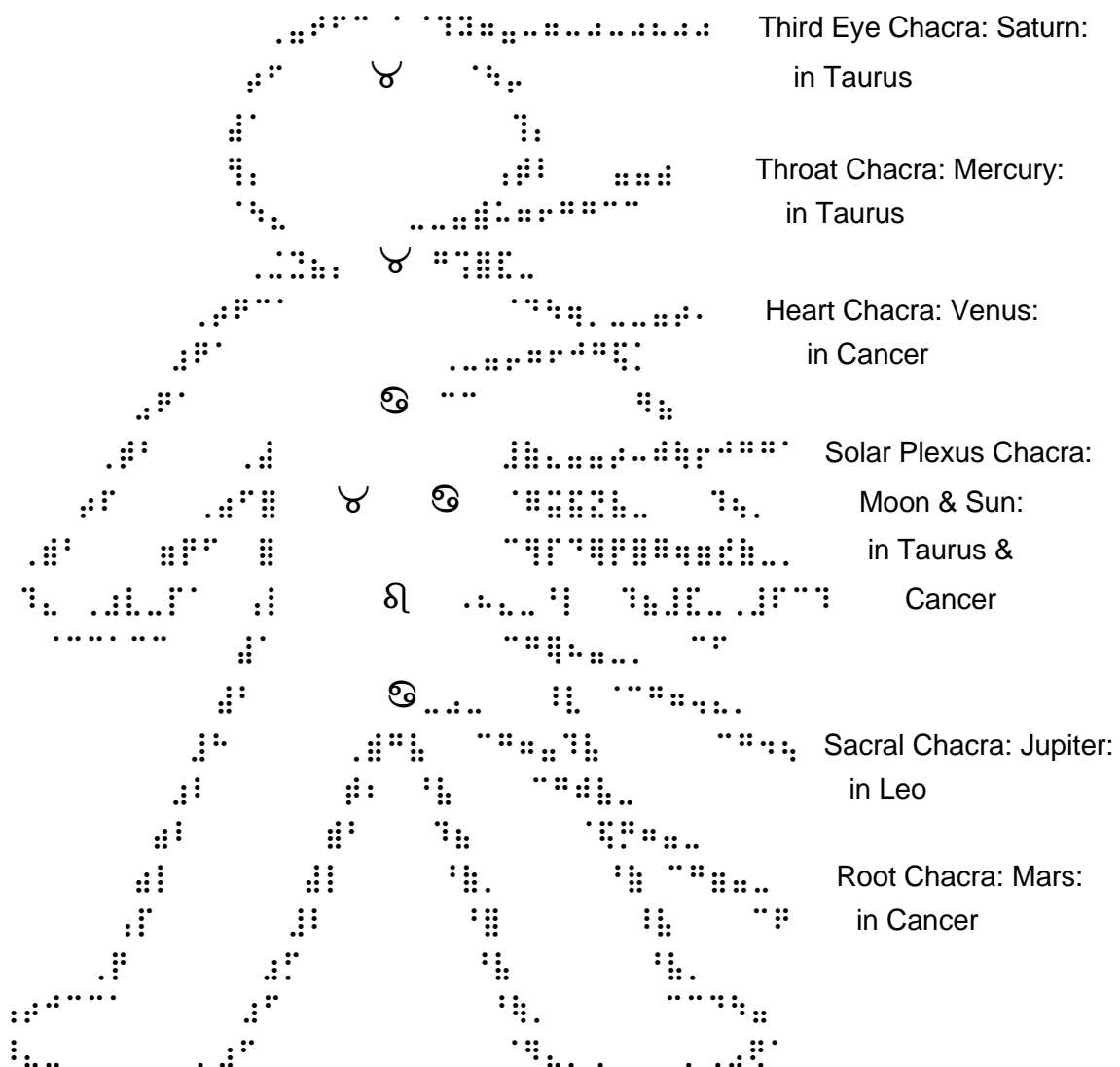


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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Cancer Sun ☉ ☿ and ♀ ☌ Taurus Moon man**

([752] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Adaptable, serious and charming;

Negatives: Fantasist, materialistic and superficial;

Perfect partner: Someone who is romantic and nurturing like them;

Advice: They need to anchor themselves in reality better.

## **Sun ☉ in VI 6th House**

([864] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Very grounded in their beliefs - Summary:**

Strengths: Strong, ambitious and warm-hearted;

Challenges: Indecisive and superficial;

Advice: They should try and stick to a routine to feel more grounded.

## **Moon ☌ in IV 4th House**

([875] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A lasting emotional impression - Summary:**

Strengths: Resourceful, funny and caring;

Challenges: Emotional and overly nostalgic;

Advice: Learn to prioritize so you don't feel overwhelmed.

Neutral: Dependent on the ones they love

## **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.

### ***Mercury ♀ in ♉ Taurus man***

([886] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A disciplined and resilient man - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Ingenious and loving;

Negatives: Mean and nervous;

Soulmate: Someone who is lively and dynamic;

Life lesson: To focus more on the end-goal and less on the fine details.

### ***Mercury ♀ in IV 4th House***

([911] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Quite subjective individuals - Summary:**

Strengths: Adventurous, eccentric and knowledgeable;

Challenges: Pessimistic and unstable;

Advice: They should also listen to their intuition, not only to reason.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♋ Cancer man***

([927] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Loyal and understanding;

Negatives: Emotionally vulnerable and impulsive;

Soulmate: Someone who is patient and supportive;

Life lesson: Taking the time in life to pursue something he enjoys.

### ***Venus ♀ in VI 6th House***

([950] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Very talented at anything visual - Summary:**

Strengths: Affectionate, practical and dependable;

Challenges: Demanding and prone to worrying;

Advice: Sometimes, in life, you just need to give it time.

Neutral: Obsessed with perfection

### ***Mars ♂ in ♋ Cancer man***

([963] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Some things are taken to the extreme - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Protective and affectionate;

Negatives: Overly-emotional and indecisive;

Soulmate: Someone who is very patient with him;

Life lesson: Sticking to a routine for a long time.

Neutral: Serious about taking care of his loved ones

**Mars ♂ in VI 6th House**

([986] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Can't stand unfairness - Summary:**

Strengths: Practical, organized and attentive;

Challenges: Demonstrative and stubborn;

Advice: Avoid unrealistic expectations.

**Jupiter ♃ in ♌ Leo man**

([997] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Incredibly charismatic - In a nutshell:**

Style: Expressive and joyful;

Top qualities: Dramatic, generous and proud;

Weaknesses: Fragile ego and susceptible to moodiness;

Advice: Take notice of the affection you are getting from your closest.

**Jupiter ♃ in VII 7th House**

([1011] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Determined, cooperative and diplomatic;

Challenges: Meddling, arrogant and stubborn;

Advice: They need to learn how to rely only on themselves.

**Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus man**

([1018] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Practical and generous;

Top qualities: Possessive, indulgent and friendly;

Challenges: Stubborn but also indecisive;

Advice: Try to obtain as much social support as possible.

**Saturn ♄ in IV 4th House**

([1032] i.thehoroscope.co)

**A complex inner life - Summary:**

Strengths: Honest, serious and dependable;

Challenges: Controlling, anxious and domineering;

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

**Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo man**

([1046] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Sensual and sympathetic;  
Top qualities: Observant, reliable and modest;  
Challenges: Fussy and easily offended;  
Advice: Physical exercise is really good for you.

### ***Uranus ♅ in VIII 8th House***

([1060] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **An overindulgent personality - Summary:**

Strengths: Fascinating, diplomatic and witty;  
Challenges: Overindulgent and suspicious;  
Advice: They need to be more careful with their finances.

### ***Neptune ♆ in ♓ Pisces man***

([1076] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### ***Neptune ♆ in II 2nd House***

([1078] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A challenging position, Creativity enhanced - Summary:**

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

### ***Pluto ♇ in ♋ Cancer man***

([1092] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Style: Instinctual and protective;  
Top qualities: Stable, generous and caring;  
Challenges: Pessimistic and worrisome;  
Advice: Transformation only comes when abandoning comfort zone.

### ***Pluto ♇ in VI 6th House***

([1106] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Pursuing life balance - Summary:**

Strengths: Observant, firm and hardworking;  
Challenges: Anxious, conflicting and criticizing;  
Advice: They should refrain from being too competitive with those close.

**North Node ♋ in ♉ Taurus**

([1114] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Elegant, discerning, talented and appreciative;

Challenges: Indulgent, pretentious, moody and selfish

Choosing to find what's sacred everywhere, Their value can't be replaced by anything

**South Node ♏ in ♏ Scorpio**

([1132] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Ambitious, direct, talented and adventurous;

Challenges: Pessimistic and possessive;

Experiencing an array of emotions, Escaping the mystical realm

**North Node ♋ in IV 4th House (Cancer)**

([1116] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Comfortable, ambitious and responsible;

Challenges: Fixed, criticising and stubborn

Continuously developing and evolving, More focused on their ambitions

**South Node ♏ in X 10th House (Capricorn)**

([1134] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Determined, authoritative and straightforward;

Challenges: Anxious, insecure and controlling;

Positive and comfortable, In need of respect and recognition

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♓ Pisces**

([1148] elsaelsa.com)

**Street Saint**

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

([1150] elsaelsa.com)

**Guardian of the Gate**

► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ☉ Sun - (0°12')** ♊1 | ♋6

([11] astromatrix.org:) Paparazzi Magnet

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership 2. Overcoming Self-Consciousness

Challenges: 1. Taking Charge of Your Fate 2. Exploring the Mystical

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°14') 1312 | 6

([48] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Comic

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Elders 2. Spreading Happiness

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

► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (0°56') 6 | 002

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

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

Challenges: 1. Trusting instincts 2. Honouring your identity

► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (0°26' A) 6 | 6

([180] [astromatrix.org](http://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

► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (1°27' S) 6 | 6

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

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

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

► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (1°53' S) 6 | 6

([40] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Sensualist

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Your Emotions 2. Not Sweating the Small Relationship Stuff

Challenges: 1. Overcoming Jealousies 2. Having Better Relations with Opposite Sex

► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°26' S) 4 | 6

([243] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Connaisseur

Opportunities: 1. Building a People-Focused Career 2. Enjoying Art

Challenges: 1. Exploring the Depths of Life 2. Facing Conflict

► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°19' S) 4 | 6

([244] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Technician

Opportunities: 1. Leveraging Your Communication Skills 2. Working with Groups

Challenges: 1. Channeling Your Multiple Interests 2. Balancing Selfishness and Empathy

► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♀ Lilith** - (4°03' A) 4 | 002

([640] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Being highly idealistic

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (5°19' S) 1 | 4

([396] astromatrix.org:) Emotional Misunderstanding

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Others Better 2. Balancing Your Personality

Challenges: 1. Reevaluating Goals 2. Learning to be Open

► **Ascendant ASC Square ♀ Mercury** - (6°05' A)    ♀1 | ♃4

([410] astromatrix.org:) Unrecognized Genius

Opportunities: 1. Relaxing More with People 2. Working Patiently Towards Goals

Challenges: 1. Understanding Misunderstandings 2. Accepting Difficulties

► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Mercury** - (0°52' A)    ♀12 | ♃4

([330] astromatrix.org:)

Opportunities: 1. Getting the Job Done 2. Using Writing for Your Benefit

Challenges: 1. Getting Outside Your Comfort Zone 2. Learning what You Need in Life

► **Venus ♀ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (3°37' A)    ♀6 | ♀2

([648] astromatrix.org:) Honouring your unique gifts

Opportunities: 1. Illuminating limiting beliefs 2. Becoming more authentic with others

Challenges: 1. Maintaining your truth 2. Releasing stagnant attachment

► **Mars ♂ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (1°44' A)    ♀6 | ♀2

([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) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°14') 1312 | 06
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (0°32') 1312 | 002
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°39') 07 | 04
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°51') 06 | 04
- 5) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°46') 06 | 002
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♀ Uranus** - (0°33') 06 | 08
- 7) ► **Saturn ♀ Contra-Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°32') 04 | 06
- 8) ► **Saturn ♀ Parallel ♀ South-Node** - (0°43') 04 | 10
- 9) ► **Pluto ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°11') 06 | 04
- 10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Jupiter** - (5°58' S) 07 | 07
- 11) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (0°26' A) 06 | 06
- 12) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (1°27' S) 06 | 06
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (9°28' A) 06 | 06
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♀ Saturn** - (5°21' S) 04 | 04
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♀ North-Node** - (3°27' A) 04 | 04
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (1°53' S) 06 | 06
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (9°36' S) 06 | 06
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♀ Saturn** - (4°38' A) 06 | 04
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Pluto** - (0°31' S) 04 | 06
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°26' S) 04 | 06
- 21) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°19' S) 04 | 06
- 22) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♀ Uranus** - (1°21' S) 06 | 08
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (3°53' A) 06 | 04
- 24) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♀ Uranus** - (0°32' A) 06 | 08
- 25) ► **Saturn ♀ Sextile ♀ Neptune** - (3°54' S) 04 | 002
- 26) ► **Saturn ♀ Sextile ♀ Pluto** - (4°50' S) 04 | 06
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (5°19' S) 01 | 04

- 28) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Jupiter** - (0°39' S) ☿4 | ♁7  
 29) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°42' S) ♁7 | ☿4  
 30) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (5°54' S) ♀2 | ☿4  
 31) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (0°55' S) ♄12 | ♁8  
 32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°44' A) ♁6 | ♀2  
 33) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°47' S) ☿4 | ♁8

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♋ Cancer 0° 21'

(Betty Lundsted)

Cancer is the most personal of the water signs. Because Cancerian children respond to their environment so intensely, they are among the most sensitive in the universe. The ruling planet of this sign is the Moon; and the Moon rules the tides and symbolizes the 'great mood-changer'. This sign is not an easy one to live out, for the emotional tensions and sensitivities create great inner turmoil in these individuals. It is for this reason that many people don't recognize the power of the Cancerian types. This is a cardinal sign, full of energy and possessing a great ambition to do something in the world. Yet, this driving ambition is difficult to see because of the emotional tensions.

It has been said that Cancerians are the orphans of the zodiac; that more Cancerian children than any other sign have lost a father or mother. (This also happens when the Moon is in Cancer or when Cancer is the Ascendant.) It has also been said that when Cancerians are lucky enough to have kept both parents, they nevertheless feel emotionally orphaned or emotionally deprived.

Cancer arrives in a mother-dominated world. The mother rules the marriage at the time of the child's birth. Sometimes it seems to Cancer that mother rules the universe because the father is missing. The father can be absent for many good reasons: he may be in the military, he may be travelling, etc.. The child doesn't know why he's absent, or even that he exists - Cancer only knows that mothers do everything. And the mother seems to be a particular type of person: she's highly manipulative; she controls the people around her by never showing her personality as woman; she handles people by acting the role of mother surrogate or by acting the role of helpless little girl. The child sees this kind of behavior, and grows up to act just like Mom. The Cancerian girl plays Big Momma or Helpless Little Girl; the Cancerian boy plays Big Daddy or Helpless (and

cute) Little Boy. Everyone plays roles at one time or another, but Cancerian types have little experience in how to play the role of adult men and women. They control their relationships by being a parent or child; and sometimes this behavior causes difficulties in the career and relationships.

The Cancerian female presents herself as a helpless little thing who needs protection. She marries a man who will save her from her environment. But, she develops into a very strong woman, for she is mother-dominated. And since she is female, it's easy for her to imitate her mother. She usually has no idea of her strength until she reaches thirty. She felt left out when she was an infant; her mother's love was not apparent. Consequently, she wants security as an adult. So, when she feels uncomfortable in a relationship, she'll use her wiles to regain control: either by playing helpless so that her partner will have to take care of her, or by being insecure, which usually manifest in wonderful jealousies. When there is insecurity, there is a tendency to over-compensate, so she may be jealous of her husband's friends or even of his business. She may be the type who calls him at his office twenty times a day; or she may pull scenes if he arrives home late from the office because he stopped to talk with someone after work. She may become a parasite, looking for constant reassurance of his love and affection. The irony here is that although she needs love and affection, she may have difficulty giving it in return because she never saw her mother give it. She learned through observing her mom that one must control men, manipulate them gently, in order to get what one wants. She learns what her mom teaches so well that she tends to have a lot of 'gimme' in her personality until she matures out of it. If she wants a role-playing relationship, these traits are fine. But if she's looking for a meaningful adult relationship with another person, these traits will stand in the way of its development.

Because her mother was so competent, the Cancerian female becomes quite aggressive in the career areas. She wants to make money so she can spend it. She wants to have a nice home to return to when she gets tired of the world. The Cancerian type is not the homebody we hear about; she prefers to have a nice home available to her, but she has to be out in the world exploring and feeling with the masses of people. (The Moon rules the general public.) She does well in her career once she settles into something that interests her. Many Cancerian women have jobs that include travel. She looks for executive power, for that is one way to use the Great Mother energy in a constructive sense.

The Cancerian male has more trouble getting free of his early childhood environment. He's raised in a mother-dominated atmosphere. He realizes that women are strong and powerful, and adopts his mother's mannerisms and attitudes. He may either be too emotionally close to his mother - a momma's boy - or really dislike her and later make the women in his life pay the dues for his mother hatred. In any event, he usually prefers the company of women; they are easier for him to talk with, they are more familiar. He enters relationships playing the role of Big Daddy or Little Boy. Whichever role he begins with, once the relationship is established, it is not surprising to see the Cancerian male

playing Little Boy, for he thinks this will get him what he wants. He, too, is looking for emotional fulfillment and affection, but usually something akin to 'mother love' is more important than a sexual relationship. Sometimes he establishes sexual relationships outside his marriage; he doesn't want one with his wife since she's playing the role of mother for him.

He needs lots of attention; and when he can't get it, he tries to make his wife angry. This is usually the time the Cancerian male starts playing around. But, he plays around to get caught. Getting caught arouses his wife's ire, and this signifies to him that she still cares. However, this is a dangerous way to secure his wife's attention. It may be the beginning of the end of the relationship! He is looking for a love that he is seldom able to return. His mother was not a giver; he didn't learn how to give as a child, so giving becomes something that is learned in his adult life. The Cancerian type holds on to what he has and keeps asking for more, all the while giving little in return.

The Cancerian man may not be quite as interested in a career as the Cancerian woman. He may have ambition or not - usually the motivation for accomplishment comes from impetus elsewhere in the chart. He can do well in a job situation if he so desires, for he can play father surrogate and be Big Daddy to all the people in his office, or he can play Little Boy and sell products better than anyone else in the zodiac. A Cancerian salesman makes lots of sales because he adopts the Little Boy role, which doesn't threaten the security of his customers. Cancer walks home with nice commissions over the years! If he has problems holding a job, it's usually because he's too much of a rebel. Motherdominated signs (with Cancer at the top of the list) have little respect for male authority figures. They are emotional and moody, and don't often care about father-approval, so they can be controversial and rebellious in the traditional business setting. They need freedom on the job, and they need to be interested in what they are doing or they won't fit into the business atmosphere.

Cancer is the sign that indicates nurturing and growth. Both the males and the females have the capacity to teach and train; to encourage and help others. This is a good indication that they will do well in the helping professions; that they make good teachers and that they can be helpful to people in general. They can also use this nurturing ability to develop a business that plays on the 'fad' consciousness of the public. There's no better horse trader in the zodiac.

Cancerians are moody and intuitive. They function much better when they listen to their intuition rather than their intellect. Because no-one paid attention to what Cancerian children said at home, it sometimes becomes very important for them to get a college education, for the 'grades' prove to the world that they really are as smart as everyone else. They are often put down as children since they have emotional reactions to what goes on around them as opposed to 'rational' reactions. However, the emotional reaction is the start of the intuitive process, and the rest of the signs have to take courses to reopen the channels of the intuitive process! Cancerians respond better to feelings than

to words. If you want them to respond to you or to a situation, ask them how they feel about it rather than what they think. When Cancerians reject their intuitive energy, they become very stiff and overrational. It's usually a cover for a wonderful intuitive self they haven't learned to value. It needs to come out.

(Haydn Paul)

The Cancer personality is predominantly involved with emotions, feelings and sensitivity to life, which often stimulates changeable moods and fluctuating emotions. This can create situations where you often feel hurt by others - intentionally or not - and you feel extremely vulnerable and defensive. You will have a strong concern for family well-being, and will be very emotional and sentimental towards them, with a very private attachment to your mother. You often look back towards your childhood, feeling that it holds an important set of memories for you. You can be fearful of what the future holds, and usually you will avoid looking too hard in that direction.

You may tend to be quite talkative at times, despite tendencies towards a more retiring and reserved nature; and this can sometimes be a 'defence' from confronting yourself by joining in with others, rather than retreating into your own private world. You are a sympathetic listener, unless it coincides with a period in which there are problems with your own sensitivity, in which case you are too preoccupied with your needs to be much use to others.

You have an active imagination - perhaps too active sometimes, as it can lead to brooding and worrying; and you tend to feel first and think last. This means that you can emotionally react quickly to situations, excessively so at times, whereas a more thoughtful response may have been more appropriate to avoid exacerbating any problems. You can tend to resist confronting problems, preferring to run away from pressures whenever possible. While you may give an impression of self-confidence and an ability to cope, you are only able to do so for a limited period, and then you need to retire into privacy and isolation to get yourself together again.

There can be a tendency to exaggerate personal problems - especially health - and this can cause illness through excessive worry. It is likely that you will become interested in health-giving foods and dietary concerns.

Home will be extremely important to you, both as a retreat from the world (your 'shell') and as your 'centre point' in life. You will try to maintain harmony and peace, hating any signs of discord. You prefer to live in style, and can become a knowledgeable collector of some type, enjoying the display of these interests in your home. You are fond of material possessions, and these often form your sense of material security. You enjoy and appreciate beauty in any form, and try to surround yourself with a pleasing environment, which can be enjoyed even more by opening your psychic sensitivity while at home. You need to feel that your family appreciates and thinks well of you, and will

feel most uncomfortable if you think that you are being criticised or ridiculed.

You prefer traditional attitudes and values, despite any superficial appearance of contemporary style; and can sometimes find it hard to understand the complexity of the modern world. There may be an artistic talent present - perhaps a craftsman in some way - but any artistic originality can be blocked by tendencies towards emotional repression, which is one of the major Cancer challenges to resolve. When you are feeling emotionally upset and imbalanced, your food intake will be affected, by way of your either eating to excess as 'compensation' or reducing food until the mood has passed.

You consider marriage is important, although you need to ensure a wise choice. Your emotional needs for love and nurturing may make you dependent on a strong partner, or attract a weaker personality to you, depending on whether your dominant pattern is for giving or receiving love. You can be highly supportive in helping a partner achieve his or her aims. You may become a day-dreamer, indulging in regrets or wishful thinking. Your inner life has an ebb-and-flow action like a rhythmic motion, emphasising your indrawn nature and then your instinctive outgoing social urge, leading often to moodiness and contradictions. The phases of the Moon may affect you more than you realise.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Cancer individuals feel they have the right to be emotionally self-centred; to be pampered by others; to be motherly to a fault; and to demand that others respect their sensitivity.

#### Static

When your attention is on yourself, you might expect others to react in such a way that your sensitivities are never injured. This leads you to appear as hypersensitive, moody, and self-protective. When you yearn to be recognized for your sensitivity, you may demand that others respond by being constantly perceptive to every mood. You may require that any intimacy centre around your feelings. This leads to others feeling alienated since they cannot share themselves for fear of a potential defensive reaction. You might be so dedicated to protecting your sense of vulnerability that the slightest input can cause you to withdraw into your shell.

#### Dynamic

When your attention is directed toward sharing your talents for emotional perception with others, you can care for and assist them. This results in your becoming more objective and contented with your feelings. You can use your natural sensitivity to recognize the hidden emotional pains of others. This recognition enables you to inspire them and also yourself through your sympathetic understanding of their distress. You can give others

center stage in the expression of their feelings and vulnerabilities. As you empathize with their suffering, your vitality increases, and others can appreciate you for your intuitive and loving nature. In the process of expressing your gifts for emotional participation in a way that serves others, you come to realize that your best security rests in caring for those outside yourself.

(Sydney Omarr)

#### Cancer females

Cancer women are lovely and often lonely; they reach out for love and affection. Often, when their desires for security are not fulfilled, they stray. They seek and experiment. However, if you can give this woman love, if you are willing to make a home for her, she will usually prove faithful, loyal, warm and exciting. Besides, she is a good cook! This woman likes to aid loved ones. Here is a good hint: ask her for advice! Don't always follow it - but ask, anyway. Include her 'in'. To shut a Cancer woman out is to invite trouble.

If you are interested in keeping your Cancer woman - pay attention to the home. Domesticity becomes a key word, along with bigger and better household furnishings. But don't think she is satisfied merely to be kept busy around and in the house. She wants to share your life, not merely wait on you.

She is highly emotional, being of the Water element. Her intuition is highly developed. She can usually perceive when something of importance is about to occur. She has a tendency to brood and worry; she requires constant assurance and reassurance in love, and is not satisfied with a peck on the cheek. She wants sincerity and plenty of affection.

Don't try to fool this woman. Place your cards face up and then let her make up her own mind. If she loves you, she will fight in your corner. This is true no matter what the odds. She is a valuable ally. She can make life worth living as long as you are loyal. Once you are not, you begin a chain of events that could boomerang.

If you are looking for a waoman who can make a home for you, she is for you. But never take her for granted!

#### Cancer males

Be sympathetic with the Cancer man - but don't spoil him! He is more emotional than the average man; he is sensitive to his surroundings and to your moods. And he has plenty of moods of his own, too. It is said that most Cancer men love the home and good food. but the truth of the matter, most likely, is that he appreciates homemaking efforts, including the talents that make up a skillful chef. He does not require a palace or a queen, but he insists upon undivided loyalty. With this insistence, there is a lurking

suspicion that all could not be as good as it looks; he feels someone, somewhere, is doing something he or she should not be doing. This makes him unhappy!

This is not the easiest man to love. He is an idealist; he expects to make mistakes himself but he is astonished when a loved one slips in any manner. His standards are high; he is patriotic, loyal; he doesn't mind fighting with members of his own family. he enjoys a good family quarrel: it clears the air! But let an outsider say something about a person he loves - then he fights.

He is a moody man and the best hint is this: recognize that his moods are expressions, nuances of his feelings, character, hopes, dreams. Don't try to pull him out of his thoughts. His ambitions are based on ideas. He realizes that fulfillment of dreams depends upon his ability to outmanoeuvre or outthink competitors. once this man declares his love for you, he is apt to be pretty serious about it.

Avoid sniping at him. Keep your head - give and take - don't ask for special favors or privileges. This man appreciates honesty and frankness; he cannot tolerate whining. Remember, he is the one who seeks sympathy - to ask him to give you too much is to make him think that maybe he's with the wrong woman!

This man appreciates women and the finer things in life. The better he has it, the more discriminating he becomes. He fears ridicule, and the quickest way to lose him is to laugh at him.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have the Sun in Cancer are highly sensitive and emotional. Because you are emotionally tuned into the moods and feelings of others, you are quite intuitive and sometimes seem to be psychic. You may choose to express your sensitivity by being caring and compassionate toward others, or through some artistic medium. If, however, you believe that sensitivity is a sign of weakness, you might try instead to hide behind a mask of bravado; and some men who have their Suns in Cancer affect a macho attitude as an overcompensation.

You place great importance on the home and family. Your family is at the centre of your life; and whether or not your experiences with family members are positive, your ties to them are strong. Your family provides you with a sense of security and belonging. It is hard for you to see yourself as an independent entity, for your role within the family structure is integral to your self-image and usually overshadows your sense of individuality. Even as an adult, you may have difficulty breaking away from your parents and their expectations, or living a lifestyle which is different from theirs.

The sign Cancer also is associated with mother and motherhood; and both men and women with this Sun sign are strongly attached to their mothers. At their best, men tend



to be caring, respectful, protective and devoted to their mothers; at worst, they are neurotically dependent 'mama's boys', who never untie the apron strings and expect all women to be substitute mothers. Women see their roles as mothers as all-important, and often think of themselves as mothers first, people second. Whether your feelings toward your own mother are fond and loving, or hostile and resentful, you probably have trouble severing the umbilical cord.

You love children, and if you don't have any offspring of your own, you are probably an adoring aunt / uncle, godparent, or teacher, or are working with children in some way. You respect the image of the traditional, nuclear family, and see it as a microcosm of society. You consider your friends, co-workers, neighbors and fellow-citizens as part of your extended family.

Alternative lifestyles and attitudes are threatening to you. You believe that someone is either with you or against you. To those whom you define as being 'in your camp', you are protective and supportive. However, anyone who is too 'difficult' is potentially dangerous and must be cast out of the group. Differences might destroy the structures and securities you've established so carefully.

You are affectionate and generous toward those you love, and enjoy doing things for them. You especially like cooking for your family and friends, and are fond of having people come to your home for dinner, particularly on holidays. The 'Jewish Mother' cliché fits you perfectly. A warm and gracious host, you make guests feel welcome, and no-one goes away from your home hungry. You might choose to use your talent for cooking professionally, as a chef, baker or restaurateur, or in another area of food service. Your hospitality also could make you the ideal innkeeper.

Hard-working and ambitious, you are the perfect employee, for you are loyal, dedicated and respectful of authority, and you rarely question company policy. As a boss, you are supportive and protective, almost maternal, toward employees who agree with you, but intolerant of anyone you view as contradictory. You tend to surround yourself with 'yesmen' who reinforce your delusions. Always a bit unsure of yourself, you try to insulate yourself from those who question your actions or motives.

The caring professions attract, including teaching, particularly of young children. Nursing and gynecology are also popular. It is also good for them to develop and express their vivid imaginations. Any work involving the past - such as the antiques business or museum work - will appeal to them. Cancerians are also natural cooks. Fulfillment is more important to them than ambition, but they are keen to make money; and sometimes the Cancerian hoarding instinct can mean they are reluctant to part with it.

Changes of mood are very much part of the Cancerian make-up, but these people are much less ready to change their lifestyles - usually because of the disruption involved. Nevertheless, when faced with the prospect of retirement they will consider moving to

another area, but should think carefully about this: they may be parted from their family, and if they buy a smaller property it may not be large enough for everyone to come and stay. Retirement will allow them to enjoy a new rhythm of life, and they will enjoy following their many spare-time interests, which may include a specialized collection of some kind.

Losing a job is hard to accept; a Cancerian's determination to find a new job should be supported to the hilt, so that the effort eclipses the worry of being out of work (which may demolish the self-confidence).

Keeping the sensitive Cancerian system in good order requires regular, rhythmical exercise. Swimming (from as early an age as possible) is strongly recommended, as is dancing.

The digestion will almost certainly suffer from time to time - especially when the individual is at all worried. A diet rich in fish and dairy produce (provided the cholesterol level is not too high) is usually beneficial, and will help stabilize the system. The sign Cancer, it must be emphasized, has nothing to do with the disease of the same name. However, because Cancer rules the breasts, women of this sign should ensure they regularly examine them and have periodic check-ups with their doctors. Cancerian men should not ignore any minor ailment, if only to prevent undue worry.

(Robert Hand)

You are an emotional person who is sensitive to the subtle ways that people communicate with each other. If there are bad feelings in the air, you know it.

You very much need to have emotional support and to know that your loved ones love you, especially your mother. It is important to know that you will be taken care of and that no matter what happens, you will always have a secure place to come home to. When these needs are fulfilled, you are a very generous and giving person. You like to take care of people and give them the love and comfort that you need so much. You like to know that others feel free to come to you for help and reassurance at any time.

However, if your own basic needs are not provided for, you will withdraw into yourself and act very insecure, as if there were only a limited quantity of love and attention in the world and you were afraid of losing your share. An insecure Cancer can be very selfish, just as a secure one can be very generous.

You are attached to the old, familiar things that you have had since earliest childhood. You may keep an old toy long after you have stopped playing with such things. You probably have a secret, quiet place that is all your own, where you can go and be alone with your thoughts. Wherever you go in life, one of your first objectives in new surroundings will be to find such a place for yourself.

Your home and family will always be important to you, both the home you are growing up in and the one you will have later on. It is important to you that both of these be secure.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Cancers were born under the sign of emotional security. The key phrase for Cancers is 'I feel'. This is the strongest of the water signs, favoring women more than men, since Cancer, of all the signs of the zodiac, is most strongly linked to domesticity and homemaking.

Cancers possess highly-developed protective and defensive instincts, which are aimed at material and domestic security. They are extraordinarily sensitive and fearful of ridicule. The crab shell, Cancer's symbol, represents the crust of armor which hides extreme sensitivity and shyness, as well as physical and psychological vulnerability. Cancers protect themselves from the possibility of emotional hurt by withdrawing and finding their security in solitude. This tendency is unfortunate because of their powerful need for home and children. Completion is not a reality for them until they are able to lavish their protectiveness on the family.

Because of their strong need for security, they will do whatever is needed to establish and serve that security. They seldom gamble unless they have safely put away their 'rainy day money'. Even then, gambling is rarely a means of livelihood, since they are reluctant to jeopardize their security. However, if their future stability depends upon taking a risk, they will take the risk - if possible, with someone else's money. But in that case Cancers would take great care to watch over the investment; they pay their debts, and expect others to do the same.

These people are very complex; at certain times, they appear to have the strength of a giant, and at other times they display the weakness of a child. This variability is due to the reversal of the Sun's direction in this sign: it stops in the northern skies and starts its trek southward.

As a rule, Cancers are well-intentioned, but because of their inconstant Moon they are at one moment sweet and charmingly outgoing (especially when they have some objective in mind) and at the next melancholic, introverted, and distant.

They are noted for their diplomacy, and seldom fail to achieve their goals. However, when they are hurt, they may behave in a nonsensical manner, being unable to collaborate with others. At times, they can behave extremely childish and stubbornly - and this is one of the major flaws they must work to overcome.

Although they appear gentle and tranquil, their inner thoughts are difficult to fathom.

Since few people every really comprehend how Cancers feel, they rarely get the necessary understanding from others.

Cancer children are by nature very tender, sweet and loving, willing to be helpful. Cancer mothers and fathers warm those who are lucky enough to be in their proximity. A word of caution: all Cancers should guard against bearing a smothering love.

Cancers desire the absolute possession of their beloved. It can be said of people under this sign that once a love is begun, it is never stopped. Resentment may make them cruel enemies, but they never stop loving. Theirs is the maternal love which brings out some of the complexities of this zodiacal sign. It is that of a mother who continues to love her sons even though she receives ill-treatment at their hands, so great is the maternal and paternal instinct of the sign. Cancers tend to be very much aware of their family trees. They are patriotic and have good memories for historical events.

They seek to avoid at all costs any mental or physical discomfort. Since neatness and cleanliness are conspicuous with this sign, it follows that they also dislike activities which prevent absolute cleanliness. They prefer a refined atmosphere.

Because of their powerful imaginations, it is imperative for Cancers to avoid all thoughts of illness. They must also cultivate the courage to say 'yes' or 'no' at the appropriate moment. They need to control their tendencies to moodiness, intolerance, timidity, and excessive emotionality.

Cancers will not joke about themselves. They are inclined toward self-satisfaction, and can be quite egotistical. On the other hand, they can be equally helpless in their determined, silent way. They have a great deal of personal vanity and like clothing and frivolities, which they use as tools to keep up appearances.

Cancers are masters of the art of passive resistance. This is a powerful weapon which, when wielded, makes the individual unapproachable. With kindness, Cancers can be directed easily, since they are basically understanding. If they are forced, they become immovable.

They are averse to being told how to do things; they must complete tasks on their own, since the ideas of others confuse them. At times, they shun responsibility. However, if they work on an enterprise that promotes or requires it, they are punctual, exact, and efficient, willing to guide things through to a successful conclusion.

## Sun ☉ in 6th House

(Haydn Paul)

Your life direction and sense of fulfilment can be discovered through involvement in the areas of work, health and service; and applying your attention to these spheres will help to define your sense of unique identity and offer channels for your path of development.

The organisation of life, both within domestic routines and through a working environment, is especially important, and provides a focus for your abilities, efficiency and practical skills. Being capable of functioning well in the material world is probably one of your assets, especially if there are harmonious aspects made to your Sun; and this is also a source of competence that adds to your self-esteem.

You tend to develop regular routines or private 'habitual rituals' as an ordering pattern to your life; and providing that these do not become compulsive and you do not feel that these routines are inviolable, then they can serve as a positive structuring to your days. Retain some flexibility of action and choice within these routines. Associated with this habit-forming tendency is a willingness to accept the boundaries of your situation. This may be a pragmatic acquiescence to circumstances that you feel cannot be changed, or it can be a fear of actually stretching beyond your present limitations, in which case it can become restrictive. A point to be remembered is that if you choose, you can change anything in your life that fails to satisfy, once you decide to do so.

Part of your self-definition is derived from your work, and you are normally a hardworker and concentrated on your tasks, hoping to achieve due recognition from your efforts, either from an employer or by the success of your own business. You feel that such acknowledgement is necessary, and can become disheartened whenever you fail to receive this for your wholehearted efforts. You may need to be wary of any tendencies to be a hard taskmaster as an employer, and need to recognise that not everyone has your capacity and dedication for work.

If your Sun has more challenging aspects (square, opposition), then you may discover hindrances within your working life, perhaps requiring additional education and training to open new paths for development, or there may be difficulties in settling into suitable employment. As your identity can be associated with your work, this can have a detrimental effect on your well-being, so you may need to ensure that self-esteem is disassociated from your working status, or else it may become permanently diminished.

Health may become a focus of attention, especially the relationship between body-motions- mind and psychosomatic links. Challenging aspects may imply physical weakness or liability to illness and lack of vitality, perhaps through a sensitivity to types of food and diet. Taking care of body needs and your level of physical vigour may be required, so listening to the promptings from your body is important, and exercise may also be necessary. The concept of body-mind wholeness may appeal, and you may choose to pursue studies in the complementary therapies or allopathic medicine. Herbalism and the medicinal use of plants may attract, especially once you have

received benefits from any herbal remedies, or homoeopathy, aromatherapy, reflexology and the various types of body massage and energy alignment, such as Rolfing or polarity therapy. You should not forget the importance of your emotions and mental attitudes if you become involved in body preoccupations: the three are interwoven, affecting each level; and harmony and balance need to exist between all of them.

This could become the sphere of service to a broader community for you, perhaps through helping to heal others or to show them ways to attain satisfactory health and well-being. You feel that it is important to be of value to the community and to contribute in some way for the benefit of society; and this could be a path that you eventually take. The ideal of service is one that can inspire your energies, creating a focus and a dedication to your self-created tasks. Your skills of practical efficiency can be valuably employed wherever you choose; and seeing their results will help to heighten your sense of self-worth.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This can be an awkward placement for the Sun unless it is supported by strong aspects from other planets. This is a 'Saturday's child' who must work for a living. Generally not the family pet, they were loved, perhaps, but not enough. They must get away from the home environment in order to discover their worth among strangers. At home, they may crave the love of a parent, particularly the father, and see all of it go to a brother or sister instead.

Away from home, they still have a hard time fitting in, and often feel somewhat out of place or misunderstood. Their egos are not strong with the Sun at this 150 degree angle of sacrifice; and they need a good deal of stroking by those who love them, though they will rarely ask. They are hard workers, very demanding of themselves and of others who may work for them. They yearn for the perfect work situation, with a boss who behaves like a good father - demanding, yet understanding and appreciative - though few find it.

Disgust over bad work situations often drives them to work on their own; yet this is not the answer, either. There is loneliness here, a feeling of being off to one side, unrecognized. They do best in the helping professions, as doctors, nurses, veterinarians, social workers, healers, special education teachers, or working with the underprivileged or handicapped. They can identify with those they serve, to some extent; and their need to lose themselves in work goes for a clearly recognized cause and is of obvious value. Their need for love and appreciation, if unrecognized or unfulfilled, can manifest physically as a variety of illnesses or psychological problems.

If the Sun is trine the Midheaven, or if another important planet is in the tenth house, there may be an opportunity to rise past all difficulties by means of a successful career effort.

