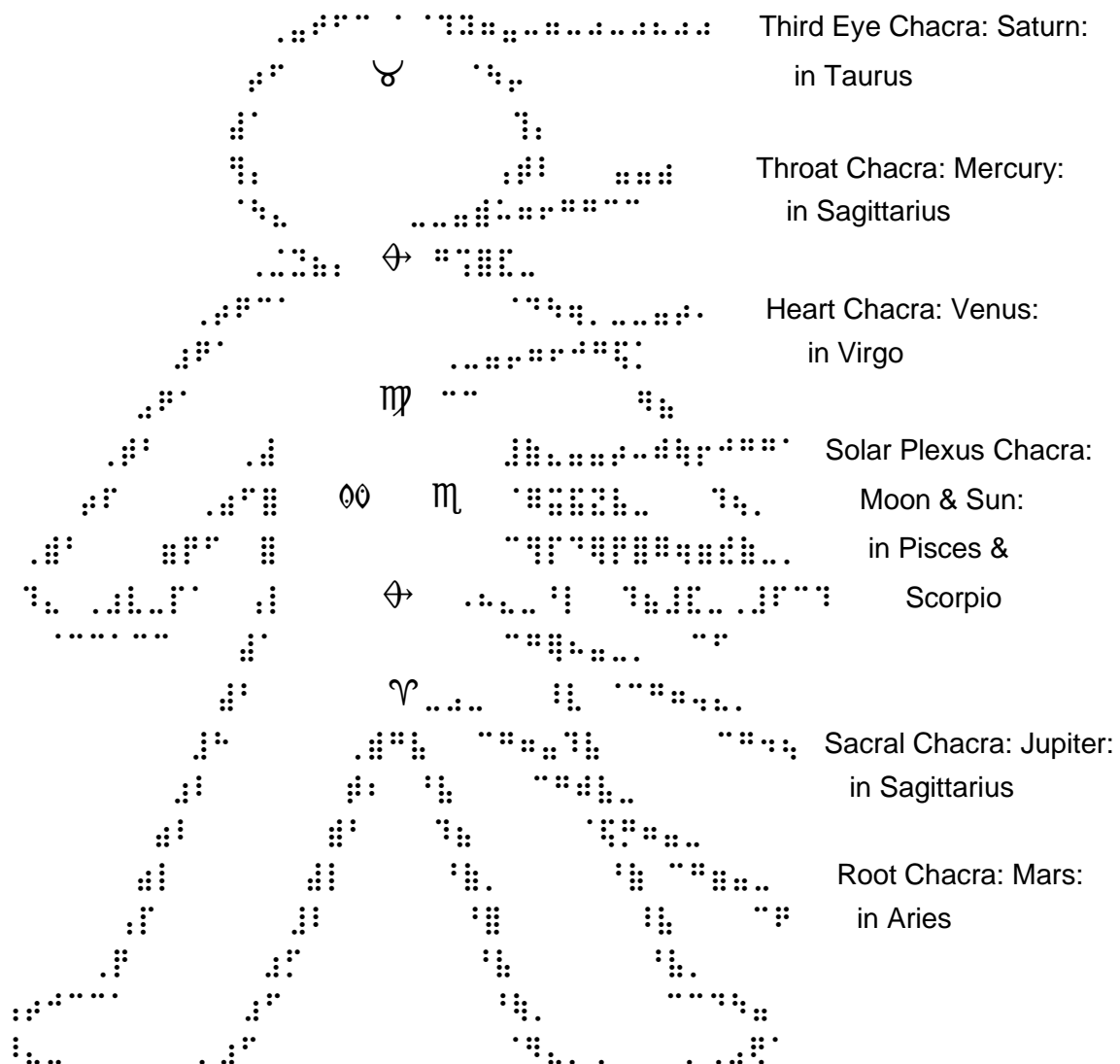


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Summaries

Scorpio Sun ☾ ♏ and ☾ ♓ Pisces Moon man

([810] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Venturesome Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Stern, dominating and elegant;
Negatives: Treacherous, shallow and outrageous;
Perfect partner: Someone who understands how sensitive they are;
Advice: You need to avoid being too extreme with your opinions in love.

Sun ☾ in XI 11th House

([869] i.thehoroscope.co)

Seeing life as a source of opportunities - Summary:

Strengths: Collaborative, attentive and generous;
Challenges: Opportunistic and manipulative;
Advice: They should learn to also enjoy time spent on their own.

Moon ☾ in III 3rd House

([874] i.thehoroscope.co)

Keen on what the world has to offer - Summary:

Strengths: Curiosity, responsivity and affection;
Challenges: Nervousness and restlessness;
Advice: Try slowing down and focus more on what is said.
Neutral: Knowledge is what feeds their soul and mind

Moon ☾ in 27th Nakshatra: Revati

Short Version [2]

Strength: creative thinker, independent, lucky, by all, gives and receives support, gifted at arts, nurturer, promoted quickly, skilled in pleasing, sociable, good counselor, proud, stately presence, sparkling personality, loves and protects animals and pets, longevity, brave, well groomed, good hygiene, might be born into a wealthy family, interested in ancient cultures, selflessness, compassionate, caring.

Weakness: takes on other people's problems, overindulgent, poor health, amoral attitudes, doubt ridden, low fertility, spiteful when hurt or jealous?, resentful, feels inadequate, low self-esteem, overly sensitive, stubborn, volatile, co-dependent, easily disillusioned, victimized, feels unloved or insecure.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in second pada

(20°00'-23°20' degrees Pisces): Capricorn navamsa. You are balanced and down-to-earth. You are more patient than most, but this can also make you appear somewhat dull to others.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([900] i.thehoroscope.co)

An adventurous man - In a nutshell:

Positives: Outgoing and attentive;

Negatives: Flirty and superficial;

Soulmate: Someone who can bring a fresh perspective in his life;

Life lesson: Allowing some room for chance, not planning everything.

Mercury ☿ in XII 12th House

([919] i.thehoroscope.co)

Visionary but rational - Summary:

Strengths: Communicative, insightful and talented;

Challenges: Brief, distracted and moody;

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

Venus ♀ in ♍ Virgo man

([931] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Ambitious and organised;

Negatives: Insecure and cynical;

Soulmate: Someone who has a happy and fulfilled life;

Life lesson: Should read less into others actions.

Venus ♀ in IX 9th House

([953] i.thehoroscope.co)

Always self-sufficient - Summary:

Strengths: Attractive, sensual and adventurous;

Challenges: Clingy and restrictive;

Advice: Loving yourself should come first.

Neutral: Open to new ideas

Mars ♂ in ♈ Aries man

([957] i.thehoroscope.co)

A temperamental individual - In a nutshell:

Positives: Dynamic and persistent;

Negatives: Domineering and procrastinating;

Soulmate: Someone who will fight for their desires;
Life lesson: Focusing more on creative pursuits.
Neutral: He wants someone who will fight

Mars ♂ in IV 4th House

([984] i.thehoroscope.co)

Doing what makes them happiest - Summary:

Strengths: Protective, empathic and domestic;
Challenges: Instinctual and passive-aggressive;
Advice: Being even more attentive to the needs of those close.

Jupiter ♃ in ♊ Sagittarius man

([1001] i.thehoroscope.co)

It's a matter of luck - In a nutshell:

Style: Lucky and limitless
Top qualities: Optimistic, adventurous, truth-seeking
Weaknesses: Prone to blockages and sometimes naïve
Advice: Channel positive energy by staying away from other's business.

Jupiter ♃ in XII 12th House

([1016] i.thehoroscope.co)

Compassionate and open-minded - Summary:

Strengths: Relaxed, confident and hard-working;
Challenges: Distracted, unpredictable and cynical;
Advice: They should be careful at the things they share with others.

Saturn ♄ in ♉ 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 V 5th House

([1033] i.thehoroscope.co)

A wise and thoughtful personality - Summary:

Strengths: Easy-going, spontaneous and sociable;
Challenges: Careless, distracted and stubborn;
Advice: They should be careful about the risks they take.

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 IX 9th House

([1061] i.thehoroscope.co)

An easy-going personality - Summary:

Strengths: Idealistic, mysterious and open-minded;
Challenges: Impulsive and controlling;
Advice: They should look at difficulties as opportunities to grow.

Neptune ♆ in ♍ Virgo man

([1070] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Neptune ♆ in IX 9th House

([1085] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great spirituality - Summary:

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

Pluto ♇ in ♋ 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 VII 7th House

([1107] i.thehoroscope.co)

Challenging their own identity - Summary:

Strengths: Intuitive, empathic and strong-willed;
Challenges: Aggressive, conflictual and distrusting;

Advice: They should allow themselves to express their emotions freely.

North Node ♋ in ♋ 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 ♑ 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

North Node ♎ in VII 7th House (Libra)

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;

Challenges: Selfish and impulsive

Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

South Node ♈ in I 1st House (Aries)

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;

Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♐ Sagittarius

([1145] elsaelsa.com)

Divine Seeker

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XII 12th House

([1160] elsaelsa.com)

Gifts of Shadow

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☾ Moon - (0°03')** ♏1 | ☾3

([25] astromatrix.org:) Emotional Power

Opportunities: 1. Capitalizing on Your Sensitivity 2. Getting the Emotional Support You Need

Challenges: 1. Changing as You Go Through Life 2. Building an Empathetic Career

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42') 131 | 119

([48] 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** - (1°35') 111 | 112

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

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

Challenges: 1. Trusting instincts 2. Honouring your identity

► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°39') 003 | 119

([16] astromatrix.org:) Natural Sympathy

Opportunities: 1. Giving Your Maternal Instincts Expression 2. Helping the Public

Challenges: 1. Connecting with Others' Emotions 2. Avoiding Emotional Manipulation

► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♁ Lilith** - (0°30' A) 112 | 112

([626] astromatrix.org:) The Activist

Opportunities: 1. Accepting overwhelming and raw emotions 2. Nurturing your profound curiosity

Challenges: 1. Maintaining Composure 2. Battling crooked logic

► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Venus** - (6°18' S) 003 | 119

([153] astromatrix.org:) Social Inappropriateness

Opportunities: 1. Helping Those with the Same Difficulties 2. Developing a More Open Social Persona

Challenges: 1. Taking Social Risks 2. Dropping Your Self-Protections

► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ☾ Moon** - (4°41' A) 131 | 003

([240] astromatrix.org:) Inferiority Complex

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ☉ Sun** - (3°12' S) 131 | 111

([230] astromatrix.org:) Clear Objectives

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (2°37' A) 131 | 104

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

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

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

► **Venus ♀ Square ☿ Lilith** - (6°47' A) ♀9 | ♀12

([655] astromatrix.org:) Embracing all of human nature

Opportunities: 1. Expanded Sexual Pleasure 2. Releasing Sexual Shame

Challenges: 1. Understanding fears of intimacy 2. Unlocking sexual inhibitions

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Venus** - (1°37' S) ♀1 | ♀9

([338] astromatrix.org:) The Charmer

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Others 2. Finding Career Success

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Venus** - (6°40' A) ♀1 | ♀9

([339] astromatrix.org:) Idoliser Of Beauty

Opportunities: 1. Creating Beauty 2. Working in Teams

Challenges: 1. Learning to Be Alone 2. Dealing with Conflict

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°08') 131 | 55
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (0°03') 131 | 003
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42') 131 | 119
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°59') 7 | 12
- 5) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°41') 7 | 7
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°39') 003 | 119
- 7) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°00') 12 | 131
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°51') 12 | 55
- 9) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°18') 12 | 7
- 10) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°27') 55 | 7
- 11) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°40') 119 | 119
- 12) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (9°20' A) 7 | 7
- 13) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (2°59' S) 119 | 119
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (9°58' A) 119 | 119
- 15) ► **Pluto ♇ Conjunct ☊ North-Node** - (10°13' A) 7 | 7
- 16) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Venus** - (6°18' S) 003 | 119
- 17) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♅ Uranus** - (9°17' S) 003 | 119
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (3°40' A) 003 | 119
- 19) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ☾ Moon** - (4°41' A) 131 | 003
- 20) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ☊ North-Node** - (0°44' A) 119 | 7
- 21) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (1°57' S) 55 | 7
- 22) ► **Neptune ♆ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (0°59' A) 119 | 7
- 23) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (2°37' A) 131 | 4
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (2°28' A) 003 | 12
- 25) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♅ Uranus** - (3°18' A) 12 | 119
- 26) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♇ Pluto** - (6°43' A) 4 | 7
- 27) ► **Mars ♂ Square ☊ North-Node** - (3°30' A) 4 | 7

- 28) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (1°12' S) ♃12 | ♄9
- 29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (1°37' S) ♄1 | ♄9
- 30) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (4°36' S) ♄1 | ♄9
- 31) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (8°21' A) ♄1 | ♄9
- 32) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (6°40' A) ♄1 | ♄9
- 33) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (3°41' A) ♄1 | ♄9
- 34) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (4°39' A) ♄3 | ♄7
- 35) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (5°34' S) ♄3 | ♄7
- 36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°32' S) ♄4 | ♃12
- 37) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (2°56' S) ♄5 | ♄9

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♏ Scorpio 6° 22'

(Sydney Omarr)

Scorpio females

Scorpio women are emotional, affectionate, often passionate; they are willing to tear down the past in order to build for the future. Tradition takes a back seat when it comes to the promise of better things tomorrow. These women have an air of mystery and are often considered psychic; it is difficult to know them completely, for they change as circumstances demand. A man involved with a Scorpio woman is not always going to have an easy time - but it will be exciting, and he will know he's alive.

Do not seek relations with these women unless you are strong, willing to change your opinions, and able to adjust, and unless you have a basic respect for members of the opposite sex.

This woman is dynamic, even explosive. She can lose her temper one minute and resemble a purring kitten the next. You are stepping on a merry-go-round when you begin to court a Scorpio woman. The pace may be dizzying - but if you ask for it you have no right to complain.

This woman can be fiercely loyal; she demands a great deal, but she also has much to give. She knows her way about the practical aspects of living. This may puzzle you, for

one day she can discuss finances like an expert, and the next she is willing to follow a whim or a hunch instead of charts or facts. She is not easy to understand. It is best to close your eyes and enjoy the changes she is bound to make in your life. If you are the nervous or oversensitive type, please seek another woman!

This woman possesses personal magnetism; she is physically attractive. She doesn't do things halfway. She gives of herself or holds back completely. She represents a challenge. She often enjoys a battle; when she believes the cause is right, nothing can deter her from a fight. She can be forceful, dynamic, dominating. Her willpower is admirable except when it fades into obstinacy.

This woman likes secrets. Don't try to know all there is to know about her. If you ever, by some accident, actually succeed, she will lose interest in you and that will be the end of your relationship.

Scorpio males

Don't expect this man to say one thing and mean something else. He has a knack or gift of seeing through pretence, of knowing what others are really like; he can perceive, delineate, render shrewd analyses of persons and subjects. He is a tough one to fool, and if you are not up to it, you have better look elsewhere. Scorpio men are physical, yet emotional; they require love in its poetic sense, yet can be animal-like, even brutal. But the brutality does not stem from cruelty. Rather, it is brutality in a basic sense: brutal frankness, brutal honesty, and so forth. Nothing halfway here; these men can fight and win. They set a goal and can go underground or arise and fly like an eagle to attain it.

Do not attempt to reform this man. He knows what he wants and usually has sound reasons for acting the way he does. If you want to lose him, start correcting his manners, his speech; if you want to keep him - try to understand and sympathize.

The Scorpio man is forceful, direct, independent, often aggressive. He is likely to be a man of action. If you want to impress him, you will have to do more than talk or make promises - he likes results.

This man can be very jealous. Often he appears a little too careful in money matters. On the positive side, however, this characteristic is really an expression of desire for security. A Scorpio man does not forget a wrong. He is a good person to have on your side; bear this in mind before you try insulting or ridiculing him. He makes a formidable foe.

A Scorpio man is capable of hard work and hard play. At times, his appetite appears insatiable. He is not an easy man to size up or analyze; sometimes he is like a quickchange artist, looking and acting one way today and another way tomorrow.

If you want this man, you will have to meet and pass numerous tests. Once the examinations are over, however, you may well feel the trouble was more than worthwhile.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have Sun in Scorpio usually experience lives filled with dramatic, even traumatic changes, and encounter situations which transform them in some way. It seems that old parts of you are continually dying and new parts are being born, so that your life is never static.

You also have the ability to strongly affect others, even to change their lives; and you see your 'role' as that of the transformer. Perhaps you are a therapist who helps people uncover and work through their deep-seated problems. You might be a teacher who awakens hidden talents in your students, a counsellor who rehabilitates substance abusers, or a rapist who terrorizes victims. Regardless of the form your influence takes, you transform everyone you know in some way. You have a powerful, almost magnetic persona, and though you may not say much it's impossible not to be aware of your presence.

As a child, you probably experienced some deep, emotional 'crisis', a loss of some kind which made you feel you were alone in the world, with no-one but yourself on whom to rely. Sometimes this crisis is an obvious and extreme one, such as the death of a parent, the loss of your home, a serious illness or a violent incident. In other cases, it may be more subtle and internal, such as coming to the realization that your parents will never love you the way you want them to. As a result, you withdraw into yourself, becoming sceptical and self-reliant at a very early age.

When you were a child, you insisted on doing everything for yourself, and were quite content to spend time alone, entertaining and teaching yourself. As an adult, you are selfprotective and suspicious of others, hiding your thoughts and feelings behind an almost impenetrable wall. Very few people earn your trust; fewer still gain access into your private world; and no-one will ever know you completely.

Although you reveal little about yourself, you want to know everything about everyone else. You are eager to find out what makes others tick, and delve into the secrets and hidden agendas of friends, family members and business associates. By understanding their underlying motivations and desires, you can manipulate them for your own advantage, or at least anticipate their moves to protect yourself. You'd be a good psychiatrist or private investigator, for you understand human nature - especially the dark side of life - better than anyone.

You approach everything with intensity and passion; nothing is done half-heartedly. An extremist, you throw yourself heart, mind and soul into any undertaking. In your career,

you can accomplish more than most people. Your perseverance and your ability to focus your energies toward a goal can take you to the top of your field. However, you also run the risk of becoming a workaholic.

No-one takes relationships more seriously than you. Though Scorpio has a reputation for being intensely sexual, what you truly desire is an intense emotional connection. You want to merge with your partner in every way. Only rarely do you give your affection to another; and you expect your mate's total devotion and fidelity. Highly emotional, you know how deeply you can be hurt, and are reluctant to leave yourself open to potential pain. When you do fall in love, however, you immerse yourself completely in the relationship. You see your partner as an extension of yourself and can be extremely possessive and jealous. If betrayed, you find it impossible to forgive and forget, and may become vengeful, vindictive, even violent.

You have uncanny intuition and keen perception, and make instantaneous emotional connections with other people. You seem to see into their unconscious minds, and thus appear to be psychic. This natural psychic ability coupled with your desire to discover the inner workings of the Universe may lead you to become interested in the occult arts. However, you need to guard against developing your powers for the purpose of manipulating others or the forces of nature.

Power and control issues are likely to arise frequently in your life. Perhaps you experienced your father (or your dominant parent) as being authoritarian, domineering, even cruel. You may have trouble with authority figures and employers who attempt to overpower, control or manipulate you. It is important to realize that you, too, desire power and total control, and are inclined to try to dominate others. Stubborn and willful, you want your own way and are reluctant to compromise or answer to someone else for your behavior. And, you can be ruthless in pursuit of your desires or goals.

Your greatest gift is your power to destroy old, worn-out structures and give birth to new ones. Your greatest failings usually result from your extremism and your intense desire for power and domination.

(Betty Lundsted)

Scorpio children are born in a mother-dominated atmosphere. They do not come into an environment that is warm and loving, and a parent may be missing. There is often a death in the family a few days before a Scorpio is born. This affects the emotional set of the parents, for the person who dies is someone they love. This circumstance brings an attitude of grief into the small child's life. Often Scorpions are unwanted children; and sometimes they are the eleven-pound babies born into a seven-month marriage. Or, they are just one more child in a family that can't afford another mouth to feed at this point in time.

Scorpios born in this type of atmosphere pick up all the unpleasant vibrations. Like any infant, Scorpio needs lots of attention and love, but the father ignores the child, and the mother often gives only minimum care: food, shelter, diaper changes, etc.. There is little affection, warmth and holding. Later, the parents feel guilty about not giving this child love, and try to make it up by spoiling him, or by providing many opportunities in life. But, the little Scorpio isn't buying it. The child needs affection early in life, and the allowance and extra privileges he gets later on don't mean anything; and the parents end up thinking the child is ungrateful.

Because of the early experience, Scorpios are on a life-long search for love and affection. They search for the mother love that was missed in childhood. Scorpios have a reputation as the 'super sexed' sign of the zodiac, but they aren't as sexy as they would have us think. The young Scorpio male and female confuse sex with love. If you have sex with someone they will love you, thinks Scorpio. So they learn how to be good at sex; but people who have a relationship with Scorpios often find that after the relationship has been established, the sexual part of it is not nearly as important as it was. Affection becomes more important to Scorpios. When young Scorpios feel insecure, they try to create sexual situations; it makes them feel secure when they think someone 'loves' them. (If you love an immature Scorpio, and you are perceptive, you may feel that sex for them is not merely sensual pleasure but is used to control you.)

Scorpios are born to go through great personal transformations. The life is such that either they spend a lifetime trying to create a family experience for themselves, or they go into the business of self-transformation. The problem here is one of direction. Often Scorpios try both - they want to manage a tight household and transform the world at the same time. Because they felt unaccepted in their early childhood, acceptance becomes important to them. In the attempt to become accepted, confusion arises when they try to lay down the law to others and try to control the behavior of others. As they judge and control and push others, they become quite unpopular and don't really understand why. The Scorpio search for identity is a real one; and one of the things they learn is that the search is a personal one - it isn't one of transforming the world first and yourself later! In the process of discovering the meaning of existence, they uncover lots of information on the way. The sign is known for its investigative abilities.

As far as career is concerned, Scorpio types can go in many directions. They often choose to become involved in the corporate structure, which is like a family for them. The newfound family can approve of them, and promote them; and they belong. Usually, the corporate type of Scorpio is indicating a need for father approval, which may mean that the father was either harsh or quite distant from Scorpio. We often seek in our adult life what we lacked in our childhood.

Scorpios are also drawn to all kinds of scientific and social research, for their investigative minds can be put to good use in this area. Detective or police work, or analysis of any kind, is good for this sign. There is an interest in the various aspects of

the medical profession; this field brings out the research abilities as well as the transformational or healing quality of Scorpio.

The Scorpio female grows up to be strong and secretive like her mother, and she often copies her mother's mannerisms. She carries within her, however, a feeling of personal insecurity; a sense of worthlessness that can only be assuaged by getting into love relationships. She can use her sexuality for power. She gives herself sexually until she has what she wants under control, and then she stops. The person she relates to feels confounded when this happens, for he got involved with this 'sexy' lady who is no longer warm. He becomes suspicious and begins to wonder if she is seeing someone else. Sometimes the young Scorpio female marries a man who treats her badly because she thinks she doesn't deserve more than that. As she matures, she finds she wants more from a relationship than second-rate treatment, so she leaves. In her search for a strong man, she manipulates; she's magnetic, and, like the female spider in her web, she catches her guy. But if he turns out to be too powerful; if she can't control him, she may get so uncomfortable that she leaves him.

The undeveloped Scorpio female stays close to her mother. If there's too much maternal influence in her adult life, it's difficult for her to form a good relationship with her husband. He feels he has two women - his wife and his mother-in-law. He may get fed up and leave. The more evolved Scorpio female looks for a relationship that will teach her something because she's a searcher. She needs someone with whom to share her growth and to share her learning experiences. These are fascinating women.

The Scorpio male has a harder time of it than the Scorpio female. He carries a fantastic sexual reputation from all the dime-store astrology books, and he doesn't feel sexy inside. He wants a love relationship that includes plenty of mother love and affection, the kind of affection he missed out on when he was younger. He often chooses older women to relate to, sometimes heavy-set women with big bosoms - all symbolic of the search for his Mother. He is inscrutable, hard to get to know, and moody. All of this serves to make him extremely magnetic to some women. However, he confuses sex with love, and finds it difficult to return the love that may be given to him since he saw little of it given when he was a child. He feels uncomfortable admitting that he loves someone: he thinks this leaves him open for attack.

Seldom is the Scorpio male child not criticized and put down by someone in his family. The secrecy that Scorpio projects is a cover for the fear of rejection. The Scorpio child is extremely intuitive and 'knowing', and he is laughed at or rejected when he tries to share his thoughts. Rather than face more rejection, he learns to keep his thoughts to himself - and grows into the tall, dark 'fascinating' stranger.

Both the male and the female of this sign have tension-related illnesses. The Scorpio personality is so moody, so emotional, so sensitive, so intuitive, and so afraid to share emotion for fear of rejection, that all these feelings are pushed down inside, and they

churn around and around in the digestive and intestinal tracts. As Scorpios hit their forties, the tension begins to tell, and they are more prone to high-tension disorders or intestinal and digestive stress diseases.

They need to learn to share. As Scorpios learn to share their ideas and dreams and hopes, they begin to find out if anyone really likes them. It's so important to Scorpios to have meaningful and intense relationships that it's more profitable to be open in the long-run. They draw people who are impressed with their 'mysterious' act, but their true selves are never really known. It is far more rewarding to be open and be either rejected or accepted. If we are rejected, we didn't have anything to begin with; if we are accepted, we have the start of what may become a wonderful, intense experience with another person.

(Haydn Paul)

The Scorpio personality tends to mask its qualities, rarely revealing them too openly. You are likely to be extremely determined and resolute, possessing a very powerful will when you choose to use it. You will tend to be forceful when chasing your goals, often using subtle manipulation over others to achieve those aims.

You will have considerable self-pride, and will not take kindly to being embarrassed or humiliated in any way, and would certainly never forget who it was that placed you in such a position. Your sensitivity and feeling nature is a main source of contact with the world; and usually if someone offends you, causing an emotional reaction, then your perception and future response to that person will be affected from that point onwards. Generally, you are quite reserved, keeping others at a distance, trying to prevent them from seeing into your inner life, which can alternate between 'calm seas and boiling passions'; your inner life can be experienced as extremely 'raw' at times, and this can be difficult to handle.

You will seldom display deeper emotions and feelings, as they are too intimate to your real nature, and impulses may be repressed due to the passion and power that can flood through you and outwards. You are likely to be quite secretive and private; and difficult to understand due to an inscrutable mask that you maintain, giving the appearance of controlled intensity (except for the eyes which can reveal your inner state).

You can be direct, blunt, provocative, and potentially confrontational in attitude and style of expression. Some may find this refreshing; others may not; and this can lead to broken friendships or enmity occurring. Your words will be controlled and deliberate; sometimes very diplomatic and cautious, sometimes very pointed and designed to make their mark. At times, your passionate energies will make you say things which perhaps you should not, but in the releasing of pent-up energy you are glad to have been honest. You can be cynical and sarcastic, and display sudden outbursts of rage and anger, especially if you have been repressing feelings for some time.

You are not easily impressed or influenced by others, and will usually tend to react against authority, even though in family life and personal expression you are authoritative yourself; and your attitudes, beliefs, values and opinions are clear and firm. You try to guide your life by relying on passion and commitment to those inner compulsions and motivating life purposes. You can be quite ambitious, especially when attracted to power and influence over others. You prefer to take control and initiative in all aspects of life, tending to be a natural leader who is prepared to take responsibility but you do not make a good follower, often trying to undermine superiors by a very irreverent attitude.

You will be shrewd and enterprising, although you will only apply effort if you are genuinely interested in what you are doing. Research can attract, or any work involving investigations, mysteries or the occult. The energies of your inner passions can be used intellectually, probing the depths of mind / being; and your insights and understanding can become extremely profound and clear.

Your love life may be traumatic, with periodic crises or turning points, and can often be emotionally intense. Choosing a right partner is crucial in this sphere of your life, and you will have high ideals and expectations of any partner. You are likely to hold a traditional attitude to marriage, and can be very jealous. Essentially you are a 'loner', and even within marriage will walk a personal and solitary path.

(Sasha Fenton)

Scorpios can be silent and co-operative, hidden from view, unexpectedly meek or absolutely deadly. Astrology books give poor old Scorpio a very bad press. We are told that Scorpios are drunken, over-sexed, obsessive, untrustworthy, bullying rogues. This is simply not fair, although many Scorpions are not the easiest of people to live with or to work for. They respect strength and independence, and really cannot cope with anyone who either needs to be treated with kid gloves or relies upon them financially. Being members of a fixed sign, Scorpios don't appreciate change. This is not meant to imply that they are not ready to try a new hobby, meet new people or visit an area which is new to them, but it does mean that Scorpions are reliable as friends, neighbours, relatives and employees. Once a Scorpio has made a commitment, he puts his whole heart into it and makes it work. If the enterprise turns out to be absolutely unworkable, he will still give it his best shot before abandoning it. In some ways, I consider that the sign for Scorpio should be the bulldog or the bloodhound, because they hate giving up on anything. The world is full of women who are looking for men willing to make a commitment to a relationship and stick to it; and when they ask me which zodiac signs to choose for reliability, my answer in all cases is either Scorpio or Taurus.

Scorpios have a strong sense of duty, and they are the world's best keepers of secrets. They are not casual in their attitudes. If a Scorpion lends you money, you must be

prepared to pay it back by the due date. If you lend a Scorpio money, he will pay you back even though this may not actually be necessary. When I was an infant, I apparently inherited some shares in an engineering company. I had no knowledge of this until I was in my mid-thirties. At this time, the company was wound up, and I was sent \$750 by the relative who had been charged with the administration of this matter. The relative was, of course, a Scorpio; and it is characteristic that not only did she fulfil her obligations to me to the letter, even though I didn't even know about them, but also she had never felt any obligation to tell me about this legacy until that moment. If a Scorpio finds himself the guardian of a cranky older relative, a small child or even an animal, he will take his obligation very seriously and make every effort to see the job through. He may have absolutely no affection for the unfortunate orphan, but he will do what needs to be done. As far as his own family is concerned, he usually loves them all unreservedly, but he can make life very difficult for anyone whom he considers weak or unworthy. These subjects are not dawdlers; they prefer to have specialised knowledge in a small number of fields and to shut out anything which doesn't fall into those categories.

Scorpio faults occur due to the emotional nature of the sign. Remember, this is a water sign which is intuitive, sensitive, and inclined to make decisions on an emotional basis. A big problem for these people is their inclination to over-react and to jump into or out of something due to either excitement or anger. Scorpions are normally excellent judges of character, often being able to see below the surface, but there are occasions when they seem to turn off this faculty and enter into some scheme with a person of dubious morals because they want to believe that everything will turn out well. They can just as easily cut themselves off from whole sections of their family if one member speaks to them in a disrespectful manner; and, unfortunately, it is not difficult to mortally offend a Scorpio. Forgetting and forgiving is not in the Scorpio nature, and they make implacable enemies. They find it extremely difficult to apologise, and can dig themselves into a hole out of which they then find it impossible to climb. Scorpions hate confrontations and they know that they have a dangerously hot temper. They will back off and back down if confronted directly by a quietly assertive person. It is difficult to talk openly to these people because it is all too easy to cross some invisible line and cause them unintentional offence. They also pick up on the anger and frustration of those around them, and can become unsettled and angry as a result. Like Pisceans, Scorpions can act as psychic sponges where strong feelings are concerned.

Scorpio defensiveness may manifest itself in spiteful remarks. If a Scorpio decides that one particular set of people have let him down badly, he will either loathe the whole lot of them, or he will choose one particular member of the group on whom he will pour out his hatred. One elderly Scorpio lady believed that none of her family had ever appreciated her or returned her good deeds, and this disappointment finally corroded into detestation of her nephew, who was the last remaining relative. Even if you love or are loved by a Scorpio, don't expect anything to be left in his will; these people are notorious for getting in the last spiteful move, deserved or otherwise, by leaving their worldly goods to the nearest cat's home! There are Scorpions who are violent, oversexed, alcoholic,

drugaddicted and / or obsessed by death or involved in black magic. There are others who use violent, manipulative or sexual tactics to control others. Most aim simply to live quietly and control nobody but themselves.

Some Scorpions are sturdily built, while others are small and wiry. The bone structure is strong and prominent, and they often have a bony and angular appearance. Some of the most beautiful people on earth are born under this sign, while others may have arresting looks or can even be downright ugly. A typical Scorpio has thick, wavy hair which, in men, may thin out just a little in later years. Most astrology books talk about magnetic eyes, but I think this is less due to the eyes themselves than to the Scorpionic habit of looking directly at people. These subjects don't smile easily, and may scowl with concentration when listening. Many Scorpions stay slim all their lives and have a contemptuous attitude to those who put on weight. This is because they, themselves, don't appreciate their genetic luck, and they tend to consider fatness to be solely the result of weakness and over-indulgence. Fat Scorpions tend to ignore their own obesity, but still don't hesitate to criticise others. Scorpions hate to throw anything out, and will wear a favorite garment until it falls apart. Even when they are forced to admit that they really cannot wear that particular outfit again, they will hang on to it, just in case. Traditionally speaking, the reproductive organs are supposed to be weak in Scorpions, but I think that the lower spine is much more likely to cause problems. If a Scorpio does get ill, or if he has an accident, it is usually very dramatic; but Scorpions have the most amazing powers of recovery, and often manage to live a very long and, on the whole, healthy life.

