasoning ability and keen judgement. Because of your masterful command of language, you can speak and write convincingly. Truth is very important to you, and you will challenge anyone who makes a suspicious-sounding statement. Leaving nothing to chance, you will persist until you discover whether the statements is correct. It truly bothers you when public speakers make irresponsible remarks on a subject about which they are totally misinformed.

Knowledge can be a weapon in the wrong hands, and you are quick to respond when you observe it being used to gain control of people's minds. Temperamentally unable to stand such abuse, you will challenge the right of anyone to take such liberties with the public.

Education, public speaking, public relations, journalism, and writing novels with historical and timely themes - these are some ways you could use your creative resources and inspiration. Even in fields not mentioned above, you could succeed if the essential function were communication of classical knowledge or current information for practical application.

Your desire for knowledge and search for truth will never end. As a teacher, you would inspire your students to seek the heights of their own development.

Travel would be especially broadening for you, for it would help you to understand the

differences among national and ethnic origins. You could translate your reactions into a thoughtful essay that would be illuminating to the reader.

While you may not be a fervent member of any organized religious organization, you recognize the importance of believing in something. You allow everyone the liberty of his own beliefs, and you certainly would not try to force your ideology on others.

(Betty Lundsted)

This indicates a person who is well-born, for the communication in his childhood environment is positive and uplifting. The ability to relate through the power of words (the various media, writing, film) grows with the years and with proper training. A sextile indicates talent that must be developed. This individual has the capacity for being open; he can expand his consciousness using the energy of the sign qualities involved in the aspect.

Mercury trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Jupiter and Mercury in harmonious aspect widen the interests just as much as they do when conjunct, and make us just as cordial, jovial and enthusiastic when talking to others. With these aspects, we often strike others as being very likeable. What is more, we have a very encouraging style of speaking, because we habitually look on the bright side. With these aspects, we like to be well-informed and to make a synthesis of all the facts and figures we collect. Arriving at a coherent view of things is very important. But, as in all of Jupiter's aspects, there is a measure of self-conceit.

We are naturally rather pedantic, and can become outstanding teachers who are able to impart knowledge with enthusiasm and authority; in everyday intercourse this is not always appreciated, however. Through the lack of resistance from the environment (characteristic of the harmonious aspects) we have less feedback about when we are going too far, and so, not knowing when to hold ourselves in check, we run the risk of appearing unpleasantly cocksure. On the other hand, we can give way generously if need be. That is to say, we are prepared to show tolerance and understanding.

Whatever widens the mental horizons is found here in all its forms: study, travel, multifarious interests - an eye on the future. But because we assimilate facts so effortlessly and because the harmonious aspects are not as energy-packed as they might be, we may be lazy or take things easy because they are going so well. Therefore the full potential of these aspects is not always realized, even though they are very promising.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ☌ **Moon** - (2°47' A) ♀12 | ♃3

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to the moon means that you will have some difficulty in using your resources to satisfy your desires. You bitterly resent that you must make enormous adjustments in order to get what you want from life. It seems as if you never have quite the right training for what you want to do, but you make only halfhearted attempts to acquire the training you need to succeed. Although you want the 'good life', you aren't willing to discipline yourself to get it. You are at odds with important people who will not accept you unless you can prove yourself by demonstrating a willingness to work. Your negative response distorts the information you receive, which makes it more difficult to learn from your experiences. Generally you react to stimuli in a way that is not consistent with achieving the recognition you want. The frustration you feel has inhibited your character development and is a problem in other areas, including domestic matters, social relationships, emotional interests, and professional affairs. Your lack of success in these areas shows that you have a lot to learn before you can expect to reap any rewards.

You must learn to bring your emotions and your will into line and subdue them with intellect and organization. You seem to think that any response will satisfy the will to achieve significance, but you will have to realize that only hard work and self-control can get you what you want. What you gain from your habitual actions is inadequate to your needs, as can be easily demonstrated. For one thing, you haven't progressed from obscure positions to position of increased responsibility. Also, you either haven't been able to win favor with people in high places, or you've done so by making concessions to them. If you get your ego out of the way, you can accomplish many things.

You may have some problem in relating to the opposite sex. Comfortable domestic conditions may be impossible unless you can get that chip off your shoulder. You are argumentative and defensive, probably because of your emotional insecurity. This can be reversed if you will change your fighting attitude and become more compromising. You have a serious misalignment between what you want and what you are willing to do to get it. The possibility of realizing your dreams is in direct proportion to the investment you make.

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests the existence of considerable inner stress and tension within the personality, where solar will is in conflict with deep-rooted feelings, emotions and instincts, and where the conscious and evolutionary self may be trying to move in a direction which is contrary to certain habit patterns, especially those connected with security and protection of self boundaries.

The ongoing struggle is in resolving contradictory inner messages, a psychological tendency which may have its roots deep within childhood perceptions of the parental relationship and your sense of emotional contact with your parents. As the Moon signifies the mother, and the Sun the father, in this context, there is the implication that there was a crucial problem inherent in that parental relationship, perhaps incompatibility on some vital level, or a lack of communication which may have led to a marriage breakdown in some respect. This may not have been evident on the surface of that relationship, but existed as an underlying current within the domestic psychic atmosphere which you registered. There may have been a partial identification with one parent to the exclusion of the other, perhaps because one parent had little time to spend with you. Somehow the inner dynamics have been distorted, resulting in personal frustration and difficulties in joining will and feelings in co-operation together.

Unless steps are taken to achieve individual integration, you are liable to suffer from emotional insecurity founded on a resistance to fully accepting the nature of your habitual feeling responses. A probable action that you take is inner denial and repression, and this will have eventual consequences of intensifying those inner tensions and possible personality splits. Yet because these powerful emotions seem to burn within you, you try to control their release through expressing them in daily life, and because of the pressures that can accumulate you may display argumentative, provocative and belligerent tendencies in your relationships at times.

The danger is falling victim to your own powerful desire nature, and being perpetually frustrated through aiming high and losing an appreciation of what exists in the present. There can be a restless, searching quality to this aspect which results from the need to resolve deep inner conflicts; the problem is finding the way to achieve those desires. This need stimulates inner questioning, especially related to 'What's it all about?' and 'What is the meaning of life?' These become promptings from your inner Sun, encouraging you to start on your heroic quest to discover the solar centre and the spiritual dimension of life.