(Howard Sasportas)

With the Sun in the 6th, the experiences needed to develop a solid ego-identity revolve around health, daily ritual and work. Without becoming unduly obsessive, those with this placement should pay particular attention to matters of selfimprovement. Physical and psychological weaknesses and imperfections are often highlighted in some way so that necessary adjustments can be made.

First and foremost, they need to form a good relationship to the body - respecting the physical vehicle is a lesson they sooner or later must learn. Unfortunately for some, the recognition of the importance of caring for the body only registers when the consequences of neglect and ill-treatment have gone too far and manifested in illness. And yet, even if difficulties do arise in this area, the quest back to health and wholeness will serve the larger process of individuation more appropriately than other paths. They also have the ability to enlighten and illumine other people about better ways to participate in maintaining good health.

Those with the Sun in the 6th house strive to develop skills and abilities which secure them a useful place in the employment market. A sense of personal worth, value, and distinction is obtained in this way. They 'find themselves' through being of service to others.

There is a need to organize effective daily rituals and routines which ensure a smoother running of the life. Learning to function efficiently in practical matters strengthens the sense of identity. This is not the placement of someone who should just sit and meditate all day. It is surprising what poignant realizations can dawn scrubbing the kitchen floor or washing your socks. With the Sun in the 6th, accepting boundaries and routines empowers a person to perfect and refine the art of living. The end results of this attitude are not necessarily glaring, but show ever so subtly and tastefully in all the person does, recalling a Zen saying: 'Before enlightenment carry water; after enlightenment carry water'.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease and the careful restoration of health are at the center of life-purpose. You've come to the Earth to explore and correct anything that prevents fulfillment in wholeness, both for yourself and others. Even when you are healthy, disease is still a presence in your life; it will touch you in some significant way. Often this takes form through a professional interest in health and healing. Pride and dignity are usually involved in any significant disorders. The pitfall is succumbing - quite literally, surrendering to diseases of the body or neurotic attitudes. The challenge is to re-energize through a persistent focus on wellness, to learn and practice a wide range of healing techniques.

Unequal relationships: You have great sensitivity to the protocol surrounding exchanges between persons of unequal stature. Fulfillment depends upon how well you conduct yourself when relating to superiors or inferiors. The pitfall is confusion about authority. When we defer to a judge, a policeman, counselor, lawyer, or doctor, even a priest, we do so out of respect of the position, not the human being. A person's inherent quality is not necessarily reflected in the social role he or she portrays. Your challenge is to treat each person in a manner appropriate to the cultural role, while striving to honor the essential equality of our spiritual dances. Curiously, you have a much easier time when in the inferior position; it's the superior role that gives you fits.

Duty and service: Being helpful is nothing short of essential; if you don't demonstrate a sincere interest in aiding others, you unplug from the source of cosmic energy that fuels your being. But that likelihood is remote, and passes quickly if it happens, for you can feel your life-energy beginning to ebb. Of greater danger is the possibility that you feel too flawed to be helpful to others. It's crucial to be proud of the services you offer. The worst pitfall lies in exaggerated subservience - false humility that's actually self-denigration masquerading as devotion. True humility needs to be focused in service, in the action of helping. Remember, however, that compensation or payment is also crucial to your life-purpose. Receiving gratitude is as important a challenge as offering competent aid.

Technical mind: One aspect of your life-purpose is to develop analysis into an artful lifestyle. When you use your mind to organize and understand sequences or logical processes, you plug into a source of universal energy, and your fuel tanks begin to fill. As discrimination develops into careful reasoning, you draw purer energy. Let your mind move toward significance, even when it begins with trivia. The challenge is to observe and interact with anything that catches your interest, to learn how it works, and to empathically understand why it exists, what function it fulfills in the larger scheme of things.

Discipline and routines: The experience of regularity is essential for you. A life without discipline is no life at all. You are on the Earth to understand efficiency, to promote steady productivity in your pragmatic and spiritual goals. The actual regularity of your living depends on other factors, such as the Sun's sign and aspects; but remember that you can enhance your access to life-energy through consistency. The pitfall is losing the forest for the trees, while the challenge is to organize the layers of self into shining effectiveness.

(Robert Pelletier)

You try to make the most of your everyday circumstances by setting up a plan for developing your creative skills. As a result, you have little difficulty finding suitable employment that allows you to increase your skills in diversified fields. You know how to use your resources efficiently and imaginatively to earn a comfortable living and have a



feeling of accomplishment. Although money is important to you, the way you earn it and the skill required in your work are equally important. You believe in yourself, and you know that your dedication in carrying out your career responsibilities will one day bring you deserved recognition and satisfaction in making the most of your creative potentials.

You are grateful for what you learned from your parents, and you know that their training was instrumental in preparing you for the responsibilities of making a life for yourself. Because you appreciate their efforts, you won't forget them in later years, and you will be increasingly able to provide for them, if necessary. You look forward to a time when you can help people in general with their problems; and you hope that with their assistance they will become more self-reliant in using their resources.

If you are willing to work behind the scenes, there is much you can do to help improve social conditions. Your understanding of how to convert people's basic resources into worthwhile tools can be of inestimable value to those who are untrained and therefore unskilled. You know how valuable your education was in making you ready for any opportunity, and you want to use that talent as an educator to give others a similar chance for success. You've learned to think for yourself and use your ideas to get ahead, although at first you were uncertain that you could do this.

You know that it takes a lot of hard work to succeed in reaching your goals; but you consider this an investment in your future, and you are right. But it is important not to overextend yourself and neglect getting enough rest and relaxation. Don't feel obligated to lend your friends a hand unless you are sure they are making a reasonable effort to help themselves. People who have succeeded on their own will motivate you to achieve your goals as they have. At work, you should be cautious about doing more than your share, and learn to say 'no' when others ask you to compensate for their incompetence.

You work hard to provide for your family, and you hope that your children will benefit from your example by making full use of the material advantages and training you've given them. Knowing that you are loved and that your efforts are appreciated gives you much inner satisfaction and contentment. You are devoted to your partner; and in return he or she helps you in your pursuits, so you both benefit. Your mate supports you when you are down and rejoices with you in your successes; and that's a winning combination.

## **Moon ☾ in ♉ Taurus 10° 20'**

(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 re-parent 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 4th House**

(Haydn Paul)

Your home and family life will be highly important, anchoring personality roots within the domestic environment so that you feel stable and secure. It will be your family experience that most dominates, rather than your physical environment.

To feel emotional security, well-being, and inner peace, you require a satisfying life, and you are prepared to devote considerable effort to building one; this is probably the most meaningful area in your life. Having a positive and loving home is your dream. If this is

achieved, your worldview will be correspondingly positive and constructive. However, if your family life is having difficulties, your perspective similarly suffers and is tainted by emotional pain and concerns. Creating a safe family and home structure to act as a sanctuary from life's insecurities is a vital task for you, and you love to retreat into the protective embrace of the family.

Childhood experiences have been very formative influences; and your relationship with your parents has contributed to adult needs for nurturing and security. Aspects made to the natal Moon are significant, as they indicate the probabilities of harmony in your childhood home; challenging aspects may suggest environmental disruptions or a lack of harmony with a parent - perhaps a lack of emotional resonance with your mother. You may have preferred your father; or his influence may have proven more influential in your later development. In adult life, this may affect the type of intimate relationships that you prefer: a woman may look for a strong father-type figure; a man may look for a partner capable of performing a mothering role.

You may feel inwardly uneasy, spending time looking backward instead of forward, reliving the past as an experience of security and repetition. Ties to parents may still be important factors in your adult life, both in a physical sense and by influencing attitudes and needs. You are not always comfortable about your feelings; and those which fail to fit into your 'ideal life-style' may be denied and repressed. Sensitivity to people and the quality of your environment will influence your moods; so awareness may be needed to register your reactions to certain people or places.

If you are unable to create or experience your ideal home and family, you may feel lost in life, personally unanchored, and lacking a firm and stable foundation. You urgently feel a need to belong; and this can become an urge demanding action lest you feel insecure. During such periods, conditioning patterns derived from your childhood may be activated, manipulating choices and decisions. A positive step is to realize their nature, so that, when the situation has stabilized in the future, these needs can be taken into account, enabling appropriate self-nurturing to satisfy those emotions and feelings.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Moon in the fourth house gives a great hunger for emotional security. People with this position will pour all their emotional energies into securing the steady, protective maternal kind of love that they must have in order to go out and achieve something. Love relationships are dangerous for them because they do not play around and can be wounded to the depths of their being by the apparent treachery of loved ones whose emotional needs are not as deep as their own. This attitude can be repressive to others. They are the children who required an official 'best friend'. If they feel secure in the love at home, they can rise to great heights of accomplishment as they have a deep instinct for people and business, and their need for security is a powerful driving force. If the Moon is in an Earth sign, physical security is also very important to them, and they will

do whatever it takes to own land and have a substantial savings account.

There is a shyness with this Moon, a fear of the limelight. In a creative chart it will show one who plans or works behind the scenes; if they actually step onto the stage, it will be only under the utmost creative compulsion. They usually feel completely at ease only in the immediate family circle and among long-time friends. They are selfconscious in front of groups, and they are always cautious about revealing their true feelings about things. This insecurity gives them an instinctive identification with underdogs and all victims of injustice. The rights of individuals are important to them. Someone victimized by a machine-like social institution can cause them to stick their necks out where nothing else will.

They go through emotional cycles and have dark moods during which they brood over the betrayal of lovers, the ingratitude of family or friends, and man's inhumanity to man (or woman). In some cases, their standards of devotion are so high that they can turn aside from all long-term emotional commitments out of fear of being hurt. Also, if betrayed, their love can turn to hate, and they will bear grudges and be exceedingly vindictive towards former loved ones.

They need to be bailed at times. Men with this position usually want their wives to stay at home and keep house and not go out to work or have a separate circle of friends. It may mean that the mother was more important than the father, or played the father's role in some way.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: In the 4th, the Moon reveals that your inner sanctum is truly emotional in nature. Security, self-protection, and privacy are key issues. The ebb and flow of daily emotional needs and their fulfillment is more important for you than for others. Maternal imprints form the walls here, both for better and for worse. The pitfall lies in overly defensive emotions, feeling too insecure to risk fulfillment with others; the challenge is to provide yourself and all your loved ones with a firm, enduring emotional groundwork.

Personal security: The nesting instinct is strong, deep, and permanent. Giving security to family and taking security from family cannot be distinguished from the safety of your loved ones. The pull of the past is persistent; and the imprints are both conservative and traditional. The pitfall lies in the risk of giving up too much of your life to achieve and maintain security that may be illusory, or, at best, temporary. The challenge is to learn that taking care of yourself begins within, since control of the environment is an ineffective way to make yourself feel safe. Instead, regulating personal emotions and understanding your early relationship to your mother aids fulfillment.

Emotional imprints: Early conditioning was a river of wet and warm emotions coursing through an otherwise forbidding landscape. Imprints were absorbed largely through

feeling-empathy. You felt it necessary to become a nurturer yourself, for someone around you seemed to need protection, so you learned to take care of yourself by taking care of others. Early habits die hard; they cling long after they have outlived their usefulness. Nourishment and protection form the core of these imprints.

'Inner-link' parent" The mother is ultimately important with the Moon in the 4th. She is very likely to have been the most dominant influence in your life. It's almost as if there had been a direct transfer of instinct between mother and child, for you are polarized not only to your mother's perceived traits, but also to her role in the family. Although the Moon's house associations always have basic relevance in the life structure, this one in particular is immensely potent in what it reveals about personality. We cannot predict the actual relationship with the mother; that depends on factors that go beyond simple planet / house connection, but what we can assert is that her role as a symbol in your psyche extends far beyond normal expectations.

Private intuition: Private intuition ebbs and flows on a daily basis, sometimes profoundly strong, other times conspicuous by its absence. Don't lose contact with the emotional self within, for your inner guides are guardians, the source of your protection from harm. Curiously for a placement indicating such strong self-absorption, there is often an inversion: you interpret what you intuitively receive not in terms of your own life, but rather as instructions surrounding protection or nourishment of others, especially those you love. This is because your sense of self does not end at the physical boundaries of the body; your psychological territory extends outward to embrace all those with whom you have emotional attachments. In a very real sense, you consider them part of you.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your early family conditioning caused you to develop strong personality ties. This is fine in itself, but it may deny you the opportunity to grow to maturity with enough self-confidence to become secure in your individual achievements. You tend to submit your plans to members of your family, hoping to win their approval and support. You must acknowledge the importance of becoming self-supporting and on your own as soon as possible. You will learn the value of your natural talents when you are forced to use them imaginatively to solve your daily problems. Once you stop feeling sorry for yourself, you will be able to extend yourself to people who are less fortunate or capable, and to learn how competent you are in dealing with such situations. Your natural compassion for those in need can be used best by getting an education so that you can make a worthwhile contribution to help others. When people need help, they naturally turn to someone like you.

Your emotional dependence on others makes you greatly preoccupied with financial security. You assume that if your material needs are satisfied, you will be more stable; but unless you truly believe that you can form personal relationships without family interference, that stability is only an illusion. Develop goals that are within your reach

and work diligently toward them. You can achieve the long-lasting security you want if you plan realistically and work for it.

The first major crisis you must deal with is learning to live with yourself and, if possible, on your own, especially if you always ask for your parents' approval or if they insist that you should not do this or that. Once you decide that you will make your own way, it will be easier to choose your own career direction. You will never be indifferent to those you love, but it is essential to put past, present and future in proper perspective. A partner will give you the initiative to accomplish more than you might otherwise. Knowing that your partner appreciates you will provide sufficient reason to extend yourself in your career. If you accept competition as an opportunity to demonstrate your capabilities, your victories will be even sweeter.

Getting an education to reveal your talents is the best investment you will ever make. Your compassion for others means little unless you are trained to help them deal with their problems. When you can confidently help those who need your skills and understanding, you will also have the comfort of knowing that you can make your future as secure as you want it to be.

You have many intangible assets that you can draw on when you need to. Once you learn to convert them from ideas to definitive action, you should succeed in your chosen career. But be careful that you don't indulge in daydreams or wishful thinking. Put your anxieties on the shelf and stop delaying your progress by being apathetic and indolent. You should feel guilty only if you refuse to develop your creative potentials or if you underestimate your talents. This same negative attitude can make you assume that you aren't loved because you do not deserve it. It might be easier to wait for others to demonstrate their feelings before you make any commitment, thus reducing the possibility of romantic disappointment.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whereas the Sun in the 4th struggles to free itself from too great an identification with the family, the Moon in the 4th finds security and a sense of belonging within this structure. Refuge from life's battles is sought by withdrawing back into the home. Even when they have a family of their own, those with this placement may pack their bags and run back to the family of origin when difficulties arise. They need the home to be a kind of retreat and sanctuary, and therefore they are highly attuned to the undercurrents and changes of atmosphere in that environment. Nonetheless, they may not always make their own feelings obvious to others. Often they regress into their early childhood behavior patterns when the struggles of life become too much. I know one person with this placement who whenever he is upset has an intense craving for chocolate chip cookies because that is what his mother gave him to make him feel better as a child. It is as if there is a mechanism in the psyche which says 'All right, I've had enough growing up for now; I'm going backwards for a while'.

A child normally looks to its mother for security and containment; but with the Moon in the 4th it is possible that the father emanated a safer feeling than the mother. Some with this placement may still be searching for a father to make life secure for them. In the long run, the parent needs to be found on an archetypal level from within the self. Depending on the aspects to the Moon in this house, qualities of caring and nurturance might have been learned from the father rather than the mother.

Sometimes the 4th house Moon wanders restlessly in search of the home or even the country in which it feels the most safe or has the greatest sense of belonging. Sometimes it is the conditions within the home itself which fluctuate. Often there is an interest in family lineage, real estate or archaeology, and perhaps a strong desire to live by water. The conditions surrounding the end of life may be shown by the aspects to the Moon in this house.

## Mercury ♀ in ♉ Taurus 21° 44'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you indulge in the Taurus fear of losing tangible support, from a rational point of view this may lead into your repeating ideas and plans. The result can be an overstructured mind that gets tied up in a material or literal level of thought and stifles your creativity. Indulging in the tendency to resist ideas that are not your own can result in excluding others from assisting you in bringing your own values into material transformation.

### Dynamic

When you are willing to communicate openly and to acknowledge that the ideas of others can be as valuable as yours, you can discover that these ideas may actually transform and enhance your own. You can decide to use other people's ideas as resources; thus, your own concepts gain acceptance through the resultant transformation. When you listen to others and communicate those Taurus perceptions of how their ideas can produce tangible results, your sense of self-worth can be increased.

(Grant Lewi)

You are eye-minded; that is, you get your maximum sense-contact with the world through sight rather than through sound. You get more from reading a book than from hearing a lecture. The old silent movies are almost as good for you as talkies. Since what you see is important, you will always strive to make your surroundings as attractive



as possible; and for this reason your home, or your office, will have some beauty about it even when it gets disorderly. Touch is well developed, and you visualize through your fingers - get an image in the dark of something touched, know how a fabric will look by feeling it - and conversely, how it will feel by looking at it. Taste and smell are fairly well-marked. You can shut out sound from your life and live calmly through a hurricane or the squawking of children that would drive others to distraction. You don't hear the sound of your voice accurately; and sometimes for this reason you sound other than how you feel. Study elocution, and learn to pay attention to what meets your ears.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, Mercury tells of one who gains more from sight than sound: he gains much from reading, from visual demonstrations, from watching, observing, absorbing knowledge. He may appear slow to learn; but once his lessons are learned, they stick. He can be obstinate, but also loyal. He has strong likes and dislikes - but generally the native is diplomatic. He can smile at you - but it is not easy to know what he is thinking. He appears to be slow in speech, but this is because he measures his words.

(Skye Alexander)

You are the type who never speaks unless you have something to say. Not one to waste words or engage in frivolous small talk, you appear to be hoarding words as a miser hoards gold. Others sometimes assume (incorrectly) that you are unsociable or dull-witted. In truth, you aren't glib or articulate, and your vocabulary isn't extensive. Unless you also have several planets in more loquacious signs like Gemini, Sagittarius or Aquarius, it's not likely that you'll write the next great American novel. You prefer to communicate in other ways - physically, or through art or music - than with language skills.

This does not mean, however, that you aren't as intelligent as your more verbally adroit friends; only that you don't demonstrate your intelligence with words. Instead, you might be a brilliant painter, dancer or musician. You may not have been a very good student, and learning new subjects might have come more slowly to you than to others. Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your intelligence fully or to get a good education. As a result, you might feel somewhat inadequate or inferior about your mental capabilities even as an adult. When speaking before a crowd, you may become tongue-tied or feel awkward; and when you have to write a report, paper, even a letter, you often find yourself at a loss for words. Expressing what you really think and feel can be a struggle for you.

Your memory is good, however; and even though you may not grasp ideas quickly, you retain what you learn. You demonstrate common sense, and are able to apply your knowledge in practical ways. In particular, you may have a good head for business and finance. You are also known for your determination, steadiness and reliability.

You rarely take chances, and usually plan carefully before undertaking any venture. You like things to be clearly defined, down-to-earth and useful; and it is difficult for you to grasp abstractions or theoretical constructs. Not an 'idea person', you are a doer rather than a thinker - the one who brings the dreamer's visions to fruition. As far as you're concerned, an idea is useless unless it can be applied in some tangible, physical way. Although you aren't going to set the world on fire with an exciting or revolutionary concept, without your persistence and common sense all those 'brainstorms' would never become realities.

Philosophically conservative, you hold onto traditional ideas and beliefs firmly, and are not easily swayed or influenced by popular opinion or the attitudes of others. There is a sense of security in concepts that have been around for a while; and you don't see why things can't remain the same forever. You want everything to be simple and clear-cut; ambiguity, complexity and 'gray areas' baffle you. Once you've made up your mind, you aren't likely to change it, and can be extremely stubborn. Taurus's symbol is the bull; and the term 'bull-headed' certainly applies to you.

If your chart contains aspects between Mercury and Jupiter or Uranus, you'll be more talkative and intellectually expansive, and more eager to pursue knowledge for its own sake.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are stubborn and have definite likes and dislikes. Acquisitive and fond of money and material goods, you are interested in both the arts and the opposite sex. Your mind does not react readily to new ideas; and once you start a project you rarely give up. You never jump to conclusions; you like to hear all the evidence first. Mentally you are conservative, cautious and constructive. You depend more on life experience than on book learning. Your memory is good, and your approach is traditional. Your mind is practical; and this is an excellent position for business and management. If this placement has difficult aspects, you can tend towards mental inertia, but trying to push yourself into action will not help; you need to work at your own rate of speed.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Taurus indicates natives whose thinking and decisionmaking are determined by whatever has a practical, material and financial application. Although perhaps lacking in brilliance or originality, they possess much in the way of practical common sense. Hence they have shrewd business minds and a natural bent for management. They are slow to form opinions, but once they do they are reluctant to change. Similarly, they dislike argument and disharmony, and will fight only to protect their security and financial interests.

The ability of these natives to consider only things that are of practical concern to them gives them great powers of concentration, such that they can ignore extraneous disturbances as if they did not exist. They do not perceive that with which they do not want to be bothered. If carried to far, this attitude makes them blind to important matters that they should recognize for their own good, and explains much of their stubbornness.

This position of Mercury can give mental ability in the arts. If Mercury is strongly aspected, there can be talent in mathematics and physical science, because of the Taurean - Venusian sense of form and structure which is translated into mental understanding through Mercury. If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, there can be intellectual obstinacy, opinionated views, materialism, and avarice.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Thinking is steady, but the subject may be rather slow to learn. Parents of children with this placing must not worry if they think the child is not responding to teaching, for if gradual progress is maintained, what is learned will be remembered and form a good foundation for the future. Stubbornness (to a greater or lesser degree) is almost inevitable, and flexibility must be cultivated, otherwise opinions can become so entrenched that the individual may become proud of them, perhaps saying 'Once my mind's made up that's it'. Conversely, we find others who pretend to be very fixed in their opinions, and go all out to shock people in the way they express them! However, caution and much practical common sense are always present, sometimes coupled with a conservative and conventional outlook. The ability to plan constructively is considerable, with a methodical and disciplined approach to problems and to work. Obsessional tendencies are possible, and perhaps an inclination to get in a rut because it offers security. She will usually express herself with considerable charm.

If the Sun sign is Aries, Mercury in Taurus acts as an excellent stabilizer to the impetuous Arian. The ability to think slowly and constructively is an asset, and the chances of impulsive or reckless decision-making are very much mitigated. There is plenty of common sense, and the individual will have no difficulty in pacing him- or herself when making plans or preparing for any kind of examination or test. Sometimes Arian selfishness can be exacerbated by stubbornness, and there will be an inclination to reject both faults when they are mentioned.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, here is a 'salt of the earth' type - what is said is meant, so the individual is reliable. However, quick responses and the ability to get moving, both physically and mentally, must be developed. Taurean stubbornness and dislike of change will certainly be present. Every opinion will be cautiously and carefully considered, as this is the strong, silent type, only speaking when he or she has something really worthwhile to say. The grasp of situations and acquisition of knowledge will be slow, but comments will be deliberate; thoughts are charmingly expressed. Time is needed to assimilate new ideas.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, considerable stability is added to the lively, quick, versatile Sun-in-Gemini type, and will greatly assist her to think more carefully and constructively, even adding a little patience at times. Practical common sense is usual, and the individual will assimilate facts well; brightness of personality is not diminished. Geminian restlessness is less likely to be a problem, and the need to communicate will remain strong. This is an excellent anchorage for Sun sign Geminians.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a steady, though potentially stubborn, mind.

You see life in terms of having to be practical and make sense, and so you approach matters concerning Other equipped with the ability to create and maintain material or physical stability; in terms of patiently and consistently considering what you see as all the relevant factors until a realistic and enduring solution is reached; and in terms of nothing worth getting too upset by.

You tend not to see deep emotional issues that require a more psychologically or spiritually informed awareness, giving rise to Other feeling blocked or misunderstood. You tend not to see what is bothering Other; or that some issues need dealing with spontaneously or swiftly, because otherwise matters are in danger of deteriorating.

(John Townley)

For you, love is not a highly technical affair, as it is for some others, but a direct encounter of feelings between two people. Rather than choreographing a sexual encounter ahead of time, you prefer to let it happen spontaneously.

On the other hand, you really enjoy making love in rich and sensuous surroundings, either natural or man-made, and the lush the better. Indeed, making love in a steaming tropical jungle could be most pleasing, but be sure the vegetation is not poison ivy. A velvet and brocade bower is a more readily available setting that can satisfy the same sensuous taste. The richer the setting, the more intense are your feelings.

You shouldn't spend too much time preparing the mood or setting for love, however. Too long a delay without actual sexual expression tends to bottle up your feelings, making it difficult to express them naturally when the time comes. Like food, sex needs to be partaken of regularly, even if it is simple fare. Too great a hunger can spoil an elegantly prepared meal. Whereas some people can sublimate their sexuality in other areas, you are at your best if you express it directly and often enough to avoid frustration or tension. A lover who has similar tastes and needs will keep you happiest and on a sexually even keel.

(Robert Hand)

You think very slowly and carefully, and arrive at conclusions only after much thought. People may think that you are not too bright, but that is not true. It is just that you want to take enough time to be sure that your thinking is solidly based. You like to have ideas presented correctly, with drawings or other visual aids if possible. It is easier for you to think about an idea if you can see it. Many people with Mercury in Taurus have trouble with mathematics, because it is so abstract and hard to bring into your everyday world. You demand to know the practical use of every subject. You are less concerned with whether something is true than with how useful it is.

You think with your feelings a lot, and you will reject a logically correct statement if it doesn't fit with your feelings. Common sense and experience are very important to you in making decisions. However, you hate to have someone try to talk you into something that you don't agree with. You are very stubborn and slow to change your thinking, but this prevents you from making rash decisions. You are likely to work well with your hands, because you take the trouble to do everything correctly.

(Freda Edis)

Where Mercury is in Taurus, there may be much common sense and many practical ways of thinking. People's minds are likely to be fixed on a materially secure and worry-free environment, and they can be stubborn and inflexible in achieving their goal. Aphrodite herself always knew what she wanted, and frequently got it. When this tendency is carried to extremes, others may see these people as grasping and narrowly focused, unable easily to let go of ideas they have taken so long to formulate. We know that throughout the exchange between Hermes and Apollo and Zeus over the stolen cattle, Hermes never let go of the fundamental idea that he wanted divine status on Olympus. Bargaining about the ownership of Apollo's cattle is a significant symbol for Mercury in Taurus people.

They often have an appreciation of well-structured and harmonious patterns of thinking; and the placement can indicate an ability in written and verbal forms of expression. Once their minds are made up, their powers of concentration are great, but they may need to be aware of a tendency towards intellectual obstinacy and fixed patterns of mental expression. Flexibility of thought and a continuing curiosity about the world may help to offset these inclinations, as it did Hermes when he made concessions to Apollo and bartered some of his own possessions after the theft. He was able to let go of some of what he most valued in order to have the one thing he really desired - divinity and recognition from his father.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are communicated with deliberation.

Symbol: A banker explains a financial statement.

Since Taurus is slow and Mercury is the mind, the individual with Mercury in Taurus will be slow to make up his mind. Once it is set, however, he stands by his word. His ideas coagulate like a pudding that has jelled. It may not be possible to mix in new concepts without mental disruption, but his thoughts can be turned out in a literary or artistic mold.

This individual may delay in deciding what he wants out of life; but when he does embark upon an enterprise, he follows through. Once an idea has been implanted in his mind, it is solidly rooted, and he will amass great quantities of information on the subjects which capture his interest. As a scholar, he refrains from jumping to conclusions. In fact, it is beneath the dignity of most Taureans to jump at anything. They prefer to reach their goals by pacing steadily along a well-marked highway and consciously avoiding the distractions of enticing bypaths.

The typical Taurus is stubborn and persevering, and will struggle mightily to gain the satisfactions he craves. Since Mercury can be flighty and abstract, the persistence of the sign enhances the planet's material effectiveness, especially with regard to making more money. The financial acumen of Mercury-Taurus people proves that it takes more than mental brilliance to produce wealth. Often the plodding, utilitarian thinker can magnetize money, while the more scintillating intellects, whose vision is attenuated by abstract ideas, cannot make ends meet.

The danger of this position is mental inertia. The efforts of Taurus to incorporate the elusive qualities of Mercury can be like harnessing a bull to a butterfly in order to combine strength and lightness. The volatility of this airy planet is so incompatible with the massive solidity of the sign that they may have difficulty in co-operating. Generally, it is easier for the person with Mercury in Taurus to absorb knowledge from practical experience than from teachers in school. He is less interested in theories than in workable techniques which can be applied to the problems of everyday living.

If the Sun is in Aries and Mercury is in Taurus, Arian inventiveness can be applied to the production of objects of a practical nature. Such an individual may be both a trailblazer and a road-builder. He knows how to promote ideas and make them materially effective.

The Sun and Mercury in Taurus encourage the desire to bring about concrete achievement and visible results. The mind is concerned with problems of relative values and with originating methods for accomplishing work with maximum ease and efficiency.

If the Sun has moved into the sign Gemini, a basic urge to communicate will be expedited by a graphic sense of form and design. This combination can make a compelling writer with a talent for producing memorable images. Special interest will be taken in the reproduction and transmission of the spoken word.

Mercury in Taurus is particularly favorable for occupations pertaining to the earth sciences and the transportation industry. From this position alone, it is not possible to say what vocation a person will follow. However, one can surmise that in all undertakings he will apply his mind in down-to-earth ways and find pragmatic ways of linking supply and demand, and manipulating the resources at his disposal with determined intelligence.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is a slow plodding, conservative type of mind. Learns more from travel and experience than from textbooks. A strong inertia that can become stubbornness. Pushing facts at this type of mind will not help. They are 'eye-minded', and touch is more developed than hearing. There is a cautiousness here that is based on an inner security; and because of that insecurity, what they possess - whether things or people - are clung to with a tenaciousness that is very grasping. There is an artistic side to this position, for Venus is involved through its rulership of Taurus.

## Mercury ♀ in 4th House

(Freda Edis)

A fourth house Mercury indicates people whose mental activities may include an awareness of their roots and the foundations on which they build their lives. In many cases, this is reflected in perhaps unconscious, predisposed emotions and attitudes to the home and family. At a day old, Hermes was very aware that he and his mother were living in a cave on Mount Kyllene, far from Hera's wrath on Olympus, but also isolated from the other Olympians. For people with this placement, sometimes what is deeply buried within needs to be brought to the surface, but it may take them years to do so, especially where Maia is more active than Hermes in the placement. Though Maia herself expressed no desire to go to 'Olympus', it was among Hermes's first thoughts. But if Mercury makes his presence felt early, then people with this placement could experience changeable home conditions while they are children. They may also project many of their intellectual faculties on to their fathers or the less dominant parent. Often there is a desire to make the home a safe hive of intellectual activity or a place of work. These tendencies are likely to be enhanced where Mercury is in strong aspect to, or conjuncts, the IC; but, equally, as life progresses, there may be an increasing urge to uncover what is essential to the self, risking some of the safety that the environment provides.

Most of us like at least one place where we feel safe; but a fourth house Mercury needs intellectual stimulation there, too. If it isn't provided, then the person with Mercury here may decide to look elsewhere, as Hermes did when he left Mount Kyllene to reside with

his father on Olympus - when he wasn't travelling, that is. There is more than a suggestion in the myths that Hermes, unconsciously, took the action he did over Apollo's cattle in order to obtain some of the variety and wider experience of life he needed, having to move away from home in order to do so. Mercury in the fourth house can sometimes feel closed in, even in a safe environment.

Cusp signs will affect the strength of such feelings. Mercury with Gemini here may increase the intellectual restlessness to be found in the home, but it can also give the curiosity necessary to discover if the father, for instance, is really as critical as the person seemed to experience. On the other hand, Mercury with Aries on the cusp of the fourth could give an overforceful and impatient expression in any matters which might lead to uncovering the origins of behaviour.

Aspects, too, particularly where the IC is also involved, will influence this placement.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With this position of Mercury, there is a great love of motion and travel, a great desire to see faraway places and to know exotic people, partly as a means for acquiring perspective on their own roots and early environment.

There may be a severing of ties with roots and early environment; and they may ultimately end up far from where they started. There may be quite a bit of travelling during childhood and the school years, with the family relocating a number of times.

Later in life, they may move away from their early roots and environment in a cultural as well as geographical sense, sometimes adopting a less civilized, less highly-educated, more basic lifestyle, or at least adopting its point of view, and working toward an understanding of such a lifestyle through writing, speaking, and so forth.

This position of Mercury is a partial testimony to a strong current of inner growth and self-development throughout life that takes them far from where they started in every sense, not just physically. There is often the lifelong styling of the self after an ideal and, consequently, a lifelong development along those lines, although it takes other factors to show what sort of an ideal - not always a noble one.

These people have a very private mental life, and are highly individualistic in their way of thinking. They may have a rather lonely mental life and feel somewhat isolated, particularly in youth. The truth is that they are not afraid, as are most people, to think differently, and willingly forge ahead along new lines of thought, taking each new idea and testing it, rejecting what doesn't fit their current system, yet basically maintaining a respect for all systems of thought. There is a lifelong search for a basic reality that can unite all disparate and seemingly opposing systems of thought, a search for what is basic to all of them. Ideas are loved, not for their intellectual patness, but for realism and



practicality. There is usually an interest in history, anthropology, archeology, as evidence of what has been, upon which their own personal world view can be based. The mind here is a digger, ever working down through facts toward fundamental truths rather than flying high after dreams and beautiful but insubstantial fantasies.

Those with a fourth house Mercury have an innate feeling for 'the people', although they themselves generally remain aloof from large groups. They feel their own selfhood intensely, and it is hard for them to reach past it and touch the lives of others. It is often the sign of one who walks alone. They may become leaders if others urge leadership upon them, or they may shun it, but they will never be followers.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: With Mercury in the 4th, thoughts, ideas, and all forms of communication are linked with the most personal levels of self. You spend much time thinking about yourself and those you love. What is known is often kept secret; and though it's certainly natural that you be conservative with your information, this can occasionally work to your disadvantage. The challenge is to realize that your thoughts are private rather than secret, and to learn to share these private thoughts selectively, joyfully, with those you most trust.

Personal security: Home is correctly a place of mental stimulation, a movable feast of ideas and physical change. Mobility is essential, for boredom and stultification lie in wait, ready to pounce whenever stagnation overcomes vibrancy, so you may want to think of yourself as having a 'mobile home'. Mercury is naturally subordinate to the Sun; and the actual tendency toward frequent relocation is subject to the Sun's condition, as well as that of the chart in general. However, no matter what is revealed by the rest of the chart, ties of communication are always important: conversational, by telephone, or written. These are the tools with which you build a sense of permanent security. The pitfall lies in uprooting yourself or being uprooted too often; and the challenge is to keep extending your security, moving and changing with the times as growth requires.

Emotional imprints: Your imprints were basically derived from observed behavior and mental instructions. What you saw and heard were powerful motivators of future behavior, for imitative modelling is the rule here: 'monkey see, monkey do'. Your intelligence was emphasized, either positively or negatively. In and of itself, however, Mercury is the least important of the ten planets in revealing the imprint structure.

'Inner-link' parent: Though Mercury's placement acts mainly as a modifier of the Sun's more primary impact, its placement here indicates that your mother had greater than ordinary importance as a teacher. Her imprint effect involved structuring your nervous system and mental machinery during infancy. Especially with the Sun in the 3rd or 5th houses, she may have vacillated a great deal about her maternal role, possibly preferring the cool dryness of mental contact rather than the warm wetness of the

emotional.

Private intuition: Rational processes are the natural key to private intuitions. You must figure things out with this placement; and much time is spent 'in conversation' with the inner self, getting a handle on situations, problems, or choices. Answers may not be straightforward, but questions abound in an ongoing Socratic dialogue: You ask questions, and your guides respond by posing other questions. Even when they give you direct answers, it will stimulate you to further questions. They are more than willing to engage you in conversation; but be sure to keep the channels open, since they depend on your call. Reach out and touch someone, even if the being in question does not have a body.

(Robert Pelletier)

Being so close to the other members of your family makes it difficult for you to think for yourself. You are inclined to pattern your habits and attitudes on your parent's line of reasoning. Because of this emotional conditioning, you tend to keep your opinions to yourself unless they concur with your parents' ideas, for you feel obligated to them. Eventually you will have to take responsibility for using your mental abilities for your own interests, even if it causes you some temporary anxiety. Your keen imagination will serve you well if you are daring enough to exploit it openly. A formal education will help you understand how capable you can be; and from this will come the self-confidence you need for success. Along with your intellectual abilities, you have great sensitivity to other people's feelings, and you try to do what is best for them.

You may often change your course of action in working toward your goals, which is all right if you keep your primary objective in focus. The need to establish security for your later years will help you maintain a plan of action and see it realized. It would be ideal if the same force would stimulate you to stand on your own. Money is very important to you; and few people can match your talent for acquiring it. You know that money is necessary to achieving your goals. You hate to depend on anyone for support, so you try to capitalize on your own ideas to make that unnecessary.

Your highest priority should be to accept the challenges of competition. There is no easy way to gain public recognition for your accomplishments except through selfdiscipline and determination to succeed. That will improve your self-image and assure your growth in your position. Your partner may be more helpful than you realize; and you should pay attention to any suggestions he or she offers, because you will probably benefit from them. Even your competitors can serve your purposes if you learn how they succeed. But your mate is your best source of inspiration; and you both will be rewarded by living up to each other's expectations. You need a partner who understands you and who will support you when your self-confidence sags.

Your best motivation comes from people who need your expertise to solve their

problems. You owe them your continued understanding and professional skill as long as they need it, for it is through this kind of interchange that you will attain your future goals. Be wary of friends who make excessive demands unless they give you some consideration for your efforts. At the same time, you must know that only hard work will bring you the security you need and are so preoccupied with.

Take advantage of your excellent mind, and develop it into your greatest asset. You are enormously resourceful in capitalizing on your ideas; but you must avoid people who try to distract you from your plans. The knowledge you've gained will help you secure a career position. The worst trap you could fall into is to allow family considerations to inhibit your development. With a little imagination, you can accomplish a great deal by exploiting your creative potentials. You will have to sell yourself and your ideas; but don't underestimate their quality. It is unlikely that you would exaggerate your abilities, anyway.

(Howard Sasportas)

Mercury in the 4th sometimes indicates an intellectual or academic home background, where the emphasis was on being sensible and rational, perhaps at the expense of feelings, warmth and physical closeness. Intelligence may be inherited through the family line. If the 4th house is taken to mean the father, then in some way he would have carried the Mercury projection: he might have been experienced as expressive, articulate, critical or possibly tricky and elusive, someone who 'comes and goes'. Mental attitudes could be mixed up with those of the father. There may even be more than one father - the actual father and a stepfather or another person who fills the role of a father-figure.

Early changes of residence may bring to the surface underlying qualities of flexibility and adaptability. Some with this placement might prefer a nomadic lifestyle. If Mercury is difficultly aspected in the 4th, there could be more than the usual amount of bickering, arguments and back-biting within the early home or later home environments. Mental and educational activities could be carried on in the home. Even well into the second half of life, the person would benefit from further learning or studying.