There are a number of jobs which are specifically associated with the sign of Scorpio, and all of these involve investigating or looking for something which cannot immediately be seen. Many Scorpions work in the field of medicine, either as surgeons, or as diagnosticians, or osteopaths; while others are drawn to psychiatry and hypnotherapy. This gives the Scorpio the satisfaction of both finding out what is wrong and putting it right.

Mining for coal or precious metals is supposed to be a Scorpio trade. Another typically Scorpio interest is police work, and many Scorpions do indeed have a career in some branch of investigative or forensic work. Rather like Arians, Scorpions can be drawn to the kind of job which was once considered to be masculine, such as engineering. The military world, and also that of armaments, appeals to Scorpions; and they may even become caught up in this without making a conscious effort to do so. The urge to investigate makes many Scorpions look into psychic and mediumistic matters.

Scorpions are very physical and energetic, and they don't seem to worry about getting hurt. Typical interests would be wrestling, rugby football or American football, as well as sailing, competitive tennis and hang-gliding. Many Scorpions like to dance, and most love to listen to good music. This is a sensual sign; therefore it is no surprise that Scorpions love to use their bodies to their fullest extent, whether this be by going on a military

exercise, indulging in physical and competitive sport, or making love! Whatever a Scorpio sets his mind to, he will do it thoroughly and to the best of his ability. Typical Scorpio sayings are, 'If you are going to do something, then do it properly!' or 'If you start something, then for goodness' sake finish it!'; or even 'You only fit double-glazing once, so you might as well fit the best'.

This is a most peculiar sign as far as attitudes to money are concerned, because Scorpions can vacillate between extreme parsimony and being 'the last of the big spenders'. Scorpions will spare no expense on an exciting project, but shopping for boring everyday goods does absolutely nothing for them. The exception to this is food, because Scorpions like what they like and won't do without their favourite foods. All the feminine signs, especially the water signs, like to hang on to money, and they seem to get as much pleasure from saving as they do from spending. These subjects retain a sentimental attachment to their homes, businesses and possessions; and they prefer old favourites to novelties. Some Scorpions are wizard at hanging on to old paper bags, elastic bands and kitchen tools; while others have a wonderful ability to recycle their own junk.

If a member of a Scorpio's family is in dire financial straits, the Scorpio will help them out unstintingly and without expecting to be paid back. However, if their nearest and dearest just want a few little things to make life a bit more pleasant, they should go about getting these for themselves.

Scorpio houses are adequate, but they may be scruffy because, as long as they have enough to eat and drink, many Scorpions don't actually need possessions, although they will spend money like water on their own particular interests such as travel or the raising, breeding and keeping of animals. Having said this, there are some Scorpions who are very generous and free-spending in every way. This is a sign of extremes; and, therefore, extreme profligacy or extreme generosity are both possible. As far as possessions are concerned, they like books and music, tools for their trade or hobby, and sporting goods. Scorpions also like to own a large and comfortable car. They enjoy owning items which have some kind of sentimental attachment for them, but the best new possession by far is a ticket for a good holiday. In short, possessions themselves mean little to Scorpions, but anything which offers them the opportunity to explore and to experience life to the full is much appreciated.

Scorpions are given a bad press in most astrology books; and, while it is true that they can be hard to live with, they also have some very good points. Scorpions are not loners; they like to be in a relationship and will make great efforts to keep it going through thick and thin. These subjects are loyal, and they stick to those whom they love even when this is difficult. Scorpions take marriage vows very seriously, and they don't leave a partner when he or she gets ill or if the money runs out. They are definitely not fair-weather friends. These types are possessive, and the very thought of divorce makes their blood run cold. They hate to lose anything, whether it be money, a battle, a

business or a spouse; and they will hang in there until the bitter end.

These subjects have high standards, and they may try to impose these standards upon the rest of their families. They respect courage and strength, and lose patience with those who whine or who cannot cope with life. When they themselves are faced with a problem, they worry intensely about it and may even do a fair bit of complaining themselves; but they don't give in, and they try to find a solution one way or another. I have been surrounded by Scorpio types all my life, and have seen them go through terrible times when their health has let them down or their businesses have collapsed under them; and in every case, these misfortunes have brought out the best in them. In a way, it is easier to live with Scorpions when they are in trouble because it is only then that they allow anyone to help. In good times, they can be so independent that the relationship makes one feel like a spectator rather than a participant in their lives.

A Scorpio home is not a palace because they are not especially tidy and they don't set out to impress others. Like Cancerians, Scorpions tend to hang on to everything which comes into their homes, and every cupboard is stuffed with the junk of ages; they have a sentimental love of the past, and hate to part with anything. On a number of occasions, I have tried suggesting to my Scorpio husband that we get rid of our old-fashioned wardrobes in favour of fitted units, but he won't hear of it. Those wardrobes have twentyseven years of memories sunk into the grain of their wood, and it would be too much of a wrench for him to be parted from them! Most Scorpions are practical, and will find a way of doing what needs to be done around the house. Being restless, they prefer to keep busy rather than simply sit about. Both sexes will handle any kind of job, and they don't feel that anything is beneath them. They need to have quite an active social life, but they are easily tired by people. The answer seems to be for Scorpions and their partners to take up some sport or interest which they can do together and also in the company of others. If this allows the Scorpio to compete with others, then it serves as an outlet for some of his pent-up energies and occasional rages.

Scorpions are very emotional, but they don't all express this in the same way. Some are self-pitying, especially when ill or unhappy; while others brood and get into long-term spells of free-floating bad temper. They take their work seriously and, if something goes wrong in their jobs, they can become extremely difficult to live with. The worst aspect of this is that their poor partner doesn't know why he / she is being subjected to such extreme unpleasantness; and it may be a long time after the event that the reason comes to light. The poor benighted partner knows very well that it would be far better if the Scorpio actually told them what was going on, but pride or the habit of silence seems to prevent this, and any probing or questioning is seen by the Scorpio as being intrusive. On the other hand, Scorpions are very inquisitive, and will even go through a partner's private papers if they think that something is being kept from them. Some Scorpions escape from their problems by drinking too much.

Scorpions have a reputation for wanting to be 'top dog' in a relationship, but this is not

necessarily so, although mutual respect is a necessity to them. Scorpions need to be consulted about decisions, and they hate being presented with a fait accompli, especially if it is likely to cost them money. These subjects are not easily influenced, but they will listen and take note when presented with a reasoned argument and a commonsense approach. Scorpions are not good at sharing, and they can use money or resources in order to control others. They either withhold money or from their families, or bestow it upon them as and when they think fit. The partner of a Scorpio is strongly advised to have an income and a bank account of his / her own. Oddly enough, Scorpions who behave in this way see money as a form of self-protection, and they feel that, if they relinquish financial control, they will allow other people to walk all over them. They are not alone in feeling like this; Leos and Capricorns feel very much the same way. These subjects see the world in black and white, either loving or hating, with few feelings in between; and if anyone insults them or even mildly criticises them, they can take their hate to the point of murder. They may give their families a hard time, but their love is as strong and genuine as their hatred, and they will feel things deeply. They respect and understand their partner's loves and hates, and will do all they can to help a partner succeed in what he or she wants to do. It is worth remembering that this is a fixed sign, and these subjects cannot be influenced or moulded into something other than what they are. There are some Scorpions who are so self-absorbed that they cannot relate to anyone. Many Scorpions don't care what others think of them, and therefore won't compromise or meet anyone halfway.

Scorpions have a reputation for sexuality which I think is probably quite wrong. They love to shock others and will come out with statements which makes people think that they are very liberated in their behaviour. For example, 'I used to go there on dirty weekends', or 'you actually like the missionary position?' might be typical remarks; but, in my opinion, Scorpions are actually rather prudish where it comes to sex. They are not libertines; and, unless there is a great deal of Libra on their charts, they cannot bounce lightly from one relationship to another without their feelings being engaged. Scorpions have a great deal of charm, and are probably the greatest flirts in the world; but this form of dicing with danger is rarely carried through into a true sexual adventure. They worry far too much about AIDS, other sexual diseases, the risk of pregnancy, and even the possibility of falling in love, to let themselves go.

Scorpions like to be desired and wanted, because this gives them a feeling of power over others; and they can wilt if they are not the centre of attention. At a party, a Scorpio will work the room, using conversation and his expressive face in order to entertain and draw attention, but this is really just an act. Scorpions are super-cautious where their feelings are concerned, and will think twice and three times before getting into anything real. When in a relationship, they can be quite demanding, but they are also shy, afraid of looking foolish, and nervous of trying anything new. They need a partner who will encourage and reassure them, or they can become stuck in a rather boring sexual routine. Some Scorpions have a variety of sex partners, but don't allow themselves to fall in love, thus avoiding potential pain.

Scorpios have many acquaintances but very few friends, and there are very few people who really know them well. They don't much care for the kind of cosy tête-à-tête where confidences are exchanged. They won't admit to foolish behaviour or indiscretions of their own, and are not sufficiently interested in other people to want to hear about theirs. They can be quite competitive as friends. Once a friend lets them down in some way, that is the end of the friendship and there is nothing that can be done to regain the trust which was lost. Scorpios try to get on with their relatives, but they don't lose any sleep if this doesn't work out.

As parents, Scorpios can be absolutely terrible. One astrologer describes the experience of being the child of a Scorpio as 'Rocking backwards and forwards in horror on the stairs as the Scorpio parent screams the marriage to an end, and wondering what I had done to cause this'. Scorpios don't control their anger or their feelings for the sake of peace, and they are capable of destroying a marriage or their children's sanity through pride coupled with the inability to ever admit that they can be wrong. On the other hand, many Scorpios are very loving parents who somehow manage to control their wilder side and give their children the security they need. All Scorpio parents have a tendency to use their children in order to compete with others; and they are happiest with children who can and do cope with pressure. Many Scorpio parents seem to be blessed with talented, successful Leo children. However, some Scorpio parents can actually become jealous of their offspring's success, even while claiming that they had a hand in bringing it about.

Scorpio children don't get on well with their siblings. They are far too competitive, too self-centred, and they simply don't consider that the other children's demands and requirements are in any way as important as their own. Scorpio children find sharing very difficult; and, rightly or wrongly, they feel they are being deprived of their share of their parents' love.

These children have high personal standards, which means that they either make a great success of school or sports and of childhood in general, or see too many obstacles in their path and opt out altogether and become anti-social. Most Scorpio children benefit from an active, sporty outlet, and they also enjoy being involved with organisations such as the girl guides, military cadet organisations, or para-medical ones.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The chief characteristic of a Sun sign Scorpio is a remarkable reserve of energy. It is often said that this is the 'worst' of the Sun signs. Of course, this isn't true: the sign's energies are so strong they can seem overpowering, even inhibiting; the Scorpio can feel driven by them. But if they are fully and positively expressed, both physically and emotionally, the individual will be a big achiever. However, if the energy flow is inhibited or uncontrolled it can be disastrous, with typical resentfulness, jealousy and broodiness.

Jealousy is the worst Scorpio fault, and not only in relationships: Scorpions can be jealous of colleagues and of other people's possessions. This can, however, act as a spur: seeing the progress of others, Scorpions may be inspired to do equally well or better.

The Scorpio body area is the genitals, and this may partly explain the sign's sexy reputation. Sun sign Scorpions need just as much sexual fulfillment as everyone else, and may suffer more if they don't achieve it, but that doesn't mean every Scorpio is a putative sex-maniac! A great many of them express their sex drives through sport; the women may even devote themselves to becoming perfect housewives. The important thing is that the drive is properly directed and extended, and not allowed to stagnate and waste.

Most Scorpions are capable of deep, incisive and analytical thought; they have a powerful urge to get to the root of any problem. They also want to get the most out of life, cramming every day with work and demanding spare-time interests. They may force themselves to extremes of action, and so should try to release their energy as evenly as possible.

A Scorpio, who is all energy, needs a conductor. If the energy is not able to strike home and be received and used in some way, there will be problems, so it is most important in a personal relationship that the partner is not cold or undemonstrative. Scorpions, overwhelmed by the attractions of a possible partner, can put all their energy into the chase, and persist even when it is obvious that the object of their affections is unsuitable. Difficulties will follow. In the stressful periods of a relationship, the Scorpio's tendency to be secretive and vindictive (even to the point of cruelty) may emerge, but other areas of an individual birth chart may modify these characteristics.

When something is wrong with a Scorpio child, he or she will become extremely quiet, and probably reject even favorite food. The sooner young Scorpio can be encouraged to talk over any problems, the better; the tendency to bottle things up can lead to serious difficulties in later life, when he or she may suffer unnecessarily. All children need compelling interests, but young Scorpions do so more than most; they should be encouraged to take up a hobby, preferably one that deeply interests them, and will burn up emotional as well as physical energy. This teaches them how to use that energy evenly. They will probably enjoy heavy team games, water sports, or, for the more creative types, skating and dancing.

Fulfilled Scorpio parents demand much of their children - sometimes too much. They will be especially eager to encourage their children to take the path they have followed, and become successful in their own right. Deeply interested in their children and their development, they may go too far in their desire to know everything about them, and should remember that children need privacy, too. The intense relationship they desire should include fun and humor. Naturally rather strict, Scorpio parents must realize that some children react better to less stringent discipline. Their tendency to insist on what

they think best can make them seem intractable to their children and incapable of sensible discussion and argument.

Less than successful Scorpios whose children are doing really well must be exceptionally careful that jealousy, perhaps their chief fault, doesn't spoil the relationship. They should remember that the children's success is their success, too; they brought them up!

Above all else, and more than most other signs, Scorpios need to be emotionally involved in their careers. Like those of their polar sign, Taurus, they need emotional and financial security, and are willing to work hard to maintain it, and to improve their standard of living. Their energy can sometimes seem entirely devoted to making money, and these Scorpio businessmen or women will have found the way in which to direct their keen sense of purpose. Others may have to strive a little harder to discover ways of using their abundant energy and achieving their potential.

When out of work, Scorpios lack a daily outlet for their energy, and must seek somehow to expend it - even, perhaps, in part-time, unpaid work. Otherwise, it is all too easy for the force to be negatively used, perhaps even in crime. Scorpios need to be under pressure - they must have something against which to test their muscles, mental or physical. They do well in engineering, the mining industry, the navy, the wine trade; they are natural researchers and detectives.

Scorpios will probably resist enforced change; their natural stubbornness will rise to the surface. However, there will be times when they feel that change is absolutely vital, and then nothing will stop them seeking it. Sweeping, drastic changes may result, after which they will settle happily into a new lifestyle, ready to accept new responsibilities. Care is needed, of course, that such changes are made for the right reasons and that valuable experience and hard work are not thrown away.

Sitting about doing nothing not only isn't the average Scorpio's idea of pleasure, but may even be bad for them. These people will welcome retirement as a chance to do all the things for which there hasn't yet been time, although they may still lack time to do everything they've got planned. But at all events (however unlikely it is) Scorpios shouldn't look forward to days of sitting in the sun. They need a compelling interest instead.

Just as Scorpio energy must be evenly spent and controlled, so the physical system needs a regular, controlled diet. That may not be easy; there is a tendency towards self-indulgence in food and drink, which often provokes stomach upsets or constipation. Moderation doesn't come easily to Scorpios, but they must cultivate it, in both diet and exercise, for what starts out as a keen interest in sport and exercise can get out of hand, causing strain. They must not hesitate to slow down when necessary. The martial arts will interest them, not only for the physical aspect, but also for their spiritual and esoteric

qualities. Swimming is very beneficial.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

In many ways Scorpio is the most powerful sign of the Zodiac. It is ruled by Mars and Pluto, while Uranus, the planet of sudden release of energy, is exalted in it.

More than any other sign, Scorpio deals with processes of fundamental transformation on all levels. This transformation can be on a high or low plane, depending on the motivation behind the change. However, as a rule, Scorpions work to improve the status quo.

Scorpions possess power, will, and intense emotional desires. Their life is likely to be a constant struggle to conquer desire through the creative use of the will. Since this sign is strongly related to the desire principle and the sex drive, there is tremendous emotional force behind the Scorpio's romantic involvements. When out of proper control, this can lead to possessiveness, jealousy, and violence. No side can be so potent for good or evil as Scorpio.

Because Scorpions act with all their power, it is of utmost importance that they set out on the proper course from the start. They never deal with life superficially; and whatever they become involved with is generally of serious consequence. Sometimes their desire to do everything perfectly makes them unable to delegate responsibility, so they overwork themselves, seeking perfection in all details.

Highly developed Scorpions are the most ardent defenders of justice, even in the face of death. Unlike Arians, who are also ruled by Mars and Pluto, they have tremendous staying power because they are in a fixed sign. They will see any matter through to the bitter end, regardless of the required effort and sacrifice.

Although these people despise weakness in themselves and do not like to see it in others, they are often generous and compassionate, and will extend themselves in order to help someone else. Scorpions expect, however, that the individual, once helped, will stand independently and continue to help himself.

They are not always diplomatic, since they believe in expressing their ideas and feelings with unfiltered truthfulness. They would rather remain silent than give a watered-down version of their true opinions and emotions.

They have an intense drive to investigate the nature of things and discover the causes behind any outward manifestation. Consequently, they excel in work involving detection, science, research, and occult investigations.

They tend to be highly secretive, and woe be unto those who give away their secrets or

incur their wrath. In a battle they will give no quarter and expect none. If one takes up cudgels with Scorpios, he should be well-fortified.

In appearance, they are generally of robust and strong build. They often possess keenly penetrating eyes and a strong aura of personal mystique and magnetism.

Their intuition is well-developed, as a rule, giving them the ability to penetrate the inner thoughts of others and exact secret information from them.

When spiritually developed, Scorpios derive immense power from their ability to tap the fundamental, creative, regenerative forces of nature. Thus, their accomplishments can sometimes seem almost miraculous.

They are not inclined to fear death because they have a mystical understanding of the cyclic nature of manifestation. The key phrase for Scorpio is 'I desire'.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a deep, though potentially cruel, heart. You have the will to use wisely your penetrating insight - and so not let it descend into selfish manipulation. Your life should be led in a spirit of emotional authenticity - as opposed to merely being obsessive. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is powerful and uncompromising, and / or destructive.

You generate an unmistakable sexual vibration that reaches Other on a level beyond his / her inhibitions or conscious resistance. You have a laser-like perception of life and Other that is irresistible and deeply healing. You have an aura of intimacy that enables Other to be more in touch with his / her real feelings.

You can alienate Other through sapping him / her of his / her psychic and / or physical energy in order to subjugate him / her for your own darkly selfish reasons; by hitting Other where it hurts in order to vainly appease your own resentment; and with a compulsion to have Other feel as deeply painful as you feel.

You overemphasize a conviction that you are absolutely right concerning an issue about which you are obviously biased. You overaccentuate your desire to have someone exactly where you want him / her, be it very close, at a distance, or out of your life completely. You overstress Other's weaknesses, as a smoke screen to hide your own; and you are excessively secretive.

You can feel weak when you are not 100% sure of yourself over any issue, especially an emotional one - but this is a weakness in itself. You can also feel weak about chinks in your own armour; and because you cannot bear to be unsure of where someone stands with you, and so you often enforce this with a finality that you later come to regret.

When you are alone, it is because you have broken a taboo that most people observe to keep at bay anything they cannot manage psychologically. Like the pariah, you are cast out beyond the city walls of so-called polite society. The Other who does this could be one person in particular, a community, or your own family. As you stew in your own juice, it is down to your own formidable depth of insight to determine whether you were right or wrong in committing whatever deed it was that had you cast out - or what that deed was and whether you actually committed it at all. Scorpio has the arguable advantage of doing things out of a sense of inner conviction rather than out of a need for external approval. More often than not, the answer is that you have broken a taboo that was a cover-up for some species of emotional insincerity. What you have to face up to in the extremes of your isolation is that the underground river of truth will emerge when it will.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Scorpio individuals feel they have the right to possess, investigate, control; to search out the secrets of people's desires and needs.

Static

When your attention is directed towards getting a reaction from others that reflects your power, you may instigate conflicts. In doing so, merely as a cheap thrill and test of your dominance, you may alienate those closest to you. If you covertly insist that others recognize your ultimate strength, you may become impatient and insecure when they do not offer you the deference expected. When your potency is not acknowledged, you may become angry and demand attention through an inappropriate provocation.

The unpredictability of the Scorpio's sharp responses may be emotional and destructive in nature. Indulging in agitating others may lead to their mistrust and wariness including you on the core levels most wanted. You might rely on inciting others as a means of validating and measuring your power and control by their responses. This can lead to a type of self-expression that defeats your independence.

Dynamic

When you focus on uplifting other people, you can express your abilities for manifesting power in a way that is constructive and vital for both parties. Revealing your perceptions of another's inner thoughts and feelings allows you to feel the aliveness of significant participation. You can inspire others when you validate your self-control by exposing those factors that enable them to achieve the same self-mastery.

You can be aware of the ambitions and goals that others are seeking. This awareness allows you to contribute your perceptions effectively in a way that others can accept.

This results in your increased vitality and well-being. You give others an opportunity to know you and to appreciate the power of your discernment when you reveal the psychological insights that further them. Seeing the foibles and hidden motivations of others can inspire you to help them become aware of their own deepest desires. In this way, you can experience the satisfaction and acknowledgement of the Scorpion power to transform the lives of others constructively.

(John Townley)

Of all the Sun signs, Scorpio is the most closely identified with sexuality. You feel life intensely and need to express your passions in all that you do. In a love relationship you want all or nothing, and you are quick to let a partner know there is no middle ground.

Your basic drive for power is most clearly seen through your ability to manipulate others in less than obvious ways. You will be very tempted to use your sexual magnetism to gain material or psychological advantage over your lover. For this reason, you may attract less sophisticated partners whose naiveté allows you to be in command. But you will soon tire of that game and look for something that is more meaningful on a long-term basis.

You usually are very clear about what you desire, and you know it is worth waiting a long time to get what will satisfy you. This can make you seem quite cold to those who want to get to know you but don't understand your secretive nature. You might explain to these people that you simply need to be alone. This small courtesy will win you much support from others, who may be able to help you.

(Grant Lewi)

The dualism of Scorpio makes it a baffling sign, for the Scorpion combines materialism with spirituality. He is 'the world, the flesh and the devil and also the spirit that renounces them. He is full of the zest of life, which however is meaningful only after he has added a unique, almost mystic, significance. The search for inner values, for the key to the riddle of self, of world, of life itself, is Scorpio's basic motivation; and his search, whether it takes him to spiritual heights or into the darkness of subconscious depths, is always intense. To him, 'Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal'. Scorpio takes himself, his work, his ideals, his love seriously, and insists that others do the same; yet at the same time he is unaware of the fleetingness of it, the futility of it, the smallness of it. Not usually religious in any orthodox sense, he has his own personal religion, which is more mystic than philosophic, and which is part of the depths of his profound nature. Scorpio is the only sign that never produces a shallow person. The best of the rest slip into nonentities from time to time, but a Scorpion is always consequential. You must reckon with him even if you dislike or despise him. He can sink to the lowest level of them all if the sense of futility turns his great energies inward instead of outward; but to whatever level he may sink, he carries with him an essential dignity, as if to represent

the greatness of Lucifer in fall as well as in glory. At his best, Scorpio is a mechanical, spiritual or legal genius, though rarely an executive. Luxurious and extravagant in his tastes, he lacks interest in making money because, when he calls on his maximum powers, they lead him to noncommercial fields. So great is his magnetism that he will generally be found in a position where he can get all he wants without giving his all, which is reserved for private, perhaps secret, pursuits. He is careful of appearances, generally a conformist in all that meets eye, and would not willingly let you into the private details of his life, thoughts and philosophies. Yet these are very clear to him and provide him with an unexpressed viewpoint that gives him great poise. He looks at the world with aware, perhaps accusing, eyes; he does not betray the secret he has with himself, which gives him reserve and self-assurance and an uncanny knack of making the other fellow feel that he knows more than he is expressing. Part of the secret of Scorpio (no-one can tell you all of the secret except the individual Scorpion himself, and he won't) is the simplicity with which he accepts the merger of the material and the spiritual. He relates all problems of life to a standard of intangibles that is unknown to other men; achieves a practical answer in terms of his secret, perhaps unconscious, doctrine of the worlds; and thus adds to his personality the sort of magic one would have who consulted with an invisible, but ever-present, guardian angel.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of individuality manifests through regeneration.

Symbol: Lava from an erupting volcano flows hissing into the sea.

In Scorpio, sign of sex, death, and regeneration, the somber gleam of an unseen Sun kindles the smoldering fires of Mars and Pluto to produce a strong and willful personality. The awesome potency of this combination is symbolized by the hissing steam that arises when the solar radiance heats the waters of the hidden psychic realm. The propensity of Scorpions to bottle up their simmering emotions creates so much inner tension that when proddings from the outside penetrate their wall of reserve they can erupt with scalding violence. They have a reputation for inscrutability since no-one can say what repressed passions are seething within the cauldron of their unconscious minds, but often they are less inscrutable than paradoxical because of the clash of conflicting elements within their nature.

Scorpio's intellect is incisive, his feelings vehement, and his body capable of extraordinary endurance. When the lower type of Scorpion is antagonized, he sulks and broods, waiting in silence for the opportunity to strike. Then he lashes out so venomously that the object of his wrath is paralyzed by his sting. By contrast, when the evolved Scorpion turns his powers to good, no greater devotion to principle or capacity for sacrifice can be found. He is compassionate without being squeamish, and will uncomplainingly take on jobs too tough for others to handle. These higher types can be as forbearing as the lower types are vindictive. The only certainty is that their characters will not be flabby. They make heroes or villains - or both at once.

In Aries, Mars is the warrior who marches boldly to fight upon the battlefield of the world. In Scorpio, he makes the discovery that the real battlefield lies within. The conflict then becomes infinitely more difficult and dangerous. Subtler stratagems are required because the antagonist lurking in the depths of the psyche is tricky, elusive, and difficult to engage in fair combat. It is often necessary to advance through retreat, triumph through surrender, and gain an ultimate victory through the loss of that which has been most cherished.

Metaphysically, Aries represents the birth of man's sense of self. Scorpio represents the purging of selfish or ego-based desires. Scorpio's co-rulers Mars and Pluto bring conflict and destruction; but exalted Uranus promises that the shattering of the senses will effect a basic transformation. Thus, in Scorpio, the soul descends into an abyss in order to shed the waste matter of its existence in preparation for its ascent to a higher level of selfknowing. In actuality, Scorpio people are invariably subjected to periods of trial and testing. Then, if the Plutonian process of elimination has been successful, they arise phoenix-like out of the ashes of the past and go on to greater attainments.

Scorpio concerns the inevitables of existence - sex and death. Since these irrevocable events touch upon the mysteries of life, they are shrouded with secrecy and surrounded with taboos to keep them from being profaned. Repression of the sexual instincts can cause the aberrations of cruelty, jealousy, and satanic pride, all negative traits of the sign. The Christian tradition has not dealt kindly with the sexual instinct (largely because of the Scorpio overlay given by Saint Paul); and as a result it has fostered a morbid emphasis on the blood and suffering of Christ, along with a prurient denial of the value of carnal love.

The necessity to raise and sublimate the libidinal instincts impels many Scorpio people to seek an outlet for their energies in the field of the arts. In their creative enterprises, they are apt to be preoccupied with achieving emotional release rather than with the expression of conventional ideas of beauty. Consequently, their painting, poetry, and music may seem more decomposed than composed. A characteristically Scorpionic artist is Pablo Picasso, whose zeal for tearing down images into their basic components stems from a compulsion to restructure forms according to an interior vision.

Since Scorpions are adept at handling other people's money, they are frequently found in business and finance, and are noted for their jealous supervision of the family budget.

They are well-suited to be detectives, inspectors, psychologists, and troubleshooters, being better adapted to the tasks of renovation and restoration of what already exists than to making a fresh start. They are capable of ruthlessly eliminating that which has served its purpose, even at the cost of personal pain.

The real mystery of Scorpio is why, with all their wariness and strength of character,

these people are so often caught in the grip of their sexual and aggressive compulsions, unable to avoid being sucked into a maelstrom of duplicity and intrigue. Yet, once they have squarely confronted their problems, they have the courage to find a solution regardless of personal loss and sacrifice. They can transform themselves, and often do.

Sun ☉ in 11th House

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that your path of development is directed towards group participation in the ongoing search for social and cultural progress. Idealism and dreams of a better future are vitalising energies; and you may become a channel for new perceptions, insights, knowledge and understanding of society, and a living example of how such abilities serve as a transformative potency which generates periodic social reform or revolution in varying ways.

You will probably have a developed group or social awareness, conscious of the interplay between the individual and the collective, and an awakened heart to the often unnecessary suffering that man often inflicts on his fellow men, animals and nature unknowingly. This will lead you eventually to become more active in joining with others to propose creative solutions to minimise group pain and discomfort through the creation of greater public awareness and alternative policies that can be applied to resolve conflict situations.

Such group endeavours can include those of the ecology and environmental causes, civil liberty and community welfare groups, or those dedicated to providing spiritual, religious or psychological techniques designed to integrate the individual and awaken him / her to his / her power within society. As you are more future-orientated, you will feel less bound by the weight of existing traditional attitudes, and may enter into adversarial or conflicting relationships with those who stand firmly behind older viewpoints. You may be considered to be radical in attitude; and this can always make those who prefer the maintenance of the status quo feel uncomfortable.

Following your sense of universal fellowship, you may become a staunch advocate of human rights and liberation, and through integration with the collective favour a vision of universal guiding principles. This can involve you with activities related to political and social humanitarian development, and provide you with an ideological foundation in life and a defined meaning and purpose. Enlivened by such group participation, you may need to be aware of the nature of your self-expression, so that you remain open to other points of view too and do not become blinkered by the particular focus and worldview of any particular group. The persuasive powers of a group cause and belief structure are often extremely powerful, and liable to overshadow individual attitudes; by choosing to

remain a group participant, many lose the ability for free thinking due to having to conform to the dominant group perception, and they lose sight of everything except the group viewpoint. This is the main danger of the group potency and should be avoided through understanding.

Certainly the potential for your path of development lies within group activity, and increasingly your sense of identity will be associated with group affinities. If your Sun aspects are harmonious (conjunction, sextile, trine), then your relationships with groups should run relatively smoothly, positively and co-operatively; if they are challenging (square, opposition) then more friction and disputes may occur.

Through asserting your solar potency, you could rise to positions of spokesperson for such groups, and gain recognition for your social contributions and progressive innovations which help to regenerate and revitalise society. Public involvement and organisational abilities are likely, although you may need to ensure that your grand designs and schemes for social betterment are capable of being applied and are actually tested in the fires of daily life. It is through becoming a solar crusader for a better quality of world life that your identity is reformed into one of purpose and power. Releasing your inner light through affinitive group activity and kindling the collective light is the ideal direction for your Sun expression, and one to which you should pay the most attention.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of the Sun gives a strong and unshakable sense of self from early childhood on. They seem to know who they are and what they want from the beginning. Generally attractive, they can be intensely charismatic, in some cases projecting an almost godlike quality of higher knowledge, inner strength, or supernatural wisdom. Many kings, queens, emperors, heroes, and actors who portray heroes have the Sun here, as well as many great innovators, those who set new styles or start new ways of thinking and doing things. They go their own way and devil take the hindmost. They attract others to them, and they enjoy the company and the good times, but they also think nothing of pulling up stakes and setting forth on their own, leaving old friends behind forever. They feel confident in their ability to form new relationships when they need them.

They are charming and can project great warmth toward others, but are not at all sentimental, and rarely create needs out of habit. Those who are close to them may come to be very angry at them for this cold streak. They are exceedingly classconscious; and, though they may appear to be completely democratic in their treatment of others, in truth they will usually jettison one set of friends for another group higher on the social ladder, one that is closer to the glory land of big names, easy living, and classy surroundings.

They are capable of working along their own lines for years without compromising their

integrity, believing that their way will win out in the end or not really giving a damn, more interested in doing it their own way than in any eventual success. However, if and when success does come, it usually comes as much from their being adept at social manipulation as from the quality of their efforts.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with the Sun in the 11th establish a more cogent sense of identity through social, humanitarian or political activities. The phrase 'no man is an island' is commonplace; but it still has particular significance for this placement.

In some way, the identity should be linked to a larger unit than the individual self. Personal recognition could be gained through group involvement, and it is not unusual for someone with the Sun here to rise to a position of prominence or wield influence within various kinds of organizations. The nature of the experiences encountered through group situations - how easily a person functions or adjusts in this sphere - can be seen by aspects to the Sun in this house. The person may be a channel through which new currents or trends entering the collective could manifest.

There is a danger that the identity could be bought wholesale by alignment of the self with a group, belief system or cause. In this instance, it's not a case of you are what you eat, but you are what the group feeds you. Those with the Sun in the 11th need to distinguish carefully between what they believe and what the group tells them they ought to believe.