Yet you can often act as your own worst enemy, reacting in ways that diminish any likelihood of success. You may fail to see how you can utilise existing resources to deepen life enjoyment or reach aims; you may refuse to make necessary compromises; you may consciously devalue your potential and abilities, eroding away self-confidence; you may clash with others who could have been supportive to your efforts. These unconscious patterns of unresolved frustrations interfere between your conscious will and deeper needs, tending to negate satisfaction for either. Sometimes, as a result of this inner stress, all you feel like doing is being very destructive, liberating the repressed energies by either verbal or physical expressions of bad temper.

The problem facing you is the movement from 'here' to 'there'. That abyss stares you in the face and will not go away, and apparently, try as you might, you still cannot cross

over to the promised land. Being 'here' feels wrong, and you believe that you should be 'there', but how can it be achieved? The only way to gain your aims is through a radical transformation, so that the 'old you' remains on this side, and the 'new you' appears there to claim your ambition. This is the challenge confronting the hero at every stage of his quest, and each step forward on his path represents difficulties overcome on the journey towards the magnetic light that he senses and follows.

How may this be done? The honest answer has to be 'with difficulty' and with much hard work. Your promised land will not be gained without great perseverance and struggle, proving your capabilities, transcending any obstacles on the way and never accepting defeat. You may need to pursue additional training or study to qualify for a specialist skill, or to help unfold latent qualities and talents. You may need to apply self-discipline to maintain your efforts, and to display your intention to work until success happens.

Relationships may need improving through compromise, to avoid unnecessary conflicts resulting from your frustrations. Lessons need to be learned from previous experiences, and applied in daily living. Clarity may be required between what you desire and what you are prepared to do to achieve it, and trying to ensure that your aims will actually be emotionally satisfying when achieved. Integration between your conscious will and those underlying emotions is vitally necessary, and the best way for this is to allow the emotions to rise to the surface of your mind, so that you can look at their nature and develop an understanding of their needs, and then attempt to fuse will and emotions via the medium of the intellectual mind, through imposing a more powerful light upon that emotional sea. Investing great effort should result in steps towards realising those desires. It is not an easy path, although viewing that inner stress as motivation is at least a positive perception of what personal frustration can provide as a transformative spur.

Otherwise, what options are left to you? Living with personal disharmony; experiencing lack of success and frustration of aims; a restriction of personal potential; problems spilling over into your domestic life, career and social relationships; dissatisfaction in intimate affairs with the opposite sex; domestic responsibilities and duties limiting your freedom to reach your ambitions, and possible ill health (digestive problems) stimulated by emotional and psychosomatic tensions.

If you take the challenge to resolve the conflicts and contradictions of this square, then finding constructive outlets for your powerful energies may help to form your new path. Learning how to listen to those agitating feelings, and managing to integrate them into your life instead of ignoring them, will help to restore a sense of balance and well-being.

Sun square or opposition Moon

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty generated by the square arises from the fact that the conscious behavior (Sun) conflicts with the behavior needed to give a sense of security (Moon). Therefore a square between Sun and Moon can make the native very unsettled, especially if the background of the elements is tense.

In the opposition, the kind of uncertainty is different. This opposition makes us painfully aware of our duality. Conscious behavior and unconscious reaction patterns clash with one another, yet always have something in common because the signs in which they are posited lie on the same axis. Therefore, when they are in opposition, the Sun and Moon can complement one another well once they make common cause. Until such time as they do (and this may take quite a while), the native will suffer from a nagging sense of discomfort and insecurity.

In either case, the native is inclined to adopt a certain form of behavior to the virtual exclusion of its alternative, and so the latter seeks to express itself indirectly. But if he does give both forms of behavior a chance, he generally ends up feeling like 'two individuals rolled into one' with first one, then the other in the forefront. Those around him never know what to expect, and the native feels plagued by inner instability. Usually he has an identity problem and often wonders which character is the real him, to which the answer is 'both of you'.

The uncertainty can result in many things being left half done, or in perpetual changes of opinion, or in general dissatisfaction with one's performance; in short, a great deal of energy has to be expended on tackling inner insecurity before the native can begin to solve external problems.

Nevertheless, hard Sun-Moon aspects do have considerable energy at their disposal. The uncertainties and the obstacles produced by their tension compel the native, sooner or later, to start sorting things out. The tension between the Sun and Moon send him in search of answers to such questions as 'Who am I?', 'What is really implied by the difference between male and female?' and 'What is significant in a relationship?'

It is not uncommon for conflicts between the Sun and Moon to present problems with the life partner. Since, among other things, the Moon represents what a man is looking for in a woman, and the Sun represents what a woman is looking for in a man, the native tends to fall in love with somebody who jars him or her in some way. At the same time, the hard aspects provide sufficient energy to deal with any problems that may arise. The latter are usually caught in time because, being so insecure, the native is quite sensitive to them and is prepared to work hard to stop them escalating. Therefore it is entirely possible for people with a square between the Sun and the Moon to make happy marriages.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Jupiter inclines you to react to your experiences with excessive emotion 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.

23) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (1°29' S) ☿10 | ♀7

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Venus to Neptune means that your imagination may cause you some difficulties. Your defences usually go up whenever anything or anyone seems to challenge you. They may not in fact be threatening you, but you still respond as if they were. It is not easy for you to see things clearly, and you are often ill-advised in your judgement. Instead of rose-colored glasses, you have blinders that block out the truths you can't accept. Your outlook on life needs great adjustment if you wish to avoid the many problems that are sure to develop.

You are best suited to self-employment. You are so sensitive to people that occupations involving others can produce much anxiety and stress. Because you can't handle frustration, it is doubtful that you could succeed in any competitive function. You will tend to get into disputes with co-workers or make accusations you cannot sustain or justify. You must reconstruct your attitudes so that tolerance is a feature, not an accident, of your behavior.

Find an individual outlet for your enormous creative ability so that when problems occur it must be your responsibility alone to resolve them. In this way, you will avoid the complexities of guilt or condemnation that can result when others are involved. In time, you will learn from your experiences and know how to cope with reality when escape is not possible. Meditate seriously so that you can be spiritually prepared to endure external abrasions with dignity and self-assurance.

Discipline yourself in your personal relationships and romantic ties. It is one of your failings that you tend to encourage others to take advantage of you. Be cautious about making any emotional commitments unless the other person has shown solid proof of honesty and sincerity.

Your lack of concern about material matters can prove costly. Don't overmortgage yourself so that you are caught in a financial trap; and resist buying on credit. You are easily entranced by appearances and often ignore the harsh reality of paying for what you have purchased.

24) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°34' S) ☿10 | ♀7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The emotional qualities of the natives and of their social expressions (these are the persons who flirt in church and giggle at funerals) are not likely to conform to prevailing social mores and attitudes. Marriages and financial dealings especially can meet with social disapproval.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, considerable stress and obstacles in love / romance are seen. These are needed in order to maintain and achieve the consistent growth of that soul regarding the Venusian direction. This transitional stage in life just checks you out as to whether you are ready for further enjoyment of life or not. This balancing of soul is achieved by giving you just the right proportion of support and hindrance in your Venusian activities. Thus, if you begin to enjoy the affair considerably, then sudden obstacles are noticed. On the other hand, if there are severe problems, then the circumstances will try to bail you out. Marriage and love affairs are always kept warm provided you are not overindulging in happiness from them.

(Donna van Toen)

Laziness can become a means of coping with nodal imbalance. Dissatisfaction at the nodal and Venus locations is common. Venus conjunct South Node tendencies may be displayed. This aspect seems to have a high incidence in charts of people who come from broken homes or have a history of romantic difficulties.

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.

25) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♅ **Neptune** - (4°45' S) ♄10 | ♅7

(Haydn Paul)

The square indicates inner tensions and frustrations, and it is likely that Neptune will be inhibited from true realisation and will be bound within the unconscious mind by the barrier-forming restrictions of Saturn. This will cause Neptune to be agitated, stimulating unconscious fears, anxieties, phobias, morbidity and guilt feelings arising from an overactive imagination which lacks suitable channels for a more healthy release.

The consequences of this inner pressure and disquiet tend to create feelings of inadequacy, incompetence and inferiority. These may be quite illusory and unrealistic, yet they have a powerful influence on your actions and choices. As time passes and you perpetuate these tendencies, you continue to create negative results, which convinces you that such inferiority beliefs are actually true. You become a self-defeatist, and lack confidence in your own abilities. This negativity can spread until you begin to run away from accepting responsibility or challenges; you can become afraid to even try. Obviously this begins to severely inhibit your life experiences, as you are increasingly trapped within the parameters of your own inner phobias and lack of self-love and self-confidence. If this is allowed to persist, then this form of imprisonment will only intensify as you cut yourself off from the richness of life, and forms of depression can occur.

Such a situation can be allowed to happen where inner blockages of energy generate stresses of compulsive behaviour which are internally felt as real yet are the symptoms of denying aspects of self (as symbolised by the planets which are inhibited); with this square, the probability is that Saturn's activity will become distorted too, overemphasised by the erecting of excessive boundaries and limitations. Tendencies of anxiety and guilt are also self-perpetuating, and these expand to form a web of energy which absorbs the individual's freedom of choice, and creates circular loop patterns of repetitive thought processes. There is emotional agitation, overly stimulated by inherent negative attitudes, yet there is no apparent ability to deal with them. Dissatisfaction and confusion is to be expected, yet any impulse to change the situation can also be inhibited.

The degree to which this inner psychological environment develops will be dependent on the rest of the chart; there may be mitigating factors which diminish its potential severity. Yet certain issues will be present in those who have this aspect, and several corrective and releasing acts can still be valuably taken to prohibit any likelihood of such tendencies developing.

Accepting your own nature is vital. Denial of any aspect leads to its suppression into the unconscious mind, where it is likely to fester, slowly releasing poisons into the personality within the appropriate level of natural affinity, distorting body, emotions or mind. Such a forced cutting away of part of your nature is never wise, and is as foolish as cutting away an arm because there may be an unsightly mole on it. Often these

tendencies to 'cut away' are indicated by square aspects, and symbolise probable inner tensions and blockages of energy which need release; yet in doing so, they can often become 'great friends', giving energy and power to enable you to achieve your aims. They are keys to real personal development, spurs to stimulate necessary integration.

In accepting your own nature, self-forgiveness is required, and a refusal to compare yourself to any illusory ideal of perfection. Why feel guilty because you are not like an ideal? You never can be, and your real task is just to become yourself, warts and all; and coming to terms with that is a great freedom and liberation in itself. Face those fears of failure; everyone fails in some way, so why should you be any exception? But some fail (repeatedly) and yet still carry on, gathering more successes as time passes and achieving their ambitions. There is success waiting for you. Just shake yourself down and carry on; and when you arrive, it will taste very sweet, and you'll know a valuable secret. Talents are there within you; they are just hiding out of sight. Find that pot of gold around the corner, and perhaps with a bit of support from others you'll learn how to really use it. All of those inner illusions, guilt trips, inferiority complexes and phobias can dissipate like chimeras in the sky. The self-imposed barriers of Saturn will collapse, and Neptune will flow through, healing you and inspiring you to find a new way. Why stay in a self-created prison when there is no locked door? Stop being self-indulgent. Walk through and emerge into a new world. And isn't that worth struggling for? Remember, your life is always basically what you make it. Don't throw it away; enjoy it.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you are sometimes given to unrealistic fears about poverty or personal incompetence. You are often overly anxious in matters over which you have no control and for which you should not bear any guilt. You become emotionally disturbed about them, and yet you do nothing to relieve your anxiety. You feel inadequate to deal with negative environmental conditions that you experience or observe, and this can cause you to become depressed. Actually you are afraid of responsibility and have doubts about your competence to deal with it effectively.

Your negative attitude may cause difficulties as you seek a professional career. The real problem is your lack of self-love, which often results in underachievement. Avoiding challenges may lead you to believe that you really cannot accomplish anything. It is imperative that you be willing to fail occasionally in order to find out where and how you can succeed. Being indifferent to duty and obligation doesn't solve anything. Withdrawal only further deepens your feeling of incompetence. You must be prepared to face competition so you can sharpen your talents for future use. Remember that those you meet in competition are also being tested by you, because they do not know your abilities.

You must come to see your fear of encounter and failure as an avenue of opportunity for development and progress. Small but increasingly significant successes can restore

your self-confidence. You won't become so overconfident as to be arrogant, but you will know what you can and cannot accomplish.

You should seek the services of a trusted friend to show you how to manage your potentials efficiently and gain the most from them. Be discriminating in selecting your friends, and refrain from discussing your personal problems with others. They probably have a sufficient number of their own.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the effect of the father on the developing psyche of the individual. Neptune can indicate the 'grand delusion', so this person may be born into a family that has illusions or delusions regarding the father, heredity or family influence.