## Venus ♀ in ♋ Cancer 21° 18'

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Kindness, sympathy, the expression of true love and affection, and a high level of emotion, are characteristic. A powerful protective instinct can at times create a claustrophobic atmosphere within a relationship. A tendency to look nostalgically to the past is also frequent, and this may need conscious correction if the subject is not to reach stalemate due to his or her fear of progressive changes. Killing with kindness and

moddiness are sometimes present; and the need for a secure relationship is of aboveaverage importance. Ties of friendship will be long-lasting. Love and affection will be focused on the home, and a great deal of money will be spent carefully to make it comfortable - although often cluttered and untidy. Creative cooking and home crafts will be displayed with flair. A safe, steady growth of capital is preferred, and shrewd investments will be made when possible.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, passion and sensuality are heightened, with love and affection actively shown. The emotional level is extremely high, and there may be storms and scenes at times. The subject must learn not to cling to loved ones after a relationship has ended. Look for logic in other areas of the chart - the position of Mercury, perhaps. This is an affectionate but possibly demanding friend. Financial ability and an excellent business sense are likely.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, this Venus placement heightens the level of Geminian emotion; and, provided the subject doesn't overrationalize the feelings, these will be marvellously and romantically expressed, showing kindness and a cherishing quality. The sex life must be lively and stimulating. The subject is considerate and a good communicator with both friends and loved ones. Financial security can be gained from collecting old or unusual artifacts.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the emotional force and expression of love are very powerful, but the inclination to worry over the partner and family is immense, and the Cancerian capacity for caring may also get out of hand with friends. Here the qualities are very much as described for Venus in Cancer generally above. Shrewdness in business matters is a strong asset.

If the Sun sign is Leo, the emotional level is very high, and the subject needs a partner to look up to and admire; otherwise, there will be a tendency to dominate with a Leo bossiness that can be extremely harmful. Leo sensitivity is greatly increased; this individual will suffer more than seems possible. There will be a great appreciation of quality and the beautiful things in life, with a lot of money spent on them. Comfort, security and quality are important. The sex life will be rich, rewarding and imaginatively expressed. Here is a caring friend with excellent organizing ability.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, although there will be considerable emotional resources, there may be shyness and reserve in expressing the feelings. The imagination will be rich, but worry over the lover one's reactions can be inhiiting, especially in young people. There may be a tendency to criticize the partner or to be very moody. The household chores or hobbies can be used as an excuse for failing to enjoy the intimacies of a relationship. A clever business sense is likely, but sometimes meanness is present.

(Grant Lewi)

Your emotional responses are related to a simple and direct standard, your need for security and a home. Since this is a basic life urge, your love is loyal and devoted, with a depth of the self-preservation instinct, which does not, however, make you selfish. Your whole nature hides in a protective shell till you have taken the emotional step that makes you secure; then it unfolds graciously, like a flower in the warm sun, and beautifies your whole world. The fear of being hurt by love - of being thus innerly insecure - is very strong. You may seem sensitive and touchy, not to the superficial niceties but to the bigger things that could shake your world. You can harness your emotions to making your own security, and so can be successful in business, to which you bring the primitive maternal, or paternal, forces. This, however, is the only way in which you are materialistic. You like sentimental gestures only if you think they spring from sincerity. The forced kiss, the dutiful embrace, mean nothing to you. Your emotional polarity is not primarily physical; and though you can respond to ardor, you can take it or leave it alone.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Cancer, Venus paints the picture of a native who wants security in love. His needs are basic: shelter, love, protection, the best for his loved ones. His standards are high, but the drive, fire and ambition to obtain his desires often is lacking. The astrologer must 'shake him up' to his potential. The native is sentimental and sincere; he feels silly wasting time on people or things which do not interest him. Thus he tends to arouse antagonism among those who feel he merely is being rude.

(Lyn Birbeck)

Love for you is something that is very dependent upon home, family and security, no matter how wild or adventurous you may like to think you are. A case of 'love me, love my family' - and loving Other's family would be just as important. You are also romantic in a dreamy sort of way. But such a mix of the cosy and the ideal could be pretty hard to find or maintain, for they may reflect childhood longings that amount to mere fancy.

You attract with tenderness and a familiar charm that makes Other feel both excited and comfortable; with an extremely caring and compassionate nature that protects and nurtures Other; and with domestic skills such as cooking, décor and warm hospitality.

You repel with a misuse of your ability to get inside Other in the form of emotional blackmail; with a suffocating and clingy neediness that makes Other want to get as far from you as you try to be close to him / her; and by being a stay-at-home or blindly depending on Other to keep the home-fires burning.

You are attracted to Others who appreciate the importance of home and family life; to soulful Others who possibly have some affliction for you to sympathize with; and to cuddly romance rather than thrusting passion - at least once you have exhausted this cultural myth.

You are repelled by brashness or a rejection of anything or anyone that you feel for; by being made to feel unwelcome or taken for granted; by a lack of sensitivity, especially towards children, animals, Nature and yourself; and by impersonal sex.

When you are alone, it could be that you have done to Other the very thing that you cannot bear being done to you: taken him / her for granted in some way. It is most likely that you have been enjoying the emotional or material security of a relationship long enough for you not to notice that it's there. Consequently, you have looked for something more exciting elsewhere, or Other has found someone more appreciative elsewhere. Conversely, you may have clung too closely and fussed and fawned over Other to the point when he / she just had to get away - or this may be how Other has been with you, and you have had to run. A third reason is simply that you have been after the dream lover which an ordinary mortal can never be; you must track back to your childhood for why.

(John Townley)

Your appetite for love is very strong, but you do not usually satisfy it in a regular, even way. Rather, it builds up for a long period of time, and when it does find release it is often quite explosive. This happens partly because you are unwilling or unable to let your partner know your desires until the internal pressure has become very great. It is better to work out a clear system of communication so you will not suffer frustration because your partner is unaware of your needs.

For you, love at its best is an all-encompassing experience in which you completely possess and dissolve into your lover in such a way that the barriers between your personalities are washed away. In everyday life as well, you look for total devotion from your lover, and you give it as well.

Although your style of loving is very intense and exhilarating, it can also devolve into a mawkish dependency that is not healthy for either personality. True devotion must rest on mutual strength and trust between equals, so you should avoid the sometimes natural desire to totally own or be owned by your lover. Such roles can be healthily played out in bedroom games, but should be scrupulously avoided in everyday life if you want to maintain a lasting, loving relationship.

(Robert Hand)

You like to be very close to people, and you need to have an especially affectionate relationship with your parents. You always want to be sure that you can count on someone for emotional support. At the same time, you are willing to give the same support to anyone you love. You may not have lots of friendships or love relationships, but you don't need to. All you want is a few very good ones.

If you decide that no-one loves you, you may be desperate to find a friend to give you moral support. The only problem here is that if you feel unloved and insecure, you will be very jealous and possessive of your friends, especially if they pay attention to someone else. This may lead to rivalry with your brothers and sisters for your parents' attention, if you feel unsure about your parents' feelings toward you.

Nevertheless, when you like someone, you like that person a lot, and you show it. You are a very faithful friend, and you will never do anything to hurt someone you like unless that person hurts you first - in which case you are very likely to strike back.

Your relationship with your mother will be especially important; and as you get older, it may be hard to break away from her apron strings, although you won't want to admit it. However, if you have a good relationship with her, your other relationships throughout life will also be good.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: imaginative, home-loving, warm and caring, supportive, sensitive.

When Venus is placed in the cardinal Water sign of Cancer, an inordinate need to love and be loved fuels an immense insecurity from which most of their actions emanate. Since Cancer is ruled by the Moon, the maternal principle dominates the way they perceive themselves and the nature of their relationships. On the positive side, these nurturing individuals provide others with a strong, secure emotional cushion as well as a comfortable, flourishing home environment. Endowed with emotional strength and the ability to hold things together, they often attract individuals in need of intellectual, spiritual and / or financial support.

Amazingly loyal and attentive, these generally insecure people will stop at nothing to keep their families intact, and, in the process, frequently become unnecessarily overprotective; if Venus is poorly aspected, they can even be secretive, controlling and manipulative. Often defensive, pessimistic and, at its most extreme, paranoid, they often live in constant fear that they will be deserted by loved ones, or lose their money; or that their creativity will dissipate. Instead of being secure in the knowledge that they are loved simply for who they are, these people often try too hard to create the type of environment from which their partners dare not leave. To solidify a marriage that was already on the rocks, one client with Venus in Cancer even installed a music studio for his wife, a singer, in their beautiful home, only to be totally devastated when she eventually left him. When I pointed out to him that his own insecurities actually prevented him from being sensitive to his wife's real needs, my explanation fell on deaf ears.

This co-dependent behaviour, in that one person controls the emotional climate by making another person completely dependent on him or her, is typical of Venus in each

of the Water signs - especially if afflicted. Because it is often simpler for Venus in Cancer people to be caretakers rather than seek assistance (which would reveal their own neediness), they tend to excuse rather than strengthen the character weaknesses of their partners and / or their children.

While romanticism is indeed an asset to their creativity, it may also be responsible for their completely unrealistic attitudes concerning those they love. A desperate need to form a family unit coupled with a lack of faith in their capacity to maintain relationships frequently precipitates idealisation of the partner and the creation of an unequal partnership. While placing someone on a pedestal may seem complimentary, it often becomes manipulative and overly possessive, causing the partner to flee from the very situation Venus in cancer people have tried so hard to perfect. Although Cancer is known to be an extremely emotional sign, their feelings are often directed inwards towards defensive behaviour; the true compassion of Venus in Cancer can only manifest when it is realised that a healthy relationship is founded on two individuals who are secure within themselves.

Unlike Venus in Gemini, the creativity of introspective Venus in Cancer is marked by romantic idealism and a vivid imagination. Due to an affinity with the home as well as the intricacies of computer technology, they have a talent for real estate, interior design, computer graphics and programming. Because they constantly question their talents, they are overly sensitive to the opinions of others; and, as a result, Venus in Cancer people are often very secretive about their work and creative ideas until it is certain they will be met with approval.

Because this placement represents the attainment of self-esteem through their roles as spouses and parents, Venus in Cancer men - whose attributes include fierce loyalty, dependability and devotion to their loved ones - have heretofore been admonished as 'unmanly'. With the distinction between male and female roles narrowing, these sensitive and artistic men may soon be admired and even envied for their emotional attachment and compassion, in much the same way that women with Venus in Aries or Scorpio will no longer have to defend their dynamic personalities or fight for creative autonomy.

(Martin Schulman)

Here, the individual learns the lessons of emotional love. He is intuitive, sensitive, warm and affectionate, with a natural sense of feeling for all that is occurring around him. This, along with his deep understanding of loyalty and devotion, makes him the natural emotional center of his family. He provides the nostalgic memories of tender moments from the past and the sincere warmth which gives a sense of continuity to those close to him.

Yet, he has difficulty drawing the line between affection and attachment. Venus here rules the early pre-school years, when the clinging child is extremely dependent upon



mother. Unless an effort is made to overcome early patterning, the person can easily develop a dependency neurosis which makes it difficult for him to travel far from home, break free from exaggerated attachments, and find his individuality. There are important lessons to learn if the person as an adult is to experience the warmth and continuity of love without the irrational childlike clinging which can close off his consciousness from all that life has for him.

The Yod to this Venus placement is formed by the inconjuncts from Sagittarius and Aquarius - the two most freeing signs in the zodiac. Sagittarius symbolizes man's free spirit, the enthusiasm and enjoyment of travelling great distances and the ability to encounter new and foreign experiences which enrich the mind and broaden one's outlook on life. From this sign, the person must learn how to expand his lifestyle by a higher form of understanding and knowledge, gained either through education, or studies of philosophy or religion, or through the travelling which gives him a sense of worldliness, enabling him to externalize his consciousness.

The Venus in Cancer individual has a sensitive attunement to nature and natural law, along with a great affinity for environmental beauty. Yet, to realize this, he must learn through the sign Sagittarius the ways in which the broad and expansive understandings of his society and culture provide a more realistic base for all he needs in life than the confining scope of his early childhood dependencies.

From the sign Aquarius, he must learn how to trust friendships, which give him a base of acceptance outside his immediate family. This teaches him to understand how relationships evolve (not through clinging or possessiveness, but rather through fairness and objectivity, and the humane sense of freedom through which individuals learn the importance of giving each other the space to think, feel, and be 'children of the universe').

The sextile from Sagittarius to Aquarius shows the expansion of consciousness possible when the individual realizes that his personal feelings must come from his attunement to a greater cosmic whole. The unconscious mother attachments in early childhood must be externalized so that the person feels the guiding principles of human nature (Sagittarius) as the 'mother' of his ability to trust the outside world, and the impersonal fairness of life (Aquarius) as the 'universal mother' of his consciousness. When he realizes this, he begins to awaken to a greater quality of love than he could ever possibly imagine.

The loyal and patriotic feelings of the Venus in Cancer placement become broadened to the ideals and principles which are the very essence of life's meaning. The individual discovers that it is these very ideals and principles that he must hold onto, rather than the individuals who taught them to him. He learns that the center of beauty through which his Gift of Love unfolds comes from his understanding that life is a journey of discoveries, always containing a wealth of unrealized opportunities. The home to which

he is so attached becomes the nesting place within himself, from which he is able to open his feelings to the stream of cosmic understanding that is flowing through him. It is from the security of this base that he is able to serve, encourage, inspire and uplift the hearts of all whose lives he touches.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are maternal and sympathetic.

Symbol: A woman decorates a cake with pink sugar roses.

Feminine Venus fares well in Moon-ruled Cancer because both are concerned with the processes of reproduction and growth. People born with this placement are sentimental and affectionate, with strong family ties, especially to the mother. Money and property are apt to come from the maternal side of the family.

Both the strengths and weaknesses of Venus in Cancer are those associated with the female of the species. Negatively, the combination may mean a predisposition toward possessiveness, susceptibility to flattery, shyness, and excessive emotionalism. It gives a tendency to stay in one place and wait for good fortune to arrive, rather than to actively pursue coveted objects and objectives. The wit who commented 'It should be no more necessary for a woman to chase a man than for a moustrap to chase a mouse' was referring to this type of temperament.

Positively, the desire to be desirable implies cultivation of the virtues of charity and kindheartedness. Venusian Cancerians want to be petted, cherished, and admired for their good qualities. They long for peace and quiet in their home sphere, where they make loyal, contented partners. They are competent cooks and excel in the domestic arts.

The passivity of Cancer tends to soften the emotional nature of the person born with Venus in this sign. It can be hard for these gentle souls to resist the advances of aggressive personalities. Being inclined to overgenerosity in the bestowal of their affections, they need protection against their own tender instincts, for they can allow loved ones to take advantage of their willingness to oblige. They are often well advised to seek occupations such as teaching, or nursing, which afford a relatively objective outlet for their easily tapped feelings. The effect of earthy Venus dissolving into the waters of Cancer can be too sweetly sensuous to be altogether safe in this predatory world. Strong discipline is needed to counteract a love of comfort which can degenerate into a sybaritic craving for luxury.

The Venus-Cancer woman feels instinctively that good food and domestic felicity keep the conjugal flame glowing, and seeks through her skill in anticipating the wishes of her mate to attach him to her by the firm strands of requited affection. Similarly, a man with this combination appreciates the romantic potential of a candlelight dinner in a tastefully

appointed setting. Both sexes are attracted to art, music and literature, especially of a fanciful or exotic genre. Beauty is not a luxury but a necessity in their lives; and their appetite for pleasing sights and sounds can be more insistent than physical hunger. They prefer creations which are imaginative, soft in outline, and muted in tone, and which permit them to indulge their nostalgia for a bygone era of gracious living and lavish loving.

People with a strong Moon-Venus accent in their natal charts are popular and often beloved. They are regarded kindly by all who are drawn within their aura of charm, grace, and personal magnetism. Seldom emotionally assertive, they have no need to be obtrusive, since their sympathetic nature enables them to gain the best of everything, or to make the best of that which has been given.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is sentimentality rather than strong or ardent affection. Venus in this sign is plastic, kindly, gentle, receptive, changeable, feminine and forever looking for security. The basic need is security, whether it is exemplified by dependency on persons or on material possessions. Venus in Cancer operates subconsciously, so it is completely emotional and instinctive in its dependency, and its search for security never ends. Loyalty to the family is strong. Despite her tenacity when the emotional life is frustrated or blocked, Venus in this sign is susceptible to depleting diseases. If the love life is not satisfactory, this Venus can have psychological indigestion that will affect the physical digestive organs eventually. Because of their lack of aggressiveness, people with Venus in Cancer are liked. There is a quietness that has charm, yet because of the Moon's influence there is little constancy. They are mothering rather than mating people. They love children and are fond of home and parents.

(Donna van Toen)

You express your feminine side in the traditional sense very well. This means, if you're a woman, you may be somewhat timid or passive, and are possibly looking for a traditional relationship. If you're a man, you may be the strong, silent type, and again are probably looking for a traditional relationship. Venus in Cancer has a tendency to fear rejection, and therefore tends to need a lot of security. Once love blooms, the relationship tends to be very intense; Venus in Cancer likes it that way.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern of inner relatedness, the Venus in Cancer person comes into life fundamentally insecure. This insecurity is based on, and caused by, the nature of their inner emotional reality, which is like a tornado of different swirling emotional states that seem to come and go of their own volition, that seem to be beyond the control of the individual. Inwardly, as a result, the Venus in Cancer person feels that he / she is

standing on ever-shifting sands. These people feel deeply insecure because the nature of their emotional state and the need that these states create cannot be inwardly controlled. The inner cross-currents of different emotions converge and combine in ways that create moments in which they can feel stable and secure in one moment, and highly insecure and unstable in the next.

The intention of souls who have Venus in Cancer has been, and is, to inwardly know and relate to themselves as emotional beings. The knowing of themselves through the ever-shifting cross-currents of different emotional states produces an inner confusion because of the different self-images that each emotional state induces. And each emotional state dictates needs that are motivated by the desire to feel secure, to feel safe, and to be stabilized. Inwardly, these individuals feel highly vulnerable and insecure. Typically, they related to themselves from moment to moment. Each emotion (and the moods that they produce) defines their inner psychology on an ongoing basis. Inwardly, there is a fundamental desire to be taken care of, to be nurtured, by someone whom they can trust. There is a core desire for someone to help them feel stable, safe, and secure. The deep inner need for this is its own causal factor, generating the different emotional states in the first place.

The reason for this, typically, is that these individuals have missed a key step in their behavioral development as children. This step occurs around twenty months of age when the baby learns to internalize one or both parents in such a way that when the parent is not physically nearby or present, the baby still feels safe and secure. Missing this step becomes a causal factor leading to the displaced emotions of childhood manifesting in their adult life. These displaced emotions are essentially the emotions of a young child.

The root cause of this is that they bring forward from other lifetimes emotional imprints and pre-existing patterns that are defined by some cataclysmic event in which their ability to feel inwardly secure has been severely compromised. Whatever the specific event was, it becomes a casual factor generating an inner abyss of emotional volatility and cross-currents of unpredictable emotional states. even if they had parents who were loving, nurturing, and doing their very best to help them feel secure when they were a baby, it is never quite enough from the child's point of view. As adults, this same effect can occur even when they have loving and supporting people in their lives, for the same reasons. Even when the Venus in Cancer people are given the love, nurturing, and the stabilizing effect that they desire, it is never quite enough.

Venus in Cancer people have an inherent emotional expectation that is projected into their relationships, in which others should somehow just know what they need without their actually verbalizing what the need is. It is simply a deep, silent expectation. This is exactly what babies and small children do. They just naturally expect their needs to be identified and met by the parents. When this does not occur to the baby's satisfaction, they instinctively cry or scream in varying degrees of intensity. Similarly, the Venus in

Cancer people, as adults, silently expect their needs to be understood and met. When this does not occur, the unmet expectations produce emotional behaviors that can even shock the Venus in Cancer people themselves. These behaviors range from a deep, permeating silence in which the subconscious intent is to draw or pull someone into their emotional state in order for it to be identified and worked with, to extreme emotional displays that are driven or caused by displaced anger. The cause of this kind of extreme behavior, resembling a coiled spring that snaps under stress, is a build-up of emotional frustration. The emotional reaction is usually disproportionate to the event or circumstance that triggers it.

Because these people relate to themselves on an emotional basis, they naturally relate to others on an emotional basis. Because they are perpetually 'hearing' or 'listening' to their own inner emotional reality, they can naturally identify or 'hear' another's emotional state, and the needs that any given emotional state generates, even when the other person is not verbalizing or actively projecting what that emotional state or reality is about. Venus in Cancer people have an inherent ability to emotionally empathize with other people, to silently tune in. When others are perceived to be in a state of emotional distress or need, the Venus in Cancer person naturally responds with very real emotional caring, wisdom, support, nurturing, and love. They will naturally encourage others to let out their emotions, and they will want to hold and embrace another who is in need. The very essence of their touch or holding is warm, consuming, and reassuring. This reflects their own need to be reassured through touch and holding. More than words, the Venus in Cancer person responds to touch and holding because this is exactly how babies and small children are reassured when they are upset for whatever reason. For Venus in Cancer people, trust is established through touch, and through a silent emotional resonance with another person that operates beyond the spoken word. This is very important to understand because of the Venus in Cancer person's inherent fear of being too vulnerable. Even verbalizing what they need, or are feeling, can be too vulnerable a situation for these people. In fact, the typical verbal response of these people when asked how they are doing, especially when some deep emotional state or need is causing a deep inner withdrawal from their environment, is 'I'm fine' even when they obviously are not. This kind of response is instinctual, and is a form of the survival instinct relative to their fear of vulnerability and their fundamental distrust of most people. Thus, for those that are close to them and with whom there is a trust, the very best way to encourage them to come out of their emotional shell is through touch combined with soft, soothing words.

Sexually, Venus in Cancer desires and needs very strong touch, holding and kissing in order to feel sexually secure and trusting. Whereas Venus in Aries can simply get on with it, the Venus in Cancer person needs to be 'warmed up' first. Inherently, these people desire and need to connect and merge the emotional energies or bodies first, which then allows for a deep, permeating, and slow sexual merging to occur. When this occurs, these people can feel very erotic, and create erotic sexual environments that stimulate the emotional and sexual senses. But unless the Venus in Cancer people feels

emotionally safe and secure, they will be sexually insecure. Some will be sexually immature, and can exhibit forms of sexual infantilism, sexual pedophilia, preoccupation with the body parts of the opposite sex, impotence or frigidity, etc.. When the Venus in Cancer people are in love and feels safe and secure, they can be very sexually giving and truly make their partners feel loved, safe, and secure.

For a positive evolution to proceed, the Venus in Cancer person must inwardly embrace its polarity: Capricorn. This means that these people must learn how to minimize the projection of their external dependencies in order to feel emotionally secure, safe, and stable. They must learn that the security, safety, and stability that they are desiring exists within themselves. They must learn to become responsible for their own 'emotional child'. In order to do this, they must learn how to evolve their emotional consciousness in such a way as to be able to become aware of the specific causes or origins of any given emotional state in which they find themselves, versus just being caught up within it without knowing why. By doing so, they can develop emotional self-knowledge, which allows them to become emotionally responsible for themselves - to become emotional adults. They will empower themselves and minimize their projected needs, lose their fear of vulnerability, and thus learn how to relate with people in a much more straightforward and forthcoming way. In this way, they will learn how to be in control of their emotions versus letting their emotions control them. They will attract others who encourage them to be responsible for themselves, and they will naturally encourage others to be responsible for themselves. Thereby, the 'inner child' lives in a very positive and healthy way because it has now taken responsibility for its own actions.

## Venus ♀ in 6th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Health-conscious, amiable, possessing enormous creative discipline, desiring harmonious working conditions.

With Venus in the sixth house (which corresponds to the mutable Earth sign of Virgo), enormous value is placed on being of service and approaching work with a meticulous and analytical eye. Not particularly gifted with leadership abilities (the domain of the fifth sign / house), individuals with a well-aspected Venus in the sixth house bring to their personal and professional relationships a sense of loyalty, attention to detail, and a flair for sustained productivity from which they garner self-validation. Due to the time and energy they expend working and / or volunteering their services, the classic description of Venus in the sixth house - 'falling in love (Venus) with a co-worker (sixth house)' - is likely to apply.

If the planet is afflicted, however, these sometimes shy or self-conscious individuals often question their own abilities. They may be attracted to people who are also

extremely hard workers but who may not be able to offer the encouragement needed. Overly particular about and judgemental of colleagues, friends and lovers, they are, in actuality, most critical of themselves. For this reason they deny themselves the sensual pleasure that Venus so willingly offers; instead it is sublimated through their work and drive towards self-improvement.

To attain perfection, they may become fanatic about diet, exercise and health fads. While individuals with a well-situated Venus approach their bodies sensibly and with moderation, individuals with an ill-placed Venus may follow one of two extremes: 1) become obsessive about their exercise regimen, or 2) become slovenly, careless and indulgent - leading, at its most extreme, to poor work habits, an inability to keep a job, and poor health.

Advocates of excellence through hard work, good nutrition, physical exercise and service to others (sixth house), these prudent individuals often become committed social workers, counsellors, dieticians, health care practitioners, physical therapists or secretaries. Consummate professionals, their social skills, capacity for teamwork, noble dedication and efficiency enable them to bypass the frustrations of bureaucratic 'red tape' and become effective workers. They may also be attracted to craftwork, interior design, sculpture or architecture, which combine artistry with the meticulousness of the sixth house.

Dutiful workers concerned with the happiness and welfare of others - to the detriment of their own enjoyment - these individuals often feel guilty if they partake in frivolity and / or sensual pleasure. While it is, indeed, advisable that these tense workaholics learn to relax and 'let go', there is no doubt that even the slightest excess may adversely affect their sensitive constitutions and may even produce food allergies. The Venus-ruled throat, kidneys and skin may even present chronic problems that are likely to flair up during an allergic reaction or at times of emotional stress.

Moreover, an obsession with health and fitness often lends itself to vegetarianism (or some other special diet), yoga, meditation or regular physical exercise as part of a daily routine. Due to the practicality of the sixth house, people with Venus in this placement will make choices in their personal and professional lives that bring contentment, harmony and a comfortable income which will enable them to live healthy, fit and, thus, enjoyable lives.

Because Mercury, a symbol of intelligence and communications, is the natural ruler of the sixth house (corresponding to the Sixth sign of Virgo), romantic liaisons are based not merely on passion but on mutual respect and support. Since those with Venus in the sixth house have a propensity for working long hours working or volunteering their services, it is essential that they find partners whose professions and / or interests are equally fulfilling and who understand that gratifying work contributes greatly to their mental well-being.

If Venus is conjunct the Descendant, individuals are less reserved, and the issues that concern them are what make them attractive to others. Their approach to work, service and health is intertwined with their choice of partner, who is either a colleague or deeply involved in the same lifestyle, causes or goals.

The sense of accomplishment and artistic perfection that they achieve through the methodical 'fine-tuning' of their talents, skills and abilities is great.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The sixth house is to do with our everyday routines in life and our work. Someone with Venus in the sixth house will want to find pleasure in the commonplace necessities of life. These are people who look to find pleasure in their daily routines and will attempt to make them as enjoyable as possible.

Venus in the sixth may also describe someone who enjoys physical fitness and health. Someone with Venus in this house is not likely to be too rigorous, and could be positively slothful and over-indulgent; but a general well-being and happiness may be enjoyed through attention to diet and health in general. You may find people taking part in an exercise programme or having a regular massage or beauty routine that makes them feel good, and being drawn to people who also value their body and keep to a health and beauty routine and exercise schedule. One can imagine a partnership where both participants go jogging together.

Venus in the sixth shows someone who co-operates and gets along easily with colleagues. People with this placement derive well-being from this co-operative effort, and will generally enhance the working atmosphere with their presence. Their main priority is to be happy and content within their everyday working environment, so they are not particularly hard-working and could be positively lazy. Their value lies in keeping things running smoothly and easing tensions. They are good at lending a sympathetic ear to other people's troubles. They do also enjoy being useful and feeling they are of service, in which case they will contribute more directly to the work effort.

Their relationships within the work setting matter a lot to them. They may find a romantic relationship within their workplace. They would enjoy a combined working and romantic partnership. They may equally well set up a business with their romantic partner.

Alternatively, particularly where individuals are self-employed or very motivated, they may be in love with their work. This may be an area of life that gives them tremendous pleasure, perhaps even more than they get from a relationship.

Venus in the sixth house could also signify someone who works in an artistic way or in an artistic environment, or it could describe people who are sensitive to the aesthetic



ambience of their place of work.

Within a relationship, these people may show their affection by being useful and of service to you in practical ways - hence their penchant for working partnerships. These are people who find happiness in being useful and find it an easy way to express their love. They may expect the same of a partner and find it difficult to believe that they are really loved if the partner does not want to reciprocate. There is then great scope for mutual misunderstanding.

(Martin Schulman)

This is the last of the personal Houses. With Venus here, the individual's love nature culminates in the experiences which teach him how to achieve harmony with his body so that it will serve him efficiently as he externalises his love through service to humanity. He can be kind and thoughtful of others, with a healthy outlook towards his work, tasks and chores, which can make most of what he does labors of love. He seeks peace through the harmony of order and experiences a delicate attunement to the beauty of efficiency in people, ideas and the society his love helps to form. Yet, because Venus is in its fall in the Sixth House, this can be an extremely difficult placement until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned.

The individual can be excessive, allowing himself to become preoccupied with the trivial details which he believes bring him pleasure instead of the essence of what brings him harmony. He can become so overconcerned with trying to balance small details or seeking perfection in the lives of those close to him that instead of letting his feelings flow, he is unconsciously putting demands and stipulations upon the circumstances he needs to express love. Thus, he feels an obligation, sometimes even a compulsion, to harmonize the most negative thoughts and feelings within himself and those close to him, which often has the reverse effect of stimulating disharmony. Because he keeps his consciousness on a finite level, he often misses the contour of the whole. As a result, his feelings have a tendency to be structured within what his mind is dwelling on rather than what he is actually experiencing.

This makes it difficult for him to relax and realize the love that can carry him through all of his burdens.

Many with this placement can find themselves excessively involved in doing favors for others, either out of feelings of obligation, or out of a need for acceptance, rather than the sincerity of love. Instead of viewing life through an obligatory consciousness, which often separates the individual from his true feelings, it is important that he understands the harmonic union which brings the different facets of things into the oneness through which the whole of something can be perceived.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, the individual experiences a

great change in his consciousness. He begins to see life through the natural order of the Golden Mean, realizing that the symmetry he perceives in himself and the world around him comes from a greater natural order within which his life is contained.

As he begins to experience this order of beauty, rather than trying to order beauty, he starts to relax in the realization of knowing that all is as it should be. And, because that order exists along the path of moderation, he learns that by avoiding extremes and excesses, he gives his body and his feelings the chance to experience harmony.

For many, this can bring favorable health. Yet, the one most outstanding influence which brings the individual's body, mind and spirit into a wholesome consciousness is marriage! From this, he begins to understand that his health, his work and his ability to serve a useful function to humanity come not only from the quality of love that exists in his consciousness, but also from the beauty of harmonious feelings with which he approaches the day-to-day chores of life. It is from this that he establishes a rapport with the true order of the universe; for the more he serves man's need to experience the beauty of love in mundane life, the greater he becomes like a branch connected to a tree of goodness, bearing the fruits of worthwhile deeds and actions which become the proof of his existence.

His very special Gift of Love is in his cherished essence of humility which enables him to fit the radiant quality of beauty and love into the common medium of life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people love to work, and work at love. Frequently, a romantic attraction tempts them into a job situation, or they are attracted to a field of endeavor more by the practitioners than by the work itself. Throughout life they are prone to on-the-job romances, and may marry someone they meet on the job. They may become involved in the theater, films, photography, modelling, magazines, or any of the so-called glamour industries (advertising, TV, radio, etc.).

They will rarely last long on a job they don't like, and will soon find the kind of work that makes them happy. They are capable of giving their all to a job they do like, and frequently do not get the recognition they deserve since seeing the job well done is their primary interest. The only danger here is that they do not always examine the long-term or overall effects of their efforts.

This Venus is a difficult position for romance; and most with Venus here will have at least one major heartbreak in their lives. Sometimes their workaholic attitude is a substitute for the true love they think they cannot attract, a means of getting the praise and response they think they can't get from lovers. (The closer Venus is to the descendant, the less likely this is to be an issue.)

They may be very attractive, but unfortunately never as attractive as they'd like to be. If there are bad aspects to the Moon, they may have skin trouble or difficulties with the endocrine or lymph systems, all of it emotional in origin. Anyone with a sixth-house Venus needs some kind of daily physical regimen to stay healthy mentally, physically, and emotionally. Usually, though, they are quite health-minded and take good care of their bodies.

This is a good placement for a doctor or a nurse, or anyone working in the health care sector. It's also good for musicians, or athletes, those who must drive themselves towards perfect performance through a daily practice of skills.

(Howard Sasportas)

By house, Venus indicates those things we care about, are attracted to and appreciate. The 6th house is concerned with the running of everyday affairs, issues of work and service, and attending to the proper functioning of the body. Combining Venus with this house, we come up with someone who actually enjoys vacuuming the sitting room, has a tendency to fall in love with co-workers, and derives great satisfaction from the daily rituals of mundane life. Even brushing the teeth can be done with style.

Frivolity aside, Venus in the 6th people take pleasure in developing and fine-tuning their talents, skills and abilities. It's not good enough to just do a job; it must be done beautifully. I have done quite a few charts for people with Venus in the 6th who have careers in the field of health, beauty and fitness, and many others who put their artistic talent to practical use as designers and draughtsmen. One in particular was concerned with designing kitchen products which were both functional and beautiful. More generally, there is the desire for a harmonious work atmosphere and the capacity to bring good feelings into this area.

Normally, the person feels the importance of developing a good relationship with the body. If health problems arise, these could be due to over-indulgence or some imbalance in the diet or life in general that needs consideration.

While Venus in the 6th enjoys the more mundane and everyday tasks of life, some may become obsessive about things. They are usually able to apply themselves to work involving precision and detail. The image of the beloved (Venus) might be projected onto servants, co-workers, milkmen, telephone repairmen, dental hygienists, and even pets. (I did a chart for a woman with Venus in the 6th who took her poodle to the hairdresser every third Friday.)

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is associated with physical or psychological pressures. Too much gratification can be very bit as harmful as too little. As with the Moon and

Jupiter, diet has high significance, for there is a tendency toward intemperance in the pursuit of 'sweetness', a longing for substances that may be too rich for the body to absorb. You have anxiety about personal beauty, leading to unfavorable comparisons with others. Personal love may be psychologically misunderstood or misdirected. Your challenge is to recognize both the ineffable and the tangible beauty you possess, to experience pleasure directly, rather than reaching outside yourself for beauty or pleasure. Disease is often the result of failed or incomplete love; and healing is a restoration of personal grace.

Unequal relationships: You have a pronounced sensitivity to the social graces. You love the rituals of formal supplication, the courtship of authority, and the privileges of position. In spite of outward appearance, you like the submissive role in love relationships, for you're enamored with the subtlety of quiet magnetism. The pitfall lies in confusing love and power. The challenge is to experience the attraction that all human beings feel for other human beings, and to see that relationships can be loving only when you infuse your affections with dignity and self-respect.

Duty and service: Loving and healing are almost identical, which is to say the urge to create personal love is very similar to the urge to help others have more harmonious lives. So strong is this merging of 'love' and 'therapy' that you may focus all your romantic energy on damaged individuals. This pitfall could be given many names: Stray Dog Syndrome, Wounded Bird Theory, Florence Nightingale Effect. Whatever we choose to call it, you must be certain of two things: first, that your receptivity is not directed toward individuals who cannot return love in at least relatively healthy ways, and second, that you are not making your beloved sick in order to validate your healing powers. The challenge is to heal yourself through the conscious gift to others of grace, harmony, and pleasure. Remember: for love to flower, you need good seeds and good soil.

Technical mind: Mental analysis is linked with personal care. This has, naturally enough, a 'cooling' effect on romance. But the mind is most warmly appreciative of logical beauty. Mental discipline is not a forced purgatory, but a fine garden lovingly tended. You relish digging into any situation with your mental spade. Clearing the dense underbrush and fostering a sense of productive order makes you glow with satisfaction. However, keep in mind that relationships have their own indefatigable eccentricities; too much organization - too much taming - can kill the intangible beauty of sharing. The challenge is to enjoy the quest for mental perfection, and to appreciate emotions even as you analyze them.

Discipline and routines: You appreciate regularity in your lifestyle, enjoying the pleasant experience of organized habits. Routines may be oriented toward ordinary goals; but here there is an added social dimension: you need interpersonal contact in your routines to feel the full benefits, for people are more important to you than products. Work and aesthetics are linked; you want to fill your day with work aimed toward the creation of

beauty.

(Robert Pelletier)

A naturally compromising person in your daily affairs, you strive for harmonious relations with everyone. You are willing to make concessions if that seems to be the only way to avoid conflict with others. Even though you know that someone else is wrong, you sometimes unwittingly take the blame for them. In spite of this, you have a productive and useful life, seeking all the comforts and luxuries you want through hard work and effective use of your resources. You will choose a vocation that gives you the greatest possible return for your efforts. Money means a lot to you, and you apply yourself with some ingenuity to get as much as you need for a comfortable lifestyle. Your superiors appreciate your efforts in their behalf, knowing they can trust you to put in an honest day's work for what you are paid. You don't expect any special considerations unless you know you deserve them. You take more abuse than necessary from your contemporaries, and sometimes 'hate' yourself for letting people use you as a doormat. You tend to indulge in food that is overly rich.

You continue to have a good relationship with your parents, who gave you the selfconfidence to make your own way without depending on their support. You were impressed by the domestic harmony you enjoyed while growing up, and hope to raise your own family in a similarly fine environment. You need to be appreciated by those you serve, including your partner, who may take you for granted. You will attract as a mate someone who has certain deficiencies for which you must compensate. As long as you are assured that your partner is grateful for your unselfish devotion, you are happy.

It would probably be a good idea to choose a vocation that brings you in close contact with people who have more than their share of problems. Your understanding and compassion go a long way in giving them relief from their anxieties. Get the necessary formal training to deal competently with the variety of problems you're sure to encounter. You work best in an environment of refinement, manners and good taste. Guard against people who try to intimidate you when your opinion differs from theirs, and take a firm stand when you know you are right.

With your conciliatory manner and your desire for good relations with everyone, you give people the impression that they can take advantage of you. This is especially true with fellow workers, who may abuse you with excessive demands. But they can't do this unless you allow it. While it is admirable to help others, you must think about your own future needs as well.

You want everything for your children and loved ones, so you have worked hard to develop your skills. This has helped to improve your image with others and made them appreciate your efforts in their behalf. Be more discriminating in forming ties with people about whom you know little, or you could regret it later. Drop those friends who

expect you to continually make concessions. Fair is far, and you should not allow anyone to make demands on you unless you know they are willing to meet you halfway in other matters.

## Mars in Cancer 19° 25'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high emotional energies, adequate-to-low physical and practical energies, and low mental energies. Your energy is predominantly emotional, sympathetic and subtle. It is often channeled into gaining security, patriotism, and domestic activities. Your strengths include your ability to give TLC, instincts, and feelings. You lack perspective, direction, and spontaneity.

The fighting side of Mars is subdued here. You fight openly only when forced to do so; you prefer to use guilt to keep things under control, or you will sidle into things on the defensive, wondering if you'll be able to take the heat or be driven out of the kitchen by more assertive minds / bodies. I call this the mark of the worrywart, as your strong needs for security and nice things can put a lot of pressure on you to be 'the best' in some way - and of course perfection is hard to come by! Sometimes this position of Mars indicates difficulties in the involved house, because Mars here is in its fall and therefore hard to channel constructively. Other times, since Cancer is associated with home and family, it can attract a great deal of domestic discord. Your intuition is powerful; you should use it. But guard against negative psychism, and round out your development by also taking courses in philosophy or theosophy, to aid your psychic development. With practice, you could have good results with astral projection, past-life recall, and tarot in particular.

Mars in Cancer tends to have a somewhat uneven or erratic sexual quality. People with this placement can go for lengthy periods when they have little or no interest in sex. These periods are interspersed with other periods of extremely sensuous, amorous, and occasionally even promiscuous behavior. Sometimes, there are bouts of impotence or other sexual problems. However, if you're sure you're loved, you're liable to be both refined and faithful, even if not always in the mood for sexual frolics.