Friendships are important to the full development of the Sun in this house. Those with this placement could have a marked impact on close friends and conversely friends could open new vistas and be helpful in the achievement of goals and objectives. As with groups and belief systems, taken to an extreme, some sort of divine potency could be projected onto friends.

It is wise for people with the Sun in the 11th to make a conscious effort to set themselves feasible goals towards which to aim. Somehow, their efforts to realize these will contribute towards the formation of a more solid and concrete sense of identity, purpose and power. One of the most vital ingredients in the self-healing process is having a reason to live.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: Groups are where you shine. Exercise diplomacy, however, for you may throw your weight around a little too freely, assuming a dominant or superior pose. Be equally careful to avoid identifying so strongly with a group that you create a psychological clique, an in-group / out-group, 'us-versus-them' reality. These pitfalls may initially offer you more stability, security, and confidence; but in the long run they could

sap your energy and threaten your life purpose. Remember that everyone on the planet is a member of the same group: humanity. Your challenge is to ground yourself in social reality, using groups to help define and express the most important themes of your life.

Appropriate behavior: You're a very social animal; you don't set your own standards, but instead absorb a sense of appropriate behavior from the milieu of those around you. As your social group changes, your sense of correctness changes with it. As always, the sign and aspects of the Sun can dramatically alter your attitudes; but in any condition, you will be aware of others' expectations. What is constant is the emphasis on dignity. The major pitfalls involve inordinate pride surrounding your 'perfect' behavior, as well as haughtiness in reaction to criticism. The challenge is to find a way to merge your inner self with the best outer behavior, so that each supports the other.

Friendship, social circle: You absorb life-energy through your friendships. The support of true friends is a crucial requirement in your life-purpose. No friends, no life. Your social circle is large and diverse. One or two friends are not enough to feed your demand for contact. Equally, if all your friends are of the same general mind or orientation, you limit the scope of fulfillment. It may seem that you're building a wonderful world, but you'll later discover that you've limited the potential of your own Godliness. Loyalty is essential, but there could be conflicts around dignity and power. Don't let pride get in the way. Be the best friend you know how, then watch as others are drawn to you.

Shared creativity: Your power increases when you work creatively in a group setting, and this energy is then available not only for you, but for the others in your group. And though this process is, by definition, shared, you want to lead, to call the shots. Temper your ambitions with humility. Your creative role is to provide basic fuel for the group's expression, to give it both power and purpose.

Receiving love: Being loved means being treated with respect. It also means having another's attention; if people say they love you, but then ignore you, you don't feel loved, even if you're deeply in their hearts. Expressions of care must be powerful and total, to penetrate your own power center. Curiously, to feel loved, you must love. You cannot conceive of being loved by anyone for whom you don't feel love. Equally paradoxical is the fact that you are not receptive to courtship unless you've already chosen the courtier as your beloved. Yes, you are susceptible to flattery (sometimes too much...), but unless you actively love the individual already, compliments are interpreted as simple friendship. Those who love you need to know that their love is safe with you. The challenge is first to be loving, then to let the love that comes in return fill your center until you glow.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your life circumstances are such that you seek opportunities to freely exploit your talents. Because you want to be free from financial burdens in the future, you willingly

work at your career to get the greatest yield from your efforts. You look for opportunities to promote your ideas, for you know you can satisfy the demands of your job and have some assurance of tenure as well. Your partner must support you in your endeavors and show appreciation for your accomplishments. Reaching your goals will benefit both your partner and yourself. Your income will allow you to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle while you are employed, and will assure you of security in retirement. The public you serve is generally pleased with your efforts, because you know how to serve them. You are very skilled in communication, which is reflected in your success in dealing with people.

You take great pride in being able to reach your objectives without having to resort to questionable practices. You are sure of what you know; and you aren't afraid to communicate that fact to your superiors. Your ability to satisfy your employer's needs and objectives makes you a valuable employee. You enjoy the friendship of your personal and professional associates, on whom you can depend for support if you need it. As you realize each goal, you immediately set yourself a new one, ever widening your sphere of influence among your colleagues and in general.

The one factor that may frustrate your desires is being overburdened by family obligations so that you are forced to accept an inferior job that will provide an immediate return. Even with this predicament, you can still strive to reach your goals if you plan carefully. You want the best for your children so that they can better exploit their potentials according to their dreams for the future. As long as you don't try to tell them what to do with their lives, they should appreciate what you have done for them. You may have to make some sacrifices as you invest in your personal development, and you and your partner may have to curtail your spending for a time, but the eventual returns will more than offset your present discomfort. You have the necessary potential for growth and development, so you don't ever need to fear that you won't achieve financial security.

You can guarantee your future by being willing to work at refining your skills. If you plan carefully, you won't jeopardize your health while pursuing your objectives. Be sure to set aside time for simply indulging in personal pleasures. The need to satisfy your family obligations makes you push yourself beyond safe limits, but you should avoid doing that. As long as their needs are being met and you have sufficient opportunities to expand your area of responsibility, you should feel all right about yourself.

You have all the resources you need to satisfy your material requirements and achieve fulfilment. With a reasonable amount of self-discipline, you can achieve your goals. You are lucky to be so aware of the social problems around you, because you have the talent to do something about them. It can be rewarding to know that you have stimulated the people around you to improve the quality of their lives.

Moon ☾ in ♓ Pisces 22° 32'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you habitually seek the behavior of others to automatically validate your concept of universal perfection, you may refuse to see life as it exists. Living in your vision of universal perfection on Earth, you can unknowingly lose yourself in ivory tower beliefs. These beliefs prevent you from listening to people and seeing them in a realistic and unpredictable way.

When others fail to live up to your Pisces vision of their perfection, you might feel personally betrayed. By seeking a higher perspective to make them or yourself wrong, you may create self-isolation in the process. This constant disappointment brought on by others violating your expectations results in self-invalidation, confusion, and an inability to cope in relationships.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for imparting your vision of other people's perfection, you may notice that past methods of theoretical communications have simply not worked. The truth is that others cannot provide the perfection you seek. They are preoccupied with thinking about their own imperfection. Your lesson is to heal the negative thoughts of others so that there is room for the positive solutions within them to come forth. Then they are able to alter their behavior and align themselves with their inward perfection.

You can heal negative beliefs by noticing the reality of other points of view. You can relate on an equal and sharing level when you encompass the point of view and thoughts behind the other person's action. By opening this door, you experience the unconditional love you seek.

As you create a positive atmosphere, you reassure individuals with your trust in the perfection of things as they are. You can supply a larger picture of the appropriateness of their specific process. When your perceptive powers are used to discern where another is feeling a lack of self-protection, you can contribute the communication that promotes the faith and self-acceptance. In this process, you validate your vision and are also healed.

General

You have an idealistic and naive approach to life. You seem to float through the harsh realities of daily routine, smelling only flowers along the way. Deep disappointments can result when the world does not live up to your idealistic standards of human behavior, but before too long you pick yourself up and put on your rose-colored glasses again.

You have certain material dependencies that you feel are necessary to maintain your healing spiritual consciousness. You are used to having others take care of you, cook for you, and set your daily routine. You have never developed self-discipline, which is a lifetime task; you are learning to accept your responsibilities and set your own schedules.

You are accustomed to living in a timeless reality, but you need to learn the practical value of infusing celestial reality into daily life by sticking to a routine and by paying attention to being on time. These factors can make your life strong and give you confidence in relating your spiritual consciousness effectively to daily living.

You are also learning to pay attention to diet and health. You are learning to be responsible for your own nutritional well-being. You are learning to discriminate and to ingest those foods that give the body a feeling of balanced strength, which allows your spiritual consciousness to flow without interruption.

You are inclined to trust the universe completely and to merge yourself with total reliance on the universal flow. This patterning has been overdone, however, and has led to a certain stagnation. It is only by learning to apply your sense of faith and unconditional love in daily life that your bliss feelings can be regenerated. Again, focusing on your clearly defined goals and applying the needed discipline are necessary.

Your destiny is suited to using the fruits of your spiritual practices - unconditional love, the ability to heal, your vision of loveliness - to freely and effectively work for the good of those in your circle of influence. You will serve or suffer in life. You can choose either to actively and constructively serve society or to suffer behind the private walls of feeling misunderstood and walked on by the world. When you have taken responsibility for setting up the necessary structures in your life, this will act as a support system through which universal emotional energies can flow in a balanced way. Then you will be on the path to emotional fulfillment in life.

(Tracy Marks)

Having Moon in Pisces means that we need space in our lives to drift and to dream, relationships based upon empathic bonds, and openness to sources of inspiration inside and outside ourselves. The watery energies of the Moon are easily expressed, and sometimes overly emphasized, by a Pisces Moon placement. When we experience our feelings and needs, we may even indulge them through long bouts of crying, selfpity, or elicitation of sympathy from other people. With or without awareness, we may seek to escape from ourselves through fantasy or idealization, or through such addictions as alcohol or drugs. Many of us with Pisces Moons may vicariously experience our feelings and satisfy our needs by continually focusing upon the feelings and needs of others and devoting ourselves to their welfare.

A parent who was a Piscean influence most probably responded sensitively and compassionately to us and encouraged our inspirational temperament. However, if our Moon is afflicted, such a parent may also have had a detrimental influence upon us. He or she may have overindulged us, catering to our aches and pains, or too frequently played the martyr, giving to us wholeheartedly but also invoking guilt or seeking complete dedication in return. He or she may have been hypochondriacal, or of an ethereal nature which could not easily come to terms with physical reality. A Piscean parent may have been victim to his or her own addictions, or tangled in dreams or fantasies and not fully emotionally or physically present.

We who have Moon in Pisces may need to learn how to respond constructively to our own feelings and needs, to serve ourselves and give to ourselves rather than attempt to lose ourselves in others. Often, because we suffer from a divine discontent, we may have difficulty accepting and adapting to the realities of an earthly existence; we need to be able to translate our visions into action, to live those dreams which are viable, thereby forging a link between our practical and spiritual or creative natures. We may seek to experience oneness in close relationships, but we are not likely to know wholly that oneness unless we cultivate our attunement to our own creative and / or spiritual source, and open our hearts to the fullness of both the love and the pain within us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, the moon indicates the native is restless, sensitive, impressionable, subject to brooding and changes of mood, and fond of travel, yet needing an anchor, a place to remain in happiness and contentment. He can be self-indulgent; also very capable of sensing moods in others, even of perceiving their thoughts. He can be found working behind the scenes, including behind a camera, or in institutions, hospitals, etc.. He looks constantly for some kind of Shangri-la, and dives into seclusion when hurt - he wonders when others will recognize the loftiness of his motives.

He is only truly appreciated when he appreciates himself, and this is not accomplished unless he lives up to his highest ideals. There appears to be no middle ground.

He tends to be too easy-going, too willing to change the course of his action if obstacles appear, and too willing to back down. The astrologer must help him see the folly of making so many 'zigs and zags'.

The native is fascinated by the occult - he is called 'psychic' by many of his friends. It is necessary for him to adhere to the highest principles. Otherwise, he begins to suspect his own motives, and then his entire framework of confidence crumbles like a house of cards. He is affected by the moods and feelings of others, and can be sent into a fit of gloom by observing family members as they quarrel.

He wants to be surrounded by happiness - but cannot seem to put his finger on his own salvation. His worst enemy: indecision. His best friend: confidence in his own ideals.

(Grant Lewi)

To achieve wisdom, to dwell in the high, secluded valley of Shangri-la, to know yourself and your relation to the Universe, to be in tune with the infinite, and to be recognized as a person of understanding: these are the constant aims of your life, in fulfillment of which you satisfy most truly your esoteric picture of yourself. If you want material things, it is so that your study and contemplation may be comfortable, untroubled by worry over security; and if material things are hard to get, you are capable of achieving a philosophy that makes them unnecessary to your contentment and self-development, which is always the kernel of your nut of life. On the other hand, if material things come easily, if circumstances and your total personality conspire to start you on an upward spiral toward success, your inner nature will tell you that success and luxury are, for some deep spiritual reason, your due; and the comfort they bring your spirit may lend you power in getting more and more of them. In no case, however, are material concerns of first import to your deepest and truest self, whose search is always for self-knowledge, self-understanding and selffulfillment in the intangible sense that depends on nothing outside you. You are unhappy only when you violate, in action, thought or word, some truth that is essential to you, or when you realize you have acted counter to the dictates of your own self-taught wisdom. Too continuous violation of your own code causes brooding and deep unhappiness, and thus your only sure path to contentment, which is your success, is to make sure that you adhere always to the wisdom already acquired, and build stone by stone toward that high pyramid of wisdom in the completion of which is your success.

(John Townley)

Your emotions are very intense and finely tuned, and you can usually see into the heart of an affair more quickly than your partner. But your flashes of insight are not steady. You are likely to have considerable mood swings and changes of heart within a relationship until it has settled for a period. Only time can give your affairs more concrete definition.

For that reason, you should find a lover who is more stable than you. Such a partner will see through to the real you underneath, and won't be thrown off by your seeming inconsistencies.

Because you are more concerned with a lover's internal values than with their external expression, others may think that your friends and lovers don't match your style. But you are hardly aware of any inconsistency, because you see directly to a person's heart, ignoring external trappings, which few others can do.

Concerning physical matters, you are likely to be rather impractical. It would be good to have a partner who can handle the bothersome petty details of existence so that you can then attend to the more meaningful issues in life without being distracted. Under such circumstances, you can transform love into a clear, pure vehicle for personal understanding and revelation, both for you and for your lover.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very sensitive person with strong feelings. If someone makes a harsh remark, you take it very hard. In fact, one of your tasks in life will be to develop a thicker skin. Not everyone is so sensitive as you or so considerate of people's feelings. But your sensitivity is good in some ways because it makes you kinder and more considerate of others, and less likely to hurt anyone. You like to take care of people and animals, especially if they are sick or hurt. But you should stay away from people who are always negative, because you pick up and react to their feelings very quickly.

You have a rich and lively imagination, which can make you very creative. But you may spend too much time in your own private fantasy world and avoid dealing with the important matters of the world around you. It is much easier for you to daydream than to face up to the real world.

As you get older, you may develop an interest in the occult and supernatural - not in the horrible aspects such as witches and vampires, but in subjects such as ESP and clairvoyance. You are very interested in the mysterious aspects of the world around you.

As you get older, you should learn how to stand up for yourself and resist people who are more aggressive. You are very likely to avoid conflicts, even when you should defend your own ideas. If you do not stand up for yourself, you may attract people who will exploit you and take advantage of you.

(Haydn Paul)

Moon in Pisces suggests you may be an emotional dreamer, highly sensitive to the tidal vacillations of your feelings and those of others around you. This heightened sensitivity verges on a psychic ability, and you will be empathic, receiving impressions from the collective emotional psyche, almost like a psychic sponge, leaving yourself vulnerable and impressionable on an unconscious inner level. Without realizing it, you often reflect moods and feelings of those close to you, incorrectly believing that they are your feelings; you may carry the emotional burdens of many, and this can weigh your spirit down. Some may take advantage of your self-sacrificial attitude, turning you into a victim or martyr for them, so you may need to guard against this unconscious tendency.

Real life is not really to your taste; it can be too harsh and demanding, making too great an impact on your malleable feelings and wearing you down through constant emotional

agitation. You may seek escape through imagination, fantasies, dreams, and addictions, such as alcohol, drugs, and sexual activity. Prolonged exposure to your private dream world may make you less able to deal with the demands of human existence; and time and effort may be spent in dreaming of a better future rather than actually working to make it a reality.

You will have close access to your unconscious mind, and this may pose certain problems. While it can inspire imaginative creativity through channels such as poetry, art, or music, this needs to be carefully disciplined and focused. If such outlets are not available, they could be developed; yet, if you have no way to direct these energies, they will circulate within your nature. This implies that they will further amplify your sensitivity, emotions, and feelings, and probably make you more psychologically vulnerable. The danger is one of imbalance and of overstimulating some of the more negative Moon-Pisces tendencies. Feelings may arise of persecution, guilt, sacrifice and martyrdom, hypochondria, or losing touch with mundane realities as dreamscapes take over. The unconscious may flood a personality and swamp it, creating neuroses and psychoses.

But equally, there is a positive dimension to this which can be released through your choices. Mediumistic abilities may exist, and these should be developed through modern techniques of channeling, whereby inner teachers can be contacted for guidance and support (although discrimination must be applied to ensure that the messages are genuine and reliable).

Your feelings and emotions are easily expressed; few blocks exist in you, and you are most familiar with following the messages of these impulses, even to the exclusion of rationality at times! Natural empathy can be developed into giving practical aid to and supporting others through counselling, healing, or teaching. Your ideals and dreams of a better world can be made real by actualizing your visions and by manifesting spiritual realities into the physical level.

Cease any tendencies to live through the vicarious feelings and experiences of others, and reabsorb your projections back into yourself, so that you achieve greater integration instead of allowing disintegration to occur through losing yourself in others. Take a more positive approach to honoring feelings as being important, rather than acquiescing to the greater importance of others' feelings. Value your empathic contribution to relationships and appreciate the sense of intimate closeness that this brings. Learn how to fulfill your need to serve others, not through self-sacrifice, but as a means of empowering them to accept their own emotions and feelings; by showing them how to live with these, you help them gain the benefits of a sensitive response to the mysteries of life.

By transcending a tendency to protect your emotions, perhaps through social shyness, you may learn how to take advantage of this sensitivity, both in a constructive attitude toward your emotional dynamics, and in compassionate service to others. Your path through life lies in the watery realm of feelings; learning how to navigate those

sometimes stormy waters may help you to guide others across their own inner seas.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are very responsive to the depths of human experience, and you have understanding and affection for all people. You are emotionally naive and continually overlook other people's shortcomings and deficiencies. However, you can be easily hurt, and you tend to cry or feel sorry for yourself at the drop of a hat.

You don't like to face facts coldly and subjectively, and your relationships will suffer because your feelings are so sensitive. At times, you may lack humor and common sense, and you can be like the proverbial Russian who loves to be sad.

Your senses can deceive you because of your over-developed romanticism and optimism; you wear the original rose-colored glasses. Because you want to believe the best about everything, truth and reality upset you. You usually have musical, poetic and artistic talent.

Depending on the aspects, this can be the worst or best position for the Moon. If this placement is favorable, it gives true vision; if the placement is unfavorable, it can cause total illusion or disillusion. You are quiet, retiring, amiable and sympathetic to the underdog. You are gentle, at times easygoing, unworldly and dreamy. You change your mind often; thus, you can be undependable, easily discouraged and depressed. This is the most psychic position of the Moon; yet there might be sorrow and many obstacles in reaching your goals. You need to feel sheltered and loved, and you like beauty, harmony and comfort around you because you suffer in adverse environments.

In a woman's chart, emotional excess may bring health problems. A woman with this lunar placement may marry late. This position often adds a silent magnetism that attracts men.

A man with the Moon in Pisces wants a devoted, affectionate and sympathetic mate, who is likely to be a strong influence and indispensable in his private life, but not necessarily in his career.

In your eyes, your mother is sympathetic, but she may be very involved in her own life. You don't always see her clearly, at times over-idealizing and at times underestimating her.

(Sasha Fenton)

To some extent, the mutability of Pisces weakens the active, cardinal nature of the Moon. The Moon is associated with one's innermost feelings and underlying emotions; and the sign of Pisces, being devoted to emotion, suggests that even if the subject's

outer manner is confident and capable, there will be a terribly soft heart hiding deep inside.

If this is your Moon position, you will spend some part of your life searching for answers to deep and indefinable questions. You will contemplate the meaning of life and the possibility of an after-life, and could even be drawn to a religious or quasireligious way of living. Your energies to some extent will always be directed towards trying to improve the quality of life for others and to introducing people around you to a gentle and healthy understanding of their minds, bodies and spirits. Life may disappoint you as it may never match up to your idealistic dreams and indefinable yearnings. Yet, somehow, life must go on; and you will probably wish to live it to the very full; therefore a particularly Piscean form of practicality often seems to combine with your desire for perfection, and the requirements of the hereafter.

You can be surprisingly ambitious. This ambition may take the normal route of upward mobility in the working and the suburban community, or it may take a totally private form. You could push yourself to improve your performance in a creative capability. Either way, you have the long-term patience to achieve your goals. You also have the gift of creative visualisation. The only real drawback to your reaching your goals is your lack of confidence and your fear of making other people angry with you for competing with them. A sarcastic remark can wound deeply and is never forgotten.

On a more mundane level, you are extremely sensitive to the needs of others. Nobody is kinder, more thoughtful and considerate; you seem to feel other people's wants even before your own, and you can soak up other people's moods and desires psychically. There is a definite need for you to assess your own feelings from time to time to make sure that they are yours and not those of the people around you. You should also note that it doesn't always do to rush in and smooth the path of others; it might do them more good if you were to allow them to solve their own problems from time to time. Not everybody will want your intervention - although, human nature being what it is, most people will take advantage of free help when given the chance. If you become a permanent listening ear for neurotic friends and relatives, you will become worn out, depressed, and even physically ill. There are people who don't want their problems solved because this would stop them from attracting the attention and sympathy of others. You must make a special effort to avoid the truly mad, bad and sad for your own mental health's sake, even if it means abandoning some of those who call themselves friends.

Like all those who have the Sun or Moon in mutable signs, you have an inner streak of resilience and can usually find a way round your own problems. If absolutely pressed, you can stand up for yourself very well and dish out a surprisingly devastating dose of criticism. People tend to forget, just because you are so ready to sympathize and to understand their needs, that you also see their faults and inner motivations. If you are wounded, you withdraw into your shell. But if the problem is too great, you can be very

spiteful and destructive. Destructive behaviour does not come naturally. You prefer to take the role of counsellor, teacher and guide.

Like Moon in Cancer subjects, you can be a really monumental worrier, beginning with worries on behalf of your family and friends, your health, money, the state of the nation, and the imminence of nuclear war. You could be mean in small ways, smoothing out paper bags for reuse or moaning about small expenses. In a way, you can be penny-wise and pound-foolish because you are never mean about large issues. You are always broke but usually manage to do the things you want. You will spend money on musical and recording equipment, books, dining out and trips. Most astrologers will tell you that you like to be on or near the sea; but where travelling is concerned, you don't actually mind where you go as long as you don't get too worn out in the process.

You will not tolerate injustice in any form; and, if you see a child, an animal or a person of a different race being badly treated, you truly go bananas. You value loyalty above all things, and hate to let anyone down. Friendship is terribly important to you, especially as some of you have difficult or demanding family members, thus making friendship outside the family essential.

All solar and lunar Pisceans are creative; many are artistic; and you need to express this creativity somewhere in your daily life. You work at your own rather strange pace, often like a dervish for a month at a time, and then switching off for a week in order to recharge your batteries. Most of you enjoy some kind of sport; swimming is probably high on your list; also dancing, tennis or just walking the dog. Every lunar Piscean that I have come across is a naturally good dancer, especially ballroom dancing. Some of you can be serious athletes or dancers, but this will require strongly competitive elements elsewhere on the chart. Those of you who have a very ordinary job will probably have a creative interest on the side. Some of you will privately work in the psychic or even the magical field, often without the people at your place of work having any idea of this other interest. You see omens in everyday events, and may be superstitious and fearful of unexplainable dark forces which sometimes seem to gather around you. Even the most practical among you can feel patterns in events which seem to occur.

You are not as changeable in your moods as most astrology books would suppose. Oddly enough, people who have the Moon in fixed signs are by far the moodiest. However, when you do become emotional or upset, the feelings go deep. You are able to hold a grudge for ever, but you are equally apt to remember those who stand by you in times of trouble. If someone hurts you gratuitously even in a minor way, you will never quite be able to trust or really like that person again. Women who have the Moon in water signs can often attribute some of their mood swings to pre-menstrual tension - I'm not quite sure what men can blame their moods upon. In some ways, your apparent moodiness stems from your inability to get the whole of your life together at any one time. It seems that if your work is going well, your love life will be in a state of collapse and vice versa. Even if everything is going well, you can be discontented due to

boredom!

Your home is your haven, and it is also a haven for a good many other people. Many of you work wholly or partly from home, which often involves people coming in and out. The place is also permanently full of friends and neighbourhood children. Lunar and solar Pisceans are supposed to be loners, but I have yet to see any evidence of that: your 'phone and your doorbell are always ringing. Many of you literally don't bother to shut your door as there are so many people pounding in and out. Your home is attractive and comfortable but not over-decorated or cleaned to the point of sterility. You love warm colours, interesting textures, pictures and music; you fill your home with these plus, of course, books, books, books! You read almost anything, but probably novels, books about the occult, history, psychology, health and magic will be lying about somewhere on your shelves.

You can be so adept at hiding your inner nature that your kind heart might be buried under a shield of efficiency, toughness or even sarcasm; this is mainly a selfprotective shield. You are slow to reveal your own inner feelings, and it takes some time for you to get to know and trust someone. Some lunar Pisceans even go through many years of marriage without their partner ever really being let into their innermost hearts. You can be a little manipulative at times, either to prevent yourself from hurt or in order to benefit those around you. When you are entirely comfortable with someone, you can be surprisingly bossy in a rather mother-hen way, but you do it for their own good.

Both solar and lunar Pisceans have an all-or-nothing relationship with vehicles, either being fabulous drivers or hating the whole business of learning to drive and not bothering with it. Some actually do learn and then avoid driving whenever possible. Very strange.

In marriage you are so supportive that you can spend more energy on your partner's behalf than on your own, and you really have to beware of becoming a martyr or a doormat. You tend to maan a bit about your partner, especially when you are feeling tired or depressed; but this is almost an expression of affection, and often doesn't mean much. You certainly need love and approval; and although you can live alone, you far prefer to have someone to love and be loved by. Not receiving the love and understanding which you need in childhood, you actively chase after it in adulthood. Some of you are so shy and repressed that you never get the love you want, and then you may retreat into a life of daydreams and illusions which would make a Walter Mitty appear down-to-earth. Your powerful imagination is both your most valuable asset and the point of your greatest weakness. If you can channel this into creative pursuits, spiritual development or work in the counselling field, you could overcome most of this.

You make an excellent parent because you understand the needs of children and are happy to spend time playing with them. I'm not sure about this, but I think it's probably that you don't relate to babies as much as slightly older children who can talk and play.

Certainly you find no difficulty in playing 'Let's pretend'. You are probably way ahead of them on that one anyway. Your children are encouraged to respect adults but not to be afraid of them. You respect the dignity of children. You could be so busy teaching them about the universe and the world around them, and giving them all the love that they need, that you overlook their need for clean shirts and breakfast cereal. Don't worry, they will survive and will love you all the more for it.

Your greatest fault is your over-sensitivity to criticism. Nobody likes to be criticized, but you really do seem to suffer. Your self-esteem is low enough to begin with; you don't need to have someone else giving it a further battering.

Although you are friendly and non-hostile in your approach to new people, if you really fancy someone, your first reaction may be to run in the opposite direction. You fear rejection, ridicule and loss. You are afraid to become close to someone, in case you learn to rely on him / her and then lose him / her again for some reason or other. Love relationships make you nervous because you are aware of your great need for emotional sustenance and of your vulnerability. Adolescent relating can be very painful; later on, you learn some protective techniques, but these may be ultimately manipulative in that you may not allow yourself to take a chance on expressing your genuine feelings - this again is due to your fear of rejection. Do try, if you can, to be yourself in a love relationship, and not the pseudo person whom you think your lover wants you to be. In most cases, it is better for you to connect with someone whom you know on a friendly basis rather than to jump deeply into a new relationship. Being incredibly romantic, you appreciate little presents, birthday cards, candle-lit dinners and shared memories. You have a stock of romantic melodies and catchphrases which you link to your lover.

An important ingredient in the lunar Piscean's nature is curiosity of all kinds. Sexual and emotional curiosity strike early. I can't really find any way of putting this delicately, but the fact is that you love making love. The act of sex is a great outlet for you because it combines all your favourite feelings and sensations. Your senses are terrifically strong, especially your psychic sense; love-making gives expression to every one of them, including your powerful imagination. It may be a cold-blooded thought, but your nerves are delicate and often over-stretched, and therefore sex gives you a tremendous release of tension. A pal of mine tells me that he is 'horribly romantic' and couldn't enjoy sex without love. I think that goes for all the other lunar Pisceans too; there must be affection and fondness, if not outright adoration, for you to be able to really relax and enjoy yourself. My friend Nina says that she likes to have poetry read to her while she is in bed; I like poetry anywhere!

You might try too hard to please your partner both sexually and in other ways. Remember, the relationship stands more of a chance of lasting if both of your needs are being satisfied. Another difficulty for you is that you don't like being possessed. You yourself can be possessive, especially when in the early stages of a romance; possessive, hungry for love, and desperate to be reassured. There may not be enough

touch, comfort or words of love in the world for you, but you can in your turn fill your partner with love and reassurance until the cows come home. You need affection even more than you need sex; you need to be cuddled. You need to play a little and to have fun with your partner. (Welcome to the pleasure dome!) Oddly enough, you don't much like to be touched by strangers. You need to keep a little distance between you and 'touchers'; this may be an instinctive need to protect your rather sensitive aura!

Some men are better avoided by Moon in Pisces women. The first is the selfdestructive type, such as the confirmed alcoholic. You may wish to reform this person, to teach him by loving him endlessly to mend his ways. This will get you nowhere and will only deplete your small reserves of psychic energy. Another is the paternal type who appears over-protective but who is in fact threatened by the possibility of your becoming independent or taking control of your own life. The two Piscean fish can make you stupidly romantic and earthily practical both at the same time.

Here are a few more oddities from the Piscean wash-bag. You like fresh air and the countryside but not when the weather is cold: then you prefer sitting by an open fire. You can be too serious at times, and you should let your friends encourage you to let your hair down and have some fun. You need to have good clothes and may be fussy about the type of shoes you wear.

You are creative, inventive and easily bored; therefore, a routine job will not satisfy. Not having endless reserves of strength, you tend to work in fits and starts; therefore, you need a job where you can work at your own pace. Many of you have an urge to do something useful, and find work in hospitals or even in prisons. Many solar and lunar Piscens can be found in the world of music, acting, dancing and art. Creative work obviously appeals. Floristry and cookery are typical interests. Glamorous work such as fashion interests you, as does the more up-market kind of public relations work.

Many of you are skilled engineers, electricians, telephone engineers and precision sheet-metal workers. This is because the work is detailed and creative, requires problem-solving techniques, and involves drawings. Obviously, drawing office work appeals, and many of you can be found working in aircraft factories!

I belong to an organization called the British Astrological and Psychic Society, which has nine people on the committee. We all have different Sun and Ascendant signs, but all nine of us have the Moon in water signs. Two of the group have the Moon in Cancer and the other seven have the Moon in Pisces. This must be significant, mustn't it? Some of us work full-time in the psychic field; others work on a part-time basis. One can find among our collective skills astrologers, palmists, tarot readers, numerologists, clairvoyants, aura-readers, graphologists, sand-readers etc.. All lunar Pisceans are natural psychics, but it is surprising how many are drawn specifically to work in the field. If you have Sagittarius, Aquarius or Gemini on your birthchart, you will probably want to teach. It seems that the Pisces connection gives one the urge to give gratuitous

information to the world. Healing is also a naturally Piscean gift which many of you have.

You may have been born with difficulty, and could have been the youngest child in the family or perhaps an only child. The general feelings is that you were not an especially wanted child and were viewed right from the start as being a nuisance. Your parents would have been up against difficulties when you were very young; these could range from severe financial problems, deaths and tragedies in the family to the kind of situation where one half of the family doesn't talk to the other. There is, actually, strong evidence that you had early experience of the shortness and fragility of life due to the death of a parent or of someone close to you. Some of you would have been born at around the time of a death in the family; wartime births probably occurred during bombing raids!

One way or another, your childhood was rather lonely. Some of you felt yourself to be 'different' in some way, possibly being the only artistic and sensitive child in a household full of very rugged and practical people. Even with nothing tragic or 'out of gear' in the childhood, there was a need to withdraw into your imagination, to get away and spend time on your own. Most of you are avid readers, often attracted to stories about magic or science fiction. Finding it hard to make friends, you could have been badly bullied at school or, worse still, badly bullied in the home. You may have felt embarrassed by your appearance, ie too tall, short, fat, thin, etc.. Somehow, you found it hard to relate to your parents, and may have been afraid of them or of other people around you. There may have been an overemphasis on a particular kind of moral or religious observance, or there is the possibility that you were or you may have been pushed at school further and faster than was comfortable. This would be a difficult situation as your natural inclination was to please your parents and teachers. A few of you were rebels at school and hated authority.

You developed a watchful approach to adults, and learned how to gauge their moods and how best to please them. This could be carried into adult life, making you adept at finding out just how to please people and to manipulate them to suit your own ends. More likely, you would manipulate yourself to suit the other person, and, therefore, never really learn to develop honesty and a sense of reality in personal relationships.

Adolescence is likely to have been a minefield as you learned to adapt to one person after another, not learning to appraise yourself of your own realistic needs and make them plain to others. All this can be sorted out later in life with an increase of awareness and self-awareness; and, to give you your due, you do go to considerable lengths to discover what's wrong and to put things right. Pisces is a sign which is associated with illusion - as you grow and learn, you should learn to channel your illusions into artistic or creative work and out of your dealings with others, especially in the personal sense.