The father will affect the individual's concept of creativity, perhaps impeding the development of some form of creative expression. Because of the square aspect, the influence of the father will work against the individual's dreams and goals, or even the development of spiritual goals. The aspect may indicate the person who has to pull away from the family experience in order to find himself. He may not see authority figures for what they are; he may be supportive of people who disappoint him.

It's interesting to note the house placements of the square, for the misunderstandings will involve the departments of life ruled by the houses. Inner conflict may be present, for the influence of the father is subconscious, keeping the individual from using the creative energy of the Neptune placement until he learns to recognize the Saturn influence.

Saturn square or opposition Neptune (

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Saturn and Neptune have very varied modes of expression. Much depends on which of the planets has more dignities. The building up and preservation of form are in conflict here with formlessness and the undermining of form. The result is that we tend to go wrong when setting goals and laying plans: our plans are incomplete or unrealistic; our goals so Utopian they are unattainable. Dreams are all too easily mistaken for realities. Even things that have begun to look settled seem to come unstuck through various elusive factors within ourselves; so concrete achievements do not come at all easily.

If we become interested in what lies beyond the range of normal vision and defies rational explanation, conflicts with Saturn in this area have an inhibiting effect so that we hesitate to commit ourselves and our approach is too rigid, or fear enters in to make us

superstitious. Or imagination runs riot with ideas we seem unable to shake off; as seen in its extreme form in paranoia. Naturally, before there can be any question of a persecution complex, personal planets have to be involved and the rest of the horoscope must be in agreement. The core of the matter, however, is that with the conflicts between Saturn and Neptune the world of imagination and of hard reality will put a strain on one another and cause problems.

Powers of perseverance (Saturn) can be undermined by Neptune, but the tension in these aspects can mean that once we have been inspired by a certain ideal we can devote ourselves to it for a long time.

However, the inspiration is not always there: it is stifled by Neptune in such a way that frequently we have difficulty in knowing just what we want. Therefore we are rather susceptible to the (subversive) influence of others.

Our need for the transcendant (Neptune) does seek to express itself; and when these Saturn / Neptune conflicts become too much for us, we just want to get away from it all. Then we seek the peace and quiet in which we feel more comfortable than in the turmoil of daily life. Calm seclusion can inspire us tremendously and help us to regain our strength.

(Charles Carter)

This influence varies from the other-worldly, who lack ambition and do not wish to be troubled with responsibility, to the crafty and designing who wish to win through at all costs and by any means. The two planets are of so different a nature that the character of the native is also divided, presenting very contradictory aspects at different times or in connection with different matters. There is nearly always the power to work hard, and even the opposition may not hinder great success (Henry Ford). On the other hand, the desire for retirement and seclusion may predominate.

There is usually a certain degree of self-will, and sometimes the native nourishes fantastic and impracticable schemes and ambitions.

There is scandal and sometimes even downfall, but nevertheless these aspects do not always appear to be serious, and, being of long duration by reason of the slowness of the two bodies involved, they need not be taken as very important unless they are either very close, or on angles, or involved with other bodies.

Since Saturn rules the 11th house essentially, the friends may be treacherous, unstable, parasitic, or implicated in scandals.

The ambitions are frequently thwarted, and one's good name is liable to be assailed by hidden channels and in ways difficult of detection.

I have known great suspiciousness under this contact. It may even lead to a definite persecution mania.

26) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ☊ **North-Node** - (4°50' S) ♄10 | ♀7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a thwarting of the natives' ambition and progress by prevailing social forces. Their fearfulness and conservatism may prevent their being in the right place at the right time to take advantage of opportunities which the society affords them. They may be isolated by society or become recluses.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This is quite a strange aspect to such an extent that limitations in life are doubly significant. Here, the Saturnian limitations will confront you with a problem or learning experiences, but the nodes will even take the chances away from you to learn from them. Depending upon the benefic aspects to this combination, the effects will change accordingly. For example, a supporting trine aspect to Saturn might minimize the intensity of drastic learning or a Trine to the nodes might increase your chances to learn the lesson in a constructive way, etc.. In general, growth as an individual is needed and noticed in this aspect. Full assistance or completely obstructive tendencies from older folk is seen. Problems with circulations and bone structure in general are noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Much like Saturn conjunct South Node. Pessimism is one manifestation of the nodal conflict; this must be consciously dealt with and eradicated if growth is to take place.

Saturn square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in cooperating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

27) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Square** ♀ **Neptune** - (5°26' A) ☿10 | ♃7

(Haydn Paul)

The last square aspect happened during the period 1952-56, and influenced the people born during that phase. This was the second phase of post-war children, born into a time of relative stability and reconstruction, when the memories of the war were ebbing away into past history, even though the Korean War was rekindling some of them.

This group received a psychic impression from the collective, which embodies a form of social confusion then prevalent which was reflective of the collective mind. Social direction was the issue. The defeat of Churchill's government after the ending of the war, a government which seemed to represent the past, and the introduction of the post-war Labour reformist policies such as the Welfare State seemed to herald a new vision and direction. But the collective was torn between dreams and fears of a new world, and a rejection of painful memories of man's inhumanity; a clash between the future and the past, the unknown and the known.

Reflecting this collective conflict, the individuals born at the time received a pattern of rebellion (Uranus) which was mixed with confusion (Neptune) over what to do, which direction to travel in, how to achieve objectives, even what these objectives actually were. The only model that could be absorbed was that of their parents and peers, which offered conflicting and confusing social messages.

The problem in later life would become ambivalence; they would be torn between a need to revolt against authority and the establishment, and a need to feel socially secure. Purity of ideals would become a challenge, especially when confronted with the

pragmatic demands of economic and family life.

With this aspect there is an aversion to leaders, who, it is felt, lead people into blind obedience and conformity, which to the Uranian spirit is anathema and opposed to the Uranian principle of freedom. Personal freedoms are paramount, and their repression may lead to a struggle to assert them. Yet this group eventually fragmented into various types. Some were reluctant revolutionaries, eventually being reabsorbed into the social 'mainstream'; some were 'rebels without a cause', social misfits with no direction except that of aggressive reaction. Members of this aspect group were attracted to the existing hippie and drug counter-culture, in the later phase after 1968; others became early leaders of the mid-seventies' punk movement, an anarchic reactionary youth revolt against conformity; and perhaps most significant of all became part of the spreading of the New Age movement which incorporates the ecological Green political groups.