Mars in Cancer men have many appealing qualities, not the least of which is the fact that they like women and are protective and solicitous of them. They make marvelous friends; and if you're willing to settle for cuddles instead of fireworks when they're in their disinclined stage, they can be quite capable of meeting your needs. Mars in Cancer women often have some difficulty deciding whether they want to be Earth Mother or Lolita - and sometimes take turns playing both roles.

You want an emotional mate who likes to touch and be touched. The chances are good that you also want a family. You can be a clinging vine and smother your lover if you're

not careful. Your intentions are good - you want to protect, provide for, and take care of him / her so that his / her every need will be fulfilled. You therefore do best with a mate who's a wee bit dependent, someone who wants a strong person who can advise and help him / her when need be. In general, this rules out anyone whose overall chart shows a strong Aries (dependent this person wouldn't be), Sagittarius (you'd cramp his / her style), or Aquarius (too independent for your tastes) influence. Choose someone who has Venus in a Water sign, in the 4th house, or conjunct his / her Mon for best results. His / her Venus on your Nadir might also be a good choice if you want a comfortable, relaxed, stay-at-home sort of relationship.

You're able to succeed in a number of career areas, but would be best off to aim for a position with a title, preferably a position that involves serving the public in some way. You're motivated to gain prominence, and aren't too well-suited to partnership unless your partner is a silent one. You are, however, a prime candidate to be ownermanager of your own business. You're not suited to assembly-line work in a factory; nor are you suited to office work where you're one of several doing the same sort of work; you need to express your individuality in the career area. Some good career areas for you are: catering, cooking, bartending, advertising, office work (but not the very junior positions unless you really feel needed and there's scope for advancement once you prove yourself), shopkeeping, plumbing, nursing, hotel work, and fishing.

Working hard around your home is one way to find opportunities for personal growth. It doesn't really matter whether your work is actually connected with your home or merely done in your home; if your motivation is high, the opportunities will come. Cooking, delivery work, and the business world in general can also provide you with lucky breaks. In general, the less glamorous the field, the more opportunities you'll find, as you're most highly motivated when you see unfilled needs or people needing protection. This may often mean succeeding because you take on work nobody else wants to do.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

#### Static

You have a tendency to alienate others by competing with them for fulfillment of emotional needs. You may aggressively demand attention and assume that the needs of others are a threat to your security. When others don't give you the support and attention you think you need, you can lose energy by using the Cancerian emotional touchiness to reject them.

#### Dynamic

You can be constructively assertive with others by using sensitivity to become aware of others' needs as well as your own. When you are willing to set aside selfcentredness and adopt a position of responsibility, you can acknowledge the feelings of others as well

as express your own needs positively. You can gain energy when you commit yourself to initiating closeness and objectively organizing situations in which everyone's needs can be met.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Cancer is going to move cautiously wherever failure and rejection are a possibility. Like the crab, these people will approach their objective sideways-on. They will act carefully, and pay attention to what kind of response they are eliciting.

In relationships, someone with Mars in Cancer will not want to risk rejection, and will often not make a move unless sure of being accepted. These people will use their sensitivity to the non-verbal signals to gauge how safe it is before risking a refusal. However, Cancer is a cardinal sign, so despite their self-protectiveness Mars in Cancer people will initiate. When they feel emotionally secure, either because the external situation is non-threatening or from an inner security established within themselves, then Mars in Cancer people can act passionately and powerfully.

This is a sexually passionate placement with deep and intense needs for emotional safety within a relationship. People with Mars in Cancer are particularly likely to want sexual contact to reassure them that they are wanted, although their need to be wanted extends beyond the sexual and will permeate their whole life. They may try to make themselves indispensable to others so that they will never be abandoned.

In sexual relationships, they need to feel they belong, to feel protected and secure, and will in turn offer a sense of protection and containment to their partner. Mars in Cancer will often mother their partner and want mothering themselves. They enjoy taking care of others, both physically and emotionally. They are likely to be gentle, kindly and sympathetic.

Someone with Mars in Cancer will recognize and value the deeper exchanges of a sexual union and the bonds that exist on a feeling level. These people are likely to be possessive and to expect their partner to be completely faithful, though they will not necessarily apply this same standard to themselves. However, they will remain faithful if their infidelity would threaten their security or violate their feeling of belonging to someone else.

(Syke Alexander)

Mars has a difficult time expressing itself through this sign, for the two energies are radically different. Mars is active, assertive and individualistic; Cancer is passive, introverted and desirous of union with significant others. The physical vitality and the courage and confidence inherent in Mars are diminished when the planet is placed in Cancer. You might find it hard to assert yourself or to go after what you really want in an



aggressive, decisive way. Instead, you tend to pursue your desires in a roundabout or stop-start manner, changing your course of action from day to day.

One thing you will strive to achieve is security, and you may invest a great deal of energy to this end. You might seek security in material wealth and work hard to acquire as many financial assets as possible. Or, you could find security in your family and put lots of your energy and enthusiasm into your family life. Perhaps much of the activity in your life is centered around your home and / or family.

Though you are not naturally a fighter, you are like a mother bear when it comes to protecting your home and children, and would defend them to the death if need be. This fierce protectiveness extends to all members of your family and your expanded family - co-workers, neighbors, fellow citizens - and you might be known for your vociferous patriotism and loyalty.

You are strongly sexual and sensual, but are really only fulfilled within the structure of a committed, stable relationship. Sex without emotion seems meaningless and empty. You are happiest when you can share your powerful feelings with a partner to whom you are devoted and with whom you are comfortable and secure. Once involved in an intimate relationship, you aren't likely to be unfaithful, and couldn't bear any disloyalty from your lover. Infidelity threatens the sense of security you find within the relationship.

Highly emotional, you can be rather 'touchy', easily upset and volatile. Most probably, you are very susceptible to emotional stress and tension; and your feelings are quickly engaged. Thus, your emotional responses - particularly anger - sometimes seem disproportionate to the situation. Sensitive to what you envision as attacks on you personally, you tend to over-react with defensiveness when you believe you are being challenged in some way. You might feel vulnerable or weak, and try to compensate by attacking first or hardest.

Men with Mars in Cancer may have a particularly difficult time accepting and dealing with the great sensitivity and emotion they experience. Perhaps you choose to channel this sensitivity into an artistic field. Since Cancer is in the sign of children, nurturing and the creative process, you might put your energy into birthing 'children of the mind'. However, it is also possible that you may feel weak or unmasculine, and over-compensate with excessively 'macho' behavior or attempt to appear manly through use of violence. Perhaps you harbor much anger towards women - especially if Mars is stressfully aspected by Uranus or Pluto - and either denigrate them or try to assuage your feelings of inadequacy through sexual 'conquests'.

Women with this planetary placement are most attracted to men who are warm, affectionate, romantic, nurturing and sensitive. You find it rather endearing to see a man cry, and are put off by 'tough guys' who hide their emotions. A devoted family man, who loves children and takes good care of his mother, touches your heart. You also want

someone who is a good provider, who can give you a nice home and financial security. Slightly plump homebodies who enjoy cooking and like nothing better than to cuddle up with you in front of the fire appeal to you most.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Circumstances demand defensive action.

Symbol: A settler buys a gun in order to protect his home.

Mars in Cancer directs the full force of the feeling nature into the struggle to acquire an estate and to guard that which has been obtained. A soldier's place is not normally in the home. Therefore, aggressive Mars is in its fall in the domestic sign of Cancer where militancy is distressingly out of place.

Although the fire of Mars and the water of Cancer are more apt to boil than the blend, their enforced coalescence produces potent effects. The suppressed emotionalism of fire-water combinations may result in smouldering irritation followed by sudden outbursts of temper or 'letting off steam'. When positively directed, the pent-up feelings can be channeled into passionate dedication to a cause. Often such an individual is driven to sublimate the ferment of feelings, which vie for control of his nature, into fervid endeavour. The result may be a brand of genius which is tinged with lunacy but which, nonetheless, gives rise to accomplishment.

Venus in Cancer can be smug in its reliance on traditional values. By contrast, Mars in Cancer churns up obscure problems, particularly on the home front. Excessive tension is liable to create internal distress in the form of nervousness and digestive upsets. Women with this placement often undergo abdominal operations; men are oppressed by possessive mothers; babies have difficulty retaining their food. Unconscious resentments lead to a dependence on cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs which wreak destruction upon the hapless cells of the body in socially acceptable ways. Addictive tendencies may be triggered by the use of artificial stimulants to counteract a sense of physical depletion.

A Mars-Cancer person should study and apply the principles of psychoanalysis in probing the depths of his own mind. Here he can wield the cutting force of Mars like a surgeon's knife in order to locate hidden sources of conflict. Frequently, he will find that many of his difficulties can be traced to childhood traumas or to uncongenial parents.

Although this position gives strong domestic inclinations, the nesting instinct is often thwarted by sudden, enforced changes of residence, political upheavals, or uncontrollable circumstances. Almost invariably, some frustration mars the harmony of the home. A typical Mars-Cancer woman had to work so hard earning money to maintain her household that she would return from her job too exhausted to do more than have a couple of drinks and fall into bed. Three miserable marriages and an unloving mother

had combined to rob her of the tranquil homelife she so desperately craved.

Since Mars is the go-getter as well as a goad to action, it frequently provides a clue to a person's profession. In Cancer, it inclines toward occupations connected with the sea, food, housing, or children. The strenuous work involved in running a busy home, institution, hotel, or restaurant is characteristic of this configuration.

A good swimmer does not fight the sea, but allows it to buoy him up. Similarly, the Mars-Cancer person must learn that some battles are won through letting go and surrendering to necessity. Otherwise, he may waste energy struggling for lost causes. He needs to cultivate a quiet spirit, a happy disposition, and faith that the ongoing stream of life will bear him toward his goal.

(Isabel Hickey)

Very sensitive. Over-emotional. There are difficulties with digestion due to emotions. Strife in home conditions. Ambitious and hard workers, but changeable. Very domesticated. Can not fight, for is not aggressive outwardly. Holds everything in and steams inside. Timidity is strong if there are not other positive energies to help. Very sensitive stomach. Should not put juices on an empty stomach, for it irritates the stomach linings. People with Mars in Cancer have a 'red' stomach so acids can give upsets. Should not eat when tired or upset. Digestion strongly affected by moods and feelings.

(Jeff Green)

Mars in Cancer will correlate with a Soul that desires to create a safe, secure personal reality in order for its evolutionary intentions to be actualised. The primary structure or form that Mars in Cancer will instinctively orient to in order for this security to be realised is that of family, home, and trusted friends. By extension, this drive reflects the core evolutionary intention of the Mars in Cancer archetype - to move from seeking its security needs through external forms or structures to realising that the security it requires lies within itself. In order for this evolution to take place, the Mars in Cancer person will typically be born into a family situation in which the parents do not meet these projected security needs in some way.

This can manifest in various scenarios, such as emotional conflict between the parents in which the child learns that something can go wrong at any moment, having parents who divorce, experiencing disruptions within the family structure on an ongoing basis, having one or both parents who are emotionally domineering and demanding towards the child, or having one or both parents that emotionally or sexually abuse or violate the child in some way. When the projected and expected emotional security needs of the child are not met, the psychological and emotional consequences will lead to displaced anger, and to a total breakdown of trust. Sexual abuse or violation in childhood will lead

to a deep sexual anger and distorted sexual desires as the child moves into puberty and adulthood. In combination, these displaced emotional and / or sexual dynamics will be 'acted out' on other people. One of the worst forms of this 'acting out' of displaced emotions can manifest as pathological jealousy. Another example is reflected in the Mars in Cancer person becoming 'emotionally frozen', stemming from the fear of being emotionally vulnerable.

The house that Mars is in, the house that the sign Cancer is in, the house and sign that the Moon is in, the sign of the Fourth House and the location of its planetary ruler, and the aspects that these planets form to other planets and the houses that those planets are in, serve as the primary ways through which the Mars in Cancer person learns how to become inwardly secure. It is through these dynamics that the displaced emotions of childhood are 'triggered'. As such, they serve to progressively make the Mars in Cancer person aware of the causal factors that ignite his or her emotional states or relations. In this way, emotional self-knowledge takes place over time - a key intention of Mars in Cancer. The phasal relationship between Mars and Pluto will show how this is accomplished.

Sexually speaking, the Mars in Cancer person will be born with fundamental fears of insecurity linked with the act of birth itself. The anxiety of separation from the womb of the mother is symbolised by not only the birth moment, but also the cutting of the umbilical cord. As a result of the separation anxiety experienced at birth, the Mars in Cancer person will exhibit a deep fear of sexual vulnerability which mirrors the fear of emotional vulnerability relative to trust. The emotional and psychological compensation for these fears is to create situations in which the Mars in Cancer person attempts to totally control his or her emotional and sexual life. As a result, Mars in Cancer can be very sexually and emotionally possessive, domineering, and irrationally jealous. Hypocritically, these people can demand that their partner be absolutely faithful while at the same time giving themselves the right to have sex with someone else. Their sexual energy and needs are directly linked with their existing emotional dynamics. Because the emotional dynamics can be so complex in the Mars in Cancer person, the nature of his or her sexual dynamics can be just as complex.

The root issue, again, is linked with the original anxiety of separation from the womb at birth, and, through extension, with the various causal factors of emotional problems from childhood. As a result, men who have Mars in Cancer can have a preoccupation with the breasts of women, and a strong oral orientation to the woman. Women can have a strong oral orientation to the man. This orientation reflects the child's need to bond with the mother at birth through breast feeding, and the security that this creates in the child. In essence, it also reflects the Mars in Cancer person's desire for the original security of the womb.

For some who have Mars in Cancer, various forms of sexual violence or dominance can manifest because of their unresolved anger. In women this can manifest as

psychologically, emotionally, and sexually 'castrating' the man in some way; and in men it can manifest as sexual power over women. Such men use women as sexual objects in order to build up an otherwise weak self-image. Some will remain sexually arrested or immature, which will also cause various forms of sexual dysfunction. Sexual distortions can be focused on children or on people who are very much younger or older. Some children who have Mars in Cancer, and who have been sexually abused by a parent, will desire or attempt to have sex with other children, or with a sibling.

Once this Mars in Cancer person realises the evolutionary intention of inner security, his or her emotional and sexual orientation to life will change. Instead of being controlling, domineering, and possessive, he or she will become supportive and nurturing, and display an incredible emotional empathy that can truly heal the emotions of others. He or she will reflect a deep emotional wisdom that is offered in non-manipulative ways. He or she will be self-empowered, and seek to empower others. Sexually, he or she will be secure from within him- or herself, and will no longer fear being sexually or emotionally vulnerable. He or she will encourage and support the emotional and sexual vulnerability of others. He or she will desire to emotionally and sexually unite with another so that the sexual experience becomes a source of emotional and psychic renewal. When this occurs, the Mars in Cancer person has realised the evolutionary intention of his or her Soul.

As their lives evolve, these individuals must embrace the Capricorn polarity. Essentially, this will mean learning how to accept responsibility in their own actions, to become totally self-determined, to become emotionally and sexually mature, and to access the causative factors for their various emotional states, along with the sexual desires that manifest from them.

## Mars in 6th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

You're reasonably energetic, a hard worker, and are motivated by praise. There can be a problem with this placing: since Mars here says the primary use of your energy is to serve others, these others can keep you from getting the breaks you deserve if you don't choose your 'masters' wisely. Co-workers, relatives, your mate - all can enslave you or conspire against you (consciously or otherwise) if they feel your progress wouldn't be to their advantage. You have to be aware of this, and should refuse to let anyone become too dependent on you in any capacity. Opportunities tend to come in the areas of health, writing, and / or service or support staff positions.

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

People with Mars in the sixth can be very analytical about sex, seeing it as a skill that has to be learned properly, so that they become obsessed by techniques and lose sight of pleasure and passion. Sometimes they see sex as a duty, and relationships may

develop out of obligation rather than desire. They become involved with people they work with or who are useful to them, and find it difficult to extricate themselves because they are so conscientious. They also tend to fall into comfortable routines with people; and this too can make it hard to break away.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

Eventually, this will lead to a freer and more satisfying existence.

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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



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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

compensate for his or her inadequacies. The bond between you will be strengthened when you know your mate considers you indispensable.

Always strive to improve your skills, for this will assure your future security, increase your self-worth and improve your image. You hope to win the affection of your loved one by showing that you expend a great deal of energy to earn a comfortable living and that you are sufficiently motivated to get ahead. You hope that your children will take advantage of the benefits you've provided and that they will succeed in achieving their goals. If they appreciate your efforts, you will feel amply rewarded.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although he could be obsessive at times about the body's smooth functioning, much

energy would be directed into caring for and maintaining the body. He recognizes the body as the vehicle through which he can express himself and prove his power, and naturally he wants to keep it in good shape.

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

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

## **Jupiter ♃ in ♌ Leo 9° 41'**

No interpretation.

## **Jupiter ♃ in 7th House**

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Action on the social and intellectual level.

Although much influenced by other people, especially close partners, those with Jupiter in the seventh house themselves usually express a strong optimism and confidence in all their actions. Their confidence, however, does rise noticeably when supported by an enthusiastic partner or when approved of by the public. This position gives a sensitivity to the trends of society and to what will appeal to the public taste. Note that this is the house corresponding with Libra, and although intellectual activities are indicated by Jupiter here, they often bear an artistic coloration as well.

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

One should not lose sight of the fact that, as the keywords indicate, there is a strong urge toward various sorts of intellectual activity, often focused toward key issues in

society and one's culture. There is also often a strong desire to promote ideas that they believe in, whether through communications media or through politics.

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

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

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

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

(Marilyn Waram)

When Jupiter is in the seventh house, the person may search for ultimate fulfillment in the love relationship or from close friends. He may expect that love will make him feel whole, fulfilled and complete. He may hope that love (or at least companionship, being with other people) will help him cope with an inner restlessness, an inner expectation that something great is about to happen, soon! He may find someone to love and put her

up on a pedestal, thinking that she is absolutely perfect. Of he may find someone who thinks he is perfect and adores him for that. After a while, however, the imperfections begin to show, and the disappointment sets in. They begin to tell each other that they should be better; and each feels criticized, unaccepted, and let down.

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

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

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

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

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

(Eve Jackson)

The notion that this is a fortunate position for marriage does not in my experience hold

very much water; Jupiter here seems if anything less stable than Uranus; the institution of marriage is ill-equipped to satisfy Jupiter's insatiable appetite for new experience. How a person handles this placement will depend greatly on whether the implied restlessness is acknowledged as a part of him- or herself, or whether it is always seen as an attribute of the partner.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Rather than looking directly into yourself, you gain the knowledge you seek through relatedness. It is the source of wisdom, since each encounter offers unique perspectives. The pitfall is that you may be so oriented toward relating as a 'learning experience' that you forget to truly interact with your partners. As with Venus, your tendency is to skim along the surface, often barely penetrating the emotional depths below. This can rob you of the greatest insights relationships offer. Relatedness itself provides the opportunity; but the person with whom you are relating is sacred, not merely to be taken for granted. The challenge is to take full advantage of the bounty waiting for you.

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

partnership you create, to drink fully from the cup of sharing, becoming wise in the ways of humanity.

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

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

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

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

## Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus 4° 59'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

#### Dynamic

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

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

#### General

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

#### (Zipporah Dobyns)

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

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



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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

Your body, too, is one of your physical resources; and how you treat it and use it will be significant in your life. If you neglect or abuse your body, or use your sexuality to control or manipulate others, however, you are likely to suffer for it, for Saturn always insists that you assume responsibility for your actions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

loyal - yet not boringly predictable.

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

## **Saturn ♄ in 4th House**

(Liz Greene)

The fourth house, corresponding to Cancer and the Moon, is the domain of childhood, origin, family, and roots. As the base of the astrological chart, it represents the base of the individual himself both literally - in terms of the home he has come out of - and

symbolically in terms of his inner sense of security and safety. This house describes the emotions and atmosphere which surround him before he is old enough to make a conscious and rational choice about whether he accepts them or not. This house may be associated with the Jungian idea of the personal unconscious and with areas of conditioned instinctual reactions imposed by the early environment.

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

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

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

There are many possible avenues on the mundane level in which a fourth house Saturn may find reflection. The forms are as varied as are individuals. Regardless of which

means of outward expression occurs, however, the inner reaction is generally the same; the sense of security, the feeling of protection needed by a developing child as a base on which to build the evolving ego, is denied or frustrated; and the natural expression of feeling which seeks to find unity with family and a sense of heritage is blocked.

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

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

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

It will be obvious from this that a fourth house Saturn can rule the life with an iron although invisible hand by undermining the sense of self-worth and making it difficult for

the individual to permit any close emotional contacts. It is the meaning of the position that is necessary if it is to be utilised in a constructive way.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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



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

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

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

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

(Zipporah Dobyns)

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

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

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

(Zipporah Dobyns) (contd.)

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

(Bil Tierney)

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

Some of us work hard to keep our real feelings from being exposed or even analyzed. Perhaps we fear that those we desire to attach ourselves to are capable of wounding us or - even worse - abandoning us in our moment of greatest need, so we may choose to remain impenetrable at the base of our inner foundation. How did we develop such a deep distrust of other people's ability to nurture and support us on emotional levels?

Why all the hard-as-steel insulation? People may feel we are difficult to reach. Ever on the defence, we disagree that we are inaccessible. We probably just don't see ourselves like that, and it hurts when others do.

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

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

This house puts us in touch with the maternal manifestations at the circumstantial level. We usually learn about our own caregiving capacity through interaction with our biological mother or early mother figure. With Saturn here, we want our maternal figure to be dependable and solid. We expect her to be predictable in her support. We can become preoccupied with this parent's ability to fulfill our need for safety. How well she does can have quite an impact on how we express closeness and intimacy as adults. But astrology wouldn't put the sole blame on our mother if she did a poor job here. We are the ones born with Saturn in the Fourth House, and it is we who are projecting certain unappealing Saturn traits onto our mother. We may have trouble internally reclaiming these projections as we get older, but they will need to be reclaimed as part of our wholeness. Until then, our mother has to carry and act out much of Saturn's darker face.

In actuality, Mom could have been inconsistent or contradictory in her rearing of us, creating mixed messages. She could have been very protective of our welfare while also reluctant to be too warm and demonstrative with her feelings, as if driven more by parental duty than instinctive love. We tend to absorb this same inner complex, resulting in an ambivalence that typically doesn't sit well with the Saturn principle (which would rather opt for clearly defined expression). Maybe our mother was unable to show her love for us because daily survival needs were the number one priority, with little time for

tender-hearted moments of maternal affection. Her opportunities to show care may have been limited for some tangible reason. Maybe her career needs were put before our baby needs. How this Saturn dilemma played out could have taken many paths.

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

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

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

Saturn in the Water houses is more apt to indicate 'karmic' ties than when found in other house placements. With Saturn in the Fourth House, we may feel quite bound to our mother (or the concept of mother), even if we don't like her personally or trust her motives and intentions. But by paying attention to what discomforts us about her, we may learn plenty about what we have trouble getting in touch with when others come into our life and attempt to mother and comfort us, or when they show that feared dark face and deny our needs by turning cold or leaving us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although our family typically didn't treat us like pampered babies (we certainly weren't spoiled rotten with attention), we may still grow up feeling as vulnerable as infants psychologically. Such emotional hypersensitivity either goes unrecognized by those we try to get close to for support, or is harshly reprimanded and devalued (we are brushed off as too clingy and suffocating). We are accused of always being hungry for unconditional assurance from our mate, our kids, even the dog, and can get very down and fearful when they start to back off and put up a stone wall of separation. Saturn can

be tenacious; and the Fourth House can be blind to its aggressive instincts to envelop others in its waves of feelings. We often are too subjectively wrapped up in our reactions to understand that breathing space is always needed in healthy relationships. We are subject to separation to begin with; but at some point in our development we need to consciously allow for independent functioning, especially in the home. The 'empty nest blues' need not be our fate. It would be good to see how well we can live alone and unattached, if need be. Saturn will test our ability to be self-sufficient security-wise.

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

Some of us over-achievers react to our anxious feelings of insecurity by doing our very best to build the most solid foundation we can afford. We insist on a sound and dependable home structure. We'd even like to have our own land to build our home from scratch. We also want to be grounded in natural surroundings. Our home must be our sturdy fortress, totally managed by us. (Saturn is very much into protecting territorial rights.) We typically desire fences, walls, heavy shrubbery defining boundaries, and other forms of clear demarcation. We may instead pick an isolated spot away from populated areas. However, we need to be sensible about how far we will go for the sake of ultimate protection. Why do we only feel safe when living in a home resembling Fort Knox?

## Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo 19° 57'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ways of cleaning up the social environment on both physical and mental

levels. Disruption occurs when new ways of serving society are misunderstood and taken too literally.

(Joan Negus)

As with all the Earth signs, you would expect the revolutionary and creative activities of Uranus in Virgo to deal with practical issues and involve tangible, concrete results. With the sign of Virgo specifically, there should be attention to detail; and the pace of progress would be slow in spite of the sudden and erratic qualities usually associated with the planet Uranus. Yet, when results materialize, changes may seem sweeping and abrupt. Once action is taken, all of the necessary ground work and analyzing will probably fade into the background.

For example, in the month following Kennedy's assassination a large number of laws was passed to wage war on poverty. Kennedy was in office from January, 1961 until November, 1963. Early in his administration he declared a 'war on poverty'. He had numerous ideas in regard to changing U.S. policies, but it was only after his death that many of these ideas were enacted into law. This may be attributed partially to the martyrdom of Kennedy, but also the 'wheeler-dealer' capabilities of Lyndon Johnson. With Uranus in Virgo, preparation to make changes may have taken time, but the ultimate results were sweeping and seemed sudden.

The revolutionary changes in the laws that were passed in the month following Kennedy's assassination are the type to be expected with Uranus in an Earth sign. They included protecting the voting and housing rights of Blacks, the establishment of medical care for the elderly, and programs for the financially disadvantaged. There was also emphasis on improving education. All of these issues are down-to-earth; and health matters are particularly appropriate for the sign of Virgo.

Even with the legislation passed, however, more work had to be done. The battle for Black civil rights is an excellent example of progress being slow in Earth signs (and slowest of all in Virgo). The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. Schools were supposed to be desegregated. Housing and employment opportunities were supposed to be open and equal. But the new laws were not always followed, and protests began.

In 1963, 200,000 people marched in Detroit to protest discrimination. After that, half the Black children in Chicago boycotted the schools to point up the fact that desegregation was not being implemented. Then the protests began to take on a more violent tone. In 1964 there was a riot in Harlem; in 1965 there was one in Los Angeles; and in 1967 a series of race riots erupted across the country. After Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968, another series of riots ensued.

Even though Uranus is the planet of revolution, you would not expect a great deal of violence when that planet is in Virgo. This may be explained by the fact that Pluto was

conjoining Uranus in Virgo from 1963 to 1968. Comparing Uranian events from 1961 to 1963 and in 1969 with those that occurred during the years of the Pluto- Uranus conjunction might suggest possible differences between these two groups of people born during those respective years.

First and foremost, all the riots took place while the Pluto-Uranus conjunction was in range, supporting the idea that there was more volatility during that time than the rest of the period in which Uranus was in Virgo. But even with the conjunction, violence was not the immediate response. Although the riots seemed to erupt suddenly, they occurred only after peaceful protests were tried and failed to have an impact.

Anyone with Uranus in Virgo wants to take the most practical and efficient path in order to make tangible changes. They will usually work out the step-by-step plans before they launch their first attack. And, as evidenced by the timing of the riots, even with the Pluto-Uranus conjunction, action was not taken quickly.

The desire to investigate and get to the bottom of a situation which we connect with Pluto combined easily with the slow-moving thoroughness of the sign of Virgo. The potential volatility of Pluto was temporarily delayed by the need of the Earth signs to take the practical approach - the one that will work. And Virgo also modified the erratic and impatient qualities we associate with Uranus. At first glance, you might expect individuals with Pluto conjunct Uranus always to be ready for a good revolution in which the old régime would be ousted simply for the sake of transformation. But this really is not the case. With these planets being in Virgo, there need to be sound, practical reasons for a revolution. So those with the conjunction, as well as those with Uranus in Virgo but not conjunct Pluto, would tend to bide their time and investigate the various alternatives for change available to them. Both groups would probably try the most conventional or safest paths first. However, if either group finally resorts to a revolution, those with the conjunction are likely to take the more drastic actions and make the more sweeping changes.

The Vietnam War, the major war of the Uranus in Virgo era, also exemplifies characteristics connected with the sign of Virgo. It was, without doubt, the most unpopular war in U.S. history. The United States' involvement in Vietnam began during Truman's presidency; but it was not until 1964 (during the Pluto-Uranus conjunction) after a North Vietnamese attack on two American ships that large numbers of American troops were sent there. The war escalated over the next few years, and it became less and less popular.

What was particularly offensive to the American public were stories about the killing of civilians in routine bombings and tales of corruption and drug use among the American military. It was considered an immoral war; and morality is an important keyword for the sign of Virgo. Applied to the individual with Uranus in Virgo, this adds the need to examine the morality of one's stand before revolutionary action can be taken. This



further explains why individuals with this sign placement of Uranus (even those who have Uranus conjunct Pluto) do not take action more quickly.

Let us now look at the modern technology of the Uranus in Virgo period to get information about the creativity of those born during this time. One advancement that seems to epitomise Uranus in Virgo stands out. This is the development of the microchip.

Although the microchip made its first appearance in 1958, while Uranus was in the sign of Leo, it was not until 1962, when Uranus was firmly entrenched in Virgo, that it was mass-produced. But, aside from making this valuable discovery available to more and more people, there was another quality that reflected Virgo. We know that Virgo pays a great deal of attention to minute details; and throughout the 1960s the microchip became more efficient and more compact. 'In 1964, for example, a chip a tenth of an inch square contained a total of 10 transistors and other components. By 1970, no fewer than 1000 components were crammed into the same-sized chip, at approximately the same cost as before.' In this quotation, both the painstaking patience and attention to detail are easily ascribed to Virgo.

Therefore, in terms of creativity, individuals with Uranus in Virgo should look for projects that may take patience, but can also produce useful results. Cost may be a consideration, but this factor needs to be weighed against the worth of the product. The more practical and useful its application, the less likely that expenditures will be a concern.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Virgo during this century from November 1961 to January 1962, then again from August 1962 to September 1968, and briefly in May and June of 1969. Virgo is the sign of work, service and physical health; therefore, those of you who were born with this Uranus position in your birth charts will experience and be involved in changes in these areas.

Uranus's trip through Virgo prompted large-scale concern for the needy peoples of the world. In the United States, government programs like the Peace Corps and VISTA were established to help the poor at home and abroad learn to help themselves; and young people from the wealthy and middle classes chose to work in these programs. Others pursued teaching careers, especially in 'special education' areas designed to help children with mental or physical handicaps, as a way of serving their fellow humans. Social consciousness was at an all-time high during this period; helping others and doing socially useful work was considered more important by many people than wealth, fame or prestige.

Those of you who have Uranus positioned in Virgo might be responsible for stirring up

public awareness about social and economic inequities in the world. You want to find ways to assist those who are less fortunate than yourselves to become selfsupporting and independent, and may work to bring this about.

Physical health also is associated with Virgo; and as Uranus moved through it aroused public interest in health issues. Concerns about environmental pollution and adulterated food, and how these affect health, were brought to the fore during this period. As a result, natural foods, vegetarianism, vitamin supplements and alternative health care options proliferated, and millions of people changed their diets because of increased awareness about health. Public outcries against environmental conatmination brought about the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. Uranus-in-Virgo health-consciousness also produced changes in work-related health, and led to the formation of the Occupational Safety and Health Adminstration (OSHA) in the United States in 1970. Uranus's passage through this sign triggered Virgoan concern for the health and well-being of all life-forms; and during this transit the Endangered Species Acts were created to protect animals, birds and marine life.

Those of you who have Uranus in Virgo in your birth charts are interested in health issues; and your Uranus-group might be responsible for establishing national medical insurance and progressive public health care programs. Or, you could be involved in improving the design and use of health-related products and / or therapies. Perhaps you are a proponent of alternative health care and unconventional medical practices, and might help bring new techniques, practices or ideas into public awareness. You may consider traditional medicine and the medical establishment too restrictive, conservative, authoritarian and inhuman, and may strive to instigate changes in the health care industry that provide more openness and rights for patients. Because of your interest in the connection between mind and body, you might find ways to use 'mind over matter' to treat illnesses, or discover cures for diseases that are related to attitude and lifestyle.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Virgo indicates people who have original yet practical ideas in regard to work methods, especially in such fields as health, science, and technology.

While Uranus was in Virgo - the sign ruled by Mercury, the mental, scientific planet - many electronic inventions were produced, including the computers that have revolutionized business and industry. The same time period has brought about the development of miniature solid state circuitry (Virgo is an Earth sign) in the form of transistors and similar devices.

The generation having Uranus in Virgo will display unique and ingenious approaches to industry, science, technology, labor relations, ecology, and health care. Children born between 1964 and 1968, having Uranus conjunct Pluto in Virgo, will be of especially revolutionary influence in these fields. That generation will bear the brunt of the practical

hard work needed to regenerate human civilization in preparation for the new Aquarian age ruled by Uranus.

These people have an unusual talent for business and a tremendous practical resourcefulness in work. However, they are likely to suffer many changes and disruptions in employment.

Uranus afflicted here can cause erratic health problems. Natives may be interested in the healing effects of correct diet, and in mental control of the bodily functions.

(Grant Lewi)

Your originality is most likely to assert itself along lines of organization, routine, or social welfare. If you work along your most characteristic lines, it will be to make some contribution to social or business systems. You can be an efficiency expert in the service of capitalist industry and make your genius valuable along that line. Or your desire to serve may take a broader and more humanitarian form, and you may become a leader of social thought, applying your systematic genius to large problems of labor and social welfare. Your most characteristic expression will be found in connection with work, its methods and its efficiency; or in connection with social service and progress. You are more likely than not to be on the side of social change aiming at division of labor and the general good of society, and probably feel at home with changes and even turbulence.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a potential source of tension, especially if the subject is rather nervous or apprehensive, or if tension is evident in other areas of the chart. These energies can be put to good use as they will inject the mind with the ability to analyze and research, and will also encourage a certain originality of approach to any problem or project that is under consideration. Since Virgo is an Earth sign, it tends to be conventional - the familiar and well-tried is preferred, yet Uranus's influence is quite the reverse, encouraging original thought and actions, and often unconventional behavior.

People who have Uranus in Virgo will also have Pluto in that sign, and many have the strikingly powerful Uranus / Pluto conjunction. Check this possibility, as it could be very revealing and, because of these additional influences, it is difficult to divorce the effect from that of Pluto. However, while Virgo is generally anything but powerloving, the energy force of this placing, plus Pluto's intervention, have endowed this particular generation with some dynamic, forceful qualities. They have what it takes to make world-shattering changes; but refer to the aspect interpretation for a fuller explanation of the conjunction. To put this on a personal level, the individual may be a seeker and questioner, unable to rest content, and with the ability to scrutinize every aspect of a situation. If these attributes can be positively used, and are supported elsewhere in the chart, he or she may have a considerable talent for investigative or research work that is

often medical. Scientific flair is possible, but the subject must accept his originality since there may sometimes be an inclination to suppress it.

(John Townley)

Probably you will learn much from trying out a variety of detailed expressions of love. You treasure affection not so much for its principle and motivation but for the actual forms it takes.

Certainly that is the basic orientation of people in your age group, who seem to emphasize the whats and hows of love rather than the whys. This may also be the most rewarding path for you personally, in which case you may comfortably rely on those around you to provide direction in pursuing this path.

But if this direction does not come naturally, don't force yourself to take it. If your love expression differs from that of your peers, do not curb your own inclinations unnaturally. The accepted expressions of love and affection may not have the same meaning for you, so feel free to develop your own.

In order to know what to accept and what to reject, you should become familiar with the contemporary procedures of love and courting. You may find that you can transmit real affection by attending to the special details and mannerisms that particularly please your lover. Pursuing that goal can significantly heighten the intensity and creativity of a relationship.

(Robert Hand)

The conflict here is similar to the problem between Taurus and Uranus - that is, the conflict between the earthy nature of the sign and the eccentric and airy nature of the planet. However, Virgo is more flexible and less rigid than Taurus. These children have some difficulty dealing with matters of duty and responsibility, but they find new ways to get their work done. They are not very good at following a routine, however, unless they have set it up for themselves. At any rate, whatever innovations they come up with will be practical ones that can be used in everyday life.

## Uranus ♅ in 8th House

(Joan Negus)

The natural assumption with Uranus in the eighth house as it pertains to sex is that the native would want total freedom in sexual experiences or would have unusual standards in regards to the sexual theory or practice. And if you have Uranus posited in this house,

you may be totally uninhibited in sexual matters. But I have discovered in discussions with clients who have this placement that there is another possibility which is just as common. You do not want to be controlled in that area. You may enjoy sex, but you want it when, where and with whom you desire it.

One tends to think of passion and lust connected with uninhibited sex. But if you have Uranus in the eighth house, you can become cool and detached if you feel that your sexual partner considers you a sex object or tries to control you through sex. You may then make yourself inaccessible even if you do have deep inner passion. On the other hand, if you are respected and feel free in expressing your sexuality, your sex life can be very gratifying.

Since the eighth house is also other people's money and joint resources, you could find that unearned money comes in sporadically or other people's resources help to make you feel independent. More often, however, it seems that those with Uranus in the eighth house want to be financially unencumbered. You probably are uncomfortable with debt. You may not even want to be responsible for managing funds which are not your own. However, it might not always be practical to accomplish what you want all by yourself.

For example, I have a client with this placement who felt very strongly about owing money. He had always paid cash for whatever he purchased. The one credit card he had, he used only as a monthly charge, so that he would not be in debt to even the credit card company. Then came a time when he wanted to buy a house and the situation was very difficult for him. The house was too expensive for him to pay for out of current earnings. He needed to borrow money from his family for the down payment, and he had to take out a mortgage from the bank as well. I suggested that he view the matter from a different perspective. Instead of looking at his borrowing money as a terrible burden, he should think that each payment he made would make him freer. He borrowed the money. He still has an uncomfortable feeling about the debt, but he is trying to develop the right attitude. He is working hard to pay off his loans and his mortgage, and tries to make double payments whenever possible. He told me that this makes him feel twice as free!

Since the eighth house represents joint resources as well as the resources of others, you might also find it difficult to share money or talents with others. If you are married, you could prefer that your partner handle joint money so that you can be free of such burdens. Or perhaps you would rather you each handle your own resources and not pool your assets.

In regard to sharing assets, you might be concerned that too much togetherness could interfere with your creativity. However, if you have the right attitude, you may be able to stimulate the creative process. Brainstorming can be exciting and productive as long as you are not wasting your time dwelling on the possibility of being controlled or thwarted.

Always consider this form of sharing temporary, knowing that if the other party seems to be taking charge, you can extricate yourself from the interaction. Thus you may be able to allow ideas to flow more freely. The eighth house is also connected with psychological probing and transformation. So with Uranus there, you might find that you do not always have the patience to get to the bottom of issues. You can deal with this potential problem by analysing for a short period of time, taking a break, and returning to it. A number of sessions may be necessary, but insights concerning deep, psychological complexes can occur. The insights will probably come suddenly, and may lead to personal transformation. Total transformation is possible, but it will be most likely to come as a result of several insights, each of which may occur suddenly.

(Haydn Paul)

There are several ways in which the influence of the natal Uranus can work through an 8th house position. These can range from a focus on material possessions and money, through to an interest in the worlds hidden behind the material appearance.

This can also involve a crisis of the relationship between self and others; a new understanding and expression is probably required in order for a new light to reveal new potentialities. It is a deeper process of social relating that can be explored, where there is a wider scope for the insights to be displayed and communicated.

Underlying this are the themes of transiency, of death and rebirth. Changes can be triggered in your life which are reflective of these themes. There may be sudden legacies, perhaps due to a family bereavement, which in the pain of loss can also offer opportunities to another. Business ventures or marriages may collapse, reminding you that nothing in life is for ever. The realisation of change, that life and loved ones can slip through one's grasp like grains of sand, can radically disturb any sense of inner security, especially one which is founded on material principles.