If you have this Moon placement, you may not enjoy the best of health. You could have been weak as a child and have spent a good deal of time alone because of this. Later in life, the legacies of your childhood have a habit of lingering on. Your energies are quickly

depleted, and your nerves are delicate. You can suffer from nervous ailments. The traditional problem area for Pisces is the feet; also the lungs. Heart trouble is a possibility; also skin allergies, migraine or asthmatic problems. You may retain water or have blood disorders. I have not yet come across a lunar Piscean with a drink problem, but smoking seems to have a bad effect. An old-fashioned astrology book of mine tells me that you are susceptible to social diseases! Anybody who works with people in a counselling capacity will be able to tell you that social diseases are pretty common and don't apply to any one sign of the zodiac or any one planet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing of the Moon shows the coming together of two forces that are extremely highly-charged. The emotional content of Pisces is powerful, and when the Moon falls in this sign, the responses to all situations will also be emotional. This is not the type of emotion found, for instance, in fiery Aries: it is a very different force, discharged through very different channels and for different reasons.

The individual is easily moved, whether to great happiness or sadness. He or she may be moved to tears by a piece of music that rings nostalgic bells, or affected in an above-average way when scenes of disasters flash onto the television screen. The response will be to do something kind and charitable, perhaps sending hard-earned cash to aid those in distress, even to the point of self-denial.

If creativity is shown in other areas of the chart, this placing will add sensitivity and imagination to the way in which it is expressed. However, the Moon in this sign may weaken the character, encouraging the subject to take the line of least resistance, especially when challenged. As a result, there will be a tendency to tell lies and to be very deceptive - not only towards others, but to the self as well.

When the subject does deceive others, her excuse will be that lies are less hurtful than the truth, and those lies will be told with an astonishing spontaneity. Parents with children who have this placing must be kind and understanding, but very firm indeed, in making their offspring realize that truthfulness is essential.

A warning should be given to the subject that, like those with a Piscean Sun sign or Ascendant, she may react adversely to medically administered drugs. When under stress, she must be strong enough to resist the extra cigarette or drink. Giving way to any form of negative escapism can become a habit that is hard to break.

The positive, caring, sacrificial qualities of this placing will contribute much if the individual has a sense of vocation. They are also valuable traits if she is involved in any of the caring professions, since the subject will have an understanding of those needing help, and an ability to give a favorable and sympathetic impression to anyone who is underprivileged.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Pisces indicates a supersensitive emotional nature which acts like a psychic sponge, soaking up the thoughts and emotions of others. This extreme impressionability on the unconscious level makes the person feel psychologically vulnerable, with the result that he withdraws into seclusion to protect himself emotionally. There are strong psychic and mediumistic tendencies; but without consideration of other factors in the chart there can be no guarantee that impressions received are reliable. People with this position have a vivid imagination which can result in poetic, musical, or artistic output. They are generally kind and sympathetic because of their sensitivity to the feelings of others. However, they can be easily hurt and may develop a persecution complex. If the Moon is afflicted in Pisces, there can be neurotic or psychotic tendencies, and irrational dominance by the unconscious mind. In some cases, excessive shyness is indicated.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a sensitive, though potentially evasive, soul. You have the need to be selflessly involved with Other - but this could necessitate acute suffering. You have the instinct to go with the flow - but if there is too much pain you may crave escape. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is willing to make sacrifices, but could play the martyr.

You naturally respond towards Other with great sensitivity and empathy, thus finding a place in Other's heart and what goes on in Other's mind. You respond to difficult and painful experiences in the spirit of redemption, for you know that suffering ultimately heals. You respond to Other's longings, for they resonate with your own.

Your inner child reacts with intense sulks, despair or evasion when it is discovered that your feelings are not understood at all. Therefore, you must seek to understand / express them better yourself. It reacts with a refusal to face the hard facts of the situation; and it reacts when it finds that Other's fantasy turned out to be your nightmare.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are weak or wounded, sensitive or poetic, and therefore seem in need of your selfless assistance; towards Others who initially promise to be your saviour and the answer to your dreams; and towards Others who are sensitive and subtle, but possibly misfits or escapists - or mad (ie insane).

You can get caught up in relationships which suck you dry, teaching you to be more discerning and self-preserving in future; in trying desperately to maintain the illusion of how you initially thought Other and the relationship ought to be; and in sorting out reality from fantasy.

When you are alone, it is most probably because you simply cannot take the risk of being hurt any more. However, if you are still hooked on Other and cannot seem to get free of him / her, your time alone would be best used building up a stronger sense of who you are as a separate individual, knowing where you begin and Other ends. This is a prime necessity for you, because without this strong sense of self, that 'melting into one' type of relationship that you crave can merely turn into an identity crisis (again). This is what that hurt actually stems from - getting addicted to Other as a substitute for something that should be your very own. And so some form of creative pursuit or spiritual quest is necessary to achieve this important objective of making one thing of yourself - for you certainly won't make one of yourself and Other until you have done so.

(Skye Alexander)

Your emotions are like the ocean: deep, mysterious, rich with life and constantly changing. You are reluctant, however, to reveal this vast and complex inner side of yourself to even your closest friends and family. Your feelings are easily engaged and easily hurt, so to protect yourself you hide your vulnerability behind a veil of secrecy.

Like a chameleon, you take on the color of your environment, at least in an emotional sense. For this reason, it is important to you for spend as much time as possible with congenial people in harmonious surroundings. You have a tendency toward depression and morbidity; therefore, cheerful, upbeat companions can stimulate more positive feelings in you. Meditation also can help you to centre yourself and develop inner tranquility.

Highly sensitive, you connect with others on an unconscious, emotional level. You actually feel what they feel. This produces a sympathetic and compassionate nature. You cannot bear to see anything hurt, and identify with all the world's weak and helpless creatures. In an effort to help alleviate the suffering of others, you may become involved in humanitarian causes or social programs.

You appear psychic since you seem to 'know' things without being able to explain how. This extrasensory ability can be developed to a high degree, but you must be careful because you are also very impressionable and lack discrimination. You expect yourself to be perfect, and are unforgiving of your own shortcomings. In your heart-of-hearts, you feel unworthy, and it is easy for you to become a martyr. Pisces is sometimes called the sign of self-undoing, and you are all too willing to sacrifice your best interests for someone else, especially for lovers and family members.

You have a vivid imagination and are highly sensitive to color, sound and rhythm. Many people with Piscean Moons possess artistic talent. In particular, you might be drawn to painting, photography, poetry, music, and film-making or screen acting. Your ability probably revealed itself at an early age, and you seem to express it almost effortlessly. However, you can be lazy about developing your talents. You prefer to dream about the

symphonies you'll write or the films you'll make one day rather than working to bring your dreams to fruition.

Somewhat shy and reclusive, you like being alone some of the time. For the artist, this is absolutely necessary. It is also important for spiritual development; and many people with Moon in Pisces are involved in religious pursuits of some sort. Be careful, though, that your retreat into solitude is not an excuse for escaping the demands and harsh realities of the 'real world'.

Your home is a refuge from the stress of the outer world, a place where you can recharge yourself with peace and quiet. You don't really enjoy entertaining at home, and when you do, prefer to see one or two close friends at a time rather than giving large parties. A lover of beauty, you might collect art and other things that appeal to your keen sense of aesthetics. You are less concerned with neatness, however, and your home may be in constant disarray. Some Pisces-Moon people feel that acquiring earthly possessions is materialistic, and spurn creature comforts to live in monkish austerity.

There was probably some instability in your childhood home: an absent or alcoholic parent, poverty, mental illness, or perhaps parents who were not emotionally supportive of you. You may have felt helpless or defenceless, alone, even fearful. As a result, you grew up with a sense of insecurity that still exists, deeply-rooted, in adulthood. Perhaps your mother (or the nurturing parent) was weak, ineffectual or ill. Perhaps she was absent from your life, physically or emotionally unavailable when you needed her.

The forgiving nature of Pisces, however, will let you apologize for your mother's ineptitude; and, regardless of the facts, you probably believe she was a kind and loving parent - even a saint. In some cases, this can be true, for Pisces is also the sign of the saint. Indeed, your mother may have been a kindly, compassionate individual who was always raising money to help the poor, or doing charity work, or caring for others in some way - while neglecting her own children.

With your own children, you are usually too lenient. Though generous and loving, you sometimes fail to provide them with the structure and discipline they need. You also tend to worry too much about them and can be overly protective.

Your 'mothering' is not limited to your own family. You want to nurture and protect everyone in need; stray animals, homeless street people, and starving refugees in third world countries. People with problems seek you out, and you always offer a shoulder to cry on. Easy prey for the unscrupulous, you need to discriminate between those who genuinely need your help and those who are taking advantage of you. You also must learn not to feel guilty if you refuse to help someone.

This is especially true in close personal relationships. Sympathetic to those who have problems, you believe your love can cure them. The expression 'love is blind' can be

applied to you. Romantic and overly-idealistic, you have difficulty seeing your partners as they really are. You prefer to view them in the light of your fantasies, as your fairy princesses or knights in shining armor; and you constantly seek the perfect lover.

It is usually easier for women with this Moon placement to express Piscean characteristics. Men who don't connect with the energy in themselves might be drawn to women who are gentle, submissive, idealistic, artistic, and / or spiritually inclined.

(Isabel Hickey)

Visionary. Dreamer. Romantic, sensitive, emotionally posited with a divine discontent that nothing of this world will take away. Poetical and mystical, if unafflicted. Makes a great gentleness in the person, but doesn't help in a worldly sense. Good for musicians and artists for this gives a greatly heightened sensitivity to life. A great sympathy for the underdog. Suffering through the emotions, for this position of the Moon is difficult. Needs to strengthen the will in order to withstand the impact of negative vibrations from others. In a male chart, attracts a sensitive and sentimental feminine. Not overstrong physically.

Moon ☾ in 3rd House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

Your environment and relationships will play an influential role in your life. While you may be capable of adapting to various types of environment and relationship, this is

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

With the Moon in Capricorn, lack of understanding can damage rapport with others. There will be the desire to entertain, but not the understanding of how to do it. Stories will be off the mark. With bad Saturn or Pluto aspects, bitterness, self-pity, and jealousy may distort their evaluation of their relation to the world. Their anecdotes will reflect this, the point of every story being how he or she 'showed them'. There may be times when their balance and good humor prevail and other times when the humor is sour and self-pitying. If other factors in their charts show a drinking problem or mental / emotional troubles, this lunar placement will intensify it.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Curiosity: There is a hunger to know, to understand; and you 'eat' information.

Depending very much on your particular temperament, this can lead to profound temporary satisfaction, or it can produce an invisible 'mental indigestion', which will register in uncomfortable feelings. Curiosity waxes and wanes accordingly. When the need to know goes unsatisfied, your security dissolves; so, do everything you can to find out what interests you. However, deeper insecurity can produce a condition where nothing will satisfy your need to know, in which case you must look within for the knowledge. Distinguishing between these two conditions is a real challenge.

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

Because you like people and have a talent for dealing with them, you might seek a career in communications. You indulge in much self-analysis, which has made you reasonably familiar with people's motivations. You could capitalize on this knowledge in a career that uses social contact as a tool for communication, such as writing or journalism. You easily show people that you are well-informed, and you stimulate them

to enter freely into conversation with you. You should direct your attention to those who need your understanding and compassion.

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

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

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

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

The mind is imaginative; and there is usually a retentive memory. The Sun in the 3rd house believes that knowledge is power; the Moon in the 3rd craves knowledge for the security it brings to truly know how something works. Since the Moon is associated with influences from the past, there may be a fascination for such subjects of study as

archaeology, genealogy and history. This placement gives a certain adaptability to changing environments, but the mind may wander or fluctuate from one interest to another. The relationship to siblings - especially female relatives such as sisters, aunts or girl cousins - is worth examining for clues to the psychological make-up of those with this placement. Comfort and security is sought through a sibling or a relative, or they may have had to be 'mother' to others around them during the growing-up years. The actual mother may be related to more like an older sister than a parent.

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

Mercury ♀ in ♎ Sagittarius 9° 57'

(Grant Lewi)

You tend to overlook what is right before your eyes; to neglect what is shouting right in your ear, because your attention is on bigger, or anyway farther-off, things. You don't see details. Sometimes you don't hear little squibs of conversation and thus miss the whole point. Your senses were wool-gathering, or else you fixed your attention on something else. They are keen enough, but tend to scatter; they do not need to be sharpened so much as they need to be directed. Your feet may stumble because your eyes missed the rock in the path; you get bumped by a trolley car because you didn't hear the bell. No doubt you were listening to or looking at something more important. To fix your attention, to gain dominion over the direction in which your sense are pointed, is to achieve success, for your senses are sharp enough and require only more care in their use.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Sagittarius, Mercury paints a picture of one who is fond of sports, tries to live by the Golden Rule, is fair, wants to impart or share knowledge, and is fascinated by travel, publishing, and the formation of public opinion. Indications are excellent for advertising, public relations, writing, producing, political campaigns, and the creation of editorial policy.

The astrologer must help him to see the obvious. He tends to be idealistic to the extent that others take advantage of him, and must learn to be more practical - otherwise he is in for disillusionment, especially with members of the opposite sex. He will battle for freedom of speech, but can be so concerned with the right of others to speak that he is

'shut out'. He must be taught to concentrate, to finish projects, and to take care of personal needs before worrying about the needs of strangers.

(Skye Alexander)

You are tireless in your search for knowledge and wisdom, your goal being to learn and experience everything. Everything interests you, especially subjects that have significance beyond the mundane or which offer universal truths, such as philosophy, psychology and religion. Like Mercury in Scorpio, you are not satisfied with superficial explanations or simple facts and figures; you are seeking total understanding. Your infinite curiosity can cause you to be nosy, even voyeuristic; you want to know everything about everybody.

A lifelong student, you find nothing is more pleasurable to you than learning. You also enjoy sharing your knowledge with others, and can be an inspiring and eloquent teacher. Because you are always contemplating the future and the far horizon, you can seem rather 'spacey', forgetful, impractical and disorganized. This is the position of the absent-minded professor.

You have a fantastic imagination and a way with words. A natural storyteller, you can entertain crowds for hours with amusing tales, and could turn your talents to writing. Sometimes your imagination can run away with you, however, and you have a tendency to exaggerate. Although you think of this as improving upon the original, such behavior may earn you a reputation as a liar. However, your persuasiveness and entertaining speech could also make you an excellent salesperson.

Your vision is broad and all-encompassing. You are able to comprehend the larger picture and see how all the pieces fit together. Rather than isolating information and taking it at face value, as does Mercury in Gemini, you see it in the context of its entire environment. Thus, you are able to make interesting and even brilliant connections between things that others miss. This is the stuff of which great philosophy and humor are made, and quite probably you are witty, pointedly funny and insightful.

Sociable and very communicative, even loquacious, you'll talk to anyone who'll listen, and see every conversation as an opportunity to expand or spread your knowledge. So gregarious are you that you tend to spend a great deal of time socializing with friends, playing games, gambling, or partying. You're really rather lazy and undisciplined mentally. An idealistic dreamer, you talk a lot about what you're going to do tomorrow, but never seem to get around to actually doing it. (However, if your Sun is in Capricorn or Saturn is strongly placed in your chart, you'll be much more focused, persevering and hard-working.)

You are especially interested in seeing, learning about and talking with people from other countries or cultures, and might have a talent for languages. You probably enjoy

travelling and like to drive. If you can't actually visit foreign lands, you may be an 'armchair traveller' and watch television shows about exotic places and people. Generally, you prefer to get your information from radio, TV, movies or lectures rather than from books.

Even though you are curious about people of different mindsets and cultures, you aren't particularly tolerant of belief systems that diverge radically from your own. You are more interested in spreading your own views and philosophies, and can be something of an evangelist for your opinions. In religious matters in particular, you are inclined to be a bit fanatical, self-justifying, moralistic and proselytizing. Unless you have several planets in Earth signs, you are more intent on the ideal than the reality, glorifying the spirit while denigrating the flesh.

For the most part, however, you are optimistic and look on the bright side of things. You always have something positive to say, and your enthusiasm inspires and encourages others.

Saturn or Pluto aspects to your Mercury will make you more mentally focused and disciplined.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Sagittarius indicates a mind concerned with all codifications of social thought, whether in the form of religion, philosophy, law, or other studies related to higher education. Mercury in Sagittarius is in the sign of its detriment, and is manifested as a primary concern with attitudes rather than facts. The result is often constructive, in giving insight into social motivation and its subsequent events. However, natives can lose sight of the truth if they do not pay enough attention to detailed factual information, the basis of all logical thought. It must be remembered that Sagittarius opposes Gemini and squares Virgo, the signs ruled by Mercury.

People with this sign position can have prophetic insight because their concern with attitudes enables them to understand what information public opinion will regard as important. This leads to the unfolding of mass destiny and karma. These people are direct in speech and will say exactly what they think; they demand mental freedom, but their ideas seldom depart from traditional concepts or current social morality. Hence, they are usually respected in the community. But if their social conformity is carried too far, it can lead to hypocrisy, for their moral standards may be no better than the lowest common denominator of the socially accepted norm. They need to realize that an attitude is not necessarily right merely because it is popular or prevailing.

These natives desire to entrench themselves in public institutions of higher learning or social control, such as universities, churches, and government. Their purpose is to achieve intellectual authority and status, though the price may be conformity to corrupt,

stagnant institutions. They like to consider themselves paragons of truth, but whether they are or not depends on how Mercury is aspected. They may tend to moral sermonizing about the obvious, and they may become pedantic.

At times there is a preoccupation with distant goals and lofty ideals, which can make the natives oblivious to what is under their noses. Neptune's co-rulership of Sagittarius can result in woolgathering tendencies.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Traditionally, Mercury works badly here. However, provided restlessness, superficiality and some over-optimism can be controlled, much can be made of this placing. The subject will always be studying something, and should do so, since he or she truly needs intellectual stimulation. Consistency of effort must be developed, and interests should not be changed too often as restlessness and a lack of satisfaction will be inhibiting. Breadth of vision is considerable, as is a quick grasp of situations, giving the appearance of brilliance, but this may be a bluff! All will be well if a philosophical outlook and attitude can be developed. There can be a flair for languages, and travel is of great importance. If physical travel is impossible, reading about or studying far-flung countries may compensate.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, the heavy intensity of Scorpio gets a lively fillip from Mercury, and encourages the individual not to take him- or herself quite so seriously, nor to become so obsessive over personal or psychological problems. A certain openness will be very refreshing. There is broad-mindedness and an optimistic outlook. A controlled enthusiasm will be shown; and the emotional and intuitive content of Scorpio will be positive and reasoned, generally allowing free expression of the true feelings. Important interests or hobbies will give full scope to the imagination.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this is a very lively combination which needs steadying from other elements in the chart if natural Sagittarian enthusiasm and breadth of vision are not to overwhelm the subject, making it hard for him or her to cope with details. Optimism can get out of hand, too, and there will be gushing enthusiasm that fizzles out after an initially strong start. Despite these exaggerative tendencies, this placing has a lot to offer if the individual recognizes the pitfalls and ensures that restlessness (especially the mental kind) is countered. Changing to a physically demanding activity can help.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, optimism and a more positive outlook are added to the rather serious Capricorn traits. The Capricorn off-beat sense of humor is also enhanced. The 'wet fish' element (as seen from the Capricorn goat's fishtail) is less likely to emerge, thereby giving a lively and aspirational subject. He or she will be less single-minded and doggedly persistent, and more relaxed and easy, able to cope with setbacks philosophically and without grumbling. A controlled and enthusiastic attitude can be both

amusing and endearing!

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you indulge your fears of losing the appearance of intellectual superiority, you may jump to hasty conclusions. The rational mind can become lost in empty theories with no logic or facts for a foundation. These theories may then be unwittingly presented to others in a moralizing manner, from a platform of inflated expressions of pompous self-righteousness.

Dynamic

When your attention is on clearly distinguishing emotionally biased thoughts from factual and logically based thoughts, you can relinquish the Sagittarius tendency of self-satisfied mental isolation. You then can communicate your inspired perceptions without any need to prove intellectual superiority. Your ability to uplift others is through opening a two-way sharing and communication.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a forthright, though potentially gushy, mind.

You see life in terms of what has to be said because it creates problems when left unsaid. This clears the air and promotes broader awareness and understanding, even though it may shock or embarrass initially. You also see life in terms of religious significance or ethical values; and in terms of everything being for the best ultimately, which is uplifting and guiding for Other.

You tend not to see that saying something simply because it is preoccupying you can make a mountain out of a molehill, or get back from Other more than you bargained for. You also tend not to see hard facts (that Other can see and tell); or that your strong opinions and values blind you to those of Other, who then has no choice but to distance him- / herself from you.

(John Townley)

You look upon sex as a very natural function, so it is not likely to be a source of great worry or anxiety to you. At the same time, it may not be a highly motivating force, either. To you, sex is just one of many areas of enjoyment and communication between partners, neither more nor less important than other forms of personal interchange. But when you get down to making love, you do it with gusto and abandon. Even though you aren't considered a swinger, you approach the sexual experience in a much more open

fashion than most people, for you see no reason to be self-conscious.

Thus, sex outdoors or in other natural settings, which is too challenging or inhibiting to some, is easy and enjoyable for you. And even if you haven't the opportunity to actually do this, it is something to contemplate pleasurably.

Your open attitude can make loving much easier by helping to break down the inhibitions of a lover who is willing but not quite ready to stray from the sexual straight-and-narrow. You may sometimes be a sexual teacher, not verbally, but by example and by understanding.

In your actual lovemaking, do not suppress the impulse to express yourself vigorously and vocally. It's bound to add to the excitement and should be toned down only in too-close quarters with easily upset neighbors.

(Robert Hand)

Your mind is very curious, and you want to know the answers to every question. To learn as much as you can, you ask questions of everyone who might have some new information. You are particularly interested in subjects that study the universe as a whole, such as science, or that cover a broad area of human activity, such as history or social science. You want to understand the patterns of the world around you. Your curiosity can help you greatly in school if you overcome one problem. You don't always think very carefully, and you tend to ignore details that seem too small to notice, although they may really be important. Also you often work too quickly and make mistakes as a result. You have to learn to work and think more patiently.

When you believe you are right, you speak very bluntly. You think it is dishonest to speak indirectly in the way that others consider polite. But you must be careful not to hurt people's feelings by your bluntness. Luckily it is clear to others that you don't mean to hurt them, and that you are only trying to be honest, which they can understand. Truth is very important to you.

A particular strength of this position of Mercury is that you are able to handle new ideas and concepts that others find hard to accept. A strange or unfamiliar idea intrigues you rather than bothering you. You view every new idea as a chance to grow and expand your mind. Mercury in Sagittarius is often a sign of great curiosity.

(Isabel Hickey)

Keen senses but lack concentration. Mind doesn't need sharpening but needs directing. Apt to miss details because mind is focused on farther off things. Directness of thought and expression; and are apt to say exactly what is in their mind. Do not wound deliberately as does Mercury in Scorpio; but it does not occur to them how what they say

reacts on others. Their thoughts are like shooting stars. Impatient, and sometimes do not wait long enough to form correct judgements. Sincere and honest, and cannot stand deception. Thoughts disconnected. May promise with sincerity but lack patience in carrying it through. Acute perception. Need to learn to be quiet and still and reflective.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in Sagittarius can indicate a mind which engages in an eternal quest for universal knowledge and general moral truths underpinning social formations. People with this placement can sometimes be accused of hypocrisy when their acceptance of more popular and socially agreed philosophical insights and norms leads them to forget about the need for some moral guidelines in personal interactions and relationships. Zeus himself was not above making mistakes, or playing the hypocrite in his constant unfaithfulness to Hera, sometimes with Hermes's aid, as we have seen in the myth of Argos. The far-sighted and intuitive minds of Mercury-in-Sagittarius people are often found resenting the restrictions imposed by a need to examine what is directly in front of them. Any limitation to their freedom of thought could lead these people to be harsh and direct in speech and action, while, at the same time, they want to be recognized as intellectual leaders and to achieve some moral or philosophical authority. More at home with abstract concepts and ideas, people with this placement could cultivate a rigorous honesty with themselves and pay greater attention to concrete reality and the more mundane details of their lives.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind ranges over a variety of abstract concepts.

Symbol: A scholar compiles logical proofs of the existence of God.

Mercury is in detriment in Sagittarius because of the disproportion between the planet of specific facts and the sign of general possibilities. Sagittarian expansiveness stimulates Mercury to a fitful brilliance which may be alternately superficial and inspired. The person with this combination has big ideas but must beware lest his burgeoning mental enthusiasms make it irksome to concentrate on a single line of endeavor. The mind darts from one conclusion to another but, unless it is deliberately reined in, continuity and judgement are lacking.

At best, the Mercury-Sagittarius blend gives a profound sense of purpose and the ability to focus on distant goals. A far-reaching ambition to comprehend the mental and moral laws of the universe and to reconcile scientific and religious approaches to life results in a tendency to study several subjects simultaneously, to carry on more than one occupation, and to become involved in a number of different but related projects. Consequently, Mercurial Sagittarians often write treatises which endeavor to gather all their ideas under one cover. 'All paths lead to the same mountaintop', this individual may proclaim, but he needs to see to it that in mapping the many converging routes he does

not become distracted from his own straight and narrow way.

Less-developed people of this type may give the impression of being large-minded when what they actually have is little minds in constant motion. They have an aptitude for saying the right thing at the wrong time, or out of context. Often their problem is not lack of insight but an inability to make their ideas suitable to the occasion. Their minds slip out of gear with those of others because they are so intent upon the transmission of their own thoughts.

If the Sun is in Scorpio, the Sagittarian Mercury ranges less far afield, and is inclined toward the study of psychology and sociology rather than toward abstract scholarship. The Approach to life is introspective, with a propensity for philosophical self-analysis.

The Sun and Mercury conjoined in Sagittarius indicate a love of travel with an aptitude for talking and writing interestingly about a wide variety of experiences. The mind is farsighted, and frequently more concerned with ideas than with personalities.

The Sun in Capricorn and Mercury in Sagittarius impart a talent for practical organization. There may be a tendency to dictate to others and to take strong measures to see that one's ideas are carried out. Such an individual is determined not only to understand but also to wield the law. The all-encompassing Sagittarian mind may with determinedly promote the Capricornian will to crystallize ideas into social institutions. The universality of Sagittarius may further Capricorn's sense of moral responsibility. Together these socializing influences bind people into mutually beneficial communities of interest.

The person with Mercury in Sagittarius often achieves success as a teacher, editorialist, or worker for political causes. He makes an enthusiastic propagandist, whose words travel far. He is at his best when inspired to dedicate his mind and spirit to some significant movement which broadens people's outlook on life and enables them to grow in understanding.

Mercury ♀ in 12th House

(Freda Edis)

If Mercury has this placement it can lead people to some intellectual understanding of the unity of all life. Able to use their considerable mental powers to tap into the collective, these people may develop an awareness of the archetypal and mythic roots of being. Mercury here can be at its most alchemical, trying to connect the worlds of the conscious and unconscious minds, both for their own and for others' understanding, successfully or not according to the aspects made by other planets. The placement can lead to

introspection and, occasionally, to obsessive thoughts; and there may be an occasional need to retire from society in order to think difficulties through clearly. Often, Mercury in this position is in touch with collective forces which may not be consciously felt by other people, but are experienced at the feeling level. It indicates people who sometimes may not find it easy to distinguish their own thought processes from those of others; boundaries around thinking are clearly an issue here.

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Individuals with Mercury in this position may have a damaged ego; if not, then their ego has suffered in childhood from pressures that have toughened it. Their sense of self is

often damaged in childhood, which can make them wary of exposing themselves and their feelings. They may even hide their own feelings from themselves, trying to be a different person from who they really are.

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

It is not a good position for self-acceptance. They are likely to spend a good deal of time fantasizing about themselves, refusing to face themselves squarely. It is hard for them to accept their own faults and weaknesses, and equally hard for them to believe in their own virtues and strengths. They often enjoy reading stories of other people, watching movies, plays, and so on, that give them the illusion of getting to know the truth about people. This is the soap opera position par excellence. They may even pry into the lives of others, looking for similarities to themselves, seeking justification for their own foibles (even, in extreme cases, watching people through binoculars, reading other people's mail, etc.). They are inclined to gossip about others. In most cases none of this is malicious, just the result of curiosity.

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your rational mind is an open and inspirational screen for the projection of your dreams. It extends into your own unconscious and beyond, into the collective

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

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

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

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

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

misunderstanding, to finally reach clear awareness of the facts in any current situation.

(Robert Pelletier)

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

Your interests are diversified, so you always have an alternative direction to follow if your current program fails or becomes uninteresting. Because you work quietly behind the scenes to develop your skills, your career is far more advanced than anyone can tell from appearances. You have the ability to apply your basic talents and resources to achieve your goals. The financial rewards of such a career will satisfy your need for security.

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

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

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

associates than they deserve.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

Venus ♀ in ♍ Virgo 16° 14'

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

A person with Venus in Virgo is often extremely romantic, and yearns for perfection in the one he / she loves. These people may put their beloveds on a pedestal and worship them. An image for Venus in Virgo is of a goddess dressed in flowing white robes. With Venus in Virgo, you may either aspire to this or be searching for it in someone else. Either way, it is an impossible ideal for anyone to achieve in reality. This is an image of purity as well as of perfection; and any mere mortal is going to be found lacking. As a result, those with this placement can live a chaste and celibate life for long periods as a preference to settling for anything less. An actual relationship is often a disappointment.

In a relationship, the 'chaste' component of someone with Venus in Virgo can give way to a strong sensuality, similar to Venus in Taurus. Someone with Venus in Virgo is always going to have more conflict around this side of his / her nature, and is less likely

to indulge in casual sex. However, the self-contained side of Virgo, answerable to no-one, might lead the Venus in Virgo person to feel free to choose his / her pleasure.

The Venus in Virgo person will be selective in his / her approach to relationships. More negatively, Virgo is known for being fussy and sharply critical. We have already looked at what is behind these people's reputation for being choosy: their longing for perfection either in themselves or in their partner. They can be fussy within a relationship, both fussing over their partner in an endearing and caring way, as a way of expressing their affection, and more problematically being overly critical. They can home in on the minutiae of a partner's shortcomings and can notice their faults above all else. Someone with Venus in Virgo can 'pick' at his / her partner, taking him / her to pieces bit by bit. The acute observations of Venus in Virgo people may be correct; but their partners are more likely to be wounded than helped. Moreover, someone with Venus in Virgo is particularly likely to use his or her critical ability in a destructive way when feeling hurt or disappointed.

More constructively, someone with Venus in Virgo will always be prepared to discuss his or her relationship. These people enjoy analysing what makes them and their partners tick, and need to understand the dynamics of their relationship. They have excellent minds, and will take a rational and pragmatic approach to dealing with any difficulties that may arise.

Venus in Virgo people will want to be helpful to the one they love, and they may want this reciprocated. They may be useful to their partners and an enormous support in practical ways, quietly getting on with things that need attending to and not demanding or expecting any recognition. They enjoy being of service; and in a relationship that is going well they will give selfless assistance to the one they love.

(Skye Alexander)

This is not an especially creative placement for Venus - you are too cautious and selfcritical, afraid to try new things and insecure about your abilities. If you can't be Rembrandt, why bother? However, if other factors give you artistic talent, your artwork will be masterful in its precision, neatness and detail. Patient and meticulous, you are capable of doing intricate, painstaking work, and might express yourself well in such areas as engraving, drafting, needlepoint, quilting, woodcarving or jewellery-making.

Since function is as important to you as form, you might choose to create practical, useful objects, or those which have substance and an earthy, tactile quality to them.

In relationships, too, you are cautious and practical. Not given to storybook romances, you are more interested in relationships that function efficiently and in an orderly fashion on a day-to-day basis. A solid, down-to-earth partnership that provides both parties with their basic needs and makes life easier for everyone would appeal to you more than a

whirlwind love affair.

Although your idea lover may not be a knight on a white charger or a fairy princess, you can be quite picky about your partners. You have a very exacting set of specifications which candidates must meet if they want you to consider them. You might not expect your lover to be a great beauty; but if he / she isn't squeaky clean, punctual and hardworking you'll quickly scratch him / her off your dance card. You're also concerned with etiquette, and want your partner to have impeccable manners. Once in a relationship, you have a tendency to find fault with your partner and to complain long and loudly about all those annoying little habits you just can't stand. You expect your partner to be perfect, and have trouble accepting a few human failings.

You want desperately to feel needed by your partner, and work hard to make yourself indispensable in his / her life. Perhaps your paycheck is absolutely essential to your partner's survival. Or, you may stoically take care of all the details of running the home - cooking, cleaning, childcare, etc. - so efficiently that life would be almost impossible without you. You show your affection by doing practical things for your loved ones - making sure they have clean clothes and nutritious meals, for instance - rather than showering them with words of endearment or lavish gifts.

Women with this Venus placement in their birth charts pride themselves on being neat, well-organized, efficient and dependable. Being able to take care of the many details of life makes you feel good about yourself as a woman. You probably try to be 'superwoman', however, working a full-time job outside the home, then assuming complete responsibility for the house and kids, too. This is partly because you don't know how to say 'no', and partly because you aren't satisfied with the way others do things.