In fact, many of those who were early adherents of the hippie ideals have become part of the New Age culture, which is expanding throughout society through alternative health therapies, mind training, healthy foods, and an ideology of individual and collective wholeness. It is in this way that the core group of those born during the period 1952-6 is active in taking control of their own lives and influencing society.

(Robert Pelletier)

This combination occurred between 1952 and 1956; anyone born during that period of time will have this combination.

Uranus square Neptune shows that you belong to a group consciousness that is in constant rebellion, but isn't quite sure of the reason. Although you feel the oppression of ignorance, you will have to do a lot of hard work to make clear exactly what you are going to do about it. If you are guilty of rejecting your social obligations, you may refuse to demonstrate your opposition to the corrosive effects of political subversion. Or you may decide that your professional status and personal security are too much to risk for the sake of that faceless crowd of humanity from which you've become detached. If you do decide to participate, it may be through an intermediary, because you say, 'I don't want to become personally involved, since I have so much to lose if I'm discovered.' This is an understandable position, but it is also indefensible. You would be the first to cry out in anger if your own personal freedom were being taken away. In the past, millions refused to 'rock the boat' for fear their own security would be jeopardized. How many of them gained the security of a roof over their heads - in prisons, detention camps, and the like? If freedom is truly important to you, then you must have the courage to fight for it.

Lacking the courage of Uranus, you have consented to live in bondage at the hands of leaders who lust for power and who consider you expendable. On the other hand, you can challenge those who abuse their leadership positions and demand that they be held accountable to everyone for their deeds. You have the ability to arouse others and to

stimulate them to action when mere words will not suffice. If you cannot personally supervise the action against oppressive conditions, you can at least support those who will.

Your future objectives are always weakened by a tendency to take a laissez-faire attitude toward the political motivation of existing government officials. You cannot afford to relax your attention to this danger.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square aspect indicates a tendency to use the energies against each other. The dream or ideal of the generation (Neptune) may not be reflected in the behavior pattern of that generation (Uranus). When this aspect ties into the personal planets, the square becomes important in the personal sense, for these individuals will need to work out the frustration in order to realize the full potential of growth possible.

For example, consider the Sun conjunct Neptune square Uranus. The creative energy of Neptune will influence the Sun. The aspect indicates some delusion regarding the father; either he was misrepresented or the individual has some delusion in regard to his heredity or inherited responsibilities. The Uranus square will make him willful and eccentric, and he will behave in a manner that might not enhance the expression of his Sun sign energy. In order to use the aspect constructively, he will need to consider his Sun sign needs and how highly individualistic behavior would best support those interests.

Uranus square or opposition Neptune

(Charles Carter)

In these cases, the intensity of emotion is very marked, the native being as a rule, highly strung, intense, sensitive, and easily upset. Self-will is marked, and the native will not readily be thwarted or persuaded. The emotional force may be discharged in some such form as art, music, dancing, rhetoric or pseudo-religious devotion; some form of service; or, in bad charts, in drink, sex, or neurotic collapse. It does not lack courage, and may cause the native to seek excitement in risks.

Usually, motives and ideals are high, and the native means well, but is apt to go to extremes, to lack all sense of humour (in regard to his or her own interests and pursuits), and to be unable to co-operate or compromise. It may indeed be termed an aspect of fanaticism, but in many cases its action is chiefly external, giving taut nerves, an 'edgy' temper, and various forms of disease, usually of neural character.

It is often present in the charts of very conscientious people, who are hard on themselves and on others, exhibiting rigidity of outlook. It does not favour calm, moderation, reflectiveness, and detachment, for the emotions are set at variance with the will.

Like all Neptunian afflictions, it sometimes causes unpleasant or deceptive 'astral' experiences, and it constitutes a warning against the cultivation of pursuits of this nature. A well-known example of this error is the case of Dr. John Dee, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I and an alchemist. He was a man of true piety and learning, but his whole career was ruined by his reliance on the guidance, or misguidance, of supposed angelic monitors. He had Neptune in the 3rd in Pisces, square to Uranus in the 7th.

Much of the unhappiness, 'never been young' attitude of modern (ie late 1920s, when Carter was writing!) youth, their confusion of outlook, and lack of standards may be attributed without risk of error to the opposition of these planets that prevailed around 1910.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible 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.

28) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°10' A) ♀4 | ♃12

(Robert Hand)

This aspect will be extremely useful, first by helping you find the right direction to take in your life. and second by enabling you to make others feel positive about you and eager to help if you need it. You are able to pursue your goals without making people feel that you will take something away from them. You have a strong sense of social responsibility, a feeling that you should give your life over to a purpose that is useful in the world. It isn't that you are totally selfish or self-sacrificing, but that nothing seems worth doing unless it is of use to others.

You will always get along easily with authorities, and while you are young that usually means people who are older. You know that they have something to teach you, and you

are willing to learn from them. You don't feel you have to show everyone how smart you are, even though you believe that you are rather special. You are willing to take your time and let the world find out how much you can do.

You will always have a project to work on, because you hate to be idle, either in mind or in body. Usually you are busy with some consuming interest, which may mean more to you than being with others. You feel that you are self-sufficient, and that your activities are enough to give you a sense of fulfillment in life. You don't feel an urgent need to be with others all the time.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates a constructive attitude toward work which facilitates a rise to prominence in the native's chosen profession. His honesty and sincerity will gain the goodwill of people in positions of power, who in turn will help him further his ambitions. This aspect is especially favorable for a career in law or in the ministry.

Professional success ensures the wherewithal for a happy, secure domestic life. The natives love their families and have a positive attitude toward family members.

Jupiter trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven, we generally know how to make a good impression on the outside world. We can encourage others by a friendly, cheerful attitude and, conversely, others are prepared to help us, too. The self-image is a confident one. We adapt well to the various circumstances of life, and luck is usually on our side. Good opportunities seem to present themselves of their own accord without any notable effort on our part. But, since everything runs so smoothly, we tend to become easy-going and self-indulgent.

Freedom to develop is not something we have to fight for with this aspect; usually it is handed to us on a plate. The position of Jupiter is excellent for a (big or small) rise in life - a rise often brought about (in part, anyway) by a wide range of interests. Once again, to issue the statutory warning that ought to accompany all Jovian aspects, we must try to avoid thinking that we always know best. However, with the harmonious aspects our style is so relaxed that it seldom raises many hackles.