It is certain that you will lose something or someone of importance in your life, and that will be the catalyst for the process of searching to begin. It is a questioning to discover if there is any solid foundation in life, or how to deal with this transiency which when experienced in a negative form can strip the life of all colour and vitality. What is needed then is a rebirth, through which, with wiser attitudes, you are more ready to face the facts of life. This rebirth can occur through an investigation into the hidden inner realities beyond the superficial appearances. This can be through scientific or occult investigations, where the sense of probing new dimensions can stimulate and excite the mind. Yet it is often a maturation of your emotional level that is required, so that you are able to commence deeper relationships with others too. This rebirth is not just a personal need, it is tied in with the nature of your social relationships, where personal development should also have beneficial social repercussions. In finding a new self, you should also realise a new form of social relating, expressing your place and function within the webbing of the collective network.

Sexuality can also be an aspect of your nature that Uranus seeks to work changes through. The importance of sexual activity may be quite strong in your life, possibly determining certain choices for you as a result of its demanding voice. Uranus will stimulate an unconventional approach to this fact of adult life, and your scope in this sphere could be considerable and varied. This will be especially so if aspects are made to natal Moon, Venus and Mars. Your sexuality can add to the forming and dissolution of partnerships; and depending on their impact in your life, Uranus may take this route to confront you with its necessary lessons. This could even include moving beyond a certain emotional detachment and distancing, towards more embracing, intense, emotional experiences in relationships. Achieving this could result in a rebirth for you in an important sphere of your life.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 8th House correlates to in human consciousness is one in which we experience our limitations: who we are, who we are not, and who we cannot be. This awareness creates a sense of power and powerlessness - power in the sense of who we are in a total sense, and powerlessness in the sense of who and what we are not: we have an awareness of other people's power and of sources and forms of power that are somehow not part of our subjective reality. The awareness of subjective power is based upon an intense inner focus that promotes a psychoanalytical knowledge of what motivates and defines the total nature of our subjective reality. This subjective awareness is galvanised through the interaction or interfaces with other people's subjective reality, with what motivates and defines other people's total natures, and through the awareness that there are forms or sources of power that are beyond our subjective ability to control: the 'mysterious' laws that regulate the totality of life itself, laws that we, as subjective entities, apparently cannot control. Death is an example of this.

The awareness of what we cannot control induces into human consciousness the instinct of feeling threatened. This feeling can be projected onto anyone or anything; this feeling and its projection are reactions to the survival instinct: the 2nd house polarity to the 8th house. It is this reaction that becomes the basis of resisting necessary growth dynamics, i.e., someone else trying to point out something about us; our merging with another person or with sources of power that are stronger or more potent than we are; as well as our trying to manipulate and control that which we can in order to not feel threatened, to feel powerful in the face of powerlessness.

The interface between subjective, self-enclosed entities not only defines the parameters of personal limitation but also allows for a metamorphosis of those limitations by merging together. Through merging or uniting with another source of power, a person, a body of knowledge, or any symbol or phenomenon that promotes or can be used to create a metamorphosis of existing limitations, an osmosis takes place. Through osmosis the

subjective, self-enclosed entities become that which they have formed a relationship to, or merged with. In so doing, a metamorphosis of limitations occurs because the merging entities have not only become one through each other but have become more than they were prior to merging. Examples of this archetype can be seen in the phenomena of committing ourselves to another in relationship, in which we necessarily confront our limitations yet merge to become larger than we were as single entities; sex, in which we merge with a partner and through osmosis produce children and exchange karma (a form of which is sexual diseases); merging with symbols or forms of power like astrology, tarot, magic, and occult sciences of all types, in which we become more than we were prior to the merging; joining resources with another to form all kinds of partnerships; and, nowadays, the intense acceleration of corporations buying up other corporations. Additionally, instead of resisting that which we feel threatened by, we can confront whatever it is that induces this instinctual feeling. By confronting it we can come to know the basis of the fear(s). By knowing it we merge with it, and merging with the basis of the fear(s), we grow beyond that by which we feel threatened.

Uranus in the 8th House correlates to individuals who have an intense need to psychoanalyse themselves in order to understand the nature of their personalities and the inner dynamics that motivate and define the nature of that which they do, and of that which they desire. Because of the inherent objectiveness and detachment of Uranus, these individuals are silently, yet continuously, observing and monitoring their own inner workings. This silent observation promotes an ongoing selfknowledge and deep inner self-awareness as to the nature of their own psychology. Cyclically, content from the person's own unconscious will erupt into his or her conscious awareness. This content will reflect either that which has been repressed for whatever reasons or seed thoughts that suddenly appear that portend a potential future to come. In either case, these cyclic eruptions will always be preceded by a time of withdrawal or detachment from the immediacy of whatever constitutes the individual's existing reality. This withdrawal reflects the need to inwardly attune to that which is about to erupt from the unconscious. The erupting contents lead to ever deeper levels of self-awareness and the necessity to cyclically refine, redefine, or eliminate whatever dynamics of existing reality thwart the necessary growth that is reflected in this type of metamorphosis. It is as if these people cyclically rebel against their own status-quo reality; this rebellion reflects their inability or intolerance to accept existing limitations for too long a time.

This type of inner Uranian reality will project itself upon the environment in the sense of psychoanalysing or penetrating to the core of anyone or anything in which the individual finds him- or herself engaged. The intense inner magnetism produced within the individual's inner environment, a magnetism that is based on a deep, soulsearching-type consciousness, can attract and repel many people to the individual. These individuals can create an instinctual defence response in others because of the deep inner gaze that is projected through another(s) person. Others can feel exposed, thus threatened, when they do not desire to be exposed. Uranus in the 8th House rebels against superficialness, thus looks below the surface. For those who are seeking to



understand themselves, to look at themselves more deeply, to understand how and why they work the way that they work, an intense draw or attraction can be projected upon individuals with Uranus in the 8th House because of their ability to look deeply into the human condition. The deep inner gaze that is projected upon others by these individuals is their way of determining with whom to be engaged: whom to commit to by way of friendship, whom to commit to by way of intimacy (the search for a soul mate), and what types of experiences to commit to that will allow for essential growth and metamorphosis of inner or outer limitations. Unless there is an essential like-mindedness between the individual and another(s), the individual will have almost nothing to do with him or her.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

This deep inner need to grow beyond limitations, to metamorphose cyclically, will promote not only the implementation of personal rituals that allow for this but also a natural kind of curiosity to experiment with, or at least intellectually consider, 'different' kinds of experiences of all sorts. If the individual senses that something may be gained from such experiences, then nothing will be able to stop him or her from implementing the desire for whatever the experience may be. The key here is for the individual to determine that the contemplated experience is necessary or essential for expanding his or her self-psychoanalytic knowledge, for deepening the awareness of the 'mysterious' laws governing life (including his or her own), or confronting an existing limitation that is preventing an evolutionary leap in growth.

Liberation occurs as the person detaches, rebels, and throws off all the external conditioning patterns that have defined his or her psychology and personality, and manifests a willingness to examine the nature of his or her motivations and intentions (and the desires that determine them) and by examining the cause and basis of any fear, compulsion, complex, or emotional dynamic that is the basis of manipulation or resistance patterns. Liberation occurs through acceptance of what the individual is at any moment, yet can become with respect to full potential, and what the person is not and cannot become. Liberation occurs by accepting what others are at any moment and by encouraging them to become all of what their potential suggests, to not feel threatened by it or block whatever experiences allow for the development of it. Freedom from the known occurs as people allow themselves to metamorphose as required, without blocking themselves by reaching a certain level of self-knowledge or circumstantial life conditions that feel comfortable and secure and resisting future growth requirements.

A natural stress can occur in the pancreas, liver, colon, small and large intestines, reproductive organs and glands, as the stress impacts on the role, function, and behaviour of the enzymes within the entire organism and on the RNA and DNA structures reflected through the genetic coding within the organism. (When Uranus transits through Scorpio an acceleration occurs in the production of bacteria and viruses by way of mutation: creation, death, and rebirth. New strains and forms are the result.

These in turn accelerate the alchemical structural metamorphosis of the RNA and DNA genetic coding for the species: thus the acceleration of mutation based on the need for the species to adapt to rapidly changing conditions. The AIDS virus is the latest example. In our times Uranus in Scorpio also produced the science of genetic splicing, genetic experimentation in general, and new forms of laboratorycreated life. New forms of reproductive technology have been invented so that otherwise infertile couples can have children.)

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Very independent, those with this Uranus position think everything out for themselves and accept nothing at face value. Circumstances in childhood act to set them apart in some way from their peers, causing them to feel different or isolated; and this isolation remains with them to some extent throughout their lives. Once they have arrived at a conclusion about something, they stick with it and can be extremely dogmatic. They do not like to be told what to do, and will resist authority - usually not openly, but simply by not responding. They can seem very cold, disinterested, or even conceited in companionship, though this is due to shyness or their sense of isolation, as they are usually deeply caring, especially on a one-to-one basis.

Though they can dedicate themselves to a cause and work with groups to achieve it, they rarely become members of a group and will part company with it as soon as it no longer serves what they believe to be its purpose. They hate to compromise. They want to stand at the centre of whatever situation is primary in their lives and, if they cannot, prefer to go it alone. If they are able to control a situation it will be by a sort of remote control, by personal example and charisma, rather than by direct or overt efforts to influence.

They frequently present a serious or stern appearance. They could never be characterised as silly or hilarious, though they may try on such behaviour, fearing they won't be included because of being thought 'too serious'. They have an heroic streak that will surface at moments of crisis, an ability to step outside themselves and be self-sacrificing and noble. They can also break out of their customary shell every so often and do something really wild.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 8th house, the natural domain of Scorpio, engenders those kinds of emotions and feelings so often awakened by the agony and the ecstasy of love - passions like lust, jealousy, rage, envy, possessiveness and vindictiveness. Uranus seeks to approach this sphere somehow differently from the way most people go about it. Often those with Uranus in the 8th have a compelling urge to free themselves from the restrictions of the basic instinctual nature, and to overcome being ruled by such emotions. They may continually expose themselves to situations which challenge them to rise above and

develop detachment from these primal instincts in order to forge a broader and more tolerant understanding than such messy feelings allow - for instance, the concept of a communal marriage or even husband and wife swapping. In some cases they may try this sort of liberality and fail miserably.

Similarly, they may seek to express the instinctual nature in other ways than merely for the purpose of mating and procreation. Hence, the reputation of this placement for some degree of sexual curiosity and experimentation. Others might look for techniques and systems which enable them to transcend the realm of libidinal desire through re-directing the sex drive into other outlets.

In cases I have seen, Uranus in the 8th alternates between the extremes of excessive passion and inhumane coldness. For instance, believing fervently in a certain issue, they may not think twice about planting a bomb in a department store if this would promote their mission.

Those with Uranus in the 8th often have a desire to probe beneath the surface level of existence to discover the more subtle laws of nature operating in life. Astrology, psychology, alchemy, the occult, magic, sub-atomic physics or modern chemistry might interest them. Uranus in the 8th may be fascinated by what death is all about, and attempt to understand it in a less conventional framework. Psychic and telepathic experiences are not uncommon for people with Uranus in this house, although some may not have too much control over them when they occur.

On a more mundane level, sudden reversals of fortune could come through marriage, inheritance and business partnerships. Also, phases of the life may end suddenly and irreversibly: seemingly overnight, one chapter finishes and another begins, or an unforeseen event drastically alters the direction in which the person is heading.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your parents allowed you to express yourself in your own way, so you assume that everyone will allow you that privilege. You will probably continue to enjoy a favorable relationship with your parents. However, you may sometimes have difficulty with people who resent your lack of inhibition. Once you understand that not everyone feels as liberated as you do, you can learn to cope with people who have to accept their frustrations. People are impressed with your ability to assert yourself; and they admire the way you defy any of society's rules that interfere with your desires. You can do a great deal to help people become more free of their inhibitions and hangups; you can teach them how to create a future of their own choosing, rather than be confined by the past, which only restricts them.

You probably know more about the people you deal with than they do. You know their most guarded secrets, and you can show them how to accept themselves. The work you

do should allow you to become involved with the public; and your efforts should help improve their general well-being. At times people are embarrassed by your habit of focusing on their most sensitive psychological inhibitions, for there are few secrets that anyone can keep from you for long. You would do well to choose a career of service to the public. You would attract substantial patronage for your efforts to help people help themselves. Being self-employed would allow you self-determination to adapt as needed as your influence becomes more extensive.

It is important to develop your personal values with the same ardour you exhibit in pursuing a life without restraints. Self-discipline and a sense of financial responsibility will assure you of greater freedom to indulge in those matters that attract your attention most strongly. Doing favours for people all the time suggests that you have some doubts about your worth. Try to resolve this situation as early as possible, so you can get on with making your most significant contribution to society through your understanding and ability to help people with their problems. You tend to overextend yourself in making purchases, which will further delay the time when you can improve the circumstances of those who are directly affected by you.

You must get training and education to help you achieve a high degree of proficiency in understanding people's problems. This is one of your most significant abilities, and it is your responsibility to use it where it will produce the best results. Whether you apply this talent for yourself or for others, you cannot fail to benefit from it. Because you have an obligation to serve others, you may rebel at the thought of limiting your self-indulgence because someone else depends on you. With your help, others can enjoy greater freedom.

Although you think 'free', you too have some limitations; and the key to them is the public's need for your services. Your destiny requires that you extend yourself on behalf of people who do not know how to fulfil themselves. Adhere to a sound code of ethics as you become more involved with people and their affairs. In dealing with the public, even the slightest departure from moral responsibility can have disastrous results. You cannot afford to have your dreams so easily jeopardized, because your dreams for the future are very important to you.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: Intimate sharing is a peak experience. Much time is spent observing union rather than participating in it, staunchly maintaining detachment. In this state, your personal worth is not open to alteration through interaction with others. Then, suddenly, a spark of sharing explodes you like a rocket off the launch pad, blasting toward the heavens of union. The pitfall involves mutual exclusivity, the tendency when operating from either frame of mind to deny the possibility of the other. The challenge is to respond to intimacy whenever your life hardens into stagnant habits, knowing full well that such revolutionary unions are not likely to be permanent, but honouring them just the same.

Transformation: One moment you're the person you know, and the next moment you're a stranger to yourself, an alien from another world. These changes are rarely permanent. Rather, they represent the experience of a self still in-the-becoming, a preview of who you will eventually become. What characterises both states is the willingness to stand alone, unaffected by the pulls of ordinary human relating. The challenge involves clarity in seeing what is ultimately real, shucking illusions like shedding old skins. Remember these special phases, and use them as a compass to guide yourself toward maturity.

Sexual merging: Why do you explode into sexual ecstasy one moment, yet remain coolly aloof another? Most of the time you don't know why. But the issues revolve around your individuality and the use of your will. When you operate from ordinary will, you may staunchly refuse to be sexually involved. It's only when you become receptive to a purer consciousness within yourself that you receive the full benefits of your tantric power. However rare it may be, sexual union is a sudden awakening of your sensitivity. In release, you gain a renewed sense of the power that surrounds us in the universe. Your challenge is to accept this power when you connect with it, to honour yourself, your partner, and the universe itself for the gift of sexual magic.

Focused intuition: You are alternately fascinated and bored by intuitive realities. At times, you are the real item; a bona fide magician. At other times, you're a cipher, denying that you could ever perform feats of occult magic. You don't wish to be a trained seal, going into your act on command; and this includes even your own command. Intuition happens on its own, shocking you and others with its unpredictable urgency. You are so humanitarian in your psychic focus that you more often receive insight about strangers than about those closest to you. Somehow, distance increases sensitivity. One pitfall lies in your not gaining personal advantage from the occasional flashes of intuitive brilliance. The challenge is to give whatever you get, to allow your intuition to go where it wants to go, rather than trying to develop or force it into any disciplined application.

Shared assets: There is unpredictability around money and possessions, especially as they pertain to your relationships. You can win and lose fortunes, often overnight, so expect the unexpected. It's best if you make your money in non-standard ways, for it is outside the ordinary that your talents will lie. Lowered attachment to money and possessions liberates you from fear. The pitfall is excessive wilfulness - bending under pressure is not one of your strong suits; and you can be incredibly stubborn when pushed, although you are also graciously flexible when you feel free to be so. Finally, you tend to play the game of money by your own rules; and though this can be an asset, it can get you into trouble. The challenge is to understand what is gained or lost.

**Neptune ♃ in ♓ Pisces 1° 5'**

No interpretation.

## Neptune ♆ in 2nd House

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

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

Sometimes, with Neptune (beliefs and ultimate values) in the house of money and

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

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

Neptune may stimulate several contradictory attitudes towards money and resources; but one common thread underlying them is the need to develop a new understanding of

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

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

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

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

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

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



is witnessed in the attitudes of personal superiority that many managers possess whereas, in truth, often those lowest in the hierarchy are much finer people and less obsessive and unbalanced!

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Neptune gives sensitivity to the environment. These people are inclined to see the environment as a whole, and how society is moulded by it, and therefore are deeply interested in social improvement and environmental protection. They have a great love of nature and the outdoors - animals, birds, trees, and particularly lakes, rivers and the seashore. They will often give up the conveniences of urban life in order to live more closely with nature.

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pluto ♅ in ♋ Cancer 9° 49'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Pluto in Cancer experience the call to participate in world transformation by creating a new security based on co-operation with other nations. During the depression, their sense of isolation as a key to their basic survival was transformed.

On a personal level, those born with Pluto in Cancer experience their greatest fears in the area of maintaining control over their personal safety. Their challenge is to risk their self-protective instincts for a larger security in co-operation with others.

(Steven Forrest)

Cancer is the Crab - a 'defensive' creature, hiding inside a shell. Which is a pretty good idea, given the nasty way the world behaves sometimes. Fantasize with me for a moment. Imagine we humans had shells into which we could withdraw whenever we felt threatened. Nice, warm shells, with refrigerators, books and stereos. It's a pleasant thought. It's also close to the ruling passion of Pluto-in-Cancer.

Here we observe a generation that made the construction of the perfect Shell its ideal and its passion.

We've entered modern territory at this point. As I write, lots of people with Pluto in Cancer are still living quite vigorously. Even though I made the point earlier, I want to re-emphasize that in speaking of Pluto's sign placement in a given chart, we're really getting information about an entire generation - the social context in which the person's life is unfolding. The Pluto-in-Cancer qualities, for instance, stand out most starkly in people in whom the Plutonian energy is very strong - the planet is conjunct their Suns or Ascendants, for example - or in people for whom the rest of their natal chart suggests a strong natural resonance with those Plutonian sign qualities.

What is the 'perfect shell', this Holy Grail sought by the Pluto-in-Cancer generation? It can be physical: a home. It can be financial: the bullet-proof retirement plan. It can be psychological: Pollyanna-like defensiveness. It can be spiritual: a religion that promises everything, explains everything, and offers parental comfort in exchange for childlike belief.

The Cancerian passion? At its best, it is for a safe, caring world in which all creatures are fed, lifted up by beauty, and inspired by a gentle faith. A world like a garden,

protected, nurturing, and full of dreams.

The style of Pluto-in-Cancer is nourishing and supportive, eager to provide comfort. The offering of food or drink is one of the most fundamental human rituals, and it reaches its apotheosis here. The same can be said for the hospitable receiving of a guest: these are rituals of home and hearth, and much in Cancer's domain.

We all feel most uncomfortable when our madness is showing. Who likes to be regarded as an egomaniac, or a drunk, or a liar? In Cancer, the style revolves around the providing of comfort... and so there is considerable grace and skill around the art of helping others 'save face', thereby insuring their psychological contentment and ease.

It is a commonplace observation that the young of every species display a quality that's hard to define but easy to recognize: cuteness. And it's a short step from there to the realization that 'cuteness' is a survival-positive quality in the young, since it fills adults with the desire to provide solace and protection. Cancer, as the archetypal sign of the Great Mother, has an affinity with cuteness in all its forms. It especially values cuteness as an aesthetic in art, clothing, and decoration.

Above all, Pluto-in-Cancer focuses on the security of home and family. In the foodchain, first the self is nurtured and protected. That assured, next comes family. Then the 'guest', then the nation and family; and finally, if we get that far, the planet.

Imagine a woman born in 1936. She married in 1960, and had a son a couple of years later. As I write, the young man is in his middle thirties. He's still living at home. Dad flew the coop in 1978, so it's just the two of them. The young man has never held a job for more than a few weeks; he won't do his wash or help out around the house. He treats his mother abusively at every level while she explains away his dysfunctions as a response to the early divorce and continues to insist on 'being patient' with him and 'helping' him despite the protests of her friends.

'Nurturing' can weaken people; that is a truth to which Pluto-in-Cancer may be blind.

Imagine that the scientists of two nations simultaneously develop a terrible new weapon. Neither nation has any compelling reason to attack the other one. But, in the interest of security, each nation feels compelled to accumulate just a few more weapons than the other one.... That of course is recent world history in a nutshell, and an excellent example of another one of Pluto-in-Cancer's blind spots: trying to be 'perfectly safe' often leads to terrible, escalating danger.

So, on the global level, we have the paradox of bloated welfare-states growing up at home while paranoia, suspicion, and viciousness reign among nations, all under the leadership of Pluto-in-Cancer people, or under the direct vibration of the Pluto-in-Cancer energy from more-or-less 1912 to 1939. By comparison, the pseudo-debates of

'freedom' versus 'communism' emerge as merely the clashing jumble of waves on the surface of a deep, homogenous sea.

Under the umbrella of face-saving silences, horrors multiply. Keeping the 'dangerous' world safely outside the shell allows what is inside the shell to fester, to grow strange and unnatural. Privacy is a delicious luxury, but too much of it can potentially rot the human spirit, rendering it immune to the stabilizing, correcting influences of social interaction.

Should these darker, secretive aspects of Pluto-in-Cancer's passion for safety breed monsters, where will they reside? Where should we seek them? In Cancer territory! The home! Family. Beyond mere blind spots, we now enter the realm of real darkness. And each Plutonian sign has such a potential dimension, as we have seen. For the Pluto-in-Cancer generation, the 'devil' took the form of the Twisted Parent, quietly inflicting horrible destruction on anything 'cute'.

Some realities are so taboo that it is impossible to gather very objective data about them. But I doubt there are many front-line psychotherapists today who would question the idea that there was a silent, unmarked epidemic of child abuse, sexual, physical, and psychological, during the years that the Pluto-in-Cancer generation of people was raising its families - we're speaking of the kids born between 1935 and the middle 1970s, approximately. (Assigning dates is tough here because of the wide range of ages at which people have children.)

Certainly, we must be quick to emphasize the good news that full-blown Shadow expression is virtually never the social norm - unlike the collective expression of destructive Pluto-sign 'blind spots', which emphatically is the social norm. The majority of mothers and fathers presumably did their best to make a safe nest for their kids, and were if anything overly protective. But, as always, in the darker Plutonian corners of the human spirit, the ancient beast was plotting... and in this case, it was against the very creatures who needed nurture.

If you're a Pluto-in-Cancer person and you think I've been a little hard on your generation, please indulge me in two ways. First, please note that there's a noble cosmic principle at work in this combination, as in any other: nurturing, healing, caring for the young, the old, and the wounded. Second, you'll probably take some comfort at my characterization of the darker aspects of my own generation, the Pluto-in-Leo people who followed.

(Skye Alexander)

During the last century, Pluto was in Cancer from July to December 1913, between June 1914 and July 1938, and from February until June 1939. Cancer is the sign of mother, nurturing, family, home, country and security. While Pluto is in this sign, these areas

become extremely important, and all things connected with them are forced into the light and transformed. Those of you who have Pluto in this sign in your birth charts are strongly attached to these things, but are likely to experience or be responsible for their destruction; at your core, you have a deep, unconscious - perhaps karmic - need to learn to let them go.

Pluto's passage through Cancer coincided with a period of unparalleled devastation, upheaval and annihilation that left few untouched. World War I and part of World War II, which toppled or reordered entire nations and claimed the lives of millions of people, were fought under this transit. The end of the Chinese Empire, the Russian Revolution and the Great Depression in America also took place during this period. Homes and homelands were wiped out, families were torn apart, races and sects (the extension of family) were exterminated, multitudes went hungry. All things related to Cancer were caught up in a life-and-death struggle, and the issue of security was foremost in the minds of people around the world.

Those of you who were born during this time are extremely patriotic. Many of you saw your nations ruined by war, others desperately feared the loss of your homeland, and millions died fighting for their countries. Your country provides your foundation and your sense of security, therefore you are willing to sacrifice personal freedoms to ensure your security and protection. Anything that endangers it awakens your deepest, secret fears; thus, your generation was most threatened by the anti-war movement of the 1960s in the U.S.. Your attachment to 'national security' and your obsession with 'the enemy' keep you from confronting problems in your own country. Pluto's sign position signifies areas where a particular generation is intransigent and unwilling to look at its own 'minotaur'. Perhaps your Pluto-group has lessons to learn about living with others on this planet, and needs to find ways to break down the barriers that separate people and countries from each other.

Family, as a microcosm of society, is also inordinately important to those of you who have Pluto in Cancer in your birth charts. Being part of a family makes you feel you are not alone, that you belong to something larger than yourself that connects you with the past and future. You derive a strong sense of security from your family, and are obsessed with maintaining a rigidly defined, carefully controlled family structure; without this, you feel adrift in the world. Consequently, you attempt to hold your family together regardless of whether the situation is beneficial to those concerned or not. You tend to be possessive of family members and intransigent in your attitudes about family matters.

However, Pluto requires transformations; thus, your generation has witnessed the destruction of the 'traditional' family and its rebirth into many new and varied forms. For you, this transformation has been especially traumatic and painful. Many of you still can't cope with such ideas as divorce, unmarried couples 'living together', single parents, childless couples and other alternate lifestyles. And although you wanted to keep your children near you forever, you instead find yourself in a highly mobile society that

scatters family members far and wide. In this area, your generation has been forced to become more flexible, less domineering, less attached.

Finally, Cancer is the sign of mother, and the image of woman as mother. The Plutonian-Cancer generation is deeply attached to the idea that 'a woman's place is in the home' and that a woman's role is that of mother. Other options are difficult for you to comprehend and accept, for they conflict with your unconscious archetypes. Many women with this planetary placement have found it hard to compete in the business world because of deep-seated attachments to this image. Many men with this placement feel their security - as well as their power - is threatened by women who don't conform to this archetype. The transformation Pluto demands has forced your generation to adjust to changing women's roles in recent years, but this adjustment has not been easy for most of you.

## Pluto ♅ in 6th House

(Ginger Chalford)

The sixth house is the house of the adolescent, of the values learned throughout the teens, which values are applied to life's goals then and later. However, the preparation for the adolescent period takes place much earlier in childhood. The parents of the Pluto sixth house person were hard workers, perhaps struggling to make ends meet. They were dedicated in their own way to their own special work and ideals. They had very definite attitudes about how and why they should or should not succeed, as well as how little children should behave. The atmosphere was one of 'Let's all pull together in a family effort!' This quality is certainly good when a family member needs inner strength to overcome an obstacle, but it isn't useful when each member is trying to discover his or her own individuality. So the little sixth house Pluto child was expected to help out in the family. Although that develops a certain competence in doing everyday chores and routine maintenance of the family home or business, it can cancel out some of the natural inquisitiveness of the child, whose vision of what lies beyond the family ends up being limited. Indeed, the message for survival to this child is to be unselfish, to help out and serve the common cause; to compromise and work together in order to get a common goal accomplished, etc.. The little Pluto children will therefore tend to sacrifice their personal power of action to the common cause, and give up all forms of selfishness - even the positive selfishness of having a personal sense of vision and individual aspiration. Being a mutable or changeable house, the sixth reflects the easy kind of adaptation that the child has until adolescence. Then the power is transferred from parental dictums to the messages of the peer group. Pluto people totally plunge in, seldom seeing any alternative modes of behaviour or thought. They cease to think for themselves, accepting whatever is told them as the truth about reality - the reality of living in a society with other people. This conformity is not only desired, but actively

sought after, for it gives a sense of security. These individuals do not want to stand out or look different, so they struggle hard to belong, to become the perfected symbols of adolescent glory. Mercilessly they criticise their self-image - the clothing, the behaviour, the values, etc.. They are willing to go to any extreme to be accepted, to feel secure. This behaviour, naturally, carries itself into adulthood, and colours all relationships with other people, whether work or personal. When mistakes are made, the sixth house Pluto people may have a hard time forgiving themselves, and will push onward, striving to be better and better. This can become an obsession, released only through hard work or submission to some ideal. There is a need to prove that they are either better than everyone else ("Look how hard I've tried!") or simply an awful person, worse than everyone else ("I've tried so hard to be a good person, but it just isn't in me!").

This struggle to establish where they sit on the social, spiritual or evolutionary scale can reflect itself in religion ("I'm such a sinner!"), work ("I work so hard but I just don't get paid as much as other people!"), or relationships ("I can't have a good relationship because I'm so selfish and critical!"). It is definitely a tricky task to grow beyond the alluring, simplistic, adolescent personality, which can make sense of the world only in terms of absolute black and white judgements. The person who can't use Pluto positively tends often to become a doormat to other people, and then complains about everyone who walks all over him or her. These people have a terrible fear of being aggressive, different, selfish or rebellious. It is much safer to be victimised, underpaid, used, sick and therefore excused; a workaholic and self-denied (while being contemptuous of the self who is being dominated). Some young males will become violent, hostile and rebellious with this placement, but they are rare unless the group they hang out with is violent. In that case, they will do what they need to do in order to belong. The rebellious desire is there for everyone with this placement, but it is seldom expressed as openly as in 'Society, go to hell!' Often the Plutonian adolescents and young adults will become obsessed with perfection, to the point that their bodies will be treated like a laboratory specimen. Excessive grooming or explorations into diets and strange forms of exercise are not uncommon. The fascination with the new control over the body that a diet or exercise regimen gives can lead to virtual starvation or excessive musculature, depending on the sex and / or the desired body image. Throughout life, there will be a strong, intense involvement with food and health, and auxiliary struggles with guilt and contempt for what has or has not been eaten or done properly. If the drive for perfection is carried too far, these people may rebel against their very own self-imposed criticisms, and become ill as a result. Illness is a grand excuse for not living up to the expectations of the peer group or the self. Throughout this, the attitude of 'I know what I'm doing!' gives others the impression that this person needs no help. In fact, if the Pluto in the sixth house individual is helped, it's because someone else pushes him or her to seek and accept it. This doesn't lessen the motivation to complain later that 'No-one wants to help, or is ever there for me!' Unfortunately, a lot of this suffering and struggle covers the true potential and beauty of the sixth house Pluto placement.

Health obsessions can be channelled more gracefully into the helping and healing



professions. There is an inherent sensitivity to the body and what it needs, which can be of immeasurable service to others - while the Plutonian individual is getting paid for it, to boot! They understand social motives, having been so intensely involved in them, and are therefore well suited to the psychological and counselling professions. They have an instinctive understanding of the ways and means to regenerate the self, whether through therapies such as massage, body work, etc., or even through such businesses as building and wrecking or salvage enterprises. In the work arena, there can be a willingness to work extra hours for the common good of the company. Yet, they are also capable of making meaningful and creative contributions to the company, whether they own it or are just employed there. They have a powerful understanding of time, and are skilled at finding ways of improving existing work methods so as to enhance efficiency and quality of output. They are often good with their hands, and can be creative craftspeople, willing to put that extra touch of quality into everything they create. The sixth house Pluto person can see many connections between the mundane / physical and the spiritual; and this higher quality will shine through in whatever career or work area this individual becomes involved in. In all areas of life, there is a strong capacity for problem-solving, whether it be in the home arena or as a systems analyst in a large contemporary office building. With Pluto in this house, the individual may find some familiar patterns showing up in his or her environment. The spouse or lover may be demanding, arrogant and selfish, causing a lot of trauma and heartache. Often, whatever is assumed to be true will be severely tested in one form or another. There can be times of rejection by the peer group, due to Pluto natives always criticising or having an axe to grind about a key issue. There can be illness when the body isn't balanced and the psyche is overloaded with concerns and frustrations. Problems are continuously coming up, since this individual is an expert at them and often attracts them to himself or herself. At work, power struggles may ensue. There may be involvement with unions, fighting unfairness while at the same time being victimised in some way by the company you're working for or even by the union itself. Arguments and problems with supervisors could encourage poor attitudes or rebelliousness at work, affecting performance in a negative way. This person needs to feel special; and often others won't support that because they think of him or her as unco-operative. Then the Pluto person rationalises the situation in his or her own inimitable way, and continues making demands on co-workers either consciously or unconsciously. When Pluto transits this house, upsets in health could occur.

Overhauls in diet and lifestyle are common, for now these individuals may feel threatened by their own body in some way. Yet, the key to health problems here is the mind. All mutable houses take in the mental qualities of the planet which rules them; and the sixth house is no exception. As the natural ruler of the sixth house, Mercury indicates a deep loyalty to certain attitudes and beliefs. Criticisms of the body, during adolescence, although they may be forgotten in adulthood, still leave their mark. The negativity of the mind directed against the self goes underground into the psyche; and health complications arise as a result. During this transit, any negative personal attitudes that aren't dealt with on a conscious level will be felt in the body. Resistance to change

can manifest as internal toxicity or elimination problems (either too much or too little, such as constipation). In the work area, the individual can become too sensitive to chemicals in the air or to the mental environment on the job. This may mean the end of the job and the beginning of a new one. At this time, measures need to be taken to improve the attitudes that have been ingrained since late childhood and early adolescence. During the transit, the individual may change residence or in some other way lose his or her circle of friends, and may therefore have to spend a lot of time alone. This may be good for the personality, as the Pluto person can then start revamping the mental attitudes that created problems in the first place. Relationships can fall apart under this transit if the individual, in his or her obsession about the self and its problems, makes the other party in the relationship feel left out. Unable to help, the other person is bound to feel frustrated. Old styles of interaction may not work any more; and the supposed selflessness of the Pluto transit individual may be discovered as an ego cover that serves to hide the vulnerability he or she would feel if he or she freely accepted him or herself. If you are affected by Pluto transiting this house, you will need to revamp your attitudes. Positive thinking will get you anywhere, even though it may not work for anyone else. (So don't plan to organise everyone you know into a positive thinker's program.) You will need to move out of a small range of activity into a larger one which can give you greater scope to explore broad perspectives beyond social theories and beliefs. If you are changing your job, ask yourself why. If the answer puts the blame on anything other than your own attitudes, you haven't found the real answer yet. It's in your head, not out in the environment! You need to begin to take power back from your environment to yourself. You will want to heal yourself, whether the problem is manifesting physically (as in a health problem) or spiritually (discontent with your life).

To avoid the pitfalls of a negative Pluto here, you can use forgiveness: you need to forgive the adolescent you, that teen within you, who feels that she / he cannot make a move or have his or her own vision, independent of anyone else. Imagine yourself in the room where you lived as a teenager. If there were several places you lived during that time, then let one of them show up; or use a composite of one or more. There is no right or wrong room to use here. Let your subconscious supply you with the image. Next, imagine your adolescent self sitting on the bed engaging in his or her usual activity within the room. Since you have a memory of adolescent times, you probably have a good idea what that is. Don't become him or her. Remain yourself, the adult that you are now, and watch for a moment as the teenage you does his or her thing. Now, begin to carry on a conversation with him or her: 'Hello, how are you; are things going okay; is there anything I can do to help you with your problems?' Relax, and watch your adolescent self respond. Let him or her talk. Allow the adolescent to tell you about the way life is, what's wrong, what the problems are, etc.. If you can imagine it, hold / hug your teen self. Send love and understanding to him or her. Once you have established inner communication with your teen self, then you can begin to fulfil his or her fantasies. If his / her ears stick out too much, correct them with an imaginary magical operation. If your teen has pimples, apply an imaginary magical solution and clear them all up. Find him / her a lover, a special car, a beautiful home, whatever it is that she / he wants.

When you feel your concentration beginning to fade, and you can't solve any more of your teen self's problems, tell him or her that you are going to leave now, but that you will come back and do some more later if she / he wants. (Your adolescent will generally want this.) Then tell your adolescent self that she / he is forgiven, that there's nothing wrong with him or her any more. Let the teen know that you are going to change your attitudes and think more positively, and that she / he can think whatever she / he wants, but that she / he is not allowed to interfere with your adult life in any way. The teen may object, but that is the nature of adolescence. She / he wants no restrictions, yet she / he knows that they are very much needed. After this inner session, you can go visit your teen from time to time, and forgive him or her while you fulfil his or her desires. This begins to clear out the adolescent influences you have in your daily life, enabling you to plan and activate powerful, adult behaviour. Enroll in a personal growth class, prayer group or meditation class. Learn how to create and activate positive mental thoughts. As you learn these, you will begin to heal yourself; and your Plutonian problems will stop creating nasty crises in your life. Yet, now you must begin to take your power. Pay attention to your thoughts during the day, and take a mental note of how many negative or critical thoughts you have. Begin consciously reducing the number of them by stopping whenever you find them coming up into your conscious mind - then make yourself think something positive instead. Sceptical, critical thoughts and sarcastic attitudes are common during adolescence, but your adult self has little use for them, beyond causing you grief and trouble. As you gain more and more control of your thoughts, you will find that you and your environment are both more peaceful. You come in touch with the creative, healing wellspring within you. More love for yourself and others will then come out, but in a natural way rather than the forced way so typical of the adolescent. Rather, you will truly love being of service to those for whom you care deeply, and you will find the world supporting and serving you in return. And that's okay!

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

Pluto in the 6th The 6th house is the meeting point of body and psyche, the point of connection between what we are inside and the forms with which we surround ourselves. Those with Pluto in the 6th can explore this connection in great depth.

When an underworld deity like Pluto sets up his altar in the 6th house of health, then physical illness cannot be taken at face value. In mythology, Pluto rarely came above ground, but in one instance it was to seek healing for a wound. In sickness, accumulated poisons and toxins come to the surface which need to be eliminated in order for the body to function healthily again. The root causes of these problems, not just the outward symptoms, need to be treated if Pluto is in the 6th, or else the trouble may just recur at another time.

In short, those with Pluto in the 6th should explore the possibility that illness is an indication of problems elsewhere in the lives than just the body. It is a well-known fact that psychological issues play a part in aggravating a disease. Noxious agents are

always present in the system, but whether we develop an illness depends on our ability to resist these. Negative thoughts and feelings, conscious or unconscious, take their toll on the body by weakening the system's natural defences, making us more susceptible to what we can normally combat. People with Pluto in the 6th may complain that their bodies have betrayed them when they fall ill, when in actual fact the body has only revealed that there is something awry in their mental and emotional states. The good news is - as the authors of *Getting Well Again* point out - that if people can make themselves psychosomatically ill, they can also become 'psychosomatically healthy'.<sup>1</sup> By examining their beliefs and feelings, those with Pluto in the 6th can move in the direction of altering not just their health but their whole lives. The knowledge available to these people is the direct comprehension that the mind, body and emotions function as an integrated system.

Functioning as a unified whole means that every little thing in life has significance in relation to everything else. For those with Pluto in the 6th then, simple, everyday routines in life can take on great importance. Just choosing what clothes to wear in the morning or keeping the house clean can be fraught with great anxiety if Pluto is poorly aspected. They may contrive compulsive rituals in executing these tasks as if by doing them in this way they are warding off evil and destruction.

On the positive side, they have the capacity to work in a dedicated and undistracted fashion with their total will behind a job. However, they can also take the need to be conscientious, responsible, practical and productive, and turn these into obsessions as if their very survival depended on these qualities. The desire to do a job right is felt with intensity, conviction and passion. Obviously, this zeal can make them difficult to work alongside with. They may be unduly irritable and critical of others who do not share their style and approach. Relationships with co-workers may be marred by uncomfortable undercurrents, sexual innuendoes, betrayals, treachery and intrigues. Power struggles could develop and they may resent and feel threatened by anyone in authority, unconsciously wishing to dethrone those in a higher position. If those with Pluto in the 6th are in the position of authority, the whole question of how they dispense power over subordinates comes sharply into focus.