To you, cleanliness is a sign of femininity, and you wouldn't be caught dead wearing dirty jeans or a paint-splattered sweatshirt. Nor would you feel comfortable in flashy or overtly sexy clothing that might draw attention to you. You prefer to fade into the background, and usually dress in modest, conservative, neatly pressed outfits.

Men with Venus in Virgo are most attracted to women who are unassuming, unpretentious, even a little shy. Neatness is more important to you than beauty in a partner, and you're turned off instantly by unkempt hair and dirty fingernails. Your ideal partner is conscientious, dependable, intelligent, modest and practical. She can tune her own car, comprehend income tax forms, make cakes from scratch, and keep the household running on budget. She's always there when you need her, but doesn't demand a lot of praise for what she does, and never tries to upstage you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Virgo is in its fall, since Virgo is opposite the sign Pisces, in which

Venus is exalted. People with this position tend to over-analyze emotions and be too critical of those they love, making others feel self-conscious and inhibited, and cutting off the spontaneous flow of affection. This analytical trait can stand in the way of a direct intuitive response to beauty. These people try to understand the beauty of a rose, for example, by dissecting it petal-by-petal, not realizing that the rose is beautiful because of the totality of its parts.

People with Venus in Virgo frequently seek partners with whom they can share their work and intellectual interests. But this Venus position is likely to produce more unmarried people than any other Venus sign position, because of the natives' high critical standards for what they want in a mate. When they do marry, it is often through connections with work. Unless Venus is heavily afflicted, there are congenial relationships with co-workers in general. The place of work is often made artistically pleasing by a personal contribution to the working environment.

These people are extremely fastidious about manners, personal appearance, and hygiene; they are repelled by uncouthness in any form. They have an innate sense of the beauty of order and cleanliness, and hence make good cooks and dieticians. They can have ability in clothes design and dressmaking; fashion designers often have Venus in this position. In art, they can have good technical ability, but may lack inspiration and flow.

The extreme social propriety of these people is often a cover-up for shyness and feelings of social and sexual inferiority. Their cold exterior, especially on the part of women with this position, often stands in the way of the development of romantic relationships. A feeling of loneliness and frustration may result. In this event, there is likely to be a retreat into work and intellectual pursuits, and the lavishing of affection on some animal. Such confinement can in turn prevent the formation of social contacts that would help these people out of their shells. However, if Venus is well placed by house and wellaspected, the difficulties can be overcome or greatly modified. Because Venus is an Earth sign, Venus placed here gives attraction to material comforts and personal possessions of quality and beauty, which, the natives feel, confer status. Often they work hard to acquire such things, sometimes using possessions and status as substitutes for personal affection.

People with Venus in Virgo are capable of sympathy, and are helpful to the sick. Their ability for nurturing makes them good doctors and nurses. They can also deal with psychological problems stemming from social maladjustment, for Venus in this Mercuryruled sign is able to combine reason with the emotions and investigate these matters in a methodical, analytical way.

Curiously, if Venus in Virgo is afflicted by Mars, Uranus, Neptune or Pluto, there can be an overreaction against shyness and social propriety, producing loose living, promiscuity, and bohemianism. This stems from a deep fear that only thus can the

natives find love and sexual fulfillment; they feel the need to make sexual conquests in order to prove their desirability. In these cases, the unconscious Pisces polarity takes over. These reactionary types can become crude and slovenly in their personal appearance and mannerisms.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is very unhappy in the sign of Virgo. The person who has Venus in the sign of its fall has to learn to be loving. It is the signature of one who has been unloving and superficial in past lifetimes; one who has not learned that when criticism comes in the door, Love departs. Makes an excellent housewife, but needs warmth and lovingness to make a home. Cold and critical; and needs many good aspects to warm her up. Fastidiousness and purity are strong, but does not relate to others easily. Conventions stand guard over the emotions; but 'don't let the tail wag the dog'. Inclined to put off marriage because they see so many imperfections. Harmonious in their work if Venus is unafflicted. Benefit through employees. Strong desire to serve.

The critical acumen of Virgo will often be directed towards the partner; and awareness of any tendency to nag or carp is essential if emotional fulfillment is to be achieved. Nevertheless, there is a delightful, natural, unassuming and totally genuine modesty which is charming, whatever the age of the subject. Sexual inhibitions and tensions must be overcome so that the individual can enjoy all aspects of emotional relationships. Just how easy or difficult this is will depend on the signs of Sun, Moon and Ascendant, and to some extent on the influence of Mars. There will be willingness to give practical help to friends and partners whenever necessary. The financial situation may frequently be viewed in a pessimistic way (whether justified or not), with a resulting stinginess. Sometimes, career and emotional relationships are sacrificed for the care for an elderly relative.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the Cancerian tendency to worry will be directed toward the partner; and the subject may find it a little difficult to express feelings as freely as is desired. Cancerian moodiness and the critical tendencies of Venus in Virgo should be recognized; and the individual must learn to relax into relationships and derive real pleasure from them, especially as Cancerians have so much to give in this sphere of life. This is a kind, if somewhat critical, friend. Reluctance to part with money is a common characteristic.

If the Sun sign is Leo, Leo emotions and exuberance are toned down, and occasionally aloofness can mask sexual inhibition. Leo bossiness and Virgoan critical tendencies can cause problems, so must be consciously recognized and controlled. There are usually good powers of communication within relationships; and aiming to use these positively will be rewarding. Shared interests and work projects are particularly stimulating. The subject makes a lively and rewarding friend. Flair for investment is common, but the modest needs of Virgo will clash with Leonine extravagance.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, self-confidence, especially related to sexual appeal, is not strong. Virgoan modesty will present a charming challenge to prospective lovers, but the subject should learn to break down any barriers that may come between the self and fulfillment in all aspects of relationships. The general description for Venus in Virgo above is very applicable. Money will be spent with some degree of caution.

If the Sun sign is Libra, this is not an easy combination, for Libra needs love and harmony, while Virgo will tend to be shy of expressing feelings and responding to love. As Venus rules Libra, there will be a powerful element of Virgo present in the individual; and any resulting conflicts must be evaluated and countered. The subject is a lively, talkative, albeit indecisive, friend. Financial affairs are approached in a practical way.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this powerful but tricky combination can make the subject obsessive about sex. Conversely, there may be a clinical attitude, or a feeling that sex is dirty and undesirable. Much will depend on how the Scorpio Sun is aspected, and on the Moon, Ascendant and Mars signs. At its best, this placing makes for an energetic and thoughtful partner. Financial flair is considerable.

(Grant Lewi)

You relate emotional experience to a well-organized code of conduct. You have strong family feeling, and generally have genuine affection for your relatives. Your belief in the proprieties is so strong that you just don't have emotions that would involve their violation. Your impulses are usually strictly proper; if you stray from the beaten track, it is because you have convinced yourself that it is all right: you satisfy your conscience before the transgression, and rarely after. You substitute self-justification for remorse. Small niceties are emotionally important to you; and if you're not careful, you will substitute the sentimentalities of love for love itself. The proprieties as you conceive them stand guard over your emotional reactions; your sense of good taste is your emotional censor, and will keep you from many unconventionalities of those less sure of the right thing. This need not detract from the warmth of your nature, provided you don't let the tail wag the dog. Remember that the proprieties were made to serve a purpose, and that before there can be an emotional code there must be emotions. To have proprieties for their own sake is like having a general and no army.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, Venus wants discretion, and needs to feel his emotions are treated as something rare and delicate. Often, he becomes involved with inferiors and finds that instead of tenderness he is treated with reckless abandon. The native is conscientious about his reputation, but becomes entangled with those who have secret troubles and are liable to scandal. He has an organized code of conduct, but others may have their own codes - leaving him 'up in the air'. Special attention is required so that he

understands the reason for his confusion.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a reliable, exacting lover. Love for you is something that has an excruciatingly fine line between being true and false, acceptable and unacceptable. You have a very delicate and discerning sensibility, but you do not want it crushed, or abused by indiscriminate treatment. This very critical inner state can attract just what you want, or find no-one at all who measures up, or, by way of compensating for such fastidiousness, cause you to succumb to some mere fancy.

You attract with an air of reserve or unattainability that gives the lie to your private sensuality; with a fine sense of aesthetic detail, be it artistic, cosmetic or sartorial; and with a sense of health and helpfulness which you offer Other in a quiet, modest and practical fashion.

You repel with a standoffishness which peculiarly can sometimes become quite amoral; with a fussiness or priggishness that can turn out to be a blind to your own self-doubt; and with a clinical approach and opportunistic motivation with regard to how and why you show an interest in Other.

You are attracted to Others with above-average intelligence and a discerning eye; to an Other who shares with you some specific interest or occupation, possibly employing special methods; and to cleanliness and health-consciousness.

You are repelled by a lack of a fine mental understanding, concerning you or some other subject; by lazy slobbs or at least an absence of common ground with regard to work and ways of doing things; and by sordidness, or, strangely, punctiliousness.

When you are alone, it is because no-one can live up to your rather exacting standards. And by the very nature of such fastidiousness, you can be alone more often than most - even to the point of being left on the shelf. Such bachelor- / spinsterhood may be very much to your liking, suiting your sense of purity and keeping yourself to yourself. However, if you do not think you are ready for such abstinence, then you are going to have to adjust those standards. This does not mean you have to become wanton - although occasionally you can be by way of relief from your own restraints. It is a case of being more exacting as to what those standards are rather than them just being exacting in themselves. This means that you must ask yourself what you feel is unhealthy or reasonable about your own sexual attitude and emotional requirements, and rectify that before you can expect a suitable Other to appear or remain.

(John Townley)

You are likely to be most comfortable with a familiar lover who knows your habits and

desires very well. You are aroused by very specific things, and equally turned off by others, so your partner should be completely aware of your likes and dislikes.

Indeed, you should spend some time sorting out your desires, for you may be missing out on some fairly unusual ways of gaining pleasure simply for lack of investigation. Do not let antiquated moral taboos keep you from living up to your love potential, as you may find stimulation in many things besides your lover.

Cleanliness is quite important in loving; and showering with a lover can be a delightful erotic treat in itself. Also, it eliminates a host of problems that might arise in lovemaking, leaving both of you free for pleasant experimentation.

You and your lover can find pleasure in writing down your fantasies in detail and exchanging them. In this fashion, you can get and give exactly what you both want in a way that is unlikely to happen in more spontaneous love play; this will make your lovemaking, in its own way, a dream come true.

(Robert Hand)

You like to do favors for the people you like, because serving is one of the ways that you express love and friendship. In youth, you are less selfish than most people of your age, and you find it quite hard to relate to people whom you can't help. The only problem in relationships is that you may believe that people like you for what you do, rather than for what you are. You may underestimate your own worth and not understand why other people like you. Learn to love yourself as well as others.

You like your surroundings to be neat; and your work is both graceful and neat. Your personal habits and the way you dress show this also. This position favors all kinds of craft work, because you have high standards of perfection, but you don't let them overrule your sense of grace and form.

But you must learn not to reject everything and everyone that does not live up to your high standards of beauty or of duty in relationships. You tend to be very critical of everything that you or others make. And you may be overly critical of your friends.

You have a good sense of discipline. You are careful about what you eat, and don't overdo sweets. You won't buy something that is expensive and frivolous, unless you can justify the purchase at a practical level.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Categorised as its 'fall' position, the placement of Venus in the austere, critical and

selfconscious sign of Virgo tends to impede the planet's customary warmth, sensuality and creativity. Whereas sexual passion, abundant conviviality and spontaneity may indeed be tempered by this position, Mercury-ruled Virgo, a mutable Earth sign, nevertheless anoints an individual with kindness, loyalty and a strong sense of responsibility. Because meticulous and methodical Virgo is ruled by Mercury - a communicative, nervous planet - the power of Virgos lies in their ability to be verbally expressive rather than physically demonstrative. In fact, their idealistic view of the perfect relationship involves mutual respect of ideas, opinions and professional goals rather than the ardour that characterises other placements. The influence of Mercury also causes these people to analyse their feelings, emotions, finances and creative impulses endlessly - so much so that romantic, vocational and monetary opportunities are often overlooked. Due to their quest for purity and simplicity, they may wait until they are certain of how they feel before plunging into love or expressing their true creative strength.

Devoted and practical, these individuals often form relationships based on shared work or a common sense of duty and responsibility to others. Often accused of being 'cold fish', they are cautious, inhibited, and often unable to display affection spontaneously or openly. But once they feel secure, familiar and trusting, the earthiness and sensuality of this placement will be expressed.

Because these people are verbal rather than physical, there is a great deal of humility in their displays of affection, expressions of creative power and relationship to money and possessions - and the latter are acquired strictly for the security and utilitarian function they fulfil. Rather than spend on ornately decorated homes or invest in land or expensive clothing, they are more likely to put their money into safe investments that yield slow but steady profits. Their love of animals could even make them avid contributors to or supporters of animal rights groups, Greenpeace or other environmental organisations whose goals are to improve the quality of life - all Virgo concerns.

Due to a propensity for modesty, self-consciousness and, if Venus is poorly aspected, selfdeprecation, they must learn to be less critical and not expect always to achieve the standard of perfection they have set for themselves and others. Their own harshest critics, they are often inhibited in love as well as in creative expression, for fear that others will be quick to denigrate their talents, sensuality and, most important, their procreative strength. It is quite common, however, for these individuals to commit to an intimate relationship out of a sense of responsibility, obligation or friendship, suppressing the love and sexual attraction that they are afraid will not be returned. Because true intimacy is difficult for them, they may even regard the sexual act as just another skill that they must perform methodically without getting close to another or expressing their deepest feelings.

(Martin Schulman)

Here the individual experiences the purification of love through service. He seeks the idealized refined qualities of life which humanely contribute to man's need for social order. He loves the efficiency of functioning within established molds and traditions, feeling society's sense of etiquette and manners and the matrix of a finely organized reality structure within which his feelings are clearly defined. The beauty of machinery, the love of a watchmaker and a finely-attuned sense of harmony for the workings of things, systems and objects is the very essence of his affinity for functional beauty.

Yet, because Venus is in its fall in Virgo, the over-analytical nature of the sign usually leads the individual to tear apart his feelings so that he can understand them through his mind. This can cause difficulties in relationships, marriage and the ability to tolerate others. In some instances, the individual's need for beauty in its perfect state can lead to fetish-like obsessions with cleanliness or finicky nervous feelings about living in what appears to be a contaminated world.

Exaggerated preoccupations with chastity, virginity, frigidity, asexuality or homosexuality can sometimes occur as the result of the individual's discontent with human imperfection. He must learn how to accept life through its own natural order, rather than allowing his mind's need for perfection to interfere with the love that comes from his heart.

The Yod to this Venus placement comes from the signs Aquarius and Aries, which contain the answers to the person's incessant frustration with his relationship to life.

Aquarius helps to break rigid habit patterns, teaching the individual how to loosen his microcosmic involvement with his mind and his body, and freeing him from the shackles of a confining consciousness. From this sign, he learns how to tolerate others and understand the cosmic beauty of life's imperfections. Rather than trying to change everything in the lives of those close to him, the Venus in Virgo individual slowly learns that love's purification is the natural outgrowth of each person's ability to unfold at his own rate and according to the cosmic laws which govern his own soul.

From the sign Aries, the individual must learn how to contact his own sexual nature; for he finds it difficult to accept himself on this level. Yet, it is exactly his sexual impulses and instincts which, instead of robbing him of eternal grace (as he often thinks), becomes the humanizing contact of feeling which teaches him how to join the human race. He learns how to accept himself and others in the same way that God loves all of his imperfect children.

The Aquarius-Aries sextile helps the person to realize the cosmic self in each individual. He becomes aware of man's need for progress, social freedom, and the harmonious evolution towards oneness which is man's true cosmic identity.

From this, he begins to devote his life to the improvement of the human condition. He

becomes a veritable source of kindness, charity, and altruism, and the saving angel to the needy and poor. He loves the 'working classes', and sees the beauty of the 'common man'. He learns to reach out and touch people (without fear of contamination), but rather from the boldness he has learned from Aries, and the sincere caring for his fellow man (the lessons he has learned through Aquarius). This brings out his own very special Gift of Love, his overwhelming feeling to serve humanity; the guiding influence which overcomes all of his fears and inadequacies and directs his life towards the channel of goodness for which he was born.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are discriminating and restrained.

Symbol: A woman weeds a flower box.

Venus, planet of love, is in its fall in chaste Virgo. One thing romance can do without is rational analysis. The piercing accuracy of Virgo's critical barbs, and Cupid's frequently misplaced darts, serve fundamentally different purposes. Intellectual development does not necessarily make the mind more receptive to beauty. Virgoan labor may produce tangible results, but it does not guarantee the emergence of any fresh insight. It accumulates and classifies separate items, forgetting that charm and spontaneity require more than fastidious attention to detail.

Since both planet and sign are associated with the element of Earth, they can combine to show a love nature which expresses itself in practical, unsentimental ways. Venus refines and Virgo reforms, so that once settled with a satisfactory partner (providing he is willing to be improved) this person will endeavor to make the best of an existing situation rather than look for greener pastures.

Venusian Virgoans can be as sensitive as flowers and still bare sharp thorns which wound those who venture too close. They spot imperfections so easily that it is hard for them to refrain from pinpointing the cause of trouble. Their blind spot lies in their failure to realize that criticism may only aggravate deficiencies, as when a mother nags her child to sit up straight and thereby depresses him so that he slumps all the more. Often these individuals will be extremely generous materially, and will work unstintingly for those with whom they identify, only to subvert their good works by being spiritually stingy. Tolerance and the ability to accept as well as to bestow favors are as important to the development of the soul as the willingness to perform the labors of love.

People with Venus in Virgo are often anxiously concerned about their reputations, since they fear that their own critical thoughts will be reciprocated. They also have a strong desire to be considered perfect. Undeveloped types who have difficulty feeling genuine affection tend to overcompensate with an exaggerated show of concern, especially in matters of health and physical well-being. They can behave in an apparently emotional fashion while their hearts remain untouched. Many are unaware of having psychological

problems themselves, but wonder what can be the matter with everyone else.

The way out of this dilemma is the way of humility and purification through selfless service. A love for all that is pure, clean, and chaste can turn the mind from petty carping over details into a sphere of supreme usefulness.

Venus in Virgo produces homemakers, teachers, and medical specialists who are kind and solicitous in an impersonal way. The emotional side of their nature can be turned into intellectual channels to become an asset in their work. Almost invariably, they encounter obstacles in the expression of their affections, but the need for renunciation in one area of their lives develops the strength of character which ultimately leads to greater service. (Donna van Toen)

This is traditionally considered a cold - even frigid - Venus. It's not - but it doesn't have as great a need for flamboyant or passionate displays of affection as some of the other placings. What you do need is someone who can show his / her love in a variety of simple ways. You like simple but elegant candlelit dinners. You like a mate / lover who writes down or marks things he / she knows you'd be interested in when reading. You like a mate who feels details are important. You need to work, need to be busy. So the worst thing for you would be to be put on a pedestal and waited on hand and foot.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you obsessively value being right in social interactions, you may unknowingly use relationships in a way that is self-serving rather than serving others. Thus, you might become frustrated in having relationships fall short of your high standards. You may engage in the Virgo tendency to discriminate against and criticize others, and then try to hide your biases in order to prevent alienation. This indulgence might result in feelings of isolation that come from silent separative judgements.

If you give into fears that your service may not be accepted by others, that you are unworthy to serve others, or that you might be criticized, the result is a disintegration of the Virgo ability to make practical use of relationships. You may withhold your gift for unselfish service and instead seek to serve in a way that you think will elicit a particular response. This withholding may result in feelings of inadequacy and lack of self-worth.

Venus ♀ in 9th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Interested in publishing, creative thinking, living abroad, marriage to someone exotic.

Corresponding to the mutable Fire sign of Sagittarius, the ninth house has traditionally been associated with foreign travel, higher education, philosophy, religion, publishing and the law. Most significantly, each of these concerns reflects a preoccupation with the exploration of profound social, philosophical and religious values that reach beyond the attainment of financial rewards and romantic / sensual gratification. Whereas the diametrically opposed third house concerns learning - the accumulation of ideas - the ninth house represents teaching - the assemblage of those concepts into a system that can be transmitted to others. While the third house individual may, for instance, perform or write as a means of communicating ideas, the ninth house personality aspires to direct or publish in order to oversee, instruct, cultivate and guide the development of others' skills and talents in keeping with his / her overall vision.

Individuals with Venus in the ninth house rely on the knowledge obtained from independent research, academic studies or an in-depth understanding of philosophical, religious and legal principles to gain admiration and deference, resulting in their attainment of self-respect (Fire house). To elevate their self-esteem even further, they tend to inundate themselves (often to the point of fanaticism) with as much worldly experience (for example foreign travel, attending conferences, participating in cultural events) as possible in order to impress others. Since relationships are not usually fulfilling for them unless there is constant growth and something they are continually learning, many people with this placement marry either their students or their teachers. It is important to remember that, as with Venus in Sagittarius, a relationship in which the roles of student and teacher are being enacted will often end once the student catches up with the teacher. If the relationship is to endure, it is necessary to transform it into one of equals.

Because the ninth house symbolises the search for freedom of expression, it is not unusual for this position to promote people with highly individual, creative and even flamboyant behaviour that is reflected in their wardrobe, hairstyles, cultural interests and friends. By the same token, personal and professional relationships require independence, the exploration of broader horizons, and a need for constant intellectual stimulation. It is not uncommon for these people to marry foreigners and relocate to their spouse's homeland either temporarily or permanently, since this breeds a situation in which the two are continually teaching each other about their respective cultures.

Although Venus enjoys luxury and economic prosperity, its position in the ninth house is one of the planet's least materialistic locations. In their search for love and creative self-expression, those with Venus in this house are not motivated by personal gain, but seek an outlet for their knowledge and fervent convictions. Extremely passionate, arrogant and, at times, fanatical in their need to instruct others and share their points of view, these people often feel compelled to convert others to their religious, political or

philosophical beliefs. Their magnetism and judiciousness make them excellent spokespeople, advocates and lobbyists - positions that demand the patience, determination and diplomacy of Venus as well as the brutal honesty, directness and idealism for which the ninth house and its corresponding sign, Sagittarius, are best known.

Blessed with an incredible lust for life and authentic love of people, these restless individuals enjoy travelling, socialising and attending cultural and media events. An almost obsessive need to explore new avenues of thought, however, makes it extremely difficult for them to forego their independent and stimulating lifestyles. To maintain their arrogance, sense of authority and need to be right, Venus in the ninth house produces an attraction to partners who either share their 'wanderlust' or encourage the pursuit of new ideas, studies and projects. Not unlike individuals with Venus in the third house, those with Venus in the ninth house will avoid intimacy unless they are convinced that intellectual stimulation, excitement and freedom can still be maintained.

Emblematic of their quest for knowledge and spiritual truth through higher education, foreign travel and intellectual exchanges, the ninth house is affiliated with researchers, academicians, teachers, attorneys, writers (especially journalists), politicians, publishers or translators. If Venus is conjunct the Midheaven, it is even more important for these people to be recognised for their knowledge, which they feel compelled to share through one of the aforementioned professions. This often results in the formation of creative collaborations (actor / director, writer / editor) or professional partnerships (law firm, joint research) through which their strong convictions or philosophy of life may be expressed. If these particular fields of interest are not further developed or utilised, they may simply search for a partner who either practises one of the aforementioned professions or is passionate and opinionated about the very subjects of which these individuals wish to know more.

While individuals with Venus placed in this area of the horoscope may indeed be passionate about ninth house issues such as philosophy, religion, law and politics, they refuse to teach or practise professionally unless they can inject creativity into areas that may otherwise be dry and dull. While the ninth house is long on theory and devoid of practicality, Venus provides these people with diplomacy, a sense of ethics, the powers of persuasion and the facility for expressing their strong opinions and points of view both passionately and convincingly.

If Venus is positively aspected, these people derive their validation from opinions, travel and worldly knowledge - this is part of what makes them attractive to others. If Venus is poorly situated, however, the need to be right prevents compromise and being able to see another person's point of view - both of which are vital for any successful relationship.

An inability to balance romantic idealism with the practicalities of everyday life may be

manifest.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The ninth house rules all consciousness-expanding activities. People with this placement will want a relationship to be like a voyage of discovery. They set sail when they become romantically involved. They may be people who enjoy the journey and are less concerned about the destination; this is the point of disembarking. They need a partner to be challenging and stimulating. They enjoy new people, and may be happier single. Their need is for freedom in their relating, to be constantly exploring new territory.

Within a relationship, the sharing of beliefs and philosophies will be important to these people. They will not necessarily be great intellectuals, but they will enjoy intellectual exchanges and have a love of abstract ideas. Discovering knowledge and expanding the mind is a source of pleasure for them. They may enjoy courses that stretch their minds, and will gain happiness from the closeness and rapport they can have with fellow students.

They will want their partner to be interested in their studies, and may well meet a partner in a study situation. This will be something they will want to share. They will feel depleted if their partners do not stimulate them to think. They may want someone with whom they can discuss fundamental issues regarding the nature of the universe and the purpose of life.

These people can make good teachers, being in love with their subject and able to inspire the same in their students. They are able to get on with their students well and to create a happy learning atmosphere. They could fall in love with a student, or equally, as a student themselves, fall in love with their teacher.

They may be drawn to topics like religion, or anything that encompasses the major questions regarding life and the universe. If drawn to subjects of a more limited scope, they will infuse them with a philosophical dimension.

They may also find happiness through travel, another mind-expanding activity. As travellers, they will easily make harmonious contact with others, and are likely to receive generous hospitality from those they meet. They may find a love partner abroad, and possibly remain in a foreign land. Their outlook on life would then be continually stimulated by their partner's different cultural background.

They may choose a partner through whom they come into contact with a different religious framework, which is similar to choosing someone from a different culture. Through such a relationship, they will re-evaluate their own beliefs. Any of these possible scenarios will become more fraught if Venus receives difficult aspects. This could be a placement where people have a guru to whom they offer a very pure love.

They are looking for someone noble to love. Love and religious and philosophical aspirations are intertwined for someone with Venus in the ninth.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is raised to a higher consciousness as the individual's life symbolizes a spiritual journey into light. Through learning, literature, travel and foreigners, he discovers the expansive feelings for a philosophy or religion through which he will experience his place in humanity.

Venus here creates an affinity for the outdoor settings whose great peace and natural harmony helps to bring out this individual's spirit for life. From this instinctive sensitivity to environmental beauty comes his romantic and often inspirational feeling for the changing scenic wonders of nature. Thus, through an adventurous spirit, always yearning to feel, experience and know the distant horizons that transcend man's limits, he reaches to feel the broad expansive wonder of life which fills him with an overwhelming sense of awe for the natural beauty of the universe. Yet, because his life is a quest, often reaching for what he is not yet ready to attain, he can have great difficulty getting in touch with his true feelings.

His sense of exaggeration often puts his feelings out of perspective. He can become distant from himself through a philosophical sense of wandering, as if he were considering some vague human abstraction rather than the true current of his own personal life. Thus, he may see the expansive overview of humanity while at the same time feeling a vague uncertainty as to his role within it.

Many with this placement experience a sense of frustration and restlessness, which, instead of allowing them to feel appreciation for all they are, often makes them scatter their energies into one superficial area after another. In all areas of feeling, there tends to be a running away from involvement, commitment and the lasting constancy, which is the true beauty of love.

The Ninth House is symbolically ruled by Sagittarius (the archer-centaur) - half man and half horse. Thus, the experiences of Venus in this House are leading the individual to make peace with the wildness of his animal nature; for it is only through a sincere love for the beauty of human wisdom in tune with divine law that he can learn how to raise his consciousness above the restless 'horse of desire'.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, a great change in consciousness occurs. Rather than his scattering his feelings indiscriminately, there is an appreciation by him of a higher truth, which the individual will follow for the rest of his days. In whatever he does, or whoever he shares his feelings with, this devotion to truth and the correctness of life in accordance perhaps with a great Master, or religious principle, or even the truth he learns naturally from life, becomes the discipline without

chains which lights his path and illuminates his heart.

He may spend years travelling and roaming, appearing to others as if he is unsettled. Yet, he never roams from his devotion to the truth, for he is a disciple of the spirit of divine law made manifest through man's love for the collective consciousness of humanity. Thus, he enlightens others through the literacy and wisdom he manages to acquire. He breathes the vivid spark of truth into the hearts of others, and he teaches the vision of love's optimism, hope and open sincerity to all who are fortunate enough to understand the prophetic wisdom he finds.

His very special Gift of Love comes from his ability to expansively enrich the minds of others, joyously lighting their way with the loving candle of abundant hope, glistening in the flame of truth!

(Howard Sasportas)

For many of us, sitting down to contemplate the meaning and purpose of existence results in a headache. but rather than just struggling endlessly with religious and philosophical issues, those with Venus in the 9th usually derive greater happiness, peace and wellbeing from their belief systems. Somehow it wouldnt be right for a 9th house Venus to project anything too nasty onto God: in Venus's eyes, only that which is fair, just and equitable deserves to be worshipped. Whether their God manages to live up to these high expectations will be shown by the aspects to Venus and other placements in the 9th.

There is usually a love of travel and adventure, and the promise of beneficial and pleasurable experiences to be had through them. Possessing a natural appreciation and fascination for the diversity of life expressed in the customs of different cultures, they might fall in love with a country other than their own, emulating its taste and style. Some may even marry someone foreign or a person met on holiday or abroad. This is also a good placement for teachers and educators who will be able to communicate the love of their subject to their students. Venus in the 9th easily and graciously enthuses about those things which they find valuable. Writers and artists with this placement invariably share their philosophy of life through their creations.

On a lighter note, relationships with in-laws are usually favoured if Venus is wellaspected in the 9th. If we understand a planet in a house to indicate the way in which we should meet the affairs of that house, then Venus here suggests that in-laws can be handled with tact and diplomacy.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Venus reveals the pleasures of mentality. You love philosophy and formal concepts. You love knowing what the rules are, and searching for

more aesthetic ways of understanding. Not necessarily a great intellect yourself, you are drawn to the charismatic personalities of great thinkers. You love to be in the flow of mentality, to have it wash over you like a cascading waterfall. This is not the love of conversation, nor mere mental cleverness; you quickly tire of those. No, this is the love of ideas, of understanding based on sweeping patterns of creative thought. The pitfall lies in the difference between simply learning philosophy, and the more disciplined effort of living a truly ethical life. The challenge is to fill your world with aesthetic ideas, to make it sing with the beauty of an expanded mind, and to share those pleasures with everyone.

Cultural perspective: The immediate environment is less attractive than what exists over the horizon. Travel is a luxury, a lovely adventure. Being relationship-oriented, you cultivate personal relationships with individuals from cultural backgrounds different from your own. This may mean that you are drawn to foreigners in a literal sense. It may also be that you're attracted to people with enlarged and perhaps exotic perspectives on human experience. The pitfall involves becoming so enamored with your longing for travel and increased cultural perspective that you overlook the satisfactions existing in ordinary surroundings. Keep in mind that love, happiness and enjoyment are ubiquitous and can be discovered anywhere on the Earth, not just over the next hill. Your challenge is to promote the appreciation for the world and all its diverse cultures.

Higher education: Higher education is a continuing source of pleasure. You're very receptive to learning; and little in your world brings greater satisfaction than the flow of knowledge. With Mercury, active dialogue is necessary. However, you are much more comfortable when in the receiving position. It's not so much that you wish to be wise, but instead that you truly love surrounding yourself with ideas. Thus, you could be quite happy sitting at home reading a book on art or philosophy; and you're even happier attending a lecture, being in the actual living presence of a master. There is no innate sense of inferiority, however - just a love of the pure, unmitigated luxury of education.

The search for truth: For you, truth must not be ugly. A good-looking lie is more attractive than a homely truth. You want to warm it, to polish it until it shines, to bring out the beauty inherent in any truth. The challenge is to reveal the aesthetic goodness in what is true, to show yourself and us the way to appreciate the truth. Telling the truth must reflect this task. Communicate with grace, and you move toward greater harmony with nature and the universe. Truth is beauty; truth is love.

Ideal society: You believe that love should fill the world, that people should be nicer to one another. In your perfect society, failure to love would be a cardinal sin. This society would be a romantic culture, in soft-focus and pastel colors. You believe in art and high style. The world would be filled with lovely objects and beautiful people; ugliness would be impossible to conceive. There would be no upsets, no crises, no embarrassing social scenes. Everyone would display graceful manners and seemly behavior. As Ruler of the World, you would be the paragon of Love and Beauty, the High Priestess of Romance,

the symbol of Happiness, Receptivity, and Fertility.

(Robert Pelletier)

Being accepted in the social mainstream is most important to you. Though it annoys you to concede to others when you know they're wrong, you feel that it is politically advisable, and that doing otherwise might jeopardize your chances of being accepted. Once you are established, however, you won't make such concessions, because you consider it unbecoming. You prefer honesty, and you are perfectly willing to tell people you like them if they seem pleasant and attractive. You enjoy your children as they enjoy you, and you know how to cultivate their desire to live up to their own creative potentials. You try to be understanding of your partner's needs; and you are always willing to discuss any problems that come up. If the lines of communication are kept open at all times, you feel that most difficulties can be resolved. You know how to adapt to any circumstances that allow you to fully exploit your creative potentials.