29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (2°34' A) ♈2 | ♅10

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect tends to add the qualities of creativity and intuition more easily to the characteristics of the conjunction and the sextile. There is a subtle shift from the urge to acquire knowledge as a predominant tendency, to one of being capable of utilising it for the benefit of self and others.

You apply your mind to establishing a firm foundation for future work, where your investigative and research interests are directed towards a clear aim and purpose. Your basic orientation is humanitarian; you prefer to put your talents and energy into spheres that you believe will make a positive contribution to human progress. This could include scientific or medical work, or knowledge communication. You see that the point of knowledge is not just to acquire it, but to use it to improve the quality of life; your inner fascination has a more practical dimension.

There is likely to be an interest in the mysteries of life, and in universal and human behaviour; and a sense of the subtle, intangible energies that animate life. This can develop into exploring the occult realms; and you will probably gain a personal understanding of their existence if you take that path. Uranus can offer those lightning flashes of holistic insight which cut through the separative analytical mind, giving access to the unitive dimensions. You should be capable of integrating the spiritual perspective into the mundane material world, thus cross-fertilising the levels and forming an inner balance within yourself. If you do choose to venture along the occult path, then your mental foundation pattern of logic and rationality (Mercury energy) can be of considerable use in moving through layers of illusion and spurious belief thought-forms. Bewitched by the glamour of the exotic and mysterious occult worlds, many fall prey to illusion and an unconscious submission to the occult mystery and authority. They fail to apply the conscious logical mind to the teachings, generally accepting them without serious questioning or personal effort to discover the truth for themselves. Certainly, the rational mind does not have all the answers; and its failure is clearly seen in the world today; but a bridge needs to be established between that level and the more universal holistic perception that Uranus offers, so that the two spheres of mind can work together creatively and harmoniously from the wider conscious perspective. This is a major task for the Aquarian Age, and one that we are all asked to participate in by achieving the integration in our lives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have a fertile, intuitive mind, which you express creatively. Your opinions are always based on sound principles, and you speak with conviction. You rarely make superficial statements because your mind does not dwell on trite matters. You seek after the truth, knowing it is the only way you can feel free. And freedom is very important to you.

You understand occult matters and may become involved in some facet of this field as

your life's work. Your flashes of intuitive insight are amazingly accurate, and you could excel in the study of psychic phenomena. Mysteries fascinate you, so you might also become proficient in solving problems in the scientific world. You find the human factor equally interesting, and you could master the fields of psychology, philosophy, or social programs.

Although you have carte blanche in deciding what to do with your vast resources in human understanding, teaching should be high on the list. The truth has been revealed to you, and you could communicate it to those who are eager to share in your good fortune. You have leadership ability, but your best choice would be to stimulate others to develop their own. You are way ahead of your time in comprehending matters that usually require many laborious years of study.

Your spiritual values are highly developed and well integrated with your material responsibilities. There is no conflict between your inner and outer lives, since each sustains the other.

You are restless with those who are satisfied with knowledge for its own sake. For you, the only justification for increased knowledge is reaching toward human perfection.

Mercury trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects between Mercury and Uranus, thinking is imaginative and independent but, even here, it is to some extent erratic. Wherever there is the chance to break fresh ground, this person works wonders, but it is not so easy to contend with humdrum everyday life. The latter is experienced as dull and irksome because it offers nothing new and creative or sufficiently original. In fact, in all Mercury / Uranus aspects - even in the harmonious ones - there are impractical people who, although very gifted in a certain field, have little idea how to manage ordinary affairs. Their fellow citizens regard this type as eccentrics who live in a world of their own and want to go their own sweet way. When the aspect is harmonious, these others hardly raise a protest but just let them get on with it.

Any aspect between Uranus and Mercury will make the native inventive, so the combination has a lot of useful potential. But in the harmonious aspects especially this type must learn to persevere and carry projects through to completion, because he or she suffers from a streak of laziness in spite of all the mental activity. So, although what we have here should be an ideal position for original scientific research, Saturn will have to be strong in the chart for anything constructive to be done.

Often there is a keen interest in anything a bit unusual: an interest in certain fringe activities such as astrology, fortune-telling or occultism, or in revolutionary creeds or utopias.

The same sharp tongue and the same liability to overtax the brain are present as in the conjunction and the hard aspects, but not to the same degree.

30) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°23' A) ♄10 | ♃2

(Donna van Toen)

Affectionate, pleasure-loving, and passionate, you have an intense approach to life that lasts well into middle age and sometimes longer. You have a great deal of warmth, which attracts others to you.

You have an enthusiasm for romance and sex that other people find attractive. You like to be with the opposite sex and show it. They, in turn, like you for being yourself and not playing games with them.

Your relationships should be good. Your sex life should also be good. Not that this aspect is a guarantee of romantic success - there can still be an unhappy love affair or two - but it's certainly a plus, and can help offset other stressful romantic aspects you might have.

One thing with this aspect that could need watching is the fact that you tend to be susceptible to flattery. While you don't play games with other people's affections yourself, you're a bit vulnerable to being caught up in other people's games, simply because you mean what you say and therefore assume others also mean what they say. If there are problems in your love life, it could be a sign that a little more discrimination is needed.

If you have Venus trine Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing would apply to you to a lesser degree. You might not be quite as averse to playing games as those with the trine aspect, though.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Mars shows that you are warm, affectionate, and congenial. You have a happy disposition and look for the better qualities in the people you relate to. You eagerly project yourself toward others and generally get the response you hope for. The demands you make on others are no greater than you would be willing to have them make. You have sex appeal, but you are not preoccupied with sex to the exclusion of other kinds of human contact. Your willingness to compromise encourages people to make concessions to you when it seems the right thing to do.

You are creative in entertaining friends at home, and people seek you out for their own social activities. Your creative talents could also be developed in the arts, drama, music, and appreciation for the dance. Any of these could prove rewarding to you either as a primary interest or as an avocation. You express yourself easily and could succeed in occupations that require you to appear before the public in some capacity. Public relations would seem particularly appropriate. With your congenial disposition, you can handle the most inflexible individual you might meet in carrying out your duties. You might also achieve success if you were self-employed.

Children find you a delightful companion, and you stimulate them to achieve because you believe in their individual capabilities. You also know how to win people over to your point of view by dramatizing your own position and not casting aspersions on theirs. You don't generally arouse criticism from those you deal with because you don't appear threatening to them. You tend to bring out the best in people.