Often there is the desire to improve on already existing methods of work. Compulsively searching for flaws, sweeping changes can be made in the name of increased efficiency. Their work must be deeply engaging and consuming, otherwise they will lose interest, and possibly 'set up' situations which force them to leave the job for another. Some may become ill to free themselves from work they abhor. Others may lose jobs because of conditions beyond their control - such as economic recession and redundancy. While the loss of employment can have a serious effect on their psychological well-being, examining the emotions and feelings which are brought to the surface by such contingencies could lead to greater self-knowledge and further growth.

Employment may be in a field which is 'Plutonian' by nature: undercover or detective

work, mining, careers in psychology, medicine or psychiatry, or work involving nuclear energy. Taking one meaning of Pluto literally, some could work in junkyards, cemeteries or funeral parlours. Quite a few people I have seen with Pluto in the 6th are involved in various forms of neo-Reichian body-work.

In some cases, an accident or illness may produce irrevocable damage. The French artist, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, who was deformed as a result of a riding accident, was born with Pluto in Taurus in the 6th. But even if we are born with severe limiting restrictions, we are still responsible for the attitude we adopt to the handicap: we can live a life of bitter regret or find ways to give meaning to the life despite or maybe even because of it.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°14') 1312 | 6
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (0°32') 1312 | 002
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°39') 87 | 4
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°51') 6 | 4
- 5) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°46') 6 | 002
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (0°33') 6 | 8
- 7) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°32') 4 | 6
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°43') 4 | 10
- 9) ► **Pluto ♇ Parallel ☾ North-Node** - (0°11') 6 | 4
- 10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (5°58' S) 87 | 87
- 11) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (0°26' A) 6 | 6
- 12) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (1°27' S) 6 | 6
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (9°28' A) 6 | 6
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (5°21' S) 4 | 4
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ☾ North-Node** - (3°27' A) 4 | 4
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (1°53' S) 6 | 6
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (9°36' S) 6 | 6
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♄ Saturn** - (4°38' A) 6 | 4
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (0°31' S) 4 | 6
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°26' S) 4 | 6
- 21) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (2°19' S) 4 | 6
- 22) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♄ Uranus** - (1°21' S) 6 | 8
- 23) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ☾ North-Node** - (3°53' A) 6 | 4
- 24) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♄ Uranus** - (0°32' A) 6 | 8
- 25) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile ♄ Neptune** - (3°54' S) 4 | 002
- 26) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (4°50' S) 4 | 6
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (5°19' S) 1 | 4
- 28) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (0°39' S) 4 | 87
- 29) ► **Jupiter ♃ Square ♄ Saturn** - (4°42' S) 87 | 4
- 30) ► **Neptune ♄ Square ☾ North-Node** - (5°54' S) 002 | 4
- 31) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Uranus** - (0°55' S) 1312 | 8
- 32) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♄ Neptune** - (0°44' A) 6 | 002
- 33) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♄ Uranus** - (1°47' S) 4 | 8

1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°14') 1312 | 6

(Robert Hand)

At its best, this placement means that you are full of love and affection for others, but at the same time you can follow your own path and attract only those who are able to go along with you. You will be liked because you can be yourself without feeling that you must live up to other people's ideas of what you should be.

This aspect may also mean that you have considerable artistic ability, although there should be other indications in the chart to confirm that. Certainly you enjoy and appreciate beauty, and you are able to bring beauty into your everyday life.

You enjoy peace and harmony, and you get along very well with others. Wherever you go, you create a peaceful atmosphere. Your relationship with your parents, as well as with other authorities, such as teachers and employers, should be excellent. The key element in your ability to get along is that you are true to yourself as well as fair to others.

This placement may indicate a career involving either beauty and art or human relations - that is, getting people to work easily together. Or your career might be in entertainment of some field in which you make people feel good and lighthearted. In any career, your ability to get along easily with people will be an important part of your success.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need for secure relationships and for beauty and harmony plays an important part in our striving for social position. Consequently, we can do outstandingly well in Venusian occupations involving art, clothing, cosmetics, beauty culture, fashion, etc.. With Venus at the top of the chart, we make a friendly, sociable impression; also, we shrink from quarreling and prefer to settle disputes diplomatically. Other things being equal, we can make fine arbitrators or ambassadors.

Nevertheless, with rather easy-going Venus at this place, we need to avoid the trap of taking things too easily where social position is concerned or of relying too much on our backers. Laziness and passivity can spoil the promise of easy success.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus conjunct the MC might be indicative of a Venusian career; a vocation in art, beauty, diplomacy or somewhere where there is a requirement for taste, comparison or harmony. Certainly, whatever the actual work, the individual will be able to bring diplomatic skills to it. Usually people with this placement know how to charm and get on easily with those in authority. Venus conjunct MC might also be expected to confer

public popularity, or at least an urge towards trying to create it. Some with this configuration may become well-known because of their romantic life or the relationships they form. Still others might wish, beyond all else, to be known as a loving parent.

Venus on either end of the MC-IC axis may be descriptive of the experience of their own parent(s) as being very loving or popular. For others it may be more descriptive of a parent's vocational activities or their wishes for the career of the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect favors people in artistic professions, public relations work, and diplomacy. Females are often able to promote their careers by charming their bosses or those in authority.

Natives are often prone to social ambition. Their status can be improved through marriage, and marriage is sometimes contracted in order to achieve this, especially if Venus is in Taurus or Capricorn. They also have the ability to attract money through social prominence or by forming partnerships with those in positions of power.

2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°32') 1312 | 002

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and



otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of

the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel to Saturn** - (1°39') 87 | 4

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn opposition the Ascendant shows that you are defensive in your associations. You have to exert a lot of pressure to get a response from people, and most times you don't think it's worth the effort. You tend to be so preoccupied with your own affairs that you can't be too concerned with anyone else's. But at the same time you accuse people of being indifferent to you. The truth is, you are so reserved about projecting yourself into their lives that you give the impression you think yourself better than they are. So they keep their distance and are not likely to warm up to you.

You assume people will not appreciate your talents, so you don't offer your services. Convinced that others are more competent, you are afraid to accept challenging

competition. You need to approval of others to reassure yourself of your skills. You cautiously test people's reactions to what you do and draw their conclusions for them before they have a chance to express an opinion. Probably you had an austere beginning and are not accustomed to being praised for your efforts. Although you have a mind of your own, you are never sure you can exploit your ideas and get a favorable response, which you desperately need. A minor chore like asking for a pay increase is a major event to you, and you have to have a lot of determination to do it.

You prefer people to come to you, because you fear they won't accept you if you go to them. You may be obsessed by the thought that your subconscious fears are obvious to everyone, but of course they are not. The only guilt you should feel is in your failure to assert yourself enough. Because you are more competent than most of your competitors, you will never take on a task you can't handle. Until you try, of course, you won't know this. You secretly fear responsibility, but you are more than able to perform your duties and fulfill your obligations, both to yourself and to others. You need the reassurance of knowing that achievement is well within your grasp.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Saturn on the Descendant often look to other people to live out the responsible, dutiful, mature or even patriarchal qualities, although they themselves will usually be very responsible about relationship matters and, in their own way, also very much in control. There can be a fear of relationship with Saturn contacting either end of this axis: fear of being in a relationship and fear of not being in one. At best, Saturn contacting these angles suggests that the individual is able to apply him- / herself to building up a relationship with another person by responsibly dealing with the different obstacles as they occur.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the reserve and aloofness so typical of all Saturn / Ascendant aspects are caused chiefly by the degree of vulnerability we feel. We respond to people in a nervous, even mistrustful way. When we wish to express ourselves, Saturn interferes and we clam up instead. Also, with these aspects, we can be heavy-handed; a trait unlikely to give popularity. The irritation shown by others further increases uncertainty and vulnerability. We must be careful not to keep saying 'I'm no good', 'No-one likes me' and so on: statements such as these have a knack of being self-fulfilling and may stop us finding the warmth we seek.

Due to unfortunate experiences in contacts with others, we sometimes go into complete

seclusion, or hide behind a 'wooden mask' of some sort - that of a careerist, for example - in order to keep out of range at the personal level.

The tense aspects make us very insecure on this point and, when we brood over it too much, we are liable to suffer from listlessness and fatigue. With the unconscious working flat out in an attempt to solve problems that have arisen or might arise, energy that would normally be available to the conscious is used up. However, if we learn to confine worries to practical issues (as it is perfectly possible to do with the tense aspects), we can become the same responsible, down-to-earth individuals we would be with one of the easy aspects - although never the life and soul of the party.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Saturn squares the Ascendant, the approach to any new beginning is clouded with conflict, for early in the life the father was not encouraging. These individuals will commence new activities with caution or apprehension. Some of the conflict will be caused by an inner lack of self-confidence, for early problems with the father image usually manifest as problems with authority figures later on. The square indicates a selfworth predicament that can be coupled with the sign quality dilemma indicated by the square aspect.

With the opposition of Saturn to the Ascendant there will also be an early childhood conflict with the father, and there will be a need for authority approval, or a feeling of caution attached to any new beginning. A feeling of compromise occurs because the needs of the partner (or the partner's opinions) will influence the new steps forward in life.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°51') ☿6 | ♃4

(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.

5) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°46') ☿6 | 002

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction of Neptune and Venus indicates that there is likely to be a high degree of idealisation in the spheres of romantic relationships, images of 'perfect lovers and partners' emanating from an overshadowing by either the anima (if male) or the animus (if female) inner patterns arising from the unconscious mind. When evoked by powerful emotions of love, lust, passion and attraction to another person, these images of perfection are projected onto the loved one, forming a glamour which is quite bewitching - until frail human nature eventually reasserts its presence and the image collapses through a phase of disillusionment, when the lovers fail to conform to that pattern of perfection which has been superimposed upon them.

Essentially, you'll have a simple, trusting attitude, which can become unwisely gullible at times, resulting in consequences of deception and exploitations. This emotional sensitivity makes you extremely vulnerable, and is often the source of difficulties in your personal and intimate relationships. You hate confrontation, tending to be more passive and giving, and will shy away from any emotional aggression and insensitivity shown by anyone. Part of your ideal relationship includes refined culture, art, music and literature as common interests or personal talents, and where the concepts and environments of harmony and beauty predominate in a peaceful and tranquil lifestyle. You have an appreciation of the more subtle delights of life, with a sensitive and perceptive aesthetic sense, and your standards of partner and lifestyle will be quite high and demanding.

There will be an active and vivid imagination at play, looking to see or create harmony and beauty, perhaps reflecting in an artistic manner contemporary fashions in art, music, literature, fashion and culture. Your heart will be soft and tender, and often that sensitivity will be unsuitable for many of the more jarring and discordant environments of the modern world; you will hate having to rush around jostling in large groups of people. You prefer those sophisticated cultural scenes, with perhaps a small grouping of successful and intelligent people. Being delicate in the modern world which is swept by powerful collective changes can be a disturbing sensitivity. This is why you often wear those rose-coloured glasses, so that the stark reality and grim harshness of certain aspects is not clearly perceived or is kept at a distance. You can't avoid the wholeness of the world, and such abrasive experiences often stimulate disturbances in your life, as if trying to force you to look at them without distortion. This tendency continues into evaluating others in a realistic manner, especially when projections are evoked; often you are disappointed when their true natures are revealed.

You can be too impressionable at times, especially through that emotional empathy with others, and can revert back into being an impractical, idealistic and ineffectual dreamer if clarity and focus are lacking. You may need to learn to stand on your own feet, and be less reliant on others. Some can succeed in expressing degrees of universal love, healing through their spiritual understanding and acceptance of others; but in treading this path, there is also the crucifixion of the heart, and a willingness to share in the world's suffering.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus conjunct Neptune, you are a romantic idealist. Your trusting nature makes you vulnerable to deceptive individuals who may try to take advantage of you. You have a kind of delicacy and aesthetic refinement that finds comfort in art, music, and literature. You are artistically imaginative, and thus can find beauty where others cannot.

Your tender qualities are best suited to professions in which calm conditions are the rule. Avoid any occupation in which turmoil or aggressive behavior is expected, for you would find this intolerable. Any of the non-physical arts, such as music, writing, fashion, or cultural functions, would be suitable expressions of your creativity.

The idealism of your romantic nature may cause some problems in your personal relationships. You seek relationships that are serene and trouble-free, but you are susceptible to and defenceless against attempts by others to exploit you negatively. It is difficult for you to see others realistically, so you can readily be victimized. This kind of behavior appals and emotionally crushes you. Since you are not a fighter by nature, you may simply withdraw. If such experiences occur, and it is very likely that they will, you could resort to imaginary safe alliances. On the other hand, you may decide to protect yourself by employing similar deceptive tactics. Your rose-colored view of life can cause disorder in your affairs, unless you can understand that coarseness in some people and abrasive elements in the environment are natural aspects of reality.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for emotional and material security and for harmonious relationships (Venus) gives, when combined with the refining and idealizing of Neptune and with Neptune's tendency to blur the line of demarcation between the collective and the individual, a great deepening of the emotional life. The danger is that this deepening will take place at the expense of the personal level, and we shall try to idealize friends and loved ones and drift about wrapped in a pink haze of romance. Also, by idealizing reality we often court disappointment. Being very sympathetic, we do whatever we can to console others. Therefore, with this aspect, love may well spring from compassion; moreover, we are susceptible to emotional blackmail.

What we have to offer is not very satisfactory. For, because we pursue universal love, we embrace everyone and appear to be loving the whole of humanity in any partner chosen. Obviously, this stands in the way of a true person-to-person love match - the partner is unable to enter our visionary world.

Quite often, we seek spiritual values in friendship and love, and often have a penchant for mysticism and the like. Where the material side of Venus is concerned, the combination with Neptune gives refined artistry; and, because Neptune is the planet of



the collective, we can reach a wide public with our skill. We have a fine sense of form, color and proportion, and know how to make good use of it. But there is a danger of dallying in a tinsel-town fantasy-world (the world of film stars for example) which has nothing in common with the world in which we live.

When this combination is present, we need to choose our associates with care. We are not very good at refusing requests, are easily browbeaten, and are too self-effacing - all because we have difficulty in seeing relationships in their true light.

(Betty Lundsted)

There are many ways to look at this conjunction. The Venus placement indicates the psychological influence of the mother, and when attached to Neptune it indicates that this influence or the impact on the psyche is clouded, unreal. It may be difficult to consciously realize just how Mom influences this person; or how or what she does that keeps him from being comfortable with the outlook on life that is developed. The aspects to the Moon and other aspects to Venus may give us a clue as to what the emotional disorder may be, for usually more than one aspect will describe serious conditions in the emotional life.

Venus indicates how we appreciate love, our ability to give and receive affection, warmth and love; it represents our intellectual concept of what love should be for us. When Neptune conjuncts, or influences, this part of life, it becomes cloudy, veiled, deluded, or overly spiritualized. We could say that this conjunction gives a person an unrealistic concept of love in some way - many times this shows up as a tendency to spiritualize sex, to make a love affair so special that it condemns everyone else's as not being good. People may become involved in spiritual love affairs that are not consummated sexually, for they feel that sex and the physical expression of emotions is too animalistic. It confuses religion or religious piety and love relationships. The Venus-Neptune conjunction can develop many kinds of sexual phobias depending on the gender of the owner and the additional aspects to either Mars or the Moon in the natal chart.

A woman with this aspect may look for a great spiritual relationship, sometimes being drawn into the soul-mate syndrome; and usually the soul-mate is a homosexual or a married man with five kids and a happy wife. She sees the potential in someone's soul and can be drawn to relationships with an alcoholic or drug type. At any rate, she seems to be drawn to unhealthy people - and the problem is caused by the fact that she relates to them from a spiritual or ethereal point of view and sees something there that no-one else can. This situation makes it difficult to grow in a relationship, for the person she is attempting to relate with is not capable of giving anything back and she may become very lonely, or make up a life for herself.

A man with this conjunction puts women on a pedestal and may feel guilty about expressing love physically. His mother projects a quality onto women that doesn't add up

- for she presents women as a special group of people who are excessively good. The male's guilt about his own sexual and emotional needs can come from the fact that he was taught that 'good women' don't like sex, so he feels guilty when he wants it. This conjunction can go so far as to force him to be unfaithful in a marriage for he can't defile the woman he loves; he would rather defile a stranger. A woman with this aspect doesn't know what she wants from a love relationship, and most of her insecurity about what a woman should want comes from the mother figure.

For some reason, there seems to be a cloud of illusion / delusion around the mother as well. For her own reasons, the mother presented an unusually or delusory image of what women are, along with a cloudy picture about her own history. This untruth gives the native a strange image in the psyche that will affect his adult relationships. The mother may have good reason to delude the child, for she may be hiding something about herself. Sometimes, the reason for this misinterpretation seems ridiculous later, but it doesn't seem so at the time. The psyche drives us to live out the dreams and delusions held on that level, and if we want to change our circumstances, we must know why we have created the unhappy ones in the first place.

It is important for the child to discover what the mother's reasons were for hiding what she was, or what women are, so that the power of the aspect can be diminished and he or she is free to establish his or her own values.

(Charles Carter)

The temper is usually very kind-hearted, with particular fondness for animals, but it is rare to find persons with this configuration who are not highly-strung, temperamental, and more than averagely sensitive. Frequently there is a peculiarity of the temperament which is best described by the hackneyed adjective 'sweet', with the most abundant sympathies for all suffering. There may be interest in art, or in mysticism, or in mystic art, but it is necessary not to expect too much from any aspects of these planets unless the remainder of the chart is of a high order. Though often weak in itself, this conjunction may form a constituent part of the natures of artistic geniuses.

It often happens that the affections are disappointed or denied full expression. There is a tendency for this conjunction to bring sorrow and loneliness into the life, often with some inhibition of the health, such as nervous weakness or a general delicacy of constitution. It does not favour any kind of worldly success or ability to combat or overcome the harsh realities of life. Frequently the native is in some way sheltered or he seeks or is brought into retirement. It often denotes disappointed attachments or anxiety through the partner, such as his being sickly, in which case the aspect may take on a markedly protective and cherishing character.

In two cases at least, this conjunction has been associated with murder, although it can only be regarded as an accessory in such matters, being scarcely of a violent nature.

6) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°33') ☿ 6 | ♀ 8

(Haydn Paul)

The energies generated by the opposition aspect are often projected out into the external world; and this will be true in respect of the powerful energy released by this Mars-Uranus aspect. If this is expressed through a more integrated consciousness, which is sure of the direction to travel, then its impact can be considerable. If it is manifesting through a less integrated personality, then it can create real problems in life.

Again, the revolutionary tendency is very strong, and you will have a natural antipathy towards traditions and static patterns of acceptable social lifestyles.

Your attitude will be anti-authoritarian, and you will be iconoclastic in your questioning of the status quo, and critical of those who are in positions of social responsibility and power. Hypocrisy from 'leaders especially upsets you, and you can be scathing in denouncing it. In fact, you probably have developed a fairly demanding set of personal principles and ideals from which you perceive the world.

You tend to expect less from 'ordinary people', acknowledging their frailties; but you expect the highest standards from social leaders. Concepts of social justice, equality and change attract you, and this can draw you into relationships with revolutionary or reactionary political groups. Depending upon the overall bias of the chart, your radicalism could be directed towards a re-creation of past patterns or a new creation to suit future needs and realities. Generally though, with the Uranian impulse it will be future-orientated, and this will lead you to more altruistic liberal and humanitarian groups.

Your personality can be very assertive, even aggressive and combative. You have an image of yourself 'at war' with whatever you disagree with, whether this is just a war that you fight in your own head, or it is one that you externalise by opposing social establishments that you dislike. There is a stimulation for you in conflict; and whilst it may not always be openly displayed, you enjoy competition and intend to win and dominate. This is reminiscent of the Scorpio characteristics, which are reflected through this aspect, with the Mars-Scorpio link and Uranus exalted in Scorpio. The quality of assertiveness could be extrovertedly expressed, stridently and powerfully, or quietly through the power of a strong personal presence.

You enjoy arguments and discussions; here the stimulation of ideas, beliefs and attitudes can be enriching. Often you play devil's advocate on ideas, just to enjoy the sparks that can fly; but if it is on a subject close to your heart, then a more passionate, committed side of you emerges, one that is determined to 'win' the argument.

You oppose in principle any restrictions to individual freedoms, although in practice and with serious consideration, you do tend to impose 'limits' for valid social reasons. Your main thrust is towards a broadening of personal freedoms, and the creation of more variety and scope for potential experience and opportunity in life. If discipline is imposed upon you, and you feel that you are imprisoned in a stultifying routine, then you will rise to oppose it; however, for your own purposes you can be highly motivated and self-disciplined.

Freedom is extremely important to you, and is the key to developing your own uniqueness. You feel that you have to get your own way, and this can cause problems if you are too selfish about this demand. If denied, you feel emotionally frustrated, and this becomes a form of pent-up physical tension, which in extreme cases could result in violence. Tendencies to be arrogant, authoritarian and too self-willed can cause friction in social and intimate relationships. If your lifestyle becomes inhibiting, then this can also create explosions of sudden temper and excessive arguing to release inner pressures.

Whilst you see yourself as an outsider, a loner following a personal path, there is an underlying lack of self-confidence, which Scorpio-like is hidden beneath the mask. You insist on finding and making your own way in life, pursuing one's 'dharma' (own truth), and will be like the traditional stubborn mule if anyone else tries to lead you against your will. You learn from life's hard experiences, and indeed, you tend to accept and welcome such intensity and challenges. Often, you will be tempted to throw off the binding shackles of the past, slough off the old skin like a snake, and burn those bridges to leave yourself free to travel forward into the bright future. You seem as though you know what you are doing, and appear to be optimistic, but this is the glow of a belief in your own ability to succeed, to cross those challenging abysses. You may need to unify your will and clarify your desires so that they work more in harmony.

Potentially, this aspect if rightly applied through a reabsorption of any negative projections back into yourself for transformation, can offer a 'magical' ability to succeed in your aims. The 'enemy' is not just 'out there'; and you need to use the tension for self-transformation, to balance out the relationship between yourself and society, so that your revolutionary spirit manifests as an agent for the evolutionary spiral of human progression.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars opposition Uranus, you have a genius for arousing others to challenge you. You enjoy competition, and have a flair for gaining dominance over others. The simple fact is, you are arrogant, demanding, and authoritative in your dealings, which tends to disarm people. You seem to thrive on bickering and argument, even if you aren't serious about it. This is just another way to provide continuing excitement.

Your behavior has little to do with your competence, although your forwardness often

convinces others that you know what you are doing. With your flair for expression, you should seek occupations such as selling, politics, group interests, or science, that depend on this quality. You could become interested in hazardous occupations like flying, racing, exploring, or mountain climbing, but you must be extremely careful and take all safety precautions. Because you are accident-prone, these endeavors are not recommended. You tend to throw caution to the winds, especially when someone is watching. Your desire for approval is so strong that you will even risk danger to gain it.

You don't tolerate any restrictions on your freedom and mobility, and need to be constantly on the move. Is this because you are afraid others will discover how insecure you really are? Perhaps your life-style is a defence against admitting that you are mainly a 'physical' person.

You aren't the easiest person to get along with. Your outbursts of temper and cantankerous attitude really rub people the wrong way. A revolutionary, you are basically against tradition with all its limits to individuality. You are critical of anyone who wields authority, and want your own way so much that you become violent when anyone tries to deny it. Your unpredictable nature may cause you to lose dear friends who will not tolerate your arrogance.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle essentially describes the action taken (through Mars) to represent the Sun sign archetype. Uranus indicates how the generation behaves as well as the kinds of eccentricities to which an individual is prone.

When the opposition is in effect, the action taken by the individual is compromised or colored by the behavior pattern; he may not relate well to his peer group. This individual may take self-willed or erratic action rather than make necessary compromises in life. In some cases, he may be violent when angered or threatened. Because the will is involved in the action aspect, this individual may be overly willful and want immediate satisfaction because constant internal pressure is at play. The childhood environment was unpredictable, and this person may have been so repressed at home that high anger levels are considered 'normal'.

When people act one way and feel compromised by their eccentric needs, the action taken may not only be unproductive, but these individuals feel internally angry with themselves. If the anger is projected onto others; if others are blamed for the mistakes created by those who have this aspect, then the energy is destructive. They will have to learn to act in such a manner that any eccentricities within the nature also have a chance for constructive expression. When the anger is directed neither at the self nor at others, the energy is free to express creatively.

When attempting to determine where this behavior pattern comes from, check the

planets that reflect the effect of the mother or father. This person may have been abused as a child. If so, much resentment may be harbored toward the parent, along with guilt because one is not supposed to hate one's parents. It's important that the anger be understood and not suppressed, for until the energy is free to flow, the creativity cannot be released. This person may wish to undergo analysis to get help breaking the old pattern.

#### Mars square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects are the most difficult to live with: we find it extremely hard to curb energy (Mars) because Uranus keeps it under constant tension. Strained and restless, we easily become irritable and quick-tempered. The (often unintentional) disruption caused by this combination is great; hence its traditional association with separation and divorce. Reactions are usually too sharp, too rash, too thoughtless and too energetic in situations which call for calm. Also, with these aspects, we are inclined to go our own way at all costs; and this can cause conflicts at school when we are still young. Whenever possible we do as we please, and being prevented from doing as we please drives us wild (to an extent that depends on the rest of the horoscope). In any case, we enjoy being provocative.

We are virtually unable to control our energy: Uranus itself would make energy control difficult, even if it did not throw a hard aspect. It is impossible to stick at the same thing for long. We frequently hop from one thing to another without getting anywhere. This is a shame, because the combination packs enough power to move mountains.

We are eager to express (Mars) our longing to be free and our originality (Uranus); but, with tense aspects, are liable to emphasize them unduly. The consequence can be asocial or even antisocial behavior; but at epochs when a break has to be made with outworn values, we come into our own. The destructiveness inherent in the Mars / Uranus combination can be channelled into fighting sports (preferably not dangerous) and into occupations such as woodcutting, where we literally break things up: the release of tension helps us to handle energy better.

(Charles Carter)

Here we get a good deal of self-will and eccentricity. There is no lack of energy, but it is often fitful and ill-directed, and the native is often a relative failure, being unable for some reason to make as good use of his talents as might reasonably be expected. Ill-temper is common, but is not always present; sometimes there is a tendency rather to fretfulness and erratic self-will; the native may be blunt and abrupt, or irritable and querulous.

Sometimes the nervous conditions lead to shyness and retirement. The native is often what is known as edgy or cornery, and is frequently not well fitted for ordinary existence; it is distinctly unfavourable for married life or for any restricted or ordered way of living, but it is not an aspect which as a rule indicates any essential ill-nature or vice.

Like all combinations which create a desire for freedom and unrestriction, this often externalises in the shape of suicidal tendencies, the native being unfitted to brook patiently the check and delays that occur in most walks of life. Patience is a virtue that is seldom present, and humility is also rare. The native is likely to scorn diplomacy and any kind of manoeuvring, and is prone to throw up the sponge as soon as this is called for. In a word, he wants his own way at all costs.

As we have mentioned before, there are often attacks on the native's morals or honour, and sometimes there are direct assaults on his person, provided other more vital points are afflicted as well.

Accidents are not infrequent, and these aspects do not make for longevity, for there is seldom much placidity with Mars-Uranus; and the ability to acquiesce cheerfully and readily in the dispensation of Providence is not often very noticeable. There is often a disposition to take risks, and to overwork.

7) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°32') ♈4 | ♎6

(Haydn Paul)

Like those with the square, you may feel that you have been mysteriously penalised by environmental deprivation, socially or parental, real or imagined. There was never any 'silver spoon' for you, and you tend to hold a brooding resentment for those who have not had to face the same problem.

The opposition is often associated with the themes of oppression and violence, physical and psychological, and with the tendency to be a victim of such forms of human negativity on others. For whatever reason, you may feel yourself to be a victim of persecution; and this would colour your perception of people and the world, probably making you inwardly defensive and possibly outwardly aggressive towards others as a form of pre-emptive defence.

Your ease of self-expression and creativity is likely to be blocked, and you are always wary of revealing too much of yourself to others, in case they begin to take advantage of you; and in any case, you lack self-confidence and inner stability. Emotionally, you may be quite unstable, probably repressing much of your feeling life, because that is what has been damaged previously. This leads you to attempt to create a life of predictability and stability as a counterpoint to those feelings of emotional flux and vulnerability. Certainly you are quite resistant to change, especially within relationships, as you rely on

those few close ones in your life to give a sense of security; and because of this fear, you suppress inner movement or outer change until a crisis point is reached where a 'releasing explosion' is the only way for the blocked energy to move.

As with the square, you need to initiate a process of inner change, to transform the restrictive attitudes and self-image that act as a frustrating factor in your life. Somehow, you need to develop more personal confidence so that you can begin trusting more, and feel secure enough to come to terms with your feelings and emotions, to allow them to fertilise and water those inner barren lands. Through such an approach, Pluto can act to give you a new birth, to almost resurrect you from the dead and to allow you the opportunity to enjoy life much more fully and appreciatively. Your inner life is not fixed in unchangeable stone, as the prospect of transformation is ever-present in every life. Initially, it may be difficult to dissolve such long-established barriers; but it can be done, enabling a new you to flower and fulfil your hidden potential: this is the pot of gold which is waiting for you to claim it as your heritage.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Saturn to Pluto shows that you can be victimized by others in their quest for power. You may become involved in enterprises that are at best questionable and at worst potentially dangerous. If you get into social situations that have negative or non-productive objectives, you may find it extremely difficult to safely extricate yourself.

You must examine each of your associates thoroughly to protect your own interests. Accept no promises of financial gain until you see evidence to support these promises. Someone may offer you material benefits that are unrealistic or extreme, so you must be suspicious of anything that seems 'too good to be true'. The chances are that it is. This goes for personal, emotional relationships also. The investment you make will probably be of more benefit to your partner than to yourself.

Your professional affairs may become unstable because of a power play at the top that will somehow involve you. The results can undermine your position. You are sure to encounter people who will make impossible demands of you, and severe alienation is sure to follow.

Your social conditions may be extremely harsh and may not provide you with constructive avenues of expression. Fear of poverty and loss of social status could drive you to use devious methods for obtaining security and protection.

The serious conditions that often attend your life struggle need careful evaluation and constructive planning. You must learn to either transform your environment or remove yourself from it and make a new start. Plan your objectives and each day lay the foundation on which to painstakingly build your future security and realize your goals. This is the best course if you wish to enjoy a life enriched through your own efforts and



free from unnecessary difficulties.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche of the individual during early life will be difficult to comprehend on a conscious level. In order to overcome weak points, fears, feelings of failure (caused by Saturn's placement), these feelings must be acknowledged consciously.

The Plutonic energy from the unconscious may confuse the image of the father with the unconscious or mythic image. This aspect may indicate individuals who have an obsession about the father, who don't know how to begin the journey toward self-discovery. If the aspect also includes personal planets, these people may attempt to revolutionize society because they go against the father, authority and tradition.

This energy can be used in a positive manner for these folks are world changers. Before the aspect can be used constructively, however, personal understanding of the influence of the father must be achieved. If not, these individuals can be manipulators of situations whenever they become afraid. They can take the law into their own hands; they can be vigilante types.

Saturn square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter lifestyle and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance. Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

8) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (0°43') ♄4 | ♋10

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect tends to be extremely limiting; the natives' rigid personal habits and ambitions put them out of harmony with prevailing cultural attitudes. In order to overcome the isolation thus created, they must learn to co-operate with the ideas and the methods of their society. On the positive side, the natives may achieve things which put them in a class by themselves by their individualistic and painstaking approach to work, in which all external influences are disregarded. This is especially the case with experts in obscure fields of endeavor.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the individual confines itself with its own psychologically complex network. They just have to go through worldly and unworldly experiences and learn the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible. Association with old folks or old ideas becomes a part of life. The native often runs away from his own creation; and this running around in circles is one of the karmic fulfillments of his soul. Depending upon the balance of Karma from the previous life, some of these individuals will experience the highest benefits in life, but only after significant hard work during the most of their life. The Saturnian principle with the South Node with it really makes the combination doubly Saturnian. Thus, hard work, patience and coping with restrictions is a major focus in this combination. On a mundane level, it causes weak bone structure, rheumatism, skin difficulties, etc.. One of the benefits this aspect provides is the ability to cope with disease and confinement.

(Donna van Toen)

Growth may trigger feelings of not fitting in or being out of touch; conformity may lead to stagnation. There's a strong feeling of something missing within the person, leading to dissatisfaction with relationships and circumstances. As with Saturn conjunct the North Node, there may be an illness connected with the nodal polarity. The tendency is to try to repress awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Saturn stands at its own point: for, in the classical literature of astrology, the Descending Node is also 'the point of Saturn'. Here it hinders the native's progress considerably, and the latter clings to old habits and fails to see the need for change. The native is liable to regress, and refuses to strike out in a new direction. Many are pessimistic and do not believe that there is a better life for them. They load themselves with needless responsibilities and are hardly free to act. Many take refuge in duty, and imagine they have to do everything and that, without them, 'nothing would ever get done'. With Saturn on the nodal axis, it is hard to break old habits: there is a constant temptation to lapse into familiar reactions and routines.

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.

9) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°11') ☿6 | ♃4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The conjunction gives the native a special knack for seeing through prevailing social trends and provides the necessary drive and willpower to take advantage of them. As is the case with Neptune conjunct North Node, there is an intuitive ability to understand the forces shaping present trends.

However, in the case of Pluto, the native is much more deliberate and calculated in taking advantage of this ability. Whether it is used for selfish or for altruistic purposes depends upon the aspects of Pluto and the overall tenor of the horoscope. On the negative side, this conjunction gives a dangerous tendency to try to manipulate social forces too large to be handled with safety. The natives may become entrapped or crushed by the weight of circumstances in which they have involved themselves. The affairs of their lives can get out of hand, with subsequent danger of collapse. (This is the tiger-by-the-tail aspect.) In what department of life this condition arises depends on the house position and house rulership of Pluto.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The common destiny of a large mass of people. Unions or associations brought about by the particular circumstances of one's destiny, a karmic link. Sociological correspondence: Crowds or large groups of people, mass meetings. Large business concerns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, large scale changes are utilized or the person chooses to utilize destructive means to convey his message. The idea is to transform and revive the society or surroundings utilizing the past-life energies or counter-acting the previous life's functions. This is often done as a total destruction and then rebuilding the dream all over again. Basically, it is a karmic lesson, reward or punishment, utilizing the Plutonian means. Depending upon the house location of this conjunction, you can get more details of the focused area in life.

(Donna van Toen)

The person often seems to be forced to take some sort of separative or eliminative

action in order to grow. Relationships with groups or individuals seem to play a major role in the growth process. Leadership qualities enhance growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction with Pluto will activate the Node and initiate the first step in personal development. Everything with which it comes in contact is intensified. The natives strive for personal and spiritual growth. Many (according to the sign and house involved) put all their eggs in one basket, develop an inflated idea of their own importance, and have an inner urge to achieve something exceptional. With Pluto, there seems to be an inner calling, and a powerful motivation towards self-improvement and growth in maturity. However, power is also desired for its own sake, and further development may be sought in order to gain more influence over others. In the opposition, the will-power is employed selfishly and often roughly too. The ego-transformation which should be produced by Pluto stagnates, and then erupts with a breaking of old rules, a bringing of repressions into the open, and a sweeping aside of obstacles.

10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (5°58' S)    ♏ 7 | ♏ 7

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are generous toward your associates and civil with competitors. You are polished and refined, sometimes to the point that others may be suspicious of your motives. You prefer to associate with people who seem to be sure of themselves and their goals. Unless you see a future in it, you refuse to bind yourself to any obligation. You attract fortunate people to you, and you share their optimistic feeling that you will become successful. Just as an investment broker deals in financial resources, you deal in the resources of people - who they are and what they can accomplish for themselves and for you. You pride yourself on your good judgement, but you ignore the fact that you are a taker, not a giver, except when it suits your long-range purposes.

It isn't easy for you to establish roots, partly because you feel that without them you are more free to take advantage of opportunities. An 'idea' person, you know how to exploit your creative potentials to derive the most benefit from them. You are a good conversationalist and can liven up any discussion with tales that may be tall stories but are never dull or boring.

Your desire to achieve was probably stimulated by your early home life, which may not have been totally satisfying. Because of that fact, you resolved to better yourself and your circumstances whenever possible. You try to convince yourself that given the chance you would show people how capable you are. But you do this because you don't want to be reminded of your material and emotional responsibilities. You know you should settle down and admit that you need to relate to others in order to succeed.

Your greatest problem is that you use people to serve your personal objectives. You must learn that being generous is as beneficial to you as accepting the generosity of others.

Jupiter square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects, we are strongly attracted by the grandiose, the jovial and the magnanimous, and this shows in our attitude to others. But we tend to overdo things. We need constant reminders to hold the energy of the tense aspects in check; sometimes, if we wish to avoid problems with others, it is wise to be a little more subdued.

Often we radiate much more self-confidence, not to say self-will, than we might imagine, and acquaintances may see us as arrogant. Yet, with this same self-confidence, plus a big dose of optimism, we can do much good if we take care to create a genial impression and not a haughty one.

The love of doing things on a grand scale may deteriorate into a fondness of luxury and display; equally, we can become preoccupied with immaterial things and can spend time promoting intangible values. In ways like these, the urge to be expansive can easily get out of control.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Jupiter squares the Ascendant, the relationship needs argue with the persona. New experience will begin with difficulty, for the square indicates a frustration of energy. These individuals may not be conscious of the fact that their response to new relating experience will be perceived differently by those viewing the Ascendant reactions.

When Jupiter opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between new beginnings, the persona and the ability to relate to what is being projected becomes an issue in the life. Usually the opposition is active between the first and seventh houses (the personal projection versus the needs of a partner). The energy can be handled constructively when the signs are understood.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter in hard aspect to the axis suggests that the individual's beliefs are at odds with the outer image that he or she may have cultivated.

Jupiter conjunct Descendant often suggests that an individual teams up with a person from a different background or culture from their own, or sometimes with a teacher or religious person. Education often forms an important aspect of one-to-one relationships, with the individual either seeking to educate the other or to be educated by him / her. There is a need for a certain amount of space with Jupiter on both ends of the axis. At the 7th house end, the individual is often particularly keen on exploring the whole realm of relationship and may not like being tied to just one person. In any event, it is through relationship that the Jupiter-Descendant person finds his / her own faith and confidence. He / she may look to someone else to provide these qualities or be able to offer them to others. Sometimes the person projects 'God' onto other people and sometimes he / she wishes to be treated as being Godlike and wonderful him- / herself.

11) ► ***Imum-Coeli* IC *Conjunct* ♀ *Venus* - (0°26' A)** ☿6 | ♄6

(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.

12) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Conjunct*** ♂ ***Mars*** - (1°27' S) ☿6 | ☿6

(Robert Hand)

This position can have two quite different effects. On one hand, you may be subject to compulsive desires, wanting to do things without any special reason except willfulness. Such actions are usually rash and sudden, and may be caused by an inner emotional upheaval. Sometimes this happens because you have had such a stormy and turbulent home life as a young child that all your resentment comes out in sudden aggressive energies. To counter this, your parents should provide you with a reasonably stable and



supportive home life, where you can feel that you are accepted for yourself.