People are attracted to you because you know how to make them feel important. Even with people you've just met, you tactfully let them believe that you share their views and that you find them pleasing because you have 'always been attracted to people who have a keen sense of values'. Your mate finds you delightful because of your poise and skill in dealing with people, even those who are socially undesirable. Never satisfied with your accomplishments, you constantly set new goals to reach. Though you accept favors from friends, you usually reciprocate when they need help from you.

You find repetitive jobs tedious and boring. You are drawn to occupations in which there is a minimum of routine and you are free to deal with the public. You also want opportunities to grow and to demonstrate your competence as your skills increase and you are ready for greater responsibility. You are somewhat turned off by people who lack polish and sophistication; but it is through them that you can show what you can accomplish in your career. Your position might allow you to intercede with those in high places who can help people in need. You will grow as long as you realize that you need to know a great deal to earn the respect of those whom you serve in your profession.

You should pursue your goals with the same determination you showed when your early conditioning taught you that nothing in life is free. Fulfill your family obligations first, and then you can devote yourself to exploiting your creative potentials in your career. Any sacrifice you made to gain a formal education was the most worthwhile investment of your life.

The worst thing you could do is to imagine that others' needs are less important than yours. If you let yourself think that they only want to get something out of you, you will miss a great opportunity to achieve your goals, because others will doubt that you deserve to achieve them. On the other hand, conceding to the needs of others enriches you more than it does them. After all, aren't they giving you the chance to prove

yourself? Plan your moves carefully so that you don't unknowingly undermine those who helped you when you were starting out.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Venus in the 9th or 10th house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mars in Aries 20° 28'

(Donna Van Toen)

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

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

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

You want to be the dominant partner in the relationship, and you want enough challenge to keep the relationship interesting. You want a courageous but not too headstrong mate / lover. You're a spontaneous lover, eager to be involved. If your love life isn't satisfactory to you, and if relationships start well only to fizzle shortly thereafter, it could be that you're coming on a bit too strong. Some men and women will tend to be

overwhelmed by your ardor or even suspicious of it; they may mistake it for plain old lust or even desperation.

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

span is short, and you tend to run out of steam and interest rather quickly. You are better at starting things than completing them; and your life may be littered with half-finished projects.

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

When the energy from Mars in Aries is flowing, and the individual is happily occupied

with plenty of varied interests, all will be well; but the stagnating effect mentioned above will provoke health problems if it is allowed to persist. Usually, however, the subject will not allow this to happen.

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

forethought can create problems, it is best to use these manners of assertion, or energy can remain as, or devolve into, anger.

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

your fires a bit, even letting your lover carry the load so you can relax.

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

Mars in 4th House

(Donna van Toen)

You may have sudden, inexplicably touchy spells. You're a hard worker in your home and / or for your loved ones, and are normally energetic (although if Mars is in a Water sign your energy may be more emotional than physical). Possibly you lost a parent in childhood or came from a home where fighting was common. Early on in your life, strong desires for independence and security came to the fore. These are what motivate you;

and no doubt what you gain in these areas will be retained well into old age and perhaps throughout your life. Sometimes people with this aspect prefer not to marry; but they nearly always want their own home. Mars here under stress can be a troublemaker, a disturber of the status quo. Watch that!

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

memories to surface so that they can digest and reassess them.

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Emotional imprints: Your imprints were probably more event-oriented than would be the case with most of the other planets. Peak experiences were more significant than subtler conditioning; and the classical assumptions of childhood trauma, especially separations,

have greater relevance if they occurred. The sheer weight of territoriality was a profound infelunce: fighting for what was 'mine'. You felt you were being judged according to male standards: desire, assertiveness, and willful action.

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

When most people come home to roost after a hard day's work, they just want to take off their shoes, mix a drink, put their feet up and watch television. But for those with Mars in the 4th, it is after they've 'clocked off' that their day begins. It is within the home sphere and personal life that they are likely to evince their greatest drive and enterprise, not to mention their domineering and aggressive streaks. In this respect, they are not unlike a

certain type of creature called a cichlid fish. These war-like fish need other fish on whom they can vent their aggression. If a pair of them is isolated from a tank containing other fish, then the male will turn his aggression to wards his spouse and offspring. Similarly, those with Mars in teh 4th may displaces the anger they feel but don't express to other people onto those innocently waiting for them back at home. Well-mannered and docile at work, they may come home spoiling for a fight. Aggression can be displaced in other ways however: digging in the garden, building an extension on the house, provoking someone to get angry at them, or falling down the stairs, etc..

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

Your greatest difficulties will come when you face reversals or rejection in your career. Establishing goals within reaonably safe limits will allow you to gain experience and proficiency in your field. Don't try to fulfill your parents' expectations, for the only potentials you must live up to are your own. Once you are independent, you are

accountable only to yourself. Take advantage of opportunities offered by your associates, and learn why your competitors sometimes fail. Your partner could be a valuable source of creative imagination if you listen to his or her ideas. You are stimulated when your mate admires your successes, and comforted by support when things go wrong.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

In a man's chart, Mars in the fourth is apt to make him strong-willed, sometimes even harsh or cruel toward his wife and childre, perhaps to compensate for having to endure his mother's problems. Having children of his own may appear to him to be a burden and a sorrow rather than a joy. In a woman's chart, it makes it hard for her to be receptive toward other women, particularly older women; and she may be unresponsive to her own children, due to pent-up anger or grief.

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

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

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

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♐ Sagittarius 25° 0'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone participating with others in deep philosophical pursuits, you may instead fritter away the time as a perpetual traveller, in both mind and body. If you are content to be motivated by superficial reasons and internal reflections, you can inadvertently create a situation of intellectual isolation by presuming you know the answers to everything.

Dynamic

When you decide to involve yourself seriously with deep philosophical study and communication with other people, trusting your knowledge to flow spontaneously, you can experience the joy and personal expansion in learning and teaching. Consequently, when you take the leap in faith and let yourself share new ideas (rather than using knowledge to establish intellectual authority), you can truly become a teacher. Self-trust increases as you take the initiative in sharing your positive outlook and philosophical insights with others.

(Marilyn Waram)

With Jupiter at home in its own sign, its expression is easier and purer than when it is displaced in other signs. This does not mean better, just easier. The manifestations tend to be both the best and the worst of Jupiterian tendencies, depending on the character of the individual.

Jupiter placed in Sagittarius indicates double emphasis on restlessness, both physical and mental; and emphasis on the need to search for and formulate systems of thought, values and philosophy, the tendency to live according to high-minded principles, or the tendency to succumb to self-justification, rationalization, arrogance, and inflated expectations. An individual with this placement usually has a strong awareness of his personal search for meaning and significance in life. He may have spent considerable time contemplating his life purpose. He may have felt higher education was an absolute must. He could place a great deal of faith in education, knowledge, religion or political understanding, or even sports, and expect any or all of those areas of life to provide him with ultimate fulfillment. He may wear himself out looking for a belief structure which is completely perfect, totally inviolate, and beyond challenge or dispute; and be persistently dissatisfied at the imperfect, inadequate religions which are the reality of the world.

With Jupiter in Sagittarius, the person stands a good chance of developing an awareness of the vital importance of knowing what the first principles are and of living according to them. He has the potential to develop great faith in the principles, and to have complete confidence that they bring out the best in him and in others. He may have an ardent conviction that he - and other humans - are a superior species who need to live according to superior ideas and ideals. He could expect himself - and others - to reach not only for the truth, but also for the highest good within.

He may tend to project this onto teachers, especially those in post-secondary education, or onto religious leaders, seeing them as gurus with all the answers. He may think them brilliant in their intellectual acuity. However, this placement may also indicate the worst expressions of Jupiterian traits. The person may be convinced he already has truth - that is, being 'right' is turned into a god and he will not tolerate suggestions that there are other perspectives and values besides his own.

He may personify the arrogance, inflated expectations and demands, and self-justifying realizations to which the Jupiter side of human nature is prone. He could consider that he fully deserves whatever he wishes, and fly into an unbridled and possibly even violent rage if thwarted, wherein he believes anything he says or does is completely warranted. Afterwards, he rarely feels any remorse for the damage he has done. Instead, he points his finger sanctimoniously at his supposed enemy and blames him for the dispute. It is entirely the other's fault. The whole situation can be proven to his satisfaction, and is enough to exonerate the Jupiterian, in his own minds. A person who has given himself up to such a degree of self-justification is a terrifying spectacle to others with more balanced perspectives, because he so adamantly refuses to accept responsibility for either his behavior or its consequences. If society punishes such an individual because he has broken laws, he merely feels badly mistreated and may become murderously vengeful. He cannot be reached on the basis of reason. He has abdicated this very talent of his Jupiterian nature and given all the power to his own sense of his rights.

There is a little bit of this in every person with this placement. Those who have Jupiter strongly emphasized in their charts will see him appear - at least in their thoughts - from time to time, though he generally only comes out when the person feels very threatened by a situation he / she judges to be profoundly unfair. More commonly, he stirs up trouble at income tax time, when he motivates people to get away with whatever they possibly can, on the justification that the government is unfair and burdensome anyway. He also has other habits which undermine an individual's sense of self-worth and integrity: little stretches of the truth, a focus on his own rights at the expense of others', unwillingness to see other perspectives in a dispute or disagreement, and a sneaky little 'wipe them all out' attitude toward those whose values and cultural mores clash powerfully with his own.

Many times, this is a strongly transpersonal placement for Jupiter. The individual's focus may be on educational improvements as a way to bring about better social conditions. He may focus his high ideals on society as a whole, and exhort with fiery rhetoric religious or ethical principles which would, if lived by, greatly ameliorate many of society's more stubborn ills. He may expect law or politics to provide the answers. He tends to believe absolutely whatever it is he believes, for the moment; and he can convey in most articulate terms the depth of his passion and faith, sometimes even when he doesn't believe that strongly himself. It seems like a good idea at the time, though!

Jupiter in Sagittarius is a signal that problems to do with faith, morals, beliefs, and the

search for truth might be due to gross overemphasis on rights as opposed to responsibilities, on being right instead of discovering the truth, and on underdevelopment of personal values due to too strong a focus on the transpersonal values and on society.

With Jupiter in Sagittarius, the individual has the capacity to put us back in touch with the timeless principles of self-conduct which may ultimately prove to be mankind's salvation from himself. That is, the principles of right conduct are so fundamental that they appear as ideals in every successful culture that history records. Historically, the more individual citizens could be motivated to live by these principles, the more the culture prospered. They seem to be the only concepts which hold any true hope for world peace. Jupiter in Sagittarius people stand at the crossroads between personal behavior and transpersonal consequences, proclaiming that only when individuals live according to the highest good within themselves will humankind as a whole be able to live in peace and harmony and prosperity.

(Skye Alexander)

You believe that you are here to learn and experience everything life has to offer, and your motto might be 'the sky's the limit'. Restless and curious, you want to see the world; and nothing makes you happier than being on the road, meeting new people and exploring new territories. You expand your understanding of the Universe and your place in it through travelling; for you, travelling is not just a form of entertainment, but a quest for truth and wisdom. Not only do you benefit personally through your travels, but also you might open up new worlds for others and thus expand their knowledge too.

Your thirst for knowledge makes you a lifelong student. You love learning new things; and if you aren't enrolled in a formal study program, you probably are an avid reader, watch educational television programs, listen to radio talk shows, or take correspondence courses. You also enjoy sharing what you know with others, and might excel as a teacher, writer, publisher or lecturer. Being a foreign correspondent might be your ideal profession, allowing you to travel widely and write about your adventures. Although you are interested in practically everything, you often lack the focus and perseverance to finish what you start. Thus, you probably know a little bit about many things and have a broad overview, but aren't proficient in any one area.

Your desire to understand the Universe and your place in it could inspire an interest in philosophy and / or religion. The modern state of Israel, which was established for religious purposes, has its Jupiter in Sagittarius. Once you believe you've found the truth, you long to spread the word to one and all and have a tendency toward proselytizing. It is quite likely that you are an eloquent and inspirational - though somewhat verbose - public speaker. Though your intent may be to educate and enlighten, in your zeal you can be self-righteous and intolerant of others' freedom to believe as they choose.

This placement of Jupiter also can signify natural athletic ability. You have an abundance of energy, speed and agility; and since Sagittarius is associated with the legs you might excel at sports such as running, bicycling, soccer, basketball or ice skating. Perhaps even more important, though, are the optimism, self-confidence and fun-loving enthusiasm you bring to the sports arena; you never lose your childlike love of the game and your belief that you can win, regardless of the odds. However, you may lack discipline and determination, unless this is provided by other factors in your chart, such as a prominent Saturn or Pluto.

In its own sign, Jupiter's tendency toward exaggeration and excess is even more in evidence. In the extreme, your gregariousness and 'good time' attitude can lead to laziness, over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs and socializing, escapism to avoid work or responsibilities, and possibly compulsive gambling. Unchecked, your restlessness and fun-loving spirit might make you a rolling stone, unable to keep a steady job, hold on to a dime or commit to a relationship.

(Grant Lewi)

Opportunity appeals to you only if closely related to ideals. Work for its own sake means little, for to you the prime opportunity of life is not labor, but knowledge, philosophy, adventure. If, however, work gets related to a philosophical ideal (such as duty, security, making the best of things, or whatever), then you can throw yourself into it - but only for so long as the ideal sustains you; if this fails, you gravitate to your nature, which is to seek opportunity along non-material lines. To relate the necessities of life to some philosophic or religious code of your own is your way to success and happiness, for without some such union of the ideal and the material, you are likely to drift with the alluring currents of your imagination.

(Robert Hand)

Traditionally, this has been considered the sign in which Jupiter is most at home, because the sign and the planet are very similar in nature. This placement indicates that very early in life you will develop strong ethical and moral principles, although they may be quite unorthodox. However, those who interpret your unorthodox beliefs as a lack of morality will be very mistaken indeed. In your own way, you can be very self-righteous about what you believe is right, and you may even preach to people about it when your morals are challenged. Otherwise you are very tolerant, knowing that a variety of viewpoints and lifestyles is necessary and even desirable.

You have a strong desire to be free to experience life in your own way. Probably you resent any attempts by your parents to warn you away from doing certain things, even though you know that they mean well. You need to have a great deal of direct experience in as many different areas of life as possible. You don't want to be confined to one place or one way of living. When you settle down, it will be after trying out as many

alternatives as possible.

A very idealistic person, you will develop a strong spiritual sense very early in life. You need to look up to something or someone, to know that there is something higher than yourself in the universe.

After a period in your youth of being very unconventional and free, however, you are likely to settle down and identify with the established order. Then you must remember how much you needed freedom when you were young, and grant it to those who follow after you.

(Sydney Omarr)

Jupiter in Sagittarius makes the native appear to possess keen insight; he invariably seems to know what is happening and what caused it to happen. His intuitive intellect is sharp. He is attracted to higher learning, but his knowledge is not based primarily on formal education. There is an expansiveness connected with him; it seems to cover all of his activities. He 'leans into' a subject and absorbs it.

Benefit from overseas journeys is indicated. The native is attracted to games of speculation. He has faith in his own, personal kind of luck - and no amount of reasoning seems to discourage him. This is harmless, of course, if not carried to extremes. The astrologer must make certain the native does not try to substitute luck for work, knowledge and determination.

The native is idealistic, and has a tendency to drift along with the tide. He should be encouraged to create his own opportunities and not merely wait, speculate and philosophize. He is attracted to sports and would be excellent as a sportswriter, thus combining literary talents with his 'second love'. He is not easy to corrupt; he will stick to his ideals in the face of adversity. But he does not seem to have enough get-up-and-go! He needs a push and very often gets it from his mate. Too often, after the 'pushing' is finished, marital difficulties begin in earnest. It would be best for him to be a self-starter!

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Sagittarius indicates a love of philosophy, religion, education, travel, and foreign cultures. Intense involvement in matters concerning the codification of social thought may lead people with this position to embrace some philosophy or system of thought by which to regulate their lives. Traditionally this means some form of religious belief; but Sagittarian, intellectual types may take up Freudian psychoanalysis, Marxian dialectics, or bohemianism. Jupiter in Sagittarius merely shows the need for a system for governing one's conduct and way of life; the form that system takes depends on the overall tenor of the chart and the social milieu of the individual, which he may be either accepting or reacting against. The desire to make personal conduct conform to an

impartial set of moral principles brings these natives the respect and admiration of many, including their enemies.

These people tend to have far-reaching metaphysical thoughts. They wish to know about the nature of man's consciousness, how he can successfully adjust to society, the purpose of the individual in the universe, and what is the ultimate creative force behind physical manifestation and the evolutionary process. This questioning leads in most cases to religious belief and an acknowledgement of a Supreme Being.

Once a particular set of religious or philosophic values is adopted, satisfaction is gained from efforts to convert friends and associates to a similar way of thinking; acceptance of a system of belief confers the security to operate in a larger social context. However, these people are deep thinkers, and will formulate their own standards within the context of the ethical system to which they subscribe or which has been a part of their family upbringing.

Jupiter in Sagittarius gives an interest in foreign cultures, religions, races, and social systems, often expressed both through study and through long trips to foreign countries - especially if the natives can afford it. There is also a deep interest in the social and philosophic ideas that have shaped history. This breadth of understanding produces a farsighted outlook on life and often prophetic insights into the future.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Sagittarius, these people can have narrow-minded views to which they expect all to conform; they regard those who do not as unworthy of approval. A common accompaniment is a self-righteous attitude of the type that has promulgated religious wars throughout history. Personal egotism disguised as religious, national, social or racial chauvinism is often the motivating factor behind such an attitude.

If Jupiter in Sagittarius is not balanced by sufficient mental development and faculties of impartial discrimination, as would be indicated by a well-aspected Mercury, Saturn, and Uranus, there is danger of superstitious adherence to dogmatic religious beliefs. These beliefs are inculcated in early childhood and are used as an unconscious defence mechanism against the frightening aspects of the unknown, confrontation which could upset the psychological security of a neatly packaged doctrine. The tendency to get enmeshed in a system applies equally to radicals and conservatives with this Jupiter position.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Jupiter rules Sagittarius, so the planet will be a very powerful element of the chart when it is in this sign. You are very likely to see some of the Sun sign characteristics of Sagittarius in the individual with this placement. In addition, he or she will have some superb intellectual potential, although this may not emerge in early life, for this placing also contributes a very happy-go-lucky attitude, and one which, when the individual is

adventurous, encourages him or her to take risks and be rather careless. The outlook is optimistic and there will be abundant enthusiasm - both extremely positive traits unless they are overexpressed and become blind optimism. This is most likely if Jupiter is afflicted by opposition or square aspects from the Sun, Mercury or Mars. This is certainly a placing that needs countering by some steady influence from Saturn, or perhaps a personal planet in an Earth sign.

As these subjects grow a little older, both intellectually and physically, they will become wiser and develop an ever-strengthening philosophical attitude. It is essential for them always to study something, as there is a strong element of the eternal student here, and this trait must be fulfilled. There may also be a wonderful sense of justice, a flair for languages and a love of travel.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an expansive, though potentially hollow, giver. You have the goodness to create good vibrations, yet should do so without becoming smug or complacent. You have the morality to practise and promote ethical behaviour - yet should do so without being sanctimonious. You have reverence for some Higher Power guiding us all - and preventing you going astray.

You can be trusted to take the highest moral ground that you are aware of; or at least to find the easiest way out of or through a tricky situation, and to be optimistic most of the time; or, failing that, to seek out some good reason for or higher meaning to life that will promote faith and optimism.

You may be excessively pompous and assume a kind of spiritual superiority, as if you know something that most Others do not; excessively irresponsible in dealing with your more mundane characteristics, trusting things to work when really it is Others who make sure that they do; and excessively God-trusting or God-denying.

You believe that life is a continuous process of growth and expansion on all levels of existence, leading to ultimate bliss. However, if you fail to see your part in this for some reason, it can make you feel resentful and forsaken, as though 'If there is a God and he's not doing much for me, I must be damned'.

You disagree with Other disagreeing with you over matters of morality, religion, God, etc.. You also disagree with taking a negative viewpoint, for that is inclined to remind you of your own doubts. Be aware that all rivers meet up in the ocean, and that all beliefs (or non-beliefs even) eventually amount to the same basic truths.

When you are alone, you are probably out in the wilderness somewhere in an effort, consciously or unconsciously, to find out what you believe, or if there is something or someone to believe in (any more). If you are looking for someone to believe in, then you

are setting yourself up for a fall (again). it is vital for you to understand that a belief in some Higher Power or overall guiding intelligence is natural to you. But, owing to the nature of God, religion, etc., you may have become heavily disenchanted at some stage. Yet still that inner memory or notion that there is a God persists, but because you have denied it on the inside you look for it on the outside in some Other. However, being a mere mortal, Other cannot deliver what you are after, falls from grace in your eyes, and confirms your doubts. The whole thing could be the reverse way around, with you being the 'believer' who attracts an Other who worships you only to inevitably see or make you fall from grace. Your aloneness, arrived at either way, is God's way of getting you to see what God's truth is.

(John Townley)

You are at your best when sexuality is relaxed and open, not beset by restrictions or confining demands. You find that a detailed scenario drains your sexual energies by drawing your attention to performance rather than enjoyment.

A new affair starts robustly without artful technique or subtlety. You require plenty of good spirit and the assurance of warmth and friendship between you and your lover. Later you can develop different approaches to physical love, which you both may enjoy, but first you want to commit yourself to comradeship.

You are happiest with a partner who appreciates honesty, as your direct attitude may unintentionally hurt someone who is more inhibited and sensitive. In that case, you should be more restrained or find a partner who communicates more directly.

Once involved in a relationship, you should make an extra effort to become aware of your lover's specific needs and faithfully fulfill them, even if they seem puzzling or superfluous at times. Although some of your lover's pleasures may not particularly excite you, mutual consideration is essential in building a stable and loving relationship.

Jupiter ♃ in 12th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Jupiter in a house that has both a Jupiterian and a Neptunian coloration is usually expressed as an active fantasy life, full of imagination, dreams of the future, and / or yearnings toward a spiritual or idealistic goal. There is usually an inner generosity of spirit, sometimes manifesting as charitable or philanthropic activity or as work in the helping professions or healing arts. In the deepest region of their heart, these people

usually trust in life (or God), and feel that they will be taken care of; hence, they are eager to treat others with similar protection and abundant giving. The experience of solitude, or even of loneliness, is not an oppressive condition for these folks, but rather a profound inner need, to enable themselves to search within and to explore their inner world and higher goals.

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

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

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

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

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

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

Jupiter in the twelfth is another natural square. Zip Dobyns characterizes this type of combination as a clash between 'head goals' - what we think should happen - and 'heart goals' - what we feel would bring peace and love. An example of this is when an individual holds both human life and human rights to freedom of choice in reverence. Where, then, are the loyalties to go in issues such as abortion - the sanctity of human life versus the right of each woman to decide for herself - or the murder of an incredibly abusive spouse - again, the sanctity of human life versus the right of each human being

to decent treatment? Another example would be when a parent has to make a difficult decision to discipline an unruly youngster. Her heart may make excuses and try to be empathic, and may want to 'spare the rod and spoil the child'. Her head, however, may tell her the child will grow up to be irresponsible or selfish, and thereby unable to create a happy life, unless she is taught some fundamental lessons at an early age. The two sides, each with its own values, clash within the one person.

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

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

At its highest expression, Jupiter in the twelfth could symbolize someone who puts the mystical, magical and spiritual aspirations of the twelfth house into intellectual concepts which can be published and taught to others. It could indicate a person who values spiritual development to such a degree, and seeks it with such passion and hope, that she makes breakthroughs in understanding which markedly inspire others on the quest. She may use music, art, or inspirational writing as media through which she communicates important concepts from the unconscious.

(Eve Jackson)

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

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

us in touch with the mystical realm, with stories and experiences that are universal, and in the process becomes something much larger than everyday life permits.

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

Selfless giving: To an extent, each of us is imprisoned within his or her human self; we are a concentration of life-energy into a temporary package. You're more sensitive than many people to the restrictions of your cell walls. Offering yourself without consideration for gain allows you to feel the translucence of those cell walls. The pitfall lies in groundless help, offering this season's vintage of distilled philosophy without providing

any pragmatic assistance. Also, you are occasionally too opportunistic in giving, offering yourself only when it is convenient for you to do so. The challenge is to show your faith in others, and to effectively convey that things have a way of working out.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

The poet Holderlin wrote that 'where there is darkness, the saving powers also rise'. This is one of the most important ramifications of Jupiter in the 12th - just when things seem the most helpless and bleak, Jupiter arrives out of nowhere and salvages the situation.

Those with this placement may feel as if they have a guardian angel, who appears in the nick of time with a shiny new 'get-out-of-gaol-free card'.

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

Because you are sensitive to other people's needs in your emotional and professional affairs, you will probably respond and demonstrate that you can serve their best interest. This ability assures you of continued growth and development, and indicates that you

will reach your goals. But your contributions may be considerably lessened if you spend too much time and energy in satisfying your own desires. Those who lack your resourcefulness may turn to you to learn how to sustain themselves more effectively. If you have learned from your parents' example, you know you need to establish your own roots before you can succeed in your endeavors. Your parents' faith in you helped you realize that you are qualified to seek your own destiny. By setting your own course in life, you will be able to extend yourself to reach your objectives, which will inspire you with greater self-confidence.

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

People with problems are drawn to you, perhaps because they recognize that you can help them. You should seek a career in some area of personal or social service. As you succeed, your confidence will increase, thereby improving your self-image. Capitalize on your gifted imagination by getting the education you need to successfully exploit your creative ideas. When you understand the problems you face and have the training to deal with them, there is no limit to the heights you can reach. Hard work, along with your wealth of creative inspiration, will certainly lead to success and the satisfaction of reaching goals that seemed beyond your limit.

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

Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus 29° 8'

(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 5th House

(Liz Greene)

Under the general umbrella of the fifth house are usually included pleasures and amusements, love affairs, children, creativity and self-expression, and speculation and investments. This is a rather large mouthful for one mundane house. As this house is the reflection of the Sun, the symbol for the conscious ego, it might be easier to approach it as the expression of the individual's 'selfness', those areas where he can be uniquely and wholly himself, where he can permeate his feelings, desires, ideas, and activities with his own essence, and where he is completely unimpeded and uncoloured by the necessity for compromise. This is the house of the individual identity; and through the affairs of the fifth house one begins to apprehend, through creative self-expression, the meaning of his own identity. Leo and the fifth house have a great deal to do with the recognition of the self both by others and by the individual himself. We interpret it also as the house of love, but it might more aptly be called the house of romance because this also is an area where the individual may express - or project - his own identity without interference; and through the experience of love of this kind he may get a glimpse of his own inner centre. Love in all its meanings is perhaps as much an archetype as is the archetype of the Self; and neither one is discernible on the birth chart; only the ways in which they are likely to be approached and expressed are evident, and they are both connected with the fifth house.

This house, like the first and the ninth, is also connected with the faculty of the intuition and with the individual's intuitive perception of the purpose and completeness of his total psyche. Expressing through the first, the individual intuits purpose through his interaction with the environment; expressing through the fifth, he intuits his wholeness through reflecting upon himself as he appears in his own creations. This kind of reflection can lead, in the end, to the experience of the 'I' as a complete and unique idea; but this experience is not approached through the intellect. Otherwise it becomes a meaningless set of concepts which only serve to throw up more barriers between the individual and his experience of himself. Through an act of creative expression, he may intuitively catch himself being himself; and the importance of this psychological experience should not be underestimated. It is one of the motives behind creativity.

It is usual to find the Leonian personality described as egotistical and self-centred. But it might be more correct to say that rather than being self-centred, he is seeking the self at the centre, and in consequence everything that he does is of dramatic importance to him because somewhere in all of it he senses the possibility of the direct encounter, the direct experience. Rather than criticising him for his tendency to exaggerate his own importance, it is perhaps more helpful to realise that no individual can be of any value to himself or to others until he first discovers who and what that self is. Through the fifth house, the individual begins to glimpse himself through those expressions which contain within them a piece of his own unique identity. This is not necessarily limited to creativity in the artistic sense, although this is perhaps a more direct form of self-expression. Every individual has some area of life where he is seeking to understand his own

significance through completely unimpeded self-expression, whether this is an artistic field, an intellectual one, an emotional one, or the creation of a living child.

From this, it may be inferred that the conventional attitude toward the bearing of children is empty in need of some further reflection. Often the first half of the creative process is accomplished - the child is born - but the second half, the half in which the education and self-recognition of the creator begins - is frequently neglected because this act requires humility of a kind which is usually absent from the parent-child relationship. Children are, in our society, very much a means of living out vicariously those qualities and expressions which are unconscious or have not been permitted to unfold in the life of the parent. Rather than helping to provide a means of self-realisation, they are seen as empty vessels which can be moulded, shaped, and filled with any content we choose. An act of creativity can always lead to greater self-awareness when we consider who it is that is doing the creating; but it always involves a gamble because of the possibility of pride distorting the perception. In any painting or piece of music, there is a fragment of the consciousness of the creator; and in the end it is for the greater consciousness of his psyche that he creates, not for his audience, although his audiences may be a part of the alchemical transformation by which he achieves divinity. This may seem abstruse, but we are fond of tossing about concepts such as God's love for his children and the artist's quest for immortality without having the vaguest idea what we are talking about. It is worth some meditation upon the idea of the creative act, and its psychic significance, in order to get fuller understanding of the meaning of Saturn in the fifth house.

When Saturn is in the fifth house, there is a temporary barrier between the person and his self-realisation, composed primarily of those shadowy attributes which he will not permit into consciousness. The creative flow is often blocked; or, if it is not blocked, then the experience of self-realisation which is the natural result may be blocked. The perfect circle of outpouring and inner transformation is interrupted, and the man often pours his energy out and thinks that he receives nothing back because his own sense of inadequacy prevents him from realising that it has nothing to do with the audience. This applies not only to creative expression but to romantic love as well. Usually the person with a fifth house Saturn cannot easily find himself among his creations because he has had a minimum of recognition from anyone else. This is the classic indication of the unloved child, the child who may be ignored or treated as merely an extension of his parents, where his own identity and significance has somehow been swallowed up in the trappings of what passes for parent-child love. Children with Saturn in the fifth house are often loved in the sense that their parents love the idea of the child, but they are rarely loved for the unique quality of 'selfness' which is at the base of the individuality. Later in life, because these children have never experienced the recognition of self by anybody else, they are hard-pressed to recognise it themselves and often find it difficult to make contact with their own inner significance. The child with Saturn in the fifth house must often pay the later price of intense feelings of inadequacy and insignificance no matter how many gifts or abilities he may possess.

This placement of Saturn often concurs with a reluctance or inability to have children; or the children may bring burdens, responsibilities, or pain. This is the traditional interpretation of a fifth house Saturn. He may deny himself love in the sense that, not loving himself or being able to understand his own value, he is afraid that no-one else will find him lovable either. Caught in his own feelings of inferiority, he may be jealous and resentful of others, ensuring the fact of his rejection by them. There is often a stiffness and lack of spontaneity about Saturn in the fifth house; one has the feeling that the individual is always watching himself watching himself and is rarely able to relax. He strains and pushes in the hope, unconsciously, of getting some glimpse of what he truly is mirrored in the loving eyes of others; but he generally consistently fails when he attempts it in this way. Because he pushes so hard, he often alienates those who otherwise might have helped him. His disappointments may come through many channels; but behind the heartbreak which is often associated with this position lies the individual's inability to love himself, to recognise his own significance, and to find an inner centre which can give his life stability and meaning.

Saturn in the fifth house has a reputation for being cold and heartless; but this kind of face is characteristic of Saturn and should not be taken literally. The heart of stone is apparent in many people who are concerned with protecting their own vulnerability with a veneer of callousness. Usually behind this veneer is a small child who cannot understand his own importance. There is often an intense selfishness exhibited by Saturn in the fifth house, and a desperate need to feel important, admired, envied, and popular. Envy is most typical of this position, for the individual who cannot find his own centre is often deeply resentful of what he thinks are the meaningful lives of others. To the individual with a fifth house Saturn, everyone else's grass often seems greener. Usually he is most envious of those who seem to attract love, friendship, and affection without having to make the strenuous effort at skill, superiority, and dazzle which is typical of the fifth house Saturn. No-one seeks popularity as assiduously as he does, whether this is conscious or not; and no-one is so crushed and heartbroken when he is not accepted. Saturn is awkward in the Sun's sign; and the challenge offered to the person with this placement is a difficult one, for he needs to find his inner centre and identify with that rather than the trappings with which he usually surrounds himself. Without these trappings, the person usually feels naked and vulnerable. The opportunity offered, however, is an important one, for if he succeeds in finding this centre and manages to shift the focus of his personality from the ego to this more meaningful self, he can begin to recapture the naive joy which is apparent only in a child, the joy which comes from an innate trust in life and in the existence of love in the universe. Having once found the secret of his own identity, he can never lose it again; and that natural integrity and brightness which is one of the most endearing of Leonian qualities becomes his permanent expression. He is no longer dependent on whether others recognise him or not, for he has at last recognised himself. This experience of contacting the self always seems to evoke the same response in those people who have experienced it: they seem to recapture some of the spontaneous joy, vitality, and innate honesty of the heroes of folklore and fairytale, regardless of the inhibiting qualities of

their outer lives. This joy is not unconscious, however, for the process is a conscious one and is not a regression. Somehow the duality of conscious sophistication, or fine discrimination, and unconscious integrity, or the sense of trust, is fused within the personality. This is a great challenge and an important opportunity, and, if taken, certainly balances the pain and loneliness which are usually the initial gifts of Saturn in the fifth house.