You probably had a fairly happy home life that conditioned you to maintain happiness. Your own children will benefit from this too. Your belief in yourself allows you to give others the benefit of the doubt in your relations with them. You have a deep understanding of human nature and usually try to be helpful when people need help. But you don't assume that you have the right to interfere unless asked.

A fun-loving person at heart, you enjoy a good time. You may run into problems with romantic partners, who will assume by your nature that you won't care if they take liberties with you; for the most part, they would be mistaken.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother of this individual is a healthy influence during the childhood from a psychological point. What a person wants, desires, appreciates in life, what a person expects from a love relationship, is shown by the Venus position and sign. It is complemented by the Mars energy, for Mars enables one to act in a manner that helps the goal manifest. When the trine takes place, the personality reflects a great capacity for love and giving. If there are other relating problems indicated in the chart, this aspect can help give confidence to the 'worthwhileness' of working through them.

Mars represents action and Venus symbolizes what we appreciate, what we want from a love relationship, what we want to surround ourselves with in life. This interaction can be a beneficial one if used for accomplishment on the career level. However, any trine should be examined in context with the signs, for trines can indicate a different dilemma. For example, a Fire sign trine here might be too idealistic, and the idealism may cause an overly sensitive reaction to the normal day-to-day relating problems.

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.

31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (1°45' S) ♄10 | ♀2

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect gives similar indications to the sextile, where the possibility of personal transformation is likely to occur through emotional experiences of a higher and intense kind.

You will have a fundamental faith in life, an innate optimism that all will work out well in the end. This belief in the goodness of life can be 'contagious'; and you may feel attracted towards sharing with others your personal approach or philosophy of life, so that they too can experience how trust, faith and love can enrich and guide a life. You feel that higher values are essential in interpersonal relationships; and you try to embody these in your own life. You see that the bedrock of a partnership - apart from mutual love and affection - lies in qualities of commitment, honesty, integrity, responsibility to mutual obligations, and allowing each other the space to express his or her own unique nature and to continue to unfold the personality in a developmental way. Generally, you have a belief that the lives of others could be greatly improved if certain adjustments were made in their attitudes; and you are probably correct in assuming so. You may, however, have to avoid a tendency to interfere in the choices that others make. They have to find their own way, although you have the potential to help others do this, perhaps by encouraging them to examine themselves and their options.

You should have a sense of life direction to follow, a meaningful path which may appear in hindsight to have an element of inevitability about it. Similarly, your intimate love life may feel preordained, and you may find that you are waiting for that special partner to enter your life, not feeling quite right with any previous relationships or fully able to commit yourself to them. It could be that you experience the right partner in the traditional sense of 'love at first sight', an intuitive feeling of 'rightness'.

Whether immediately obvious or not, your life will be strongly directed and influenced by your emotions; your choices will always be conditioned by your emotional responses to people and situations, even though you may overlay your 'gut reaction' by intellectual reasons or logic. Fortunately, your choices tend to turn out right for you, unlike the choices made by those with the Venus-Pluto square or opposition, where following emotional impulses leads towards considerable difficulties and frustrations. It may be that some of the higher appreciation and qualities that potentially are yours to

experience may remain latent until they are triggered into conscious activity through the transformative action of love upon you; meeting your 'fated partner' could be the stimulus for this process. This does not necessarily imply that the relationship will succeed and survive, but could indicate a crisis and turning-point in your life centred within your emotions, which - whatever the result - will lead to enhanced understanding and inner change.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Venus trine Pluto enables you to enjoy the highest creative experiences that love can bring. You derive spiritual benefits from personal contacts, and you stimulate others to emulate your attitude about love, which benefits them too.

You will control your ardent love nature until your intuition signals that you have found a suitable partner for creative expression of your passion. You may have love interests, which can be more romantic than real love, but when you meet the one special individual, you will respond with undeniable persuasiveness. The chances are good that the feeling will be mutual. There is a quality of fate in the chance encounter that defies all logic; this love will grow until you both feel as one.

You can be extremely effective in teaching others about moral and spiritual values and how to enrich their lives by adhering to the highest ethical standards. Young people especially will relate to you; you can teach them to stand on their own feet, secure in their values and commitments and in their eagerness to be loving in spite of adversity.

Any profession that you follow, you will be dedicated to. You are honest and would probably quit your job if you had to bend your ethics in performing it. Some fields that are especially suited to your capabilities include investment, insurance, financial management, and sales. Selling would be especially rewarding because your sincerity would encourage customers to buy your product. You could also function well as an analyst because you can focus on people's needs. You are understanding, sympathetic, and yet strong enough to persuade people to accept your suggestions for their own good.

You have a quality that is essential to success - you believe in yourself and in the potentials of others. Your basic integrity is solidly founded. You could make a substantial contribution to society through government service or political activity, probably in the financial management of someone in office or seeking it. You could also find satisfaction in working for the Internal Revenue Service or as a private citizen conducting your own tax service. It would be difficult for anyone to pull the wool over your eyes because you are keenly perceptive of dishonesty.

Whatever course you follow in your private and your professional life, you will be amply rewarded for your efforts. The love principle you project to all has the peripheral effect

of bringing abundance into your life. This aspect usually means you will inherit something, and it is almost a certainty that you will be named in someone's will because of your unselfish contribution.

32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (8°18' A) ♈2 | ♋10

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, the Mars and Uranus energies should be reconciled and capable of working well together. In several respects there is similarity with the sextile, although there will be less emphasis upon the level of mind as a dominating factor.

There will be a multiplicity of interests and fascinating areas of knowledge that will attract you; and you will demand that you have sufficient freedom to be able to explore them. Building upon the results of your studies and skills that you have developed, you will feel attracted towards ways of creativity which demonstrate your capacity for self-expression. Being creative is important to you; and once stimulated you may have the problem of choosing what idea to work with out of the many that appeal to you. Discipline can be necessary at such a point, once you decide to follow a creative project, so that you succeed in completing it, before diverting yourself into others.

Independence seems necessary for you; and that impatient, restless nature often makes you soon tire of any enclosing intimate relationships. You need a broader scope, with the stimulation of more people to offer more expansive horizons. Group involvements can help to satisfy such needs, as well as providing a focus for your energies. Potentially, you can become a leader of such groups; but if you do so, you may find that your independence becomes constrained and the accompanying duties and responsibilities are onerous. Organisational routines and predictability would limit your freedom - which you would hate. A routine life and employment will not suit you. A greater degree of mobility and choice of activity can be aimed towards building a lifestyle that satisfies your needs, rather than frustrating them. Otherwise, those nervous tensions will grow, and can lead to psychosomatic illness.