On the other hand, if you feel confident that your family loves and accepts you, you will experience the energies of this aspect quite differently. You will determine the course of your life very directly, according to your own inner needs and impulses. You will be conscious of these needs, so that you can gratify them in a controlled way instead of being at the mercy of your inner drives. In general, you will succeed by creating a satisfying inner life more than by achieving in ways that the outer world can easily recognize. You may or may not be successful in your career, but that will not be as important to you as inner satisfaction. While you are young, your parents should understand this and help you discover your own needs rather than make you conform to other people's expectations.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the IC suggests that the individual operates from a foundation of anger. Usually there is a history of conflict in the home, and individuals with this placement may do anything to hide their own anger from public view and sometimes from themselves. With Mars on or contacting either end of the axis, there is often tremendous anger felt towards one or both parents, an anger that can fuel the individual into accomplishing tasks that require tremendous tests of strength or energy. This placement will often be indicative of the person who works from home or who is always 'on the go' when actually at home. The home is a place of activity for Mars conjunct IC. Whilst such activity may be of a more Mercurial nature if Mars is in the 3rd house, this placement is also ideal for more physical tasks, for these provide a way for the individual to contact and work off his or her anger. Often people with this placement feel cut off from their physical energy unless they actively take steps to stoke themselves up. If Mars is making hard aspects to heavier planets, this placement can be indicative of accidents or fires. Such manifestations usually only occur if the individual is not actively 'using' his or her energy. Mars conjunct IC can also indicate an urge to dig out one's roots. For those with this placement, courage may be about unflinchingly exploring the emotional and sexual roots of the family and their own psyche.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With this aspect, vehement actions and desires manifest themselves in the domestic life of the native. Since the conjunction of Mars to the IC partakes somewhat of Mars in its fall in Cancer, it tends to create a situation of disharmony in the home unless it is very well aspected. The forceful, combative nature of Mars does not harmonize well with everyday life, in which sensitivity and mutual love are needed. The home, which should be a place of beauty and harmony, can become a battlefield generating emotional tension and upset. Mars conjunct Nadir is something like a bull in a china closet.

This conjunction is favorable for people connected with industrial occupations having to

do with the earth itself, such as mining or building construction. The Mars energy can also be used to make do-it-yourself improvements in the home.

Mars square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Mars in conflict with the MC, problems will regularly arise owing to an often too bold, sometimes too aggressive and vehement approach to others. We have a high opinion of ourselves and are not always tactful enough to hide it. We strike others as domineering, ambitious and belligerent. Socially in particular, that can spell trouble, because our attitude will come under attack more than once, and this is bad for our ego-image.

Once we learn to govern ourselves, enormous energy should take us far. To a greater or lesser extent, we shall always have to struggle to reach our goals; but this is something we are well equipped to do. Socially, we do best in positions where we can be very active and enterprising and also very independent. Freedom of action is something we prize extremely highly.

With these aspects, we usually have little regard for others, and often take the wind out of their sails by our speed and competitiveness. Whatever we feel like doing, we do as a matter of course.

Both career and domestic affairs are subject to strife. There is a tendency to transfer to the job the conflicts that result from quarrels at home and vice versa. Thus, problems in the profession or in the home life are likely to aggravate other spheres of activity. The natives must learn to use their heads more and their feelings less.

There is also an inclination to get into trouble with the state and with its legally constituted authorities. Sometimes the natives are unwillingly involved in military affairs; for example, they may be drafted.

13) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♅ **Pluto** - (9°28' A) ♄6 | ♄6

(Haydn Paul)

Your ambitions and desires will be highly influenced by your natal Sun sign, and these can be achieved by applying the Pluto energy to amplify your solar will power. Potentially, this conjunction aspect can be very valuable in enabling you to reach your objectives, but to maximise chances of eventual success you may need to adjust certain attitudes.

Pluto offers the potential of regeneration and rebirth, which is also reflected in the pattern of solar myths, so you should be able to transform yourself and also to some degree your immediate environment to match your purpose. Once your direction is determined you will see what may require changing as a prerequisite to achievement, and then commence applying your will accordingly.

There can be attitudes of extremism, where your beliefs, ideas, and opinions are expressed with force and intensity. You will feel quite clear about your preferences in life, and often your attitudes could be polarised into 'black and white', with little space for 'grey' to be considered, or to be accepted as a viable alternative. Once your choices are made, it is as if you have written them on tablets of stone; even though you have the ability to change, you may not willingly do so, or you may alter fixed attitudes only when you feel there is no option. You find it difficult to be balanced, especially in tolerating and understanding the frailties of humanity. You can probably adopt a fairly hard-line philosophy, having the opinion that people can change their lives and be self-sufficient if they want to, instead of being weak and relying upon others, although you tend to resist change yourself.

You may tend to be assertive and attracted towards power; those who appear to possess influence over others will serve as a magnet, at least in the sense that you would like to be in such positions of authority. Such an inner desire is likely to influence your direction in life, work and career, or even in the struggles of family life. You may use manipulation and psychological pressure tactics as levers to guarantee winning in the midst of any power struggles with others; your one-pointed ruthlessness can bring apparent success, but may also bring an increasing number of 'enemies' in its wake. You will have to learn that you are not 'the centre of the universe', and that others have rights and purposes too, and that they should never be sacrificed or walked over just to achieve your desires. An adjustment to become more aware of others, by acknowledging that their feelings and unique outlooks on life are as valid as yours, would create a much more harmonious energy in your life and the fulfilment of successful personal relationships. Being willing sometimes to accept inevitable failures would be a positive step for you, diffusing tension and breaking any compulsive search for 'success'; otherwise, you may become obsessed with achieving your goal and possibly be willing to damage people more, apart from allowing 'failure' to gnaw away by unhealthy brooding.

Much of your energy will carry a sexual potency, and, irrespective of your physical sex, will have a penetrative quality to it and an aggressive masculine nature. Your physical needs are strong, and there can be a single-minded directness about your desires, as you pursue your 'prey' without deviation once your choice is made. Elements of victory, success and manipulation will be present in your relationships, and you will take any rejection hard as it negatively affects your self-image. However, your relationships will be very intense, and you will give a wholehearted commitment to them while they last,

becoming very emotionally involved.

Emotional understanding is likely to be a weak spot until certain transformations have occurred within you to break down self-preoccupation. You may experience feelings of almost dissolving into passionate relationships, becoming lost in absorption with your lover, or possible obsessions with the affair. Such experiences could be the key to your transformation, or could fill you with so much fear for your sanity and chosen purpose that you begin to reject such intensity for more superficial physical relationships and energy release without the emotional direction being evoked.

Almost paradoxically, you can also strongly react to social injustices, and may be attracted towards the alleviation of social problems. Movement in this direction is dependent upon the degree to which you become aware of the needs of others, and a corresponding diminution of your own need for power and success. The key issue is whether you are self-oriented or other-oriented; this will determine your responses to others, forming attitudes of either 'they can change and help themselves' or 'I will change and use my power to help others to help themselves'. Such a step would involve a realignment with a higher ideal and purpose, and would represent your initiation into being a responsive member of humanity. This is a progression towards embodying your solar path's spiritual dimension, where the inner light begins to unify life and you feel the inter-relationship with humanity and the world. Taking this approach can regenerate your life direction, and will lead you towards the experiences of the heroic quest, challenging your perseverance and application of focused will, and demanding considerable inner growth which can enable you to attain your objectives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between your Sun and Pluto indicates that you are an extremist. Your likes and dislikes are intense, and acting in moderation is difficult. You have a powerful ego, which you assert whenever you can. At times you act courageously, but at other times you show a surprising lack of common sense.

Driven by a lust to gain important positions of authority, you may resort to pressure tactics against people who stand in your way. You meet competition directly, even at the risk of financial loss, just to prove to others that you are a power to reckon with.

Because you are basically sensitive to social conditions, you make a great effort to bring about improved conditions in your environment for everyone's benefit. When defending those in need or working to correct social injustices, you can truly achieve greatness. You are not tolerant of weaknesses, either in individuals or in political systems, that allow unfair or intolerable human conditions.

You have strong physical desires and are likely to throw a tantrum if your advances are rejected. Figuratively, you are a hunter or predator in constant search of prey. It is part of

your nature that you aren't content unless you achieve victory in every pursuit. Your magnetic charm has a hypnotic effect on people. However, unless you are willing to serve others when they are unable to help themselves, even those who are charmed by you will respond with anger.

Avoid driving yourself beyond safe physical levels of tolerance. If you will use your energy constructively, success is guaranteed.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a creative aspect, for it puts the personality in touch with the collective unconsciousness as it is defined in the Jungian concept. This contact can be an easy, creative talent once it's channeled.

The physical father plays an important part in the child's development, and how important this is depends on whether the Sun is in a positive or negative polarity. The positive signs indicate the father is an overwhelming personality who is able to completely control and manipulate the child. This child will become an adult who automatically imitates the father because he doesn't know any other set of 'normals'.

This is a person who thinks he must totally control his environment. So he enters adult relationships with this attitude and doesn't consciously know what he is doing. The people around him resent being controlled and manipulated, and pull away as soon as they can. As relationships fail one after another, this person becomes more apprehensive and therefore more controlling until he attracts only people who are weak enough to be manipulated. This aspect needs to relate to strong people in order to develop balance; there is a general feeling of discomfort when he becomes attached to weaklings.

When this aspect occurs to a child from a mother-dominated background, the mother and father are often involved in a great power-struggle. The child sees no other way of life, no other form of relating. The battle that goes on between his Mom and Dad is the one involving the power of the strong versus the power of the weak. The child doesn't really know who's winning, so he doesn't know which role to play. As he becomes an adult and attempts relationships, he too will try to control those relationships any way he can. He can be strong one day and completely neurotic the next, whichever tactic will win the war.

Care must be taken when trying to determine power in a personality, for power can be that of the strong dominating the weak, or the tyranny of the weak in an attempt to manipulate someone who is physically or mentally stronger. A person who feigns a heart attack or other forms of illness in order to control a family is just as Plutonic as someone who wields a mighty fist.

People with Pluto conjunct the Sun do not want to feel out of 'control' in any situation. They overwhelm others any way they can. One can't really blame them, for they were taught how to do this early in the childhood. They can overwhelm with love, caring, concern, guilt, problems, solutions, or anything else one can think of. If you find yourself becoming resentful of someone; if you feel you have no 'space' or you can't breathe, you may be feeling what it's like to be around a strong Pluto type. The energy causes others to become defensive, for they feel that their very essence is being invaded.

This conjunction brings great energy, but first the owner must become conscious of the power. Some people become righteous, some have all the answers, some are obsessive. Often they are not conscious of their obsession with an idea or a person. They can be so intense that they are considered 'psychic vampires' for they take energy from everyone around them. They don't always know what they are doing or saying; the unconscious need to control just seems to burst forth in the personality. If the energy is channeled, this person becomes a transformer, a powerful and helpful person in the universe.

14) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (5°21' S) ♃4 | ♃4

(Haydn Paul)

The Saturn-Moon combination is not a particularly harmonious one; and in these contacts the individual lunar nature is often detrimentally affected.

You can display a sombre, self-restrained, conservative personality. Your social relationships can lack spontaneity, enthusiasm, and naturalness, inhibited by emotional defensiveness, reserve, and caution. Relaxed communication and self-expression can be difficult. Apprehension may restrict social contact, perhaps with an attitude of distrust and pessimism toward life and people. If this limiting and negative worldview exists, then you will also block the release of potential and diminish life enjoyment.

Self-esteem is weakened by such attitudes, which fall like a shadow across your relationships and experiences. One source of this may have been childhood and early social conditioning. Perhaps early childhood was influenced by family discipline, either through authoritarian controls, or through imposed religious, political, or social beliefs. Perhaps there were family upheavals and unsettling discord, or strong feelings that you were not really wanted or loved by your parents, whether or not this was actually true. This may have resulted in a fear of emotional expression, to others and even to yourself. This, coupled with a need to protect your sensitivity, has associated emotions with painful 'negative experiences'. In adult life, there may be one parent toward whom you still feel resentment, deeply contradictory attitudes, and powerful emotions.

Emotional integration can be lacking; it is part of your nature that remains uncomfortable and relatively immature, and which will interfere with adult relationships that may prove

difficult to develop beyond the early stages. A lack of self-confidence, and reluctance to reveal your vulnerable feelings to others, make you withdraw into negative behaviour patterns whenever the possibility of a close relationship occurs. You need to open to intimacy, and face possible rejection in the hope of moving toward potential success; you need to learn how to trust others. Then you can break free from your self-imposed prison. Obviously, making suitable relationship choices is a key requirement; and cautious discernment is necessary in choosing friends and intimates.

Learning how to dissolve past influences is necessary. You may feel emotionally attached to memories and material possessions, perhaps nostalgic or sentimental, even though childhood may not have been especially satisfying. Liberation from the past's chains will bring relief and release; it may not be easy, yet could provide the keys to a bright new future. You may be surprised at how much past experience and conditioning have shaped your adult personality; looking for ways to heal and integrate your inner child would be extremely beneficial and transformative.

Achieving this step could help improve the quality of your relationships. Potential exists for you to enjoy mature contacts with other essentially serious and thoughtful partners, where the relationship has maturity and depth, with a gradual emotional release as mutual sharing increases across every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. If this happens, you will experience the dawn of a more positive, optimistic outlook, as you release the burden of the past by redirecting emotional energy into new constructive life-style patterns. Others may encourage your progress; and, if they do so, accept their support. You just need others' encouragement to convince you of your own worth.

Despite any inner stress and unresolved emotional difficulties, you are likely to progress in your career through focusing attention in specific directions, especially in early adulthood, when your emotions remained controlled and probably repressed. You tend to isolate emotions into a 'separate compartment', although sensitivity to others would ideally be needed in management positions. Normally, you will be honest, impersonal, fair, competent, and efficient, enjoying roles of responsible authority, and you will expect comparable standards of commitment from others. Areas which may attract include law, medicine, business, politics, and education.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between the Moon and Saturn shows that you are emotionally defensive, cautious, reserved, and extremely apprehensive about your experiences. Perhaps during your childhood your parents or guardians disciplined you so much that you assumed they did not love you. Because of your extreme sensitivity, you tend to overemphasize negative effects anyway. Almost certainly you did have traumatic experiences with your parents during the early conditioning years, and there is still a residual negative effect, probably caused by the parent who had the most authority in the home. Your early conditioning did not prepare you to deal successfully with the

circumstances of everyday living, and you have learned to expect the worst.

Perhaps the guilt projected onto you during the formative years is the cause of the difficulty you sometimes have in forming close, emotional ties in your adult years. It often happens that you are unsuccessful in developing a partnership. Even so, you must deliberately stop thinking that happiness will always elude you. You must recognise your self-worth in order to project yourself optimistically toward others.

You are very likely to succeed professionally because you focus your efforts in worldly areas where your feelings don't have to function. Because you protect yourself by insulating your emotions, you could achieve success in business. In your professional dealings you are basically honest (sometimes painfully so), and you demand the same honesty from others. Management is your particular strong point, and you should rise to prominence in that area. Women will find you stern but will respect you for your fairness. You demand competence from those under you, and you demonstrate it by your own efficiency. If you have a position of authority you will not hesitate to fire someone who doesn't measure up to your expectations; you regard each person under you as an extension of yourself.

You could work well as an employee of professional people such as judges, lawyers, doctors, industrialists, educators, or politicians. You would gain the trust that is necessary in order to function effectively, and you would also serve their interests capably. It is also possible that you could undertake such a profession yourself. Your emotional detachment would allow you to provide unbiased opinions, which would serve the interests of your clients.

Emotional fulfillment will come about through contact with mature and serious individuals. A permanent relationship is possible only if your partner regards you as a mate in all areas - socially, spiritually, and professionally. It is essential for you to share your life with another, but that sharing must be total. Most important, you must always respect each other.

In the area of health, you may have problems involving your back, which may restrict you on occasion. The reproductive system could also cause you difficulty at some time in your life. Above all, try to look at the brighter side of life. Certain negative experiences may seem dismal at the time, but the lessons learned from them should enable you to become more optimistic as you grow.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever unconscious emotional reactions occur (Moon), people with this aspect experience sensitivity and vulnerability and find it hard to express themselves. Emotional reserve is common with this aspect.



The sense of security is bound up with Saturn, and so these people are inclined to shoulder too much responsibility, work hard and deny themselves many small pleasures. They seek safety in perfectionism and the world regards them as very trustworthy and diligent; yet inwardly they are unsure and easily hurt, and, to tell the truth, are more or less running away from themselves.

They are inclined to restrict themselves to what they see and know. Therefore, when opportunities present themselves, these individuals either let them slip through their fingers or study all the ins and outs before committing themselves. This goes along with rigid ideas and a certain blinkering of the mental vision. Flexibility is slight, owing mainly to a great vulnerability of which others are ignorant. They anxiously hide this vulnerability behind a mask of hard work or, if the chart is passive, behind a mask of gloom and inertia that is hard to penetrate.

Often they feel that they are living under constant pressure and dare not do anything spontaneous. Before showing feelings, they need to make very sure of the other person, and that can take a long time. The cold aloofness of this aspect is a form of self-protection. Nevertheless Saturn gives almost unbreakable faithfulness and dependability once someone has won this person over; then it would be impossible to think of a more stable relationship. Before that point is reached, however, a host of inhibitions, fears, suspicions and sensitive feelings is waiting to be vanquished.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is difficult to work through, for it symbolizes a childhood that was less than ideal. The energy manifests in early childhood illness or emotional deprivation or both. The mother of the native is suppressed and restricted by the father in some way. This child is suppressed and restricted by the father as well. The mother's emotions are thwarted; she may not be able to have friends; her 'causes' are put down; her life-style may be completely hampered by marriage responsibilities. The mother may feel depressed and emotionally unfulfilled, and the child absorbs her attitudes and responses. Because the mother is unhappy, the child assumes that this reaction is 'normal'. Sometimes this aspect occurs in marriages where the mother is a brood mare - raising babies and taking care of a family. There may be no relationship between the parents other than the father being the provider and expecting to be fed at six o'clock sharp. The mother may resent it, but she may not be strong enough to change her situation. Her reasons may be myriad - she may have too many children, she may not have skills, or, like the heroine in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', she may be psychologically overwhelmed by the power of the Mr. Hyde personality. Each time the mother reaches out emotionally, responding to someone or something spontaneously, the father 'dumps' on her.

The child picks up the emotional deprivation and brings the following characteristics into his adult life: a tendency toward melancholia, quick mood changes that are

psychologically or unconsciously based, and a basically unhealthy attitude regarding relationships. If this child is female, she will enter into romantic relationships assuming that she cannot share her thoughts and feelings with her loved one; she doesn't expect men to be nice or considerate or understanding, so she will tend to share her innermost feelings with her friends rather than with her lover or husband. In the chart of a male, the ability to respond emotionally is restricted, for the father restricted this male's emotional development. This aspect also affects his relationships with women, and he may feel that no woman will ever care for him. He forces himself (often subconsciously) to barricade his emotional self, sometimes expressing himself harshly. If his father was physically or emotionally abusive to women, he may be too. He may be drawn to women who cannot give anything emotionally. In the case of the female, if her father was physically or emotionally abusive, she will expect the same kind of treatment from the men she chooses and will stay in unwholesome situations far longer than someone who doesn't have this aspect.

The aspect seems to place restrictions on the body in some way. Saturn symbolizes restriction, and the Moon represents the physical body. Children with this aspect sometimes have skeletal deficiencies or are prone to chronic ailments. The adult with this aspect has a harder time shaking colds or chronic maladies. These people should contemplate preventive medicine, for they can ward off illness by keeping healthy.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position is on the whole good, from a Saturnian point of view. The native is extremely hard-working, and is often a self-denying Spartan. The temperament is hard, self-seeking, and critical, with few good words for anyone, though such praise as they may not grudge is usually well bestowed and their criticism is not so much actuated by envy or a carping spirit as it is the outcome of an almost inordinate craving for perfection. In good types, there is a high grade of intellect, but of a practical kind, with a distaste for abstractions. In lower types it tends to discontent, and sometimes to a narrowness that verges towards stupidity, yet it is questionable if the native is ever stupid in that which interests him, and he is rarely frivolous or silly. There is a rather rigid self-confidence, the native usually feeling thoroughly competent in his own work, and instinctively feeling no interest in anything else, lest his insufficiency in other domains might be apparent. As regards occupations and pursuits, the conjunction has much the same effect as the harmonious aspects.

15) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°27' A) ☿4 | ☿4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect are able to express ideas acceptable to the culture in which they live at a time when they will receive recognition. (There is nothing so urgent as 'an idea whose time has come'.) Thus they are popular and are considered intellectual leaders. If

other factors in the horoscope give a capacity for original thought, the native can be an effective force in bringing important new concepts into acceptance. On the negative side, there is a tendency for the natives to be swept along in the current of popularly held views and to do little original thinking. They are then merely mental children of their time, subject to all its limitations and errors.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The exchange of ideas, common or joint plans. The desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people. The tendency to form associations for the pursuit of joint interests.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect represents one who is bringing down to earth vast intellect from previous life, with the understanding and abilities to distribute it to the surroundings. They often have good communicative talents; and their energies seem to come from some unknown source. During their past life, the learning process has been at its minimum, along with considerable lack of communication that has instigated the needs and desires in this life to do what they can and have the philosophy to 'learn and let us communicate'. Assistance from brothers and sisters is highly significant in their life; and often it is a mutual exchange on a timely basis. Deeper understanding with them is needed, and will be established as the time goes on, depending upon the rest of the chart.

(Donna van Toen)

A need to share ideas or a motivation to learn leads to growth. Learning can be either active (through doing it yourself) or passive (through receiving information from others) depending on the signs involved. Angular nodes seem to incline more towards active development of growth potential regardless of the signs involved.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the learning function is activated; and development is rapid. According to the placement in sign and house, the native is eager to learn, versatile, and curious, and glad to pursue further development. The powers of expression are above average; friendships are readily formed - and just as readily broken if they impede personal development.

Mercury conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This is a good aspect for an astrologer, especially the trined North Node. It gives good spirits and a cheerful nature. There is a preference for young people. It gives an ability to write or lecture. It is fortunate for expressing the thoughts, as there is a clarity of ideas, especially with the trine or sextile. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value.

16) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (1°53' S) ☿6 | ☿6

(Donna van Toen)

Your relationship with your parents will determine your attitudes towards the opposite sex and marriage for better or worse. Normally, this gives a harmonious blending of active and passive energies and makes you sensitive and loving unless both planets are under severe stress. Drive is generally expressed constructively. This aspect is an asset when it comes to relating to the public, and is said to give luck in financial matters.

This conjunction can vary dramatically from sign to sign, and tends to give you valuable insights into your earliest dealing with the opposite sex - including dealings with your opposite-sex parent, siblings, and peers.

You have very strong emotions. Because of their intensity, you find it hard to treat relationships lightly; everything, even the smallest gesture, has importance to you. This is true in almost all relationships; it's especially true when it comes to sex and romance. If there are problems in your love life, it could be because you're being too pushy or coming on too strong.

This aspect stimulates affections in a way that causes you to want an all-consuming, 'forever' type of relationship; but, funnily enough, it also gives a flirtatious streak that continues even after you've entered into a satisfying relationship. I think that people with this aspect feel that it's especially important to remain desirable - not just to a mate or lover, but to the opposite sex in general.

As the conjunction is a uniting aspect, and Venus and Mars are the male and female principles, respectively, you might think, as I once did, that it's a portent of a lasting marriage. From my studies, I've learned that this isn't the case. While people with this aspect want a lasting relationship very badly, they suffer their fair share of squabbles and separations. There's a difference between this aspect and the square and opposition though, in that there seems to be greater reluctance to make the first break. Jealousy - sometimes justified, sometimes not - on one side or another seems to be the primary cause of discord.

If you have Venus and Mars in the same sign but not conjunct, the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less pushy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus conjunct Mars shows that you have a strong desire nature which you need to express at all times. You may prefer to satisfy your desires through relationships, but you are willing to satisfy them through other alternatives, so that you don't have to endure frustration. These alternatives include artistic endeavors or social functions that can prove very rewarding to you in themselves and may additionally provide you with opportunities to meet persons with whom you can identify and relate. Your emotional warmth and generous nature attract people to you, but you may not be aware that you communicate physical suggestions both to groups and to individuals. Your intentions may be easily misunderstood because of this, and you will experience some difficulties, which will force you to bring your defences into play.

In your eagerness to make social contact, you tend to be indiscriminate about the kinds of people with whom you associate. Generally the aggressor in relationships with the opposite sex, you may be resented for being 'pushy'. But your aggressiveness increases your chances of success in meeting competition, because you don't give up without making every attempt to demonstrate your abilities. This planetary pairing does not of itself signify a specific professional interest, but you will gain attention for your determination to be given the same opportunities as others. You would probably work best in a job that requires you to meet and deal with the public. Working alone or without contact with the public and co-workers would deprive you of the fulfillment you need and would probably lead to boredom. You are too much of a 'live wire' to be happy away from the busyness and crises of close human encounter.

You are attracted to individuals who are active, aggressive, and amorous, but they must not try to exercise control over you. You consider yourself a free person and will not tolerate anyone who tries to restrict you. You don't make concessions without a lot of thought, although you expect the other person to compromise. You demand a great deal from the person you love, and may make demands that are difficult to comply with. Because of your 'love 'em and leave 'em' attitude, many potential mates will look elsewhere when seeking a binding relationship.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction between Venus and Mars joins together passive and active instincts for self-preservation: that is to say, the desire for the security of harmonious and agreeable contacts goes hand in hand with a need to stand up for ourselves and to make our presence felt. How this will work out in practice depends on the rest of the chart. When we are deeply attached to someone (Venus) we are prepared to go through fire and water for them (Mars), but at the same time we make heavy demands because Mars has a selfish streak. We are very emotional and very sensual, too.

Mars conjunct Venus can make us inclined to indulge in all sorts of amorous adventures

and hedonism. But although infidelity does occur with these aspects, it is not irrefrangible law of the Medes and Persians. We look for a partner with whom we can share our emotions and enjoy sexual fulfillment, and, if we succeed, our intense union is not easily disturbed.

The abrasive side of Mars is softened by Venus; but something of Mars tends to rub off on Venus, too, so that tact is not always a strong point. We are a trifle inconsiderate, a bit too sharp-tongued, and quicker off the mark than the situation requires.

With a Mars/Venus conjunction, the opposite sex always plays an important part, and even in childhood this can reveal itself in a strong attachment to the father or mother as the case may be.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Venus represents the concept of love and Mars represents the way we sex someone, then one may rationally assume that this conjunction is an easy one to live with. However, it has been noted that many people who own it have trouble opening up sexually. There may be difficulty with sexual expression; either it is taken too seriously or there is a need for total commitment before getting involved. It seems that the sex drive is tied up with some subconscious mother influence. Other aspects to this conjunction and the Sun sign needs for expression may give a clue as to how the conjunction is working. The aspect indicates that the individual receives sex with difficulty. As a result, the sex partner becomes apprehensive about the relationship and begins to wonder if he or she is loved. The partner becomes insecure; the person with the Venus-Mars conjunction absorbs that insecurity and becomes insecure too. It can be a difficult aspect to work out because even more tension is caused by any serious discussion of sexuality.

This conjunction is often the mark of individuals who have fantastic crushes on people they admire; and in the midst of a yet untried love affair, they are thinking of marriage and commitment. They fall in love quite often - men sometimes propose before they have even necked with the lady. In some instances, it represents people who are so tied to Mother that they may express love only homosexually or maybe not at all.

At any rate, the two planets influence each other in a difficult manner, for the Mars heats up the Venus and makes it harsh, while the mother's influence softens the Mars expression. Various Sun signs react to this aspect differently, depending on the influence of the dominant parent. In order to relieve the tension caused by the aspect, the mother's effect on the psyche must be explored. A double standard may have been evoked, for there is sexual confusion. A culture may rule that commitment (or marriage) must be coordinated with sexual involvements, but Mother Nature does not. The individual may have responded to the mother on some forgotten sexual level, therefore creating a subconscious guilt complex that confuses loyalty, mother love and sexuality.

(Charles Carter)

The native is likely to be sensitive and easily angered in a superficial manner; on the other hand, the sympathies are equally active and the annoyance is easily appeased.

The sensuous nature is strong, and there is a love of good living, fun, adventure, and amusement. It has something of a coarse effect, and the native, if a man, is generally lacking in delicacy in his attitude towards women and may be something of a Rabelais; the language and humour are often not of a drawing-room kind.

Nevertheless, if this conjunction takes some of the bloom from Venus it likewise greatly softens Mars, making the action of the planet more gentle and sympathetic at heart, if not in manner. If the conjunction receives good aspects from other bodies, it may be valuable, indicating an harmonious blending of two opposite influences, the charm of Venus and the energy of Mars.

17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♃ **Pluto** - (9°36' S) ☿ 6 | ☿ 6

(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.

18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°38' A) ☿6 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Sun to Saturn indicates that you have great depth of understanding and the capacity to help others understand what you have learned. You are modest in assessing your self-worth and are aware of your limitations, but you also know how to make the most of your potentials. You have a respect for authority and competence. bBecause you rarely voice your opinion unless asked, your views are considered authoritative and sincere. Usually you prefer to remain in the background and let others with greater needs gain the attention. You don't need anyone's approval for your actions because you generally observe the rules of good behavior.

Although you have a driving ambition to succeed, you methodically plan each step toward your goals, quietly and without fanfare. You have a distinct rapport with your professional superiors because you carefully avoid threatening them with your ambition. You always extract important lessons from your experiences.

You are suited for such occupations as teaching, research and development, industrial management, politics, or law. In any of these professions you would very probably rise to a management position. You take your work seriously and always strive to maintain your position by staying abreast of new developments in your field. It would be difficult for anyone to remove you from your position, because you have gained it by demonstrating competence, efficiency, integrity, and sincerity. In other words, you've earned everything you've gained.

You relate well to anyone who upholds the virtues mentioned above. Your mate probably shares your high regard for tradition and orderliness. Together you plan for a future made secure by your efforts.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that you will have a conservative attitude to life, preferring order and discipline linked to traditional values and social life paths. You will naturally follow a mainstream course through life, which also offers established routes towards achieving 'success'.

The sextile is especially effective within your mental nature, helping you to deepen your understanding and extend your communicative skills. Your thought processes are likely to have a natural logic, organisation, clarity and perception that can be exploited through several careers. Mental precision is valued in management roles, scientific research, law, politics, teaching, business, and this backed by leadership ability and practical, methodical abilities should enable you to attain your ambitions.

Work can become extremely important, offering a purpose and life direction, as well as being the sphere where many of your major personal assets are applied. While success highly motivates you, there may be a distaste for assuming a 'high profile' that draws personal attention, as you prefer to remain quietly working in the background. You can feel uncomfortable at personality extroversion, and in some situations this can work to your detriment, and you are overlooked or misvalued. Opportunities could be lost and progress halted. If this does occur, then you are faced with two alternatives. You either adopt a higher personality profile, or consider different routes to your ambitions, perhaps a change of job or career. Doors never close for ever, unless you refuse to open them; there are always alternatives and different options available to those who refuse to limit themselves.

You may find your life path in the sphere of communication and teaching, mainly through your ability to explain and express your knowledge in an accessible and meaningful way. You realise the essentials of a subject and ensure that these are grasped, so that a good foundation of knowledge is transmitted. Social concerns may become more predominant in your life as you grow older, and political issues may attract your attention. You may become involved with community or social activities, or look for power and responsibility linked to political ambitions. While you favour traditional attitudes and values, you also acknowledge the need for development and progress, so you try to act as a 'bridge' between the past-present-future, carefully retaining the value of the past with an awareness of what is required tomorrow.

In social and intimate relationships, you prefer the company of like-minded individuals, those who have a similar or compatible perception, and whose attitudes do not openly challenge or disturb your implicit assumptions about life and yourself. Domestically, you will follow established social lifestyles, rarely considering any radical deviations or choosing to step outside conventional patterns. While you are aware of your own limits - but less so of those self-imposed ones - you may not always take advantage of your whole potential, and can create subtle demarcation lines of personal restrictions formed by your unconscious attitudes. Perhaps a greater tolerance of those who feel less need to conform may open you more to the potential and possibilities of life; not everyone has to follow the same road, and there are more ways open for you than have been consciously realised.

19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°31' S) ♃4 | ♄6

(Haydn Paul)

You are probably optimistic that all will work out well; and this encourages you to persevere to transform your vision and purpose into reality.

You will feel emotionally secure and self-sufficient; and this inner balance diminishes problems with emotional intensity and compulsive behaviour. In relationships, you may appear withdrawn and preoccupied with self, as if you were a little cold and uninvolved. However, this is not the case, as love is important and necessary for your emotional well-being, but indicatest hat you are not dependent upon others. You are biased toward a more intellectual experience and understanding of love, rather than seeking the sheer passion and intensity often associated with Pluto. The sextile suggests that these energies are more naturally and easily balanced. Yet you still possess the ability to renew and transform restrictive emotional and life-style patterns, replacing them with a more suitable expression.

You enjoy observing others, speculating about thier motivations, personalities, and different types of perception. This can help to expand you by awakening you to multiple subjective realities and perceptions, apart from gradually dissolving any limiting fixed attitudes or belief patterns.

You are sensitive to others' feelings, and feel responsibly concerned to encourage social reform to improve the quality of life. You may enter work involving public service, perhaps in an administrative role rather than in a directly caring position, as you have business and organisational skills. Working with younger people may attract, as you have a natural affinity with them and care about their future lives and places in society. You can communicate well in situations which require a moderating and mediating energy, and will choose a life-style that tries to maintain harmony.

In directing your life, you believe in the principle that 'energy follows thought'; and visualising your intention is the first step toward making it real. You believe that applied thought is an energy that can be directed to achieve your purpose. Seeing this work in life deepens your faith that life is on your side, and provides confidence to follow your own path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon sextile Pluto, you have an intellectual understanding of love. You always try to understand the motives of others, especially those with whom you are emotionally involved. Love is important to you, and your emotions are powerful. You are demonstrative of your feelings, and expect others to be as well. Hearing someone express their love for you is very important.

Your emotional prioriteies are reasonably well established. You can provide the warmth

and tenderness your children or close friends need, while reserving the ardent side of your nature for intimate moments with the one you love.

You are responsive to the suffering of others and will offer your services to provide relief. Imaginative and resourceful in handling your daily affairs, you readily adopt new ideas to make life easier and less complicated. You are concerned about the environment and about your civic responsibilities.

Your special talent is your ability to communicate with young people in order to better understand them. They confide in you because your sincere concern makes them feel secure. With you they are not threatened by authority, but accept and respect it. You communicate warmth and tenderness, which helps young people become stabilized in their independence as they mature.

You have good business sense and are efficient in management. These characteristics will help you gain financial security. You are orderly and know how to unclutter your life by letting go of nonessential elements that interfere with progress. With your capacity to respond to others, you are suited to any occupation that involves meeting the public, such as public relations, insurance, finance, rehabilitation, or physical therapy

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents our physical mother as she presents herself during our early years. It symbolizes how we will respond emotionally to friends, to politics, and to feeling / caring needs. Pluto represents the mass unconscious; it indicates the unconscious motivation inside each of us, so it indicates how we cope with feelings toward our fellow man on both a conscious and an unconscious plane. Pluto represents coercion, control and the manipulation of others in all its forms. When these two parts of personality are tied together by sextile, it indicates a constructive energy flow. It means the mother's actions demonstrate to the individual how to work co-operatively with groups, and how to co-operate with others. The sextile is a talent aspect; it indicates that talent is there, although it needs to be trained. Any career involving contact with unions, great numbers of people or the spirit of community effort will bring pleasure. The sextile gives a certain amount of inventive ability that can be developed over the years, but probably not until after age thirty-five.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there

is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

20) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°26' S)    ♃4 | ☿6

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect happens on those rare occasions when Mercury goes retrograde and allows Venus to catch up to its position via the sextile. With this aspect, the background of the person is more shy than with the conjunction, but it is productive when it receives proper training. Talent emerges that connects communication and the arts. An art appreciator, a communicator in the arts, someone interested in the classic art-forms, or someone interested in the large-scale merchandising of beauty items may emerge.

This tie between Mercury and Venus indicates the person's ability in childhood to talk with and easily relate to the mother and her concept of femininity. Other aspects that

may tie into this one will clarify the picture more.

#### Mercury conjunct or sextile Venus

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction or sextile of Mercury and Venus shows that you have an affable manner and social grace. You get along well with most people because you know when you should make compromises in order to maintain harmony. But this doesn't mean that you give in when you know the other person is in error. You generally try to be fair in making judgements so that you do not offend people without just cause. You know how to express your opinions skillfully so that no-one feels threatened or intimidated by you, and you are resourceful in gathering information to document what you say. Not usually hostile or argumentative, you prefer to give everyone you deal with the benefit of the doubt when a difference of opinion arises. It is part of your refined nature that you let people have the opportunity to convince you of their point of view before you take any action.

Your gentle and easy-going personality is an asset in most professions, but you might find it difficult to cope with the abrasive elements of close and direct competition. This possibility should be taken into consideration when choosing a profession. It is better to work alone or with a small group of people so you won't have to worry about troublesome competitors.

You could find enjoyment in public speaking or the dramatic arts. Writing could also prove satisfying because you have a natural talent for expressing yourself well. Your imaginative style is fresh and charming and appeals to people who want to be entertained as well as informed. You are most comfortable with subjects that are not too dense and cumbersome.

You are fairly clever in devising schemes for improving your financial condition. You can use your talents effectively and can usually translate your ideas into cash. Your associates will support you in your enterprises, because your balanced judgement reassures them that you can't be too far off base. You convince them that you will succeed and generally win the co-operation you need. But you don't ask others to take risks you aren't willing to take. Because you are careful to adequately prepare yourself in advance of any action, the element of risk is greatly reduced anyway. And you shy away from complex projects that require prolonged effort before any benefits can be obtained.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These two planets are never more than 72 degrees apart, so they only form two major

aspects - the conjunction and the sextile. Because they always remain in each other's neighborhood, they repeatedly form the same aspects. In practice, there seems to be scarcely any difference in effect between the conjunction and the sextile; at most, the conjunction is the more powerful.

Mercury, as the planet of contacts, in aspect with harmony-seeking Venus makes people generally approachable. They prefer discussions to be agreeable and are inclined to make concessions. They desire to get on well with people and they respond to a pleasant atmosphere.

The way they analyze facts is influenced by Venus, too. For the sake of harmony, they may refuse to investigate too deeply. Outward agreement is what carries the most weight.

Friendliness and sociability do not necessarily make for maturity. There is often something childish about these people. It is not unusual to see children with these aspects remaining infantile for longer than normal (provided other factors in the chart, such as a strongly placed Saturn, do not counteract this). Conflicts are painful; they do not like taking sides, and they find a strained atmosphere hard to take. So these people are prone to back off if this will ease the situation. Although they are vulnerable, they are, by the same token, also naturally diplomatic and able to sort out differences of opinion and pour oil on troubled waters.

The way in which they fulfill the need for permanent relationships and for material security (Venus) always has a mental and communicative slant when Mercury is involved. Therefore they need relationships where they can talk to people (although not necessarily on anything very profound), and verbal exchange is very important.

Sometimes a Mercury / Venus aspect can make the mental processes rather lazy. Venus is not the most active of planets; and, since Mercury has a great deal to do with the learning capacity and school, children with such an aspect sometimes fail to appreciate the need to study hard and are more interested in having fun with their friends, or prefer to do something creative. This certainly does not mean they are unable to learn, simply that their interests probably lie elsewhere.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are tied together by aspect, it indicates that the mother of the person has had an influence on the ability to communicate. It can indicate a person who enjoys communication, who may be involved in the arts, in literature, in appreciating the beauty in the world. It may also indicate a person who loves to talk.

(Charles Carter)



Since these planets are never more than  $76^{\circ}$  apart, it necessarily follows that the only aspects that can be formed between them are the conjunction, semi-sextile, semisquare, sextile and quintile, unless we also count the decile and semi-decile ( $36^{\circ}$  and  $18^{\circ}$ ). But as the planets are so near together at all times, aspects between them are of frequent occurrence and I consider that only the conjunction, semi-square and sextile are of much account. Even with these, fairly narrow orbs should be used if marked results are to be looked for.

These contacts may be treated under one head, for they do not differ materially. They always give some charm to the manners, speech and writings, but with the semisquare a certain vanity and effeminacy may be apparent, and sometimes a love of ease and luxury, and an undue sensitiveness. But the aspect is far too weak to be of much account unless the rest of the chart is of a similar tenor. The sensitiveness of the conjunction is not marked, and is of the kind normally associated with refinement and good breeding.