There is often an interesting blend of inflation and an intense and often crippling shyness apparent with Saturn in the fifth house. The individual both overrates and underrates himself, but rarely perceives himself clearly; consequently, he cannot see others clearly because he is always projecting his own evaluations onto them and usually does badly in affairs of the heart because of this. He often cannot express overt affection easily, yet at the same time cannot bear to be ignored. Loyalty and honour may become of exaggerated importance to him, for he often tries to crystallise and solidify the love of others through emphasis on the forms and codes of behaviour which love sometimes takes as its outer expression. It is not so much love in the affectional sense as recognition that he seeks; and it is easy to see why this placement is often associated with those in the entertainment professions. The fifth house itself does not need this feedback from others; he simply is, and that is enough. Saturn in the fifth cannot see the 'I', and must seek it in the applause of the crowd.

With this placement of Saturn, the psyche seems to be directed toward a realisation of itself, toward a process of individuation as Jung calls it, and will often not permit the conscious personality to find any solace in the usual activities which supply an identity for most people. Thus children, who often provide a sense of purpose and significance to their parents, are a disappointment, or there is no possibility of having them. Romantic love rarely turns out to be the ideal which is expected, because the eyes of the lover somehow never reflect that missing flash which will convince the person of his own value. Creative expression never quite seems fulfilling, and usually misses the mark. The individual usually is driven, in the end, to seek himself within himself, because no other means are left available to him. It is he himself who has set it up in this way; but to recognise the underlying purpose behind these disappointments is the beginning of wisdom and the final taking of the opportunity.

There may be as much overcompensation here as with any other Saturnian placement. Many people with Saturn in the fifth house work very hard at never taking life seriously, although no-one is more sensitive, touchy, and serious in matters of affection than the fifth house Saturn. His fears of rejection and insignificance usually lead him to lace the idea of love heavily with concepts such as loyalty, duty, fidelity, and responsibility, although these may be unconscious lacings. He needs structures so that he may be guaranteed a sufficient amount of enduring love. Unfortunately, no matter how many structures he erects, he usually still cannot trust, and the disguise of frivolity rarely deceives anyone after a while although he may continue to deceive himself. The heaviness and needfulness of this placement usually shows through, and because of

this the person is often deeply hurt.

If the person does not work with his fifth house Saturn, this is a rather unhappy position; any coupling of Saturn and the Sun carries weight with it, whether this coupling occurs by sign, aspect, or house interchange. All these contacts are connected with the discovery of the self; and this is painful because it involves the tearing away of the veil. We are taught in early childhood that we are many things - our feelings, or beliefs, or bank accounts, or children, or talents, or loved ones - anything and everything except ourselves. The person with Saturn in the fifth house often demands so much from others that he is left lonely and heartbroken. He is capable of much love and devotion, but does not dare to express it without asking for a guarantee back; only when he recognises this unconscious process of a barter can he begin to free himself of it.

What is often not recognised is that the ordinary man who has Saturn in the fifth house, who has no aspirations to conquer the world, may nevertheless have a small share of this desperate need for importance and recognition, coupled with an acute shyness which leads him to wait in the wings when what he wants most is to be at the centre of the stage with all eyes focused, adoring, upon him. Failing this, he may become a petty tyrant in the home, a hypochondriac, a domestic dictator.

The person with Saturn in the fifth house is sometimes not easy to love because he is like a jug with no bottom and absorbs affection and attention endlessly without being satisfied; however, if he begins to understand that his path is inward toward the self, he may begin to see what kind of opportunity is offered to him.

Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo 13° 15'

(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 contamination 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 Administration (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 9th House

(Joan Negus)

Uranus in the ninth house can be indicative of someone who strongly believes in religious freedom for everyone. Personally, this individual will find it hard to conform to an organised religion. If you have this placement, you might even object to the word 'religious' being attached to you. But call it what you will, there is a need for a personal belief system. It is possible to start life in a traditional religion, but unlikely that you will stay in it. You probably consider your religious beliefs unique; and it may surprise you when you discover that, although some of your ideas are nonconforming in terms of organised religion, there are other people out in the world who have similar views. This is because the main concern is not necessarily uniqueness or eccentricity, but rather that your spiritual concepts satisfy you as a person - that they contribute to your sense of individuality and make you feel freer.

If you were raised in a traditional religion, you will probably retain some of the tenets from your early religious training (although you might do this unconsciously); but you will

discard anything which does not fit into your way of life or does not make sense to you.

A number of people with very different horoscopes, but all of whom have Uranus in the ninth house, have each mentioned to me a search for a personal religion. The methods they used varied. Some read books, others took courses, still others visited houses of worship, and some did two or more of the above. However, whatever method was used, what each was doing was to examine the possibilities of the ninth house in terms of religion. They were defining their choices so that they could stretch their boundaries. They wanted a belief system that would make them feel freer. The body of beliefs that each ultimately embraced were, to some degree, different from each other; but the overall result was the same - the formation of a personalized religion.

With Uranus in the ninth house there can be an intellectual curiosity in terms of spiritual matters. But because Uranus is a fixed planet you are not easily influenced. You do not readily accept ideas without question. However, your curiosity can prod you to investigate, and your objectivity help you to look fairly at what you find. You may even examine religious concepts in order to disprove them; but your mind should be open enough to accept tenets that withstand the probing.

Since the ninth house is also the house of higher education, your intellectual curiosity can be satisfied by learning about matters other than spiritual ones. There is a thirst for knowledge and an impatience to get it as quickly as possible. If we add the ingredient of impatience to the non-conforming quality associated with Uranus, it is understandable why some individuals with this placement do not easily adjust to college life and may take another route to educate themselves.

On the other hand, many people with Uranus in the ninth house do attend traditional colleges. This may be because the desire for knowledge outweighs the need for freedom, or else they find ways to satisfy individuality and the revolutionary spirit within the frame of reference of the four-year college or university. If you are an idealistic person with a cause, or in search of a cause, you might gravitate toward an institution of higher learning. You may do this because you think that academia caters to open-mindedness. Therefore, you will be able to find a cause or get support from other free-thinking people. You could consider the campus a good place to vent your revolutionary tendencies.

Another reason for attending a traditional college is that you may take pleasure in challenging your professors. Someone I know with this placement told me that when he was in college, he would research topics that were going to be taught in his courses with the idea of discovering facts that might refute anything his instructors would say. He particularly enjoyed doing this with teachers who were dogmatic or those who were ill-prepared. He may not have been popular with the faculty; but a number of the courses in which he participated were probably more interesting and informative because he was there. And he felt that he became more knowledgeable because of the experience.

Another route that might be taken in terms of higher education is to attend a technical school. In such places you can acquire specialised knowledge and can receive training for a specific purpose. This training is often focused on a particular subject and you are not slowed down by having to take courses that seem to have no connection to your goal. For example, you might take a computer course to learn to program computers or to operate them. If you take this route, you get the information you need as quickly as possible without the embellishment of seemingly irrelevant courses full of extraneous material. You can apply the results of what you have learned right away and satisfy that impatient quality so prevalent in your attitude about higher education.

Another possibility of Uranus in the ninth house is to avoid any form of traditional higher education and broaden yourself in other ways, such as travel. You need not be constantly on the move; but when you go to a different state or country it is not just to vegetate. You want to know what the natives are like, and will probably ask about and go to see the points of interest in the area you are visiting. The success of your journey will be most likely to be measured by the amount of knowledge you have gained.

(Haydn Paul)

What Uranus is attempting to guide you towards in this 9th house position is a revolutionary change in your world-views. Similar to everyone else in your culture and society, you will have grown up under the influence of collective thought-forms, attitudes and beliefs. These will have formed the conditioning social concepts arising from religious, philosophical / moral and educative teachings which form the structure of your society. This is the process of socialising, where the young child is taught how to live within the socially accepted parameters of the culture. Most individuals' thinking is basically repeating what they have been conditioned to think; very few become 'free minds'. Yet such an approach does instil order into society, historical traditions and established patterns of thought being inherited and transmitted across generations.

But it is in the fixity of such mental patterns that problems arise. They inhibit explorative discovery, leading to branding such thinkers as heretical; they suppress questioning of the status quo, creating dissidents, who are leant on by the weight of the State; they deny and inhibit necessary changes from occurring, in case the results are destabilising; they ignore the consequences of choices made under these fixed world / cultural views, because if they do not, the edifices of their political / religious beliefs collapse through being revealed as outdated and inappropriate.

What Uranus will expect is that you break out of these restricting mental paradigms. There is probably a spirit of revolution in you anyway, inclining you to free expression of your own unique individuality; but Uranus in the 9th house will fuel this need, so that you can mentally breathe freely instead of suffocating. This certainly will not be an easy move to make, as it involves shaking off the accumulated dust of centuries of that

society's thinking, in order to gain a glimpse of something else that has perhaps been lost. The problem is that until an individual wakes to the fact of this social conditioning, it is not realised how deep its effects have grown. Most of the sense of personal identity is rooted in that ground; the reflective angles of self-perception have been allowed only within a certain social context, and the rest are 'taboo areas' where social constraint is attempted over even words and thoughts.

If you can achieve a new mental paradigm, a way of experiencing and perceiving the nature of life, then you will have been truly reborn. Through you could come advanced, progressive, utopian ideas and visions (reflecting the Ideation of Uranus); you could become inspirational to others who are seeking ways out of the impasse facing them. Expressions such as teaching and publishing could become your 'outbreath' released into the world to continue and stimulate the process of change and liberation. But it will not be easy to have the roots of our mind and identity uprooted, and then replanted to give a totally new scenario of the universe. One can start by pausing, looking within and considering what you do really think and know. Has it been absorbed through forms of conditioning? Essentially ask yourself the question 'Who am I, and what am I doing here?'. The 'answer' can be an ongoing experience, the start of your personal revolution.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress occurring in the thyroid gland will impact on the ability to assimilate or metabolise the inherent nutrients of the foods that one eats. Stress relative to the pituitary gland will impact on its regulation of the growth and decay of the organism; and stress impacting on the sciatic nerves will disrupt the functioning of the legs and feet. Uranus here accelerates the individual's (or species's) need to interpret the existential phenomena of existence in metaphysical, cosmological, or religious terms, thus placing heightened stress, or focus, upon the right brain. This focus thus produces the problems associated with 'switching', as mentioned with Uranus in the third house. The difference is that the individual's centre of gravity, or focus, lies within the right brain here, whereas in the third house the focus, or centre of gravity, was in the left brain. An acceleration of intuitive realisations about the nature of whatever the individual is focused upon can lead to brain fatigue or stress because of the intensity of the electrical energy in the right brain, which produces such realisations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Uranus at this ambitious angle can bring a variety of opposite effects. It can intensify the ambition or will to succeed at all costs, or it can turn it around, creating disdain for worldly ambition. Sometimes it brings spiritual ambition, and eagerness to penetrate the mysteries of life and death and be ready for the next world. The emotional isolation can be very great at this angle; and good aspects below the horizon, planets in Water signs, and a good Moon and Venus are necessary to create a warm home life and stable friendships.

There may be sorrow or coldness at home in childhood or youth. The family may break up or move away from familiar surroundings. There is a tendency for them to leave home early or to be forced out on their own before they are ready; and as they tend to lack the inner resources to re-establish quickly and easily, this remains a lasting grievance. They are inclined to maintain a cool or lofty pose, which makes it even more difficult for them to ask for help.

This position brings deep political insight which can manifest in many ways, causing some to become political geniuses, able to mastermind large scale social movements for the benefit of mankind, and some into cold-blooded manipulators for the benefit of no-one but themselves, and (few, luckily) into paranoid monsters who manipulate others for the thrill of seeing them destroyed. Some will have experienced from childhood the limits of human ambition and social manipulation, and so will retreat from the world, renouncing all personal claims and social ambition. It brings a cynical attitude towards the motivations of others, an inclination to suspect the worst, or even a paranoid inability to see anything but personal ambition and cold manipulation in all actions of others.

It gives courage that can become recklessness, a tendency to gamble with things that others would hold too dear to risk. Lots of love in childhood helps to ease the difficulties this position brings later.

(Howard Sasportas)

Uranus is always searching for 'the truth'; and what better house to do it in than the 9th, the natural abode of Sagittarius? Rather than adhere to traditional or orthodox views, they must independently find a meaningful set of beliefs or a philosophical system by which to order life. But in true Uranian fashion, they will keep on destroying systems they have created for the sake of discovering or trying out new ones which might be broader or more inclusive.

The image of God may be cast in the likeness of Uranus - the starry heavens - vast and very difficult to grasp. And yet, just as there are laws which guide the movement of the planets, somewhere in it all, there must be a system. Those with Uranus difficultly aspected could, at certain times, adhere to quite odd or fanatical cults. Too abstract, their philosophy may not translate easily into everyday life. Occasionally, they might have flashes or insights into what they believe are the workings of the Divine or Universal Mind. Often those with Uranus in the 9th will hold progressive views in the field of education. They may seek an alternative rather than traditional academic structure - such as an independent study programme or the Open University in England. At any time in the degree programme, they may decide to make an abrupt change in their course of study. A 9th house Uranus can bring new ideas, concepts, and insights into any field.

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(Robert Pelletier)

Freedom is so important to you that nothing will stand in the way of getting the education you need to achieve your goals. In your view, anyone who is uninformed is likely to become trapped in a life situation or career that limits his or her personal privileges or ability to assert individuality. You want the opportunity to develop your creative potentials and prove what you can do with them. You demand the same for your children; and you offer yourself as an example of what someone can accomplish through individual fulfilment. You give them the chance to exploit their identities to the fullest. Your innovative talents make you a creative lover as well; and your partner is probably quite content with your skill in lovemaking. You have enormous faith that you will succeed in anything you attempts; and your devotion to your responsibilities makes it possible for you to 'move mountains'.

You have a good understanding of people and their problems; and it is rare when anyone deceives you successfully. You know intuitively when someone is not telling the truth or is insincere. You are generous in helping those who truly need your assistance; and you willingly share your knowledge to help them solve their own problems. You never lose sight of the future and the goals you still plan to achieve. You want to know that your efforts have helped improve the quality of life for as many people in society as possible.

It is essential that you always be available to those who need your knowledge and skills. Though you are well informed, you still have to apply yourself to acquire new information. No-one knows everything, not even you; and your growth depends on your continued search for more knowledge so that you can better use your skills. You need the kind of career environment in which you can use your talents fully and not be restricted so that your enthusiasm wanes. You could distinguish yourself in many fields; but whatever you decide, you should make some contribution to benefit the most needy members of society. Because you are in tune with society's problems, your efforts can help reduce or eliminate many of them.

Though you may have yielded to family responsibilities, you were innovative enough to find a way to pursue your education at the same time. This probably required that you make many sacrifices, but you realised that you could not afford to pass up the chance to invest in your future security. This also taught you how to plan for the future, for you know that increased earnings will give you freedom to succeed in newer and more

satisfying objectives.

The right to pursue your own objectives does not allow you to ignore those who have come to depend on you for help and guidance when they need it most. For the most part, you recognise that you play an important part in their lives, so you are usually available. Don't deny yourself the full benefit of your creative resources by aligning yourself with people who want you to lower your ethical standards while working on their behalf. You don't need the apprehension of fearing that someone will learn about your lack of integrity and cause you to lose much that you have gained.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Uranus indicates that the higher mind is a rollercoaster of stimulation. There is a desire to go past the acceptable, to see what lies beyond in forbidden realms of thinking. At times you become a philosophical or religious revolutionary, going after accepted beliefs with a vengeance, stopping at nothing to upset the status quo. Rarely one to mince words, you may lambast others with your opinions, and you're as likely to provoke opposition as win support. Remember, devastating social criticism is easy. Aim for something higher, for true reform. The challenge is to let your mind move as it wishes, to allow it to show you previously undiscovered channels to brilliance. If you live your own philosophy, you'll promote a wider revolution than by storming the walls of traditional power centres.

Cultural perspective: When you travel far from home, or at least away from normal surroundings, the unexpected can and often does happen. Journeys can be pleasurable, awakening new perspectives that cause your understanding to leap beyond former boundaries. Or they can be unsettling, rattling your cage in chaotic or upsetting ways. When you want to shake up your life, leave home, and you invite radical influences into your consciousness. You may find yourself alone on your travels, even when you start out in tandem with others. This is natural, for exploring the world is a basic way to get in touch with your individuality. Use trips or relocations to establish a new sense of yourself.

Higher education: Of all the 9th house planetary types, you are the least suited to classical routes of higher education. You could be found in a classroom, but there will be something unusual about the situation. Learning is not likely to be consistent. There are periods of lying fallow, simply moving with the general tide of life. But then an experience galvanises your consciousness, and you catapult into intensive study. It may seem totally irrelevant to others, but your mind is charged by a wave of illumination. No-one questions your basic intelligence, but you often engender opposition with an iconoclastic disregard for traditional wisdom. Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead.

The search for truth: Truths emerge not from prolonged or careful study, but as wildcards, sudden bursts of enlightenment. Being hardheaded, you are unlikely to be

interested in others' truths, and yet you insist on communicating your own discoveries. Telling the truth is something you relish. You love the element of surprise, and your communication is often outlandish. But keep in mind that shock effect is not always the best method for transmitting the truth. Remember to be gentle, and you're more likely to be considered a wise genius than a cantankerous fool. Truth is an awakening into freedom.

Ideal society: Your perfect society would have few if any restraints on expression. No structured society for you; the less government the better. All men would be brothers (and women sisters), but each person would have ample opportunities to develop his or her particular genius. Respect for personal liberty would extend to peaceful resolution of conflict, probably by separating the combatants. There might be a revolutionary sensibility: out with the old, in with the new. As Ruler of the World, you would be a benevolent despot. You would abolish every institution and finally abdicate the throne; and no-one would know if you were serious or joking.

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If Uranus is not too adversely aspected, they will probably have an uncanny insight into future trends, as if they can feel the pulse of society.

(Robert Pelletier)

Freedom is so important to you that nothing will stand in the way of getting the education you need to achieve your goals. In your view, anyone who is uninformed is likely to become trapped in a life situation or career that limits his or her personal privileges or ability to assert individuality. You want the opportunity to develop your creative potentials and prove what you can do with them. You demand the same for your children; and you offer yourself as an example of what someone can accomplish through individual fulfilment. You give them the chance to exploit their identities to the fullest. Your innovative talents make you a creative lover as well; and your partner is probably quite content with your skill in lovemaking. You have enormous faith that you will succeed in anything you attempts; and your devotion to your responsibilities makes it possible for you to 'move mountains'.

You have a good understanding of people and their problems; and it is rare when anyone deceives you successfully. You know intuitively when someone is not telling the truth or is insincere. You are generous in helping those who truly need your assistance; and you willingly share your knowledge to help them solve their own problems. You never lose sight of the future and the goals you still plan to achieve. You want to know that your efforts have helped improve the quality of life for as many people in society as possible.

It is essential that you always be available to those who need your knowledge and skills. Though you are well informed, you still have to apply yourself to acquire new information. No-one knows everything, not even you; and your growth depends on your continued search for more knowledge so that you can better use your skills. You need the kind of career environment in which you can use your talents fully and not be restricted so that your enthusiasm wanes. You could distinguish yourself in many fields; but whatever you decide, you should make some contribution to benefit the most needy members of society. Because you are in tune with society's problems, your efforts can help reduce or eliminate many of them.

Though you may have yielded to family responsibilities, you were innovative enough to find a way to pursue your education at the same time. This probably required that you make many sacrifices, but you realised that you could not afford to pass up the chance to invest in your future security. This also taught you how to plan for the future, for you know that increased earnings will give you freedom to succeed in newer and more satisfying objectives.

The right to pursue your own objectives does not allow you to ignore those who have come to depend on you for help and guidance when they need it most. For the most part, you recognise that you play an important part in their lives, so you are usually available. Don't deny yourself the full benefit of your creative resources by aligning

yourself with people who want you to lower your ethical standards while working on their behalf. You don't need the apprehension of fearing that someone will learn about your lack of integrity and cause you to lose much that you have gained.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Uranus indicates that the higher mind is a rollercoaster of stimulation. There is a desire to go past the acceptable, to see what lies beyond in forbidden realms of thinking. At times you become a philosophical or religious revolutionary, going after accepted beliefs with a vengeance, stopping at nothing to upset the status quo. Rarely one to mince words, you may lambast others with your opinions, and you're as likely to provoke opposition as win support. Remember, devastating social criticism is easy. Aim for something higher, for true reform. The challenge is to let your mind move as it wishes, to allow it to show you previously undiscovered channels to brilliance. If you live your own philosophy, you'll promote a wider revolution than by storming the walls of traditional power centres.

Cultural perspective: When you travel far from home, or at least away from normal surroundings, the unexpected can and often does happen. Journeys can be pleasurable, awakening new perspectives that cause your understanding to leap beyond former boundaries. Or they can be unsettling, rattling your cage in chaotic or upsetting ways. When you want to shake up your life, leave home, and you invite radical influences into your consciousness. You may find yourself alone on your travels, even when you start out in tandem with others. This is natural, for exploring the world is a basic way to get in touch with your individuality. Use trips or relocations to establish a new sense of yourself.

Higher education: Of all the 9th house planetary types, you are the least suited to classical routes of higher education. You could be found in a classroom, but there will be something unusual about the situation. Learning is not likely to be consistent. There are periods of lying fallow, simply moving with the general tide of life. But then an experience galvanises your consciousness, and you catapult into intensive study. It may seem totally irrelevant to others, but your mind is charged by a wave of illumination. No-one questions your basic intelligence, but you often engender opposition with an iconoclastic disregard for traditional wisdom. Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead.

The search for truth: Truths emerge not from prolonged or careful study, but as wildcards, sudden bursts of enlightenment. Being hardheaded, you are unlikely to be interested in others' truths, and yet you insist on communicating your own discoveries. Telling the truth is something you relish. You love the element of surprise, and your communication is often outlandish. But keep in mind that shock effect is not always the best method for transmitting the truth. Remember to be gentle, and you're more likely to be considered a wise genius than a cantankerous fool. Truth is an awakening into freedom.

Ideal society: Your perfect society would have few if any restraints on expression. No structured society for you; the less government the better. All men would be brothers (and women sisters), but each person would have ample opportunities to develop his or her particular genius. Respect for personal liberty would extend to peaceful resolution of conflict, probably by separating the combatants. There might be a revolutionary sensibility: out with the old, in with the new. As Ruler of the World, you would be a benevolent despot. You would abolish every institution and finally abdicate the throne; and no-one would know if you were serious or joking.

Neptune ♆ in ♍ Virgo 26° 12'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Neptune's most recent trip through Virgo coincided with the Great Depression in the United States, a period of economic instability and disintegration unparalleled in this country. Twenty-five percent of the population was unemployed, and finding work became the most important thing in life for the average person. In the American prairie states, the Dust Bowl reached peak proportions, wiping out crops and bankrupting farmers. To provide some sort of relief for the millions affected by loss of income, the government instituted the Social Security Act of 1935, Unemployment Insurance and the Works Projects Administration. Europe's economy, too, was undermined at this time; and in Germany inflation was devastating. Those of you who were born during this

period of economic disaster idealize work; and job security is extremely important to you.

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

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

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

Finally, Virgo's relationship with everyday life was highlighted when Neptune passed through this sign; and suddenly ordinary household objects were idealized. The Art Deco movement of this period glorified common items; and artists and manufacturers paid special attention to the design of such things as toasters, vacuum cleaners, dishes and cigarette trays. For those of you who have Neptune in Virgo in your birth charts, function is probably more important than form. You idealize efficiency and practicality, and see beauty in usefulness. For example, nylon, one of the first synthetic textile introduced to make clothing care easier, was developed in 1938; and as your Neptune-group reached adulthood the use of synthetic fabrics proliferated.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Virgo is in its detriment, indicating a generation whose creative, imaginative faculties are thwarted by adverse material circumstances. Neptune in Virgo

encompasses much of the generation that grew up during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This was a time of chaos throughout the economic system resulting in scarcity of employment, which is ruled by Virgo.

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

At worst, Neptune in Virgo tends to lower the self-confidence, since the subject's critical

faculty can undermine his or her belief in what is achieved, and this can result in a lack of inner fulfillment. Discontent and restlessness may also be present, especially if these tendencies are indicated in other areas of the chart.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

Neptune ♆ in 9th House

(Marilyn Waram)

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

With both Neptune and the ninth house tendencies to need the right answer, there is a strong possibility here of an enduring search for Truth. Both planet and house are mutable, leading to restlessness. Both are considered expansive; they tend to enlarge whatever they are associated with. In combination this means there might be no accepted limits - everything can continue to expand (ninth house) into infinity (Neptune). Both are connected to faith, and beliefs. Both are drawn to ever more comprehensive and idealistic viewpoints. Both are drawn to and haunted by the need for perfection, by their often fantastic expectations. Neither is noted for its common sense, nor its ability to do anything by half-measures.

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

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

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

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

When a water / fire combination occurs, there is always the possibility that the Water element will dampen or drown the fire. Water represents the unconscious, therefore it also can represent the tendency toward repression. When it is fire that is repressed, there is a build-up of emotional pressure. Unless the pressure is released, sooner or later there will be an explosion. The person can feel shattered by such an occurrence, which often seems 'out of character'. Yet when seen as the release of energy which has been held in for months or years, the blow-up only makes sense. To prevent such events, the individual needs to make all possible efforts to get in touch with inner drives and needs which are being ignored or held in. Then those needs are to be directed into some constructive outlet. Few drives in life are truly 'bad'; they usually only look that way because they seem to run counter to the dictates of the dominant value system. Once a person becomes conscious of his dominant values, he can choose when it is appropriate to act according to different values; in other words, he will allow contradictory sides of his nature all to have room for expression.

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

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

Balance is an important lesson for someone who has Neptune in the ninth. The temptation will nearly always be to go overboard on the latest exciting idea. The challenge is to learn to act on those ideas where it is practical and possible without dangerous disruption to other meaningful aspects of life. It is possible to chase one's

dreams without immediately resigning from the job that one has worked toward for fifteen years, for example, or without selling all of one's possessions and giving the proceeds to a wonderful new religious organisation.

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

This can result in a negative form of surrender, where your fantasies, clouded judgements and desires encourage you to submit to an external authority or acquiesce in an imposed belief system, creating a situation where you feel absolved of any need to think for yourself, as all the answers have been given to you. This is an abrogation of real responsibility; and no genuine teacher should demand absolute adherence to his or

her teaching, or inveigh against any who disagree or choose to leave the self-selected élite. The type of dangers involved in such a course include spiritual inflation and self-delusions, guru imitation, and obsessive beliefs in being 'right' in your opinions and world view.

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

The types of philosophy, religion or belief structure that will appeal most to you will often include themes of sacrifice, redemption, purification, martyrdom and selftranscendence: the themes of Neptune. You will need to express incisive discrimination in walking this path, as you are liable to reflect these Neptunian patterns quite unconsciously in your choices. Distinguishing the real from the false can be extremely difficult, and unintegrated natural tendencies will attract you towards the mysterious and glamorous; but as you should recognise, all that glitters is not the alchemist's gold.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

Pluto ♅ in ♋ Cancer 27° 11'

(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 Shadowe 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 Pluto-in-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 7th House

(Ginger Chalford)

This house initially belongs to the child; and very often when people exhibit childish

behaviour one can find planets which represent that behaviour pattern in the natal seventh house. As the young child begins to grow socially, she / he discovers that by imitating the adults in his or her environment, she / he is learning about personality patterns and growth-oriented interactions with others. This gives the child a sense of security. After all, there's no need to figure out how to act and what to do, for models of behaviour abound all around. Children with Pluto in the seventh house learn their lessons well, and can become accomplished mimics of adults. As they practise their new behaviours, they receive responses from parents, adults, and older children, which tell them whether the actions are pleasing or not. Children do want to please, for that assures them that the world is moving along smoothly, that they will have plenty to eat and other children to play with, etc.. This original sellout is necessary, since children cannot truly fend for themselves. The personal power is, as commonly happens with Pluto, exchanged for security. With this placement however, it is often more difficult to take that power back once adulthood is reached. It is here in the seventh house that social experiments are made, that the learning cycle on how to get along and fit in is begun. It is here that children establish their limits, the boundaries that demarcate what they can and cannot do.

With Pluto here, these boundaries can be very confining, which sets up a repression of energy that could either explode later or else seem to disappear entirely into the personality. Since children are rewarded for imitating adults and older children around them, the behaviour is reinforced and there is a tendency to continue it. These children look for validation of their self-image from others, hoping that they look right, act normally, dress within the mode (or code), and generally fit in with society. This process of learning is a seemingly long one, taking all of the early life to accomplish. Yet, the behavioural tools necessary to deal with unforeseen situations remain limited, even into adulthood. When disaster strikes, it is usually because of the environmental situation or someone else, rather than the Pluto native. This seeming passivity is a logical result of thought processes that set up other people as the source of power in life. (If others can give the self value, they can destroy it as well.) This child gets in touch with the emotional content of relationships very early in life. He or she may have been picked on by older children or siblings, or victimised by them in some way. One such case was a boy who was encouraged to participate in some naughty activities by an older brother. When the child was caught he was punished, but his older brother was not. (He had sworn to secrecy as part of the deal.) His loyalty to his word kept the parents in the dark as to why their younger son was such a troublesome case, until years and years later. Yet, such experiences can leave emotional scars on young children, and they may try to avoid any intimacy or close involvement with another person as much as possible. They may withdraw and spend more time watching than actually participating in relationships, even though to have a friend or closer relationship is the one thing they desire most in life. Unfortunately, the child assumes that others have all the answers, and transfers the awe of parents and adult authority figures to other individuals who are older and / or seem stronger and more powerful. If someone else becomes angry with them, the impact on these Pluto people will be very strong. They will either meekly submit, while

fuming secretly within; or they will become an aggressive, rebellious underdog and resist openly. Power plays in relationships seem to occur frequently, but that is the natural attempt of the Pluto individual to find the limits of his or her own power. Over time however, those with this placement may still not have discovered their own personal power, and may still be waiting for an okay from someone else before proceeding with their own life. All this activity can be subconscious, for the original feelings associated with the early adaptations have been lost. They have floated out of sight, only to run the show from a booth on the side rather than taking their place on centre stage. These patterns have a nasty habit of sliding by unnoticed through adolescence and into adulthood very easily, as they are strongly reinforced by the peer group (which is an adolescent replacement for the parental authority figures).

The person still has a tendency to expect someone outside himself or herself to know all the answers - a mentor, a teacher, a spouse or an angel from God. She / he may remain a passive resister of the first rank, leaving to someone else the responsibility for any messes that may occur in life. She / he will even move out of the familiar neighbourhood to be with someone who gives him or her that special feeling. Instead of adolescent games, the seventh house Pluto individual will have discovered a broader spectrum of games in the marketplace with other (apparent) adults. Just as this person was inadvertently abused as a child, now his / her business opponents give him / her a rough time. This can manifest as getting in trouble with his boss, a loved one or the bank! In order to appear as successful and 'together' as others, these Pluto people will try to have all the answers themselves. The unfortunate aspect of it all is that, due to their limited self-expansion and experimentation as children, they don't have that many answers. Somehow, somewhere, they will foul up and someone else will get the cake - the raise, the relationship, etc.. This can set up a pattern of frustration and anger at certain other manipulating individuals, which can fester over long periods of time. Whether they treat others nicely or not doesn't mean that the lesson of this placement has been learned. Being rebellious, treating others like dirt (a possible extreme manifestation) is still a reaction to the belief that the desires of others must always come first.

What these people have to learn is that by becoming the very opposite of what they were trained to be, they are not really rebelling. Instead, they are only confirming that their training was valid, that the parents and other adult authority figures were right. These negative actions are merely saying that the Plutonian is angry about it and wants to punish others for having more important desires and activities than he or she does.

The other mode of response is that of the quiet, introverted, passive resister. These Pluto individuals can explore the opposite extreme of their unruly brothers and sisters, by trying to appease everyone they meet, cringing with anger and / or sacrificing the self for the hope of a harmonious relationship. These people will do anything to stay at home with someone in order to keep the game going, to keep the relationship alive. There can be a terrible fear that the relationship could end (generally when the other party walks out) - and then they will be alone, without someone of power around them to assure

them that they are all right, etc.. They will also refuse to see the major impact they have on the partner's life, thinking themselves somehow invisible and unobtrusive. That's hard to be when you have this Pluto placement! Not trusting themselves, they look for someone else on whom they can rely.

Fortunately, many people with this Pluto placement do grow up and begin to make choices for themselves. This can create profound relationships, from exciting and synergistic business partnerships to soulmates. Even though the partner is usually a strong-willed person, there is an appreciation of his or her spunkiness and strength, and a willingness to make the relationship a special or even magical one. The two heads, like rams, may butt each other every once in a while, but the relationship definitely won't suffer from boredom! To others, these people may appear to have nasty fights, but instead it is a healthy way for them to let off steam, and the anger is quickly forgiven and forgotten. Both partners will acknowledge the power and impact they have on each other, and will be willing to commit themselves to working out solutions that don't hurt the other one or break his or her trust. These Plutonian natives have learned to balance their own desires with the other person's. They neither consistently demand to have their own way, nor do they give in to the wishes of the partner all the time. They have learned a great deal about life through relationships, and they have a healthy self-image. This placement is very good for those in the legal profession, including judges, because these people are very fair. They are also good psychologists, having come into that subject with an intense curiosity about what was happening in their own life and relationships. These Plutonians make many conscious choices during the day, without needing the advice of others. And they can keep up their positive energy, because they are confident in their public image.

Those with Pluto here can also do well in mass communications, should the rest of the chart favour that, because the public image can be powerful and their message can move multitudes. They take responsibility for their lives, and they have indeed grown up.

Situations that seem to accompany this placement can include disaster on the home front; separations, domination by partners and spouses, bitter ending of relationships, fighting futilely, vengeful partners, sudden disappearance of important people in their lives, and persistent difficulty in getting and keeping a mate. Generally, as was said earlier, events with this placement seem to come out of the individual environment, and this can feel scary and evoke deep feelings of insecurity about possible future heavy events also catching them off guard.

When Pluto transits individuals realise they have a choice in the matter, the tables turn. But then they will have to accept responsibility for the tremendous power they have chosen. The partner is often the most significant person in this individual's life - particularly the romantic partner. Heavy karmic tie-ins to the past are possible if Pluto rules house ten or house four. In that case, the individual with this placement may be looking for a replacement parent. If you have this Pluto position, beware of falling into

that trap! While Pluto transits this house, relationships will have to be overhauled. At the very least, the way the individual looks at the relationships will have to be transformed. Often, this can manifest as the disruption of a personal relationship or business partnership. It doesn't have to end however, if both parties can go through this transformation together. But the responsibility for communicating to the partner about needs and changes still lies with the Pluto person.

Legal hassles and tendencies to evade the law can come up at this time also. But generally, most of the results of this transit will directly or indirectly reflect the powerful impact of the person's overhaul on his or her environment. If seen that way, then something can be done about it. The crises must ease up, and this process must start with the individual who is affected by the seventh house Pluto, either natively or by transit. To change the negative impact of Pluto in the seventh house, one must stop being a martyr or victim. Forgive others (partners, ex-spouses) for what they've done to you, and clear that emotional debris from the past. See the fourth house for forgiveness techniques. Then look at your current life. Monitor a few days of your life, and note how many times you conceded or compromised your views for those of another person. Start paying attention to how you feel at those times. In many instances there are fine, practical reasons why you take the other person's ideas or activities so seriously. But in some instances, you will find that you have a nagging doubt, a resentment or a moment of indecision. It's this kind of situation you will need to focus on and change. Changing doesn't mean that you must now insist on doing something different from what the people around you are doing. That would only indicate that you have still failed to make a clear decision on your own, and are simply reacting to others in a negative way. What you really need to do is to regain conscious control over your thoughts and actions.

Every time you fail to clarify your preference, your own inner sense of security and trust suffers a bit. It's far better to say 'Wait, let me think about it' than to go along with someone else merely because that person seems to have stronger, more pronounced views and motivations than you. Don't submit to pressure from others through intimidation, anger, guilt, etc.. If someone is manipulating you, put them on hold until you have discovered what it is that you really want to do. Go off by yourself if necessary, and make them wait. If the situation is a crisis that can't wait, then let your instinct take over. But there will be very few real crises coming your way once you begin tuning into how you deny your own choices.

If you are the type of person who is blustery, and you don't feel well-liked or appreciated, then it may be that you have been playing the rebellious but passive resister all these years. Monitor yourself for a few days, and you'll discover that you may believe one thing but act just the opposite way. If this happens, you know that your assertion of independence and identity is not real. You still haven't discovered what you want from yourself.

When you disagree with someone, check within yourself to see whether it's an automatic

negative reaction or not. Is it a habit? If so, remember incidents in which you disagreed with others, but eventually went along with them. Replay the scenes and rewrite the endings in your imagination, and then ask yourself how you could have handled the situation differently, so as to get the results you wanted. Learn the contemporary methods of personal assertion; how to get what you want while the other fellow is not manipulating or being manipulated. It's a wonderful new frontier! Now is the time to explore it, and discover the depth and vibrancy of your relationships.

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

The Greek sovereign of the underworld was only seen to leave his kingdom for the upper world twice: once to heal a wound inflicted on him by Hercules, and once to abduct Persephone into his realm. Similarly, the workings of Pluto can be observed most clearly in illness and in the sphere of close relationships.

With Pluto in the 7th, it is in the area of partnerships that Pluto is encountered. Rather than viewing marriage or close union as merely a 'happily ever after' affair, it is wiser for those with this placement to understand relationships as catalysts or agents for personal transformation, growth and change.

Liz Greene says of Pluto in this house that 'the entry into the underworld comes through somebody else.' In other words, relationships will plunge them into deep emotional complexes which have lurked in the recesses of the psyche from as far back as early childhood (or even further, if one believes in karma and reincarnation). Through issues connected to partnership, parts of the nature which have been buried, repressed or kept under control by the ego will erupt messily into the everyday life. After the blast, there is the task of putting themselves back together again, hopefully with greater awareness and understanding of their own complexities.

If they are not wholly in touch with their own darker or undifferentiated sides, then they may project these qualities onto the partner. If they have not acknowledged their potential for ruthlessness, treachery, betrayal, jealousy, envy and possessiveness, they seem to attract or constellate such traits in other people. Again, the nature of life is towards wholeness: if we are not living that wholeness, then the outside brings it to us.

Wherever Pluto falls in the chart is where the god of death and destruction can be found. Some with this placement sense their own proclivities for destructiveness in the area of relationships and consequently live in fear that others might be capable of the same kind of behaviour. Or they may totally disown their own destructive energy by just attributing it to the other person. Because of a nagging apprehension that sooner or later the other person is going to disrupt the relationship, they have difficulty trusting the partner or feeling safe in a union. Attempting to avert such a catastrophe, they may try to dominate, possess and control the partner. Unfortunately, such behaviour often serves to drive the other person away, thereby bringing about the situation which they most dreaded. As in

the case with Pluto in any house, the deity which brings the illness is also the one who brings the cure. To clean up the mess that our own unconscious complexes land us in, Pluto hands us a shovel and says 'Start digging. In the process we may even unearth some very good reasons why it all had to happen that way.

I have seen many instances where those with Pluto in the 7th wanted to end a relationship but were afraid to do it for various reasons. Invariably, they somehow provoked the other person to do it for them.

Some may meet Pluto in the 7th through the death of a partner. If the partnership was a close, good one, then picking up the pieces after such a misfortune is a slow, gradual process with many phases. But wherever Pluto is, the capacity to rise again, like the Phoenix out of the ashes, is also present; although Pluto may teach them to be more careful next time about deriving their identities wholly from something external to the self. Even if the relationship was fraught with fights and bitterness, the loss of a partner through death can still be devastating - especially if the person feels partially responsible for what has happened, or the partner died before pressing interpersonal issues could be resolved. It will be important for the remaining partner to do what he or she can to work through these feelings; otherwise any later relationship may be tainted by them. Pluto's house is easily haunted.

Pluto is a planet of extremes and in this sense it is oddly placed in the house which is concerned with balance, sharing and learning co-operation. The issue of who has the power in the relationship is brought sharply into focus. Some will give all their power over to the other person, as if they want to be swallowed up by the relationship. Others will not feel safe unless they are the ones in charge. In either case, the balance of power is unevenly shared and lessons of true mutuality are still to be learned. Sooner or later one or the other of the partners may feel the need to break free in order to grow beyond the constrictions of such an arrangement.

In many cases I have seen, those with Pluto in the 7th actually have difficulty eliminating or letting go of a relationship. For some, this evinces a kind of loyalty which is determined to keep working at it. For others, their identity may be so tied up in the partnership that to lose it would be like death. In mythology, Pluto, compared to the other gods, was a relatively constant husband to Persephone, and was only unfaithful twice. In the first instance, he developed a mad passion for the nymph Minthe, but in his wild pursuit of her, he accidentally crushed her underfoot. (It is possible that those with Pluto in the 7th can actually destroy a relationship because of their own intensity about it.) In the second case, he abducted one of the daughters of Oceanus into his kingdom, where she lived until she died a natural death.

Pluto may require the complete breakdown and elimination of an existing relationship to allow for the continuing individuation of each party. On the other hand, however, Pluto also suggests that a relationship can endure a number of mini-deaths and rebirths,

coming up stronger each time, and lasting many, many years.

Those with Pluto in the 7th have the ability to help others through painful times of crises and transition. Some may have a profound influence on society in general. Two examples illustrate the social face of Pluto in the 7th. The Fascist Italian dictator, Mussolini, had Pluto here ruling the 12th house of collective movements. By contrast, Betty Friedan, the indefatigable women's liberation leader, has Pluto in the 7th ruling Scorpio on both the 11th and 12th house cusps. This house placement of Pluto is also useful in the charts of lawyers, healers, counsellors and psychologists.

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

As in all natural cardinal houses, Pluto in the Seventh House or in Libra demonstrates that a new evolutionary cycle has been and is still underway. These individuals have been learning how to develop an objective awareness of themselves and to understand their sense of individuality in a social context. In addition, they have been learning lessons of equality, relativity, and of listening. They have been learning how to listen to another's reality as it exists for them. In so doing, they have been learning how to give in relation to what others need according to that reality. Within these lessons, they have been learning how to participate in relationships as an equal.

In order to experience this evolutionary intent, those with Pluto in the Seventh House necessarily have had to be involved in a wide variety of relationships. Through involvements with a variety of people comes exposure to many different value systems, intellectual systems, emotional patterns and spiritual beliefs. Through this process these individuals have been learning how to understand their own intrinsic individuality through comparison or evaluation of the relationships that they form. In other words, it is through comparison with others that they become aware of who they are as unique individuals. In this way, these people have been learning, on a preliminary basis, the evolutionary lesson of objectivity versus subjectivity.

A fundamental lesson because of this prior evolutionary intent, is how to participate in relationships. From the First through Sixth Houses, Aries through Virgo, the focus was on the subjective development of the individual, which necessitated a self-centered orientation to life. The egocentric seed of individuality was planted in Aries. From Aries through Leo, the First House through the Fifth House, this seed progressively expanded and grew in ever widening circles of development. In Leo and the Fifth House the egocentric seed had blossomed into the creative self-actualization of intrinsic individuality. In the Sixth House and Virgo, the archetypal need was to experience essential aloneness, and to purge or purify the egocentric balloon of self-importance. In addition, it was necessary to learn the practical skills or techniques that allowed for an appropriate harnessing, focusing and channeling of the inherent work capacities of the individual to serve the needs of the culture, tribe, or society in a practical way. This archetype produced an inverted pyramid effect upon the subjective development of the

individual, purging the ego of delusions of grandeur and promoting essential humility.

In the Seventh House and in Libra, the potentially purified individual is now ready to relate with others on an equal basis, rather than on a subservient or dominant basis. Those with Pluto in the Seventh House will have felt in the past, and will feel coming into this life, a compelling need to be involved in relationships. This compelling need is rooted in the desire to complete the self through relations with others and to unite one's life with another's. Because of this prior evolutionary intent, the unconscious emotional security structure of these individuals is rooted in their need to be involved in relationships in order to feel fulfilled and complete.

Because Pluto in the Seventh House or in Libra represents a relatively new evolutionary cycle, these individuals have literally been learning the ongoing lesson of how to be involved in relationships with others on an equal basis. Most of these individuals have not learned how to do this. On the one hand, these individuals will need to take in information and differing points of view from many diverse types of people. This situation sets up the need to listen objectively to others in order to determine how to relate with them. By exposing themselves to the diversity of others, these individuals have been learning to understand objectively the relativity of human nature.

A potential problem that this prior life pattern promotes is one wherein the individual becomes overly involved with too many relationships, and takes in too many differing points of view and values. Becoming overly involved in this way, the individual can lose sight of his or her own individuality; he or she can become overly absorbed in the differing realities of others. When this occurs, the Seventh House Pluto individual can become compulsively dependent on the opinions, advice, or knowledge of others as a means of determining who they are, or what they should or should not be doing with their lives. The dependency is put in motion as soon as the individual loses sight of his or her own individuality.

In this condition, these individuals cannot relate to themselves without relating to others. They are not comfortable unless others are around. In addition, once the individual loses sight of his or her own individuality, the stage is set wherein the individual will be subconsciously attracted to very powerful individuals who appear to be very strong, stable, sure of themselves, and who have the ability (and perhaps the need) to guide or control the formation and development of the Seventh House Pluto person.

In this situation, the individual has reached an extreme imbalance in which they are utterly dependent on the partner or people they are involved with. In the worst cases, this situation promotes the alter ego effect wherein the Seventh House Pluto person is promoting or fulfilling the needs of another to the exclusion of their own needs. The other person has manipulated the dynamics of the relationship above, the individual would necessarily have had to recoil or react to the imbalance through evolutionary necessity. In both situations described above, this reaction can manifest itself in one of three ways:

1. The Seventh House Pluto individual leaves the partner because the needs that created the relationship have been fulfilled. This situation sets up new needs, and therefore a desire for a new relationship. The process of leaving is not necessarily positive or easy. Often, the partner does not feel that the relationship should end, especially for the reasons that the individual claims. The relationship ends with the partner feeling unresolved as to why it ended. This unresolved condition sets up the karma to be fulfilled with that person at some other time.

2. The partner leaves because they do not feel that there is any more need for the relationship, or that they are not getting out of the relationship what they are putting into it. Their needs have been fulfilled. The Seventh House Pluto person does not feel this. They feel unresolved about why the relationship has ended. This situation also sets up the karma to be fulfilled with that person at some other time.

3. Both partners become mutually dependent on each other in whatever way it is defined relative to the two extremes mentioned above. The degree of dependency becomes so extreme that further growth for each individual cannot occur. In this situation the roles within the two extremes can be cyclically exchanged within the relationship, or they can remain polarized within the fixed positions of the extremes: one partner playing the dominant role, the other playing the subservient and alter ego role. In this situation one of the partners may be forcefully removed from the relationship, sometimes meaning death. The enforced removal creates growth for each through the intense pain, remorse and reflection upon the nature of their individual lives, and the nature of their relationship. Neither one was consciously ready for the relationship to end. Thus, unresolved, they will find each other again at some other time.

These reactions to the imbalance of relationships are to enforce the lessons of equality, balance, and relativity. A common astrological misconception about Libra and the Seventh House is that it is balanced by nature. The fact is, the Seventh House or Libra means learning balance. Very commonly, those with Pluto in the Seventh House have approached relationships in extreme ways in the past. In one relationship they will be the dominant partner, and in another they will be the needy, or alter ego person. And, of course, some of these individuals have been in relationships in which the roles of being in control, and being controlled, have been interchanged within the same relationship.

Any kind of imbalance within a relationship will produce necessary confrontations, either between the partners, or internally within the individual. The internal confrontations are manifested in order to force the individual to examine the nature of every difficulty or problem within him or herself, the relationship, and/or the partner. The nature of the difficulty or problem will always be linked to a need that is not being met. External confrontation between the partners will occur for the same reason. The essence of this evolutionary lesson is to learn how to give to another what they need and in so doing to have one's own needs met. Yet, because this evolutionary impulse is relatively new, the

majority of these individuals do not know how to relate to themselves or others in this way. This produces not only the problem of imbalance, but also the phenomenon of conditional giving, or conditional love. Needs are linked to expectations, and expectations are projected upon a partner, or expectations are projected upon the individual by the partner. When the projected needs are not successfully met by another, then the withholding of love or giving can occur.

Because this evolutionary impulse is also teaching the individual how to receive love or giving from others, they may not be able to accept or recognize what comes their way because of emotional distortions that are linked to the problems associated with the unmet expectations or needs. Similarly, the individual may desire to give to another, yet the other may not receive, recognize, or accept the giving due to their own emotional distortions linked to similar projected expectations or needs not previously met.

This evolutionary dilemma is necessary in order for these individuals to learn how to relate to themselves and others in a balanced and equal way. The confrontations, the conditional love, the leaving or being left by another, the shock of losing a partner through death, the alternating of dominant and subservient roles within the relationship, relationships that are formed upon the fixed roles of dominance and subservience, all occur to enforce the lessons of balance and equality, objectivity and understanding one's individuality in a social context.

These situations also occur to teach the individual what their essential needs are in a relationship, who they are because of relationships, and to develop social values regarding how people should relate to each other. These situations occur to enforce the lesson of minimizing dependency on another person, and to overcome the tendency to make another person the god of one's reality, or to allow oneself to be made into a god by the partner.

These individuals will finally come to the realization that they need to be needed, and they will realize how this need controls the formation or dynamics of their relationships. Recognizing this dynamic they will also understand their compelling need to give to others, and to be given to. The ongoing evolutionary lesson will teach them when to give and when not to, and when giving, what to give, and when not giving, why they should not give. They can also realize that by appearing not to give in certain situations, they are actually practicing a form of supreme giving. In other words, in certain conditions these individuals must learn how to withhold giving to others. The nature of these conditions will be when another keeps coming back for more without applying or working with what was given before. By learning how not to give in these conditions, these individuals will learn how to stop promoting dependencies upon themselves by others. This is utterly necessary from an evolutionary point of view. In the very same way, these individuals can learn how to receive that which is being given to them without becoming dependent on those that are giving.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°08') 131 | 85
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (0°03') 131 | 003
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42') 131 | 119
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°59') 07 | 12
- 5) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°41') 07 | 07
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°39') 003 | 119
- 7) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°00') 12 | 131
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°51') 12 | 85
- 9) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°18') 12 | 07
- 10) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°27') 85 | 07
- 11) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°40') 119 | 119
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- 1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°08') ♏1 | ♈5

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within

it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☽ Moon - (0°03')** 131 | 003

(Robert Hand)

Your emotions are very powerful, and you are quite sensitive to the feelings of others as well. What happens while you are young will have a very strong effect on your future life, so that the attitudes and patterns you pick up in youth will be very hard to change as you get older. It is also likely that the career you choose will be influenced by your ideas in youth.

Your mother may have more to do with the career you choose than your father. If your relationship with your mother is not good, it could cause psychological problems throughout your life that would affect your work and your goals in life very badly. You need her emotional support very much.

Be careful not to believe passively that the world will surely take care of you. You probably will receive a great deal of help from others, especially women, but, like anyone else, you will have to work to make the best of it. You should be very good at getting along with the public, because you can make people feel that you belong with them. You have genuine sympathy for people, especially those who remind you of people you knew when you were young.

This placement can indicate that in your career you will work with the public or large groups of people. Your profession might involve protecting and taking care of people, or you might be in advertising or public relations.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the Moon is conjunct the MC, the individual is extremely sensitive to emotional responses from environment and from society at large. This person lives, so to speak, on the popularity he or she courts, for with a Moon / MC conjunction he or she desires approval come what may; the result often being that he or she strikes others as sympathetic, friendly and full of warmth, even though, to curry favor, he or she may be putting on an act.

Quite frequently, the individual wants to become involved with big groups or with the public, and usually creates a good impression. The Moon at the MC encourages one to seek security by making a mark in society, either by attracting attention or by doing something helpful.

However, the Moon is always waxing and waning, and this person, too, will find the need to chop and change. As long as he or she projects this vacillation on things, he or she is likely to change social position from time to time, or, at least, to keep making minor changes even when occupying a permanent position.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Moon on either end of the MC-IC axis is suggestive of exceptionally strong parent-child ties. Those with Moon on the Midheaven sometimes take on the role of some kind of public mother, perhaps the person in the company who 'holds' everything together and provides some kind of containment. Sometimes the vocation chosen is concerned with looking after one's own home and family, but sometimes the vocation is concerned with protecting, caring and nurturing in a much more public sense. Obviously the sign is of great importance.

Like Sun conjunct MC, there is a need for personal recognition with this placement, coupled with a sensitivity to what the public thinks and feels. Thus this is a good combination for anyone who has to be very responsive to the needs of the public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction, unless afflicted, indicates popularity and life in the public eye. It favors actors, entertainers, and politicians. If the conjunction is well aspected, the natives gain through women of wealth and high social standing who aid them in achieving status.

Very often, professional activities are carried on in partnerships, or positions of responsibility are bestowed by someone in authority. Sometimes this conjunction indicates that the native will inherit the family business, or that the career is linked with the family life.

This lunar position is advantageous to people in business connected with food and articles of domestic use. Also favored are those in real estate and other businesses which deal with homes.

3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°42') 131 | 179

(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.

4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°59') ☿7 | ♃12

(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.

5) ► **Descendant DC Parallel E Pluto** - (0°41') ☾7 | ☾7

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people with powerful egos and strong temperaments. You have a strong desire for close, intimate contact with many of the persons you associate with, and this alone should be a warning to you. When you discover that someone is trying to make you over to satisfy his own desires, make a fast exit. But this is also a sure sign that you try to do the same thing to those you are attracted to. You make extensive demands of the people you deal with, but you resent it when similar demands are made of you. This is essentially the meaning of the old saying 'Birds of a feather flock together'. Such problems can ruin otherwise fascinating relationships.

Your talents lie in your ability to mold people, so public relations is a field to which you should apply yourself. Political, social and financial activities are other areas in which you could find a great deal of satisfaction. You express yourself with dramatic flair, and people are impressed with your ability to command attention.

You generally get what you want when you want it, and you don't tolerate refusal of your demands. If you are motivated to change people's attitudes about their social obligations, you can accomplish miracles. You will be able to gain the support of your friends in seeking to improve intolerable social conditions. However, elected officials will try to discredit you and turn public opinion against you. But you aren't afraid of such tactics, because you have information about such officials that could be equally embarrassing to them.

In personal relationships you may have difficulty in achieving the success you enjoy in public conquests. When you relate to people at close range, you can become burdensome and make others feel uncomfortable. You understand how people think, and may even be psychically tuned to them. This ability helps you deal with people.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Pluto conjunct Descendant often tend to give their power away. They also often see other people (as opposed to themselves) as powerful, controlling, ruthless, manipulative or impenetrable. It is through one-to-one encounters that the individual is offered the opportunity of discovering the darker side of him- / herself.

Power struggles are inevitable with all aspects to this axis, and these are usually particularly obvious with Pluto setting in the chart. It is through one-to-one relationship and sometimes struggle that the individual is able to transform his / her self-image and way of relating to other people. Those with Pluto on the Descendant are often forced to grapple with many of the relationship issues that confront Venus-Pluto people. This is a useful placement for work which involves holding others through crisis and steering them through transformative situations.

Pluto square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hunger for power common to Pluto / Ascendant aspects is greater still when the aspects happen to be hard. Although we may feel insecure, we refuse to admit it. We are full of fight, are more ruthless than we intend, and can frighten people with a look. Our very presence is intimidating. We may not realize the force being generated by Pluto, but others feel its intensity and our readiness to go to extremes. We give the impression, without necessarily intending to do so, that the slightest opposition could lead to angry words and possibly to physical violence. For, with hard aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we can crush people with cruel remarks; and since Pluto encourages an eager interest in human motives and in anything suppressed or hidden, we have an unerring ability to find out the weak spots of others, and we do not hesitate to make them the butts of our poisoned verbal barbs. Obviously, with this ability we are more feared than loved. Yet it is a weapon in the power struggle that we would not lay aside for any price; and if it makes us disliked, well, Pluto gives plenty of resilience.

There is something provocative about our behavior, although not in the impulsive and cross-grained style of Uranus: Pluto causes us to act with more subtlety and more discretion, but invariably gives us the need to do our own thing regardless of whether

this is socially acceptable or not. We do our own research, make our own discoveries, come to our own conclusions and formulate our own goals, and are not to be deterred from them. Therefore, this is an outstanding position for reforms; although initially we have to go through a (sometimes) not inconsiderable number of confrontations before being able to use the hard aspect rather more constructively. Our powers of penetration then enable us to see through people and their intentions, to build up a great knowledge of men and women, and to expand our view of ourselves and our surroundings by the addition of much that is new and of much that was formerly hidden. We unearth a great deal in our restless search. Pluto, wanting more, refuses to let us rest until we have got to the bottom of things. This can be very trying, because we feel compelled to see our own depths mirrored in our surroundings. But if we make some radical changes in our life, we should be able to get in touch with these deep values.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto squares or opposes the Ascendant, the life takes on a different meaning, for the hard aspect indicates individuals who were raised in a strongly manipulative atmosphere. How the manipulation works and who was doing it will be revealed by the other aspects involved with Pluto.

When the square occurs there seems to be an excessive need to be in control of the environment, and of the circumstances of life; new starts will be hampered by some unconscious motivation that is reflective of the early childhood experience. The less productive end of the square might even mean that these individuals want to control and manipulate others before new ventures can be started. When the energy is turned into a productive phase, the need to control the environment has been let go, and the inner motivation becomes joined with approvable action; they cease to view life as something that must be planned, and the energy can flow.

When Pluto opposes the Ascendant, another dilemma begins to show itself. It may look as though these individuals have chosen a controlling partner, but more probably some kind of internal battle is going on concerning a desire to control both new activities and partnerships. Giving may be a response to love that ends up being 'smother love', for the early childhood environment was strongly colored with controls.

Before one can eliminate unconscious needs to control, an understanding of the need to manipulate must take place. We are a species of imitators; if our parents play manipulation and control games, we will too, because we only have one childhood experience upon which to draw our concepts of normal behavior. In order to let go of old patterns, we must first recognize that they exist. Then each individual can consciously examine the need to continue. Unconscious patterns are the most difficult to break, for the patterns were formed many years ago and are not easy to recall.

In order to get the most out of the Ascendant qualities, the Pluto opposition needs to be

understood, for it will cause a compromise to take place that ends up compromising every new endeavor. Once consciousness is applied to this aspect, it becomes a strong one indeed, and can be used in the transformation process.

6) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°39') 003 | 179

(Haydn Paul)

Moon-Venus contacts involve instinctive feeling reactions to social and intimate relationships; and these shape responses to the situations and experiences. The conjunction indicates that you have sociable and friendly relationships, characterized by sensitive awareness and affection.

You will enjoy numerous social contacts, feeling at ease with others and appreciating a diversity of communication, preferring the company of those whose relationship approach is sincere and straight-forward. You dislike social conflict, and try to minimize any discord with others, sometimes through tact and diplomacy, sometimes by compromise or a friendliness that diffuses tensions. Experiencing these interpersonal approaches as reasonably successful may encourage you to adopt better communication as a personal 'ideal', believing that life can be improved if everyone is more sensitively aware, and avoiding individual gains when made only by another's loss. You offer your hand of friendship, expressing human warmth, civility, and conscious goodwill. With your personality, if the rest of the chart amplifies these tendencies, you are likely to find success in working with the public.

Usually you receive a favorable response from others; and through reducing the superficiality of many social contacts, you can transmit positive attitudes to people. Shorn of unnecessary pretence, your direct human approach can appear almost too simple - some may even feel threatened and suspicious, especially those who prefer to maintain social masks and distance themselves from others. You allow your sensitivity to shine through and, while some may not recognize or acknowledge its presence, others will welcome it. Your genuine interest in others helps to build bridges between people, and, along with your natural sympathetic understanding of human dilemmas, can place you in a position to offer help to those in need. Yet, if brusquely rejected, you are unsure of how to deal with bruised feelings, and your sensitivity shrinks away from negative responses.

Within more intimate relationships, your emotions are highly activated and given priority. Both Moon and Venus require emotional satisfaction and stimulation; and the quality of a loving relationship is extremely important to you. You are probably attractive to others, and often socially magnetic; and, with your combination of grace, charm and artistic sensitivity, you will receive the interest of many, with the possibility of numerous relationships occurring unless you marry or settle into a permanent relationship early in life.

You may allow previous family bonds to interfere with a new or developing relationship. The older lunar patterns may still be overly oactive; and any residual dependency on parents or family members may affect the evolution of a new family unit; the 'mother-in-law syndrome' may be a classic example of this! Venus can exaggerate any tendency toward self-indulgence and preoccupation with satisfying selfish needs, with a corresponding disregard for those of a partner. Extra selfdiscipline may be needed within intimate partnerships, especially in areas of mutual sharing. There may be occasional attempts at emotional manipulation, both by a partner taking advantage of your sensitive feelings, and by yourself when attempting to gain your way.

Home life is important, providing a secure foundation to whatever life-style you desire; and personal enjoyment will come from domestic pursuits, especially from a comfortable home, sensual clothes, food, and material possessions. It is important for you to develop a beautiful home envieonment; and if you take full advantage of prudent financial management, you will be able to devote additional resources to your home. Your artistic sensitivity can also be demonstrated in improving your personal and family home.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Venus shows that you relate to people easily and without pretence. You don't necessarily wait for the other person to make the first gesture to meet you, for you know that this is difficult for some. When you meet someone, you are willing to make adjustments if it will relieve any tension that seems likely to develop. A very sensitive person, you feel hurt whenever anyone deals harshly with you. You respond to tenderness and abhor rudeness. You are fond of people and try to be on friendly terms with everyone you have to deal with. For the most part, people appreciate that attitude, as you are aware.

Your early years probably were fairly pleasant, which enables you to look forward with anticipation to having a home and family of your own. You learned the value of money and how to manage your affairs in order to have some degree of security. You enjoy the comforts of a good home, fine furniture, plentiful food well prepared, and the joy of pleasant guests. You are warm toward your friends and always civil to everyone, regardless of their attitude toward you. Your tact and diplomacy serve your purposes, it is true, but you act that way mainly because you feel it is the right thing to do.

Unless you are careful, you can become too 'nice', which may arouse suspicion as to your motives. Don't fawn over people so that it becomes sickening. Try to remain courteous, of course, but don't overextend yourself to them. If you give them the opportunity to show their interest in you, they will feel more comfortable.

You can succeed in any occupation that requires you to come before the public. You gain people's confidence because you demonstrate a genuine interest in their affairs.

Sympathetic to their problems, you usually try to use your resources as best you can to help solve them. You are generous with your offers to help those who are less fortunate than you.

You will enjoy pleasant emotional relationships with those you care for. Love and romance are important to you, but you will carry lingering family ties to your love partnership, which can cause some problems. you may prematurely enter a binding contract before you are really ready to make your partner the exclusive person in your life. You tend to be more concerned with gratifying your desires than with accepting the discipline required to share a total life endeavor with your mate. On the whole, though, you should not have too much difficulty in making the transition from self-seeking to mutual sharing.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of the Moon and Venus brings together two factors that are each concerned with safety in their own way. This emphasizes the need for harmony and for smooth functioning in the environment. We endeavor to cultivate a pleasant atmosphere, and aim for a balanced existence. The danger is undue avoidance of confrontations so as to keep everything as friendly as possible, at least on the surface - Moon / Venus aspects frequently figure in the charts of diplomats.

What is often forgotten in interpreting these two emotional factors is that when the Moon and Venus are conjunct, or otherwise well aspected, the emotions are characterized by tranquility. Either we are inwardly unruffled, or we are in the process of restoring our equilibrium as quickly as possible. This inner sense of peace enables us to take things as they come. The conjunction can give balanced judgement and imperturbability; in other words, it reaches out to affect much more than our emotional life.

Since Venus has to do with the aesthetic, a harmonious Moon / Venus aspect (and we may count the conjunction among these) can point to artistry and creativity. Even if we happen not to be creative, it would be strange if we did not have some appreciation of beauty, and hence of color, form and proportion in art; what is more, we may indulge a taste for luxury with this aspect.

Venus is not primarily an active planet, and in conjunction with the Moon can give a certain amount of leisureliness; probably from fear of being rushed and thrown off balance.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Moon represents the emotional reaction to life and love, and Venus indicates the ability to appreciate love and beauty, the interaction between these two planets is very important in terms of emotional relationships. Venus can also represent the

psychological impact of the mother on the child's psyche. The Moon represents the mother in a physical sense. When these two planets are conjunct, the person has an overwhelming tie to the mother that may seem insurmountable. In order for this person to break away from the family and mother ties, he must go through many more internal changes than the rest of us.

This aspect in a woman's chart represents the daughter who can't leave Mommy, who goes into a marriage and lives on the next block and talks to Mommy on the phone every day. Or, the girl who can't have a love relationship inasmuch as she can't share herself with another person because the ties to her mother are too strong. If the rest of the chart agrees, this aspect may indicate a homosexual female. Often, the lady she falls in love with is fifteen to twenty years older than she, since she may be looking for a mother substitute. She has difficulty considering the idea that she may be tied to Mother in some kind of incestuous manner.

We usually consider incest in terms of the opposite sex - the daughter is in love with her father, etc.; but we have trouble diagnosing when the daughter is too close to her mother. Often these desires are not faced on a conscious level, for they are socially unacceptable. If a woman is