If your creative spirit is released, and you enter into a less conventional life, you will find that more unorthodox relationships are appropriate and liberating. A traditional marriage may feel limiting, assuming that this tends to imply a traditional lifestyle as well. Under social pressures to conform, people often find that they are being forced to live in certain ways that are inimical to their natural needs and desires as evolving individuals. Nonconformism is usually penalised, and demands a strong personality to oppose these pressures and so create a life that is appropriate for them. Most societies favour a predictable 'greyneess' of population, rather than welcoming a multi-coloured richness that is harder to control.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mars to Uranus shows that you act with originality and creative enthusiasm. There is a feeling of drama in the way you express yourself. Although you are impatient, it is only because you are always excited about what interests you. You demand freedom in order to exploit your creative potentials and to indulge yourself when you choose. Your energy is boundless, and you have innumerable projects to keep you busy. You feel sorry for people who are trapped in limiting circumstances, because you realize how these can destroy creative development.

You are best suited for occupations that give you mobility and self-determination. The nine-to-five scene is just too routine and full of restrictions. You should become involved with group activities, where your leadership qualities can be used to best advantage. Exploratory enterprises, research, invention, travel, industrial sales, and engineering are some of the occupations that could provide you with the kind of incentive you need.

Even politics could be fascinating for your abundant creative talents. You enjoy being with people who are exciting, progressive, and interested primarily in the developments of tomorrow.

You do need to learn greater moderation, though, and you must be patient if others don't act with your decisiveness. Occasionally you need to unwind to ease the nervous tension that frequently builds up. You may not realize how abusive this can be to your physical condition, for you pride yourself on getting along with no let-up and little rest.

In your romantic affairs, you are impulsive and restless. It goes without saying that you have strong sexual needs. You don't tolerate rejection with grace. The limiting ties of marriage are not of much interest to you, and you disdainfully view the conventional life as a relic from the past. You prefer to enjoy a wide circle of friends who can give you a variety of pleasures. Others may envy you for your exciting lifestyle.

(Betty Lundsted)

An astrology teacher once described this aspect as the mark of genius. Uranus indicates erratic, unconventional behavior; Mars indicates action. If the action taken is unorthodox or unconventional and constructively applied, this individual can bring new ideas into his generation. However, if the ideas or behavioral attitudes are merely unconventional, the aspect may reflect a person who thinks he is creative only because he is 'different'.

In order to determine whether or not the aspect is functioning creatively, the rest of the chart must be synthesized, for the creative energy expresses better when action is taken because we like ourselves. If either the Sun or the Moon is afflicted, perhaps the creative energy will not manifest until this person becomes conscious of the need to bring body and soul into context. Once the Sun and Moon energy find appropriate expression, this individual has creative energy at his disposal.

Mars trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The restlessness, impatience, overactivity and self-will of the conjunction are also seen here. Mars and Uranus stimulate one another whenever they are mutually in aspect, so here, too, we have a need to live our own life, to interest ourselves in new things, and, above all, to look for excitement. The harmonious aspects offer the advantage that circumstances are more likely to swing our way. Originality and reforming zeal give us the opportunity to become the independent, pioneering leader of a group.

We are quick to seize fresh opportunities, and expect others to do the same. On the other hand, we lack patience, and have only a limited capacity for co-operation; but where we have to make a solo effort we can do outstandingly well - because it fits in better with our deep-rooted love of liberty. The changeability and fickleness of Uranus make an impact on energy and executive ability; therefore we find it hard to remain long at the same task - we do need varied activities, not to mention a certain amount of challenge and adventure. With the harmonious aspects, we usually know how to create or find situations in which we obtain what we seek. The abruptness of a Mars / Uranus combination always makes itself felt and even with the harmonious aspects we have to be guarded in our actions, which can sometimes be disruptive.

Uranian tension is not far to seek in the harmonious aspects, and from time to time we may suffer from nervous diseases and overstrain. With this combination, we seldom rest; for although the harmonious aspects tend to be rather passive, two such active planets in combination will put this passivity to flight. Provided life is full of action and variety, and provided we get the opportunity to show what we can do, we can be extremely creative and innovative - quite often in technical / mechanical fields.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts between these planets are of an important character, producing some of the most marked results of any aspects. They are valuable, and yet, unless the planets are well placed by sign and have no other aspects of a discordant kind, they may be somewhat critical, even when they are technically of a benefic nature.

They greatly add to the energy, vigour, decision, and will-power of the native, who is very rarely of a milk-and-water or nondescript character. He will as a rule know his own mind excellently well, and much will depend on the rest of the chart, for, unless this shows sense and judgement, the strength of Mars-Uranus may lead to disaster because of its very strength and courage.

It tends to give physical robustness, the ability to stand hard conditions, and the capacity for hard work; but even thus, cross aspects from other bodies may result in high nervous tension and an overwrought condition, the will, as it were, tearing the body asunder. In one case known to me there is a trine between Mars (Taurus) and Uranus (Virgo) with a cross aspect to the latter from the Sun (Sagittarius). Here the heart has suffered, as the outcome of nervous strain, and the native is almost an invalid. In another case, with the same trine from the same signs, but with Sun and Saturn in square to Uranus from Gemini, there is indomitable courage, but it is spent in an uphill fight with poverty and sickness. It may be said that any ill aspect to the harmonious Mars-Uranus combination will occasion a greater or less degree of nerve-tension.

This tension seems to externalise itself frequently in the form of accidents or assault. Even among those who possessed good aspects between these planets this is sometimes exemplified. For instance, Queen Victoria and King Edward VII both had them, but in each case there were attempts on the life, which may in part be ascribed to these positions. Wallenstein was a great leader, with that personal fascination that goes with good aspects of Uranus, but he was assassinated. Sometimes the attack takes the form of slander.

But as a rule grave danger need not be anticipated from the good aspects, and on the other hand they bestow excellent qualities, particularly for those who are called on to deal with difficult, arduous, or perilous conditions. Only if the rest of the chart is weak or violent does the Mars-Uranus trine or sextile seem to be involved in the general crisis.

33) ► **Saturn** ♋ **Trine** ♍ **Pluto** - (5°01' S) ♄10 | ♅2

(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.

34) ► **Uranus** ⌘ **Trine** ♌ **Pluto** - (5°10' A) ♄10 | ♎2

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

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