The sextile and conjunction bestow good spirits; a charming, cheerful, happy nature, with much friendship and sociability. There is, as a rule, a liking for young people; and the native himself is often juvenile in his tastes: sometimes there is an element of what is called the child-psychology with its harmless, rather superficial interests and lack of real depth of purpose. This is naturally most observable when the influence of Saturn is not pronounced.

These aspects do not of themselves bestow genius, but they are of great value to a writer or orator, for, though they will not indicate a brilliant intellect, they will give a pleasing expression to the native's thoughts.

In respect of the health, they operate very beneficially, indicating absence of friction, and healthy nerves.

They may bring profit through art, writings, speaking, and any 3rd house activity, the conjunction being, of course, always more powerful than the sextile, which will be much subordinated to the rest of the chart.

For some reason that I cannot explain, the conjunction does not seem to be favourable to the children of the native. Often indeed there are none; and in other cases there is separation or a lack of common interests. It seems to tend more to the production of intellectual offspring, such as works of art and literature. The sextile also appears to deny or limit the number of children; or there may be a tragic bereavement, or sorrow of some kind through one of them. It is said that 'genius is sterile'; but it seems strange that a good aspect of Venus to Mercury should have these results. Since Venus dislikes pain and responsibility, it might incline the native to avoid the having of children, but it is hard to see why it should affect children adversely when they have arrived. Nevertheless, I refer those who may question this observation to an examination of actual cases.

21) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (2°19' S) ♃4 | ♄6

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury sextile Mars, your mentality is sharpened by an insatiable curiosity that will not rest until you have acquired all the knowledge you desire. But obviously that point will never be reached, and you will never stop learning. You make sure that you are reasonably well-informed before making any statements, because you want the approval of the people you are talking to. You express yourself imaginatively, and your delivery sparkles with drama. Even people whose opinions differ from yours are convinced by your arguments and won over to your position. You know how far you can extend your ideas to people before reaching a point of diminishing returns. Usually they will concede to you long before this happens. You don't jump to conclusions without being sure of the facts on which you base them.

You are a genuinely friendly person and don't wait to be introduced to others, for you see no reason to waste time waiting for a formal introduction. You enjoy meeting people and conversing with them. Although you are a persuasive talker, you are also a good listener. That is one way you've learned so much; when you need information, you are never afraid to ask someone who knows.

Your friendly attitude and mental agility can bring you success in many endeavors. You may be inclined toward such fields as law, teaching, writing, public relations, or any occupation that requires trigger-fast responses. You have the mental chemistry to succeed as a reporter, and the mobility of the profession would especially appeal to you. Your eager interest in anything new would never lack stimulation in this work, and you could write interestingly and breathe life into even the most sombre subjects. Communication is your strong talent, and you should always strive to exploit this ability. Politics would also stimulate your talents. You enjoy a good fight, and there would be excellent opportunities to present your opinions to those who want to be informed.

You are friendly to everyone, but heaven help the person who tries to deceive you. Your response is as sharp and incisive as a surgeon's scalpel, and that person will know better than to provoke you again. You are truthful even when it hurts, but you are also able to admit it and laugh at yourself when you make a stupid mistake.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect bestows the ability to act with reason; the mind and the action taken can be co-ordinated in time. These people can be creative producers. The childhood atmosphere encourages the discussion of problems and circumstances, so they can easily discuss their difficulties as adults. The imagination is fertile. Although it isn't as fertile as a Neptune aspect will be, it is fertile in a productive way because this individual

is likely to act on constructive thoughts.

#### Mercury trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Much of what has already been said about the conjunction also applies to the harmonious aspects. Mars sextile or trine Mercury indicates an alert and acute mind, and may make a fluent communicator. Conversation is brisk and lively, pugnacious and energetic, and the native is quick on the uptake. These aspects are accompanied by excellent powers of concentration, and can give an edge over nearly anyone with whom he or she may be arguing; so he or she is a surefire debater. Since the aspects are harmonious, the native is less likely to antagonize others than one would with the conjunction or with one of the discordant aspects, and is less likely to become embroiled in altercations. Nevertheless, mental activity is as great as it is with the conjunction. The native sees all kinds of connections and snatches at all kinds of ideas from outside. Constant alertness enables this person to pick up information readily, but thoughts give him or her little rest.

Being free to express opinions is something that is considered important. This person has independent views on everything. Although Mars does not encourage mature reflection (so there is every chance that ill-considered conclusions will be reached), this is offset by the speed with which relationships can be seen and facts can be absorbed. Even when young, this individual displays the need to be independent in thought and deed; however, the openness of a Mars / Mercury aspect gives the grace to admit when he or she is wrong.

Mercury is the planet astrologers look at when we wish to know about manual dexterity, and, when it is harmoniously aspected by Mars, we often find that the owner of the aspect is very skilled with the hands, even though Mars may encourage the individual to leave tasks unfinished.

(Charles Carter)

This contact powerfully strengthens the mind, and gives great vigour to its faculties, especially the more practical and positive ones. It is untiring, incisive, alert, and singularly capable of detecting weakness in the positions of its opponents, and of instantly taking advantage of them. It is common in the charts of people who have engaged in successful struggles, such as military or naval commanders, politicians, financiers, and reformers. It has been stated that contacts of some kind, usually malefic, were always found in the mpas of pacifist conscientious objectors during the Great War.

The position is courageous and often rash, so that even the good aspects do not tend to personal security, although naturally the effects are not likely of themselves to be very serious.

It tends to literary work and is often childless in a physical sense, its books being its offspring. At the same time there is much fondness for children and their society.

The disposition is usually good-natured, but soemtimes the native is centred in his own interests ;and there is, as a rule, more practical common sense than sentiment in the character.

It is excellent for debaters and disputants, being very quick in argument and retort and never at a loss for an answer; it loves a fight, with either the spoken or the written word. It is probably good for all trades and occupations that have to do with traffic and engineering work that is connected with locomotion.

With regard to health, it strengthens the nervous system and gives quickness of hand and eye, but it is apt to cause the native to like to run risks and seek the sensation of danger.

22) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°21' S) ☿6 | ♃8

(Haydn Paul)

The Venus-Uranus sextile and trine are easier aspects to deal with than the conjunction, and both are more socially adaptable. This is because the contacts between these planets are more diffused, which appears to diminish the more dominating Uranian influence, so that the Venus characteristics emerge more prominently and are capable of absorbing the erratic Uranian energy. They harmonise more easily; and the Uranus impact becomes a vitalising enrichment of new horizons to explore.

You will have a social awareness, which will enable you to have satisfying social relationships with others, which have both a creative and a beneficial effect upon the participants. You will be tolerant in attitude; and your ability to be sympathetically understanding will often attract people to confide in you, perhaps using you for personal counselling. Often your innate attitude of acceptance can be a healing factor in such relationships; and your grasp of life challenges can reveal potential ways for others to resolve their hidden conflicts. Diplomacy will also come easily to you. This is not a manipulative diplomacy, but an approach that reflects your natural honesty and sincerity with others, and can be used to resolve disputes.

Your intention is to improve the quality of life; and your social concerns will reflect the futurist impulse of Uranus. Even if you can only achieve harmony within your own immediate environment, then that is a success, and satisfies the impulses of Venus-

Uranus, because you know that every oasis of harmony helps to build a better world for all. You are not resistant to compromise with others, because you recognise that it is a positive step bringing people together, and is not a denial of individuality that other Venus-Uranus aspects tend to project within the person. The spirit of compromise is allied to the development of Aquarian group consciousness, which uses the energy of goodwill, and if rightly applied releases individual potential and does not restrict its emergence.

In your intimate relationships, you will have a preference for emotional freedom, but, because of your other positive qualities, will be less inclined to reach a crisis-point dissolving the relationship in order to secure this freedom. You will tend to work within the partnership to develop mutual trust and interdependence, with the aim of achieving freedom and personal creativity for both, thus turning it into a growth process. Your relationships will have an unconventional dimension; and generally your lifestyle will stand at that point of interface between mainstream traditional society and that of the more iconoclastic, artistic and futuristic groupings. Janus-like, you will perceive both ways, the intermeshing (in harmony and conflict) of the old and the new. Some have to bridge this divide; and you are attracted towards volunteering for this task.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Venus and Uranus indicates that you are clever in social dealings, reasonably competent in facing challenges, and charming in your romantic affairs. You are sufficiently aware of others to compromise in deference to their desires. In this way, you enjoy exciting and satisfying contacts with others. You project sympathy and understanding by becoming familiar with people's hopes and wishes, their goals and problems.

You have strong hopes for yourself also, but in achieving them you refuse to deprive others of their desires. You have the intellectual ability to communicate your genuine concern to others, and people regard you as basically honest and sincere. You don't threaten people or put them on the defensive. You enjoy being free, but you value freedom for others, too. Of course, you have a wide circle of friends, most of whom will remain close to you for a long time.

You are highly creative and may find expression either in socially oriented activities or in artistic pursuits. Occupations involving children and teaching would be especially beneficial, both to them and to you. Your sense of drama infuses learning with excitement.

You can relate to large groups as well as to individuals. You are detached enough to be objective and at the same time emotional enough to be sensitive. Because of these qualities, you could succeed in politics. You would strive to merit the trust others have given you.

You should enjoy warm, meaningful romantic ties with your beloved. You are generally willing to make a substantial contribution to ensure that the relationship will always be exciting.

You are not overly preoccupied with money for its own sake, but consider it merely a means to satisfy your most sincere goals and objectives.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here, the mother affects the individual's psyche in a constructive manner. Venus represents the intellectual concept of love, the ability to appreciate love, and Uranus represents the behavior pattern that affects one's generation. The sextile indicates that the mother is able to give this person a far-reaching or modern concept of love and can teach him how to appreciate being loved. Since Uranus rules the sign of Aquarius, it encompasses development on a humanitarian level as well as new concepts in scientific research. The energy is exciting, for it uplifts or lifts the desire nature to heights that Venus probably would not reach all by itself. The aspect represents talent; and as this individual matures the influence from his mother will benefit the consideration of new ideas and new possibilities - and that's a healthy pattern for creative expression.

Venus trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The option of remaining free to lead one's own life, and of developing within a relationship as one thinks best, is a must for those who have harmonious aspects between Uranus and Venus. As soon as friends or the partner start tying this person down, Uranus incites him or her to kick over the traces. He or she is attracted by anything unusual or capricious in others and is quite likely to copy this behavior. A woman with ones of these aspects is often very independent and has a mind of her own. A man with one of these aspects usually looks for a strong-willed woman who knows how to get what she wants.

People with these aspects are fully alive to the individuality of themselves and others, and, with their taste for the unusual, they keep an open mind on everything, no matter how strange. Nothing much disturbs them; instead, the unusual may even be found stimulating. Sometimes, they even go looking for change (at work, for example). The chance that the emotional life will be fairly unstable is therefore present even in the harmonious aspects.

(Charles Carter)

This is a combination which usually signifies unusual taste and some degree of artistic ability. There may be talent for music, literature, or the drama; it is often witty, fascinating, humorous, or charming. With a prominent Mars, there may be ability for work in metals.

It tends somewhat to eccentricity, sentiment, and romance, the passions being very sensitive. In many cases, it seems to be rather a dumb note, and goes no further than a mild liking for music.

So far as externals are concerned, it favours popularity, easy circumstances, and enjoyable, though not always steadfast, relations with the other sex. Very much depends upon the ability of the native to find an adequate outlet for the emotional nature, for there is a proclivity towards adventures in love, and the romantic part of the nature may lead to looseness of conduct unless it can be 'sublimated' in some harmless way. For example, Petrarch expressed his romantic nature by writing sonnets to Laura, while living a perfectly comfortable and respectable life with a wife and several children, being plump and well-fed at a time when, according to his writings, love denied him food, sleep, and most other necessities. Or, again, romance may be sought in stranger directions, as in the case of William Blake, who was most happily married, but allowed the eccentricity of Uranus to find vent for itself in such peculiar habits as insisting on receiving and entertaining his guests in a completely unclothed condition, by way of demonstrating beyond all argument the fact of his having regained man's pristine 'innocence of childhood pure'. Another eccentric, but (so far as I know) perfectly moral Venus-Uranus man was Joseph Smith, the Mormon, who 'rationalised' the inner cravings of the aspect by producing a polygamous religion, miraculously revealed.

23) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°53' A) ☿6 | ♃4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration bestows social grace and good manners according to the native's culture. Generally the natives know how to use their charm to gain the approval of their society and of the established institutions with which they must deal. Often they possess good timing in relation to financial affairs, public relations, partnerships, social activities, and marriage. This aspect especially favors business because of the natives' ability to keep in step with current vogues and economic trends.

(Donna van Toen)

Making sacrifices for others may either provide opportunities for growth or contribute to personal stangation, depending on how the person chooses to handle the nodal potential.

Venus trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptability and adaptation, obligingness, a pleasant and engaging personality. The stage of entering into a love-union, the preference for associating oneself with artistic friends.

Venus conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

The person with this aspect is affectionate and warm-hearted. He may tend to be very expressive, and, with an aspect to Jupiter, to the point of being gushy. This adds to the Venus charm and makes for great popularity. This aspect in a man's chart makes him attract beautiful women with much charm of manner. This gives a nature that is dependable and well able to put action behind the feelings of affection.

24) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°32' A) ☿ 6 | ♃ 8

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile and trine aspects, the more positive use of the Mars-Uranus energy is displayed through activities designed to be of social benefit. Whilst you will intellectually challenge the established patterns of social thought and behaviour which you believe inhibit individual freedom, your intent is to provoke new thinking which can offer the potential of new horizons to explore. All new directions and spheres of progress that humanity has taken have emerged from someone questioning the current static state of affairs and then seeing new alternatives.

Mentally, you will have a restless, curious nature, which can find an effective outlet through applied research and study in whichever areas of enquiry attract you. You are not an intellectual dilettante, and prefer to delve deeply enough to gain a real comprehension of any subject; this can also free that ability for more original independent thinking, and it is possible that you will receive insights that enable you to make a significant contribution to that subject. You will prefer a futuristic dimension to your enquiries, thus satisfying the Uranian impulse and providing an opportunity to benefit others too.

Even though you have this ability for specific focusing, you will also expand into



exploring a wide variety of interests and topics. At times you may move rapidly between disparate spheres of knowledge, but you will eventually settle down to focus upon one area in particular. You may find some difficulty in perseverance and applying your energy consistently to achieve your aims. Sometimes a sudden diminution of your interest and energy may occur, which brings to a halt any progress you are making. When the energy flows again, you may be interested in something new; this is the erratic Uranian influence.

Communication is important to you. There may be an attraction to teaching in some way, both for the satisfaction you can receive in sharing knowledge with people, and in the platform offered for you to express your opinions. These are likely to be radical and unorthodox, but you have enough intellectual confidence in your knowledge to feel quite prepared to stand by your arguments against any opponents. Discussions of ideas can fascinate you; and you enjoy such encounters, seeing them as intellectual combat, where your more aggressive Mars energy can be used. Your approach is often based on strategy and skill; and even in friendly discussions you dislike being intellectually defeated. You enjoy stirring dissent, and proposing disturbing concepts and ideas to attack the power of the status quo, both in society and in individuals.

In relationships, you need a strong intellectual and physical bond. An area of weakness can lie in a disregard and lack of sympathetic understanding of the emotions. These are often relegated in your sense of priorities; and the more subtle dimensions of them are ignored in favour of the more basic emotional / physical passions and the interests of the mind. Restrictions are rejected in intimate relationships; and a self-preoccupation can dominate and cause later problems. However, you tend to commit yourself to seeing through those decisions that you do take, so a marriage commitment can help to modify these tendencies, provided that your partner is strong enough to encourage you to modify any selfish behaviour in the interests of mutual harmony.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Mars and Uranus shows that you have a restless, impatient nature and are constantly seeking outlets for your energy. Your curiosity is insatiable. You have strong opinions, which you are never afraid to state. Once you have determined what you will do, you act immediately. You cannot stand dawdlers and people who can't make up their minds. You are a strategist, and your plans are successful, but you always feel that a job you do can be improved on later. Although you have enormous energy, you must be careful that you don't bring on nervous strain by driving yourself impatiently to achieve your objectives.

You can work best in occupations requiring originality, intellectual skills, and alertness. Because you are aware of the present, yet compelled by the future, you are especially suited for work in research and development. Your excitement is knowing you've made a positive contribution to a better future for everyone's benefit. All levels of teaching would

give you the satisfaction of making a significant personal contribution to others.

Your interests are varied, and you try to take part in as many as possible. You are likely to succeed in any activity you take up, because you invest a great deal of energy to increase the odds of success. You don't accept defeat. With your particular skill in argument and persuasive delivery, you can easily shatter any opponent's position.

An intellectual rebel, you are quick to challenge old ideas and doctrines that have outlived their usefulness. You demonstrate your concern for society by actively taking part in socially beneficial programs or by stirring up dissent to provoke necessary changes.

In your personal relationships, the one you love must have similar attitudes and mutual interest in order to avoid frustration when your partner tries to restrict you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus indicates the behavior of the generation we are born into, as well as the part of use that expresses as self-will before it evolves consciously.

The sextile indicates that the action patterns formed by this individual in childhood were well received by the parents. The early environment demonstrated the ability to act (or sex) in a manner that expressed the will, allowing the child room for being 'different' so that he could form his own particular value system. The value system can be diagnosed from the signs and houses.

Mars trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The restlessness, impatience, overactivity and self-will of the conjunction are also seen here. Mars and Uranus stimulate one another whenever they are mutually in aspect, so here, too, we have a need to live our own life, to interest ourselves in new things, and, above all, to look for excitement. The harmonious aspects offer the advantage that circumstances are more likely to swing our way. Originality and reforming zeal give us the opportunity to become the independent, pioneering leader of a group.

We are quick to seize fresh opportunities, and expect others to do the same. On the other hand, we lack patience, and have only a limited capacity for co-operation; but where we have to make a solo effort we can do outstandingly well - because it fits in better with our deep-rooted love of liberty. The changeability and fickleness of Uranus

make an impact on energy and executive ability; therefore we find it hard to remain long at the same task - we do need varied activities, not to mention a certain amount of challenge and adventure. With the harmonious aspects, we usually know how to create or find situations in which we obtain what we seek. The abruptness of a Mars / Uranus combination always makes itself felt and even with the harmonious aspects we have to be guarded in our actions, which can sometimes be disruptive.

Uranian tension is not far to seek in the harmonious aspects, and from time to time we may suffer from nervous diseases and overstrain. With this combination, we seldom rest; for although the harmonious aspects tend to be rather passive, two such active planets in combination will put this passivity to flight. Provided life is full of action and variety, and provided we get the opportunity to show what we can do, we can be extremely creative and innovative - quite often in technical / mechanical fields.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts between these planets are of an important character, producing some of the most marked results of any aspects. They are valuable, and yet, unless the planets are well placed by sign and have no other aspects of a discordant kind, they may be somewhat critical, even when they are technically of a benefic nature.

They greatly add to the energy, vigour, decision, and will-power of the native, who is very rarely of a milk-and-water or nondescript character. He will as a rule know his own mind excellently well, and much will depend on the rest of the chart, for, unless this shows sense and judgement, the strength of Mars-Uranus may lead to disaster because of its very strength and courage.

It tends to give physical robustness, the ability to stand hard conditions, and the capacity for hard work; but even thus, cross aspects from other bodies may result in high nervous tension and an overwrought condition, the will, as it were, tearing the body asunder. In one case known to me there is a trine between Mars (Taurus) and Uranus (Virgo) with a cross aspect to the latter from the Sun (Sagittarius). Here the heart has suffered, as the outcome of nervous strain, and the native is almost an invalid. In another case, with the same trine from the same signs, but with Sun and Saturn in square to Uranus from Gemini, there is indomitable courage, but it is spent in an uphill fight with poverty and sickness. It may be said that any ill aspect to the harmonious Mars-Uranus combination will occasion a greater or less degree of nerve-tension.

This tension seems to externalise itself frequently in the form of accidents or assault. Even among those who possessed good aspects between these planets this is sometimes exemplified. For instance, Queen Victoria and King Edward VII both had them, but in each case there were attempts on the life, which may in part be ascribed to these positions. Wallenstein was a great leader, with that personal fascination that goes with good aspects of Uranus, but he was assassinated. Sometimes the attack takes the

form of slander.

But as a rule grave danger need not be anticipated from the good aspects, and on the other hand they bestow excellent qualities, particularly for those who are called on to deal with difficult, arduous, or perilous conditions. Only if the rest of the chart is weak or violent does the Mars-Uranus trine or sextile seem to be involved in the general crisis.

25) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°54' S) ♃4 | 002

(Haydn Paul)

Working successfully with the sextile aspect often involves action related to that strong sense of social responsibility and duties that you recognise. This sensitivity to a social role that requires performance is a major component of your motivation, and one that should not really be denied. There can be a tendency to acknowledge its presence and then fail to actually do anything about it, but ideally this should be overcome by more deliberate action. At least you can always help by funding those socially active groups whose ideas you can support. This characteristic is a combination of Saturn duty and the Neptunian social collective ideal.

The element of careful discursive planning should be evident where the right foundations for future action are established, and efficient organisation is seen as necessary for a successful conclusion. There are likely to be strategic skills which can be exploited in order to achieve those intentions, whether purely personal or socially orientated. Consistency and determination are usually well applied, and your schemes are characterised by their realism and achievability; Neptunian over-expansiveness is tempered by Saturnian caution and a sense of stability and limitation.

What can inspire many of your efforts is a reaction against social injustice and foolishness. Fairness is one attitude that you support, and opposing social aspects where unfairness and injustice is being expressed can almost become a personal crusade. Social discrimination and taking social advantage of those unable to resist can cause your passions to rise, leading to social activism designed to resist such encroachments on individual rights and liberties. You dislike seeing the waste of resources, social and material ones as well as the waste of human potential. This can lead to supporting human-potential-raising groups, or ecological activists clailing for new attitudes towards the excessive negative exploitation of nature's reserves. You tend to have a social vision of harmony, where equity is achieved and social respect for all is found, rather than any unbalanced divisive situation of haves and have-nots. Concepts of the values of community or global thinking will be preferred, and you like to believe that what you are attempting is beneficial to others.

If you become active in such ways at an early age - perhaps through a career choice - then you may find that it absorbs most of your energy; it is a never-ending task. This

may affect your intimate relationships, especially when a partner needs to hold similar viewpoints to your own. Ideals are important to you, and you try to live in a way that maintains rather than opposes or compromises them. Your passions are firmly fixed on issues of social concern, and even within personal love relationships your energy is too diffuse to focus just on one partner; it flows out as a feeling of social relationship too, and you often fail to understand why society is as it is, and why people are so passive in allowing negativity and indifference to flourish, even in those in high and powerful social positions of influence.

Concentration and visualisation abilities should be present, and can be applied through contemplation of issues or meditation. You may become effective if working in occult or socially active affinity groups committed to generating beneficial change. There is little ego gratification in such work for you, and you tend to expect a high degree of probity and idealism from others engaged in similar self-chosen roles.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Neptune shows that your perception is keen. You use your inspiration skillfully and constructively to the benefit of yourself and others. You are deeply aware of and sensitive to your social obligations. Although you may not be prepared to actively participate in these responsibilities, you can offer your services to help others fulfill them. You may lay the foundation for action in planning or securing a sympathetic response from people in important positions. Your ideas are realistic and constructive for stemming the tide of social injustices.

In evaluating your environmental circumstances, you are thoughtful and reasonably profound, and you perceive accurately what is right and what is wrong. You deplore the waste of human resources and constantly strive for more efficient distribution of social programs and services in your community. This kind of work is especially suitable for you. You are willing to accept an unobtrusive position if the goals of the program will be better served this way.

Undercover work is something you could do well. You have the persistence and determination necessary to gather all the facts without being recognized. You can be trusted to maintain secrecy about confidential information. Your self-discipline and poise even under strain are admirable, and you would be extremely useful as a guide and advisor to individuals in power.

Your efficiency and organization may postpone permanent emotional ties, because you are preoccupied with social causes, through which you try to make a spiritual contribution. Your romance is in the broad perspective of human involvement. Your partner must feel the same way in order to gain and keep your respect. You won't sacrifice your ideals to gain anyone's favor.

Above all, you find it difficult to understand how anyone can tolerate the guilt of remaining passive to intertolerable social ills.

#### Saturn trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Building up and breaking down work together harmoniously here, enabling us to forget fears and inhibitions by taking a lively and sympathetic interest in others. The goals we set often originate in deep religious, metaphysical or spiritual insights, which form an underlying motivation for our activities. Subconsciously we sense how we ought to plan and manage things, and this helps handling everyday affairs. A tendency to follow feelings and a quickness to detect odd undertones may even turn to our social advantage. Being both visionary (Neptune) and matter-of-fact (Saturn) can endow us with tactical abilities: instinctively knowing what to aim for is no small advantage in business. The aspect is also good for devising military (or other) strategy.

Constructiveness could show itself in the spiritual and intellectual fields. We appreciate the irrational, and find that making allowance for it helps to straighten our thoughts. This is a good aspect for people who study religious, metaphysical or esoteric matters. Saturn introduces orderliness to Neptunian concerns, but Neptune prevents Saturn from making this too cut-and-dried. In the easy aspects, idealism and materialism form a well-matched blend of suppleness and strength which enables us (in spite of the Neptunian influence) to keep both feet on the ground. With far-sighted patience we endeavor to promote ideals and spiritual insights (Neptune). The way in which we express them often reveals a serious outlook. We are prepared to make great sacrifices for them; probably with characteristic austerity.

26) ► **Saturn** ♋ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°50' S) ♈4 | ♎6

(Haydn Paul)

You should have the ability to organise, control and focus your will-power effectively in order to achieve your ambitions. Similar to those with the conjunction, you can act as a 'magician' transmitting occult energies and influence through established structures; the purpose of such impulses will be varied, sometimes constructive, sometimes destructive or preservative in their initial impact and appearance. A Pluto impact via Saturn can seem to be very negative and destructive at first, as it can shatter the existing foundations, yet its purpose is rebirth and regeneration, breaking old outgrown limitations to create the space for the new direction to emerge through.

You may need to learn how to apply this energy in a practical way, probably through a

self-initiated discipline and clear awareness of the way in which you wish to use it. Certainly, you will need to consider your aims carefully, planning and adjusting your approach according to strengths and weaknesses.

Success is important to you, materially and psychologically; and you will try very hard to become an achiever in whichever sphere of life you choose. Some degree of frustration is inevitable, but you tend to believe that with perseverance and a realistic self-appraisal you are capable of success - eventually. You believe that experience is the best teacher, and that a sign of intelligence is to make full use of that experience for the purposes of growth; and that involves learning and understanding life's lessons as soon as possible, to

avoid unnecessary painful repetition. You can be intolerant of others who learn slowly, or who insist on repeating the same mistakes over and over again, thus spoiling their own lives. Taking responsibility for one's own life is important to you; and you understand the crucial role of choice in life, knowing that a life is determined by the nature of choices made, whether seemingly important or trivial in nature. Unwise choices invariably lead to more suffering for yourself and others, and could often be avoided if more thought and awareness were applied before decisions were taken.

A feeling of security is important to you, reflecting the known boundaries of Saturn; yet you are more alive to the necessity of change in life, and are less inclined to resist this, than are those with the Saturn-Pluto conjunction. Emotionally, you accept the inner mutability and flow more naturally, and so do not create a problem of emotionally-based repression erupting into an uncontrollable destructiveness in your relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the sextile of Saturn to Pluto, you realize that you must plan carefully in order to succeed. Knowing that nothing can depend on chance, you organize your resources in such a way as to achieve the best results. You understand your abilities and shortcomings, and establish your goals and objectives accordingly. You are prepared to accept whatever responsibilities will enable you to grow into important positions. Success is not a surprise to you, since you have made an enormous effort for that very purpose. You aren't afraid that you will fail, nor do you feel threatened by anyone, because you've built your position on a firm foundation.

You know that experience is the best teacher, but you also value education and training as a means to expand your opportunities. These attitudes enable you to fill many positions. You realize that results are in proportion to your contribution, and this feeling is communicated to your superiors. Your good relations with them helps open access routes to promotion. You are humble enough to seek advice and guidance from more experienced people.

Although you are understanding of other people's motives, you aren't always tolerant of their negativity or incompetence. You expect a lot from those under you, and you can be vindictive toward an unqualified person who tries to gain a high position. But you prefer to discuss mutual differences rather than let a misunderstanding spoil a relationship.

Security is very important to you, and is perhaps the reason for your urge to succeed. You also realize the danger of thinking that money is a universal solvent. You respect the power of money, but you won't be dominated by the extreme compulsion to accumulate a fortune.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the individual's psyche, plus the concept of caution or fear in the personality caused by his influence, will be handled constructively.

These people can work well with groups for the father taught them how to co-operate. There are no strong urges to control coming from this aspect. As these individuals mature, the energy can be used to effectively handle the problems of career, community and personal relationships.

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.

27) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☽ Moon** - (5°19' S)    ♀1 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square the Ascendant shows that you are emotionally biased in your reaction to events and experiences with people. An impressionable person, you have difficulty in realistically evaluating the conditions you react to. Perhaps you are aware of this tendency and are annoyed with yourself for not being more objective. You are a victim of habits that have become so deeply ingrained that they are difficult to change. Emotionally vulnerable to strong character types who try to mould you to their liking, you are often powerless to do anything but submit. Your difficulty in facing reality increases your problems in relationships, because people are never sure how you will react to them. You are a sentimentalist with strong ties to family and home. It is not easy to transfer those ties to other people with whom you can associate in a personal, emotional relationship. But it is important for you to break away from the past and the limits it imposes on your freedom. You will then be able to develop on your own without feeling that you must get someone else's approval.

The abrasive conditions of open competition will always be painful unless you can insulate yourself by learning to cope with people and circumstances intellectually. You will thus learn that everyone has certain feelings of apprehension about meeting challenges and that you are not alone with this problem. If you talk with your friends about this, you will see that they too have similar anxieties. Knowing this might comfort you. Don't take on more burdens than you need to, especially in your career. Get an education, if you don't already have one, for it will help you succeed in

meeting competition. Be wary of associates who may try to get you to compensate for their lack of ability and then leave you holding the bag if things don't turn out as expected.

Above all, keep your personal affairs to yourself. Don't give adversaries the opportunity to learn your weaknesses. And stop feeling sorry for yourself.

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

28) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Jupiter** - (0°39' S) ♃4 | ♎7

(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.

29) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°42' S)    ♄ 7 | ♃ 4

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Saturn indicates problems in self-awareness. You tend to put yourself down when you compare your capabilities to the skills of other people. The fact is, you are trying to avoid your responsibilities to yourself and to those persons who depend on you. Parental influence played an important role in your lack of self-esteem; your early conditioning led you to believe the you were less competent than others and that you had to yield to those who were 'obviously' more talented. Now your actions show that you lack the courage to persist in spite of adversity. You feel you don't have the right to expect anything worthwhile for yourself. You have little hope for success, but this is just lazy self-indulgence and is inexcusable.

Stop making comparisons with other people's accomplishments; you have your own. You have a vast storehouse of information with which to gain your objectives, but you must formulate them yourself. Once you've established goals, prepare a program for achieving them, and adhere to it. Try to focus on one thing at a time, and direct all your resources and energy toward that. Stop making excuses for yourself and realize that only hard work will pay you any dividends.

You could become successful in such fields as law, education, physical therapy, or the ministry. The demands of these occupations may tax your endurance and cause periodic setbacks, but you must persist with great determination. It is important for you to be able to look back with satisfaction on occasional successes and realize that you are capable of much more. You will encounter resistance from superiors, and you may have to endure many indignities for the sake of job security. Acquiring the credentials that attest to your competence will mark a milestone in your development.

You will have to learn the hard way that accomplishment comes from a lot of hardship and self-denial. There is no easy road to victory for you. Don't make any agreements that you can't fulfill, and don't sign any contracts that go beyond the limits of your abilities. Give yourself the opportunity to reach your goals. Yours is a bittersweet destiny with many highs and lows in progress and reversals; but you will always move toward realization and fulfillment.

Faith is your greatest ally when nothing else seems to work for you. It can sustain you through your most difficult periods, and comfort you when you reach your goals with assurance that you have done your job well.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the individual is raised in an atmosphere that prohibits or restricts the relating principle. The father places restrictions on this person, and these restrictions will be carried into the adult life on some subconscious level, causing the young adult to feel inhibited about relating; or he may relate excessively periodically and then withdraw.

Jupiter indicates 'I relate'; it indicates how we open up and allow new experience in our lives. It indicates how we will relate ourselves to another human being through the bonds of friendship or love. The Saturn square indicates a restriction, a holding-back in the relating department. It can also indicate a person who turns on and off in a somewhat unpredictable manner. These people may feel apprehensive about taking chances on new relationships. The apprehension can even undermine personal confidence to the extent that they are uneasy about accepting new jobs, new responsibilities, etc..

The square can be understood if the father's relating values are examined. The early childhood years can be explored again in order to decipher any pattern that can be an indicator of the influence. If the father adversely affected the individual's relating ability; if he restricted the individual; if he encouraged apprehension or fear in regard to new undertakings... that pattern can be reasoned out and let go.

In personal relationships, this individual may be drawn to inferior types or may choose people to love who are unable to help him through relating problems connected with the relationship. Personal cautions and apprehensions will have to be looked into consciously. The individual will have to take responsibility for his relationships and relationship conditions. As that happens, he will find himself drawn to more healthy relationships in the future.

#### Jupiter square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we feel like setting to work enthusiastically, improving our chances or seizing fresh opportunities (Jupiter), we are aware of the dead hand of Saturn. Fearing to make a move, we delay too long, or else, by an error of judgement, we saddle ourselves with a pile of unwanted work. Whatever the case may be, our theory and practice, vision and reality are out of alignment and, to begin with, we are uncertain how to proceed. This leads to extreme modes of expression. We can balk at undertakings, but may also bite off more than we can chew. When, for example, we take a position of responsibility (Saturn), Jupiter can propel us into a situation that is too taxing for us or into one where we are forced to take too many risks (financial or mental), and there is an even chance that by adopting half-baked measures to mend matters we shall only make them worse.

With conflicts between Saturn and Jupiter, we learn after many slips and recoveries what we should be aiming for and when to make an all-out effort; initially we lose a great deal of energy by misreading the situation. We are likely to be sombre and melancholy, and subject to disappointment.

Yet, when all is said and done, these are aspects that offer us great opportunities provided we have a well-defined field of action; so that we might do well, for example, by taking on responsibilities under the sort of supervision that allows a fair amount of freedom. Then we can produce hard and painstaking work and develop self-confidence.

30) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ☊ **North-Node** - (5°54' S) 002 | ♃4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture. Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus, one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

31) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☿ **Uranus** - (0°55' S)    ♄12 | ♀8

(Robert Hand)

Probably your beliefs and ideas are different from those of the people around you, and you put a different value on physical objects as well. You do not like to be tied to possessions that you must take care of. This means that eventually you will prefer to have as few possessions as possible so that you can go wherever you want without any worries. Very early in life, you will decide that you have to follow a path that is uniquely your own and does not follow anyone else's ideas about what is good for you. You want to break new ground, but in order to get there you won't have to battle others, especially your parents or other authority figures. You should be sufficiently creative so that you can make them see the desirability of letting you have your way to a reasonable extent.

You may change your mind several times about what you want to do with your life, not so much because your mind is unstable but because it is so difficult to find exactly what you need. Incidentally, this can be a sign of an interest in or, later, a career in a technical field, such as electronics, computers, engineering or science. Or you may be interested in the occult and astrology.

You like a certain amount of excitement in your life, to keep from getting bored. You prefer anything new to what is old, so you will not be particularly interested in keeping in touch with your childhood and your past once you are finished with it. You are future-oriented, always looking ahead to the next thing to come along.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates professional success and even fame through unique

contributions to the natives' professions, which are in unusual fields. Renown may come suddenly.

The configuration favors scientists, occultists, astrologers, and particularly those in electronics.

The home life and family conditions are likely to have an original flair. There can be unusual gadgetry or architecture for the home itself.

Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°44' A) ☾ 6 | 002

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, there is the potential for a successful reconciliation and resolution of the Neptune-Sun energies, leading to a powerful positive blending of the individual Sun centre and the transpersonal outer planet.

Potential is present, but there may be question marks against your incentive, motivation and application in exploiting latent talents. This is the hurdle that can face you, especially when confronted with the nature of choice and decision over your lifedirection. You may



be multi-talented in a variety of artistic and creative ways - music, art, literature, dance, drama - yet find it hard to be focused and sufficiently disciplined to become a master and not a jack of all trades. Ideas spring forth easily and naturally, followed by an enthusiastic grasping of them, only for them to be quickly put aside, replaced by the next set of shooting-star ideas. Commitment and perseverance may be lacking, and the directed energy is fragmented by turning towards too many directions at the same time.

Associated with a perceptive mind, which is capable of good assimilation and understanding, should be an intuitive quality too, which you can use as a source of insight and knowledge. This intuitive or psychic faculty will mainly operate through the emotional nature as empathic identification, in distinction to the Uranian intuition which is more mental and impersonal in nature. This intuition often gives you insights into the nature and motivation of others around you, and environmental atmospheres can influence your state of mind and well-being.

There can be an ambivalency towards social involvement and responsibility. Much depends on the nature of your expression; if it is within creative and artistic spheres, then your focus of attention and energy is absorbed within the creative vision. You are not unresponsive to social concerns, but you feel that being a creative channel is your contribution to society. Or you may respond to the Neptunian vibration by opening your heart wider, feeling a channel for 'universal love' supporting and uplifting others. This path is one of service to the community of human beings, and medicine can be a favourite expression, or similar forms of physical, emotional and mental therapy and healing.

Becoming clear as to direction is the challenge; once determined, you should be able to pour your energies and talents into achieving those aims, and in so doing walk your solar path of purpose. You have the capabilities to achieve your objectives, once definition and focus is made. There may be a need to be more practical, perhaps modified by evoking a strong Saturn or Mercury influence to ensure that material results occur, or you could waste those talents and end as a negative dreamer, chasing your flights of imagination but never containing them within objective form. In relationships, emotional freedom and trust are highly valued as components of an ideal romantic love. You tend to be emotionally faithful, and give priority to the virtues of a close and loving family environment. Your empathic and sympathetic nature adds to those feelings of closeness with family and friends.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Neptune means that you have enormous talent to express, but you may never find the right way to exploit it. You take up ideas with enthusiasm, then drop them right away. Your mind has a precocious quality, in that you learn quickly and with deep comprehension. You respond to what you learn both emotionally and intellectually. In reality, you are extremely psychic, and much of your knowledge has

been acquired through this faculty. This may have been the reason you were bored, as a child, by teachers who were giving you information that you already knew intuitively. Because you learned easily and didn't have to overcome the usual obstacles, now you don't readily take on duties unless you want to very strongly. You may avoid involvement in the affairs of the community, for it is almost impossible for anyone to provoke you to respond to your social responsibilities.

You can write your own ticket to your professional ambitions. Probably you will never encounter a challenge that you can't successfully meet. You are extremely creative and will be able to perform almost any task assigned to you. Your greatest problem is dawdling when time is urgent or schedules must be met. Consequently, it is better for you to be self-employed, so you can work at your own pace, and others don't have to depend on you. Art, drama, education, writing, and medical research would all provide you with a field for creative expression. Even though your ambitions may not be defined, others will benefit from your efforts.

Your personal relationships are characterized by permissiveness between you and your mate, a freedom based on mutual trust. You and your beloved enjoy a blissful, romantic love and can indulge in escapes to Shangri-la. You can be devoted to your mate and know that indiscretion will never come into your life. Your family will be warm and tender toward you, and your children will be a source of endless joy to you as they grow into maturity.

33) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°47' S) ♈4 | ♏8

(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 utilizing 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.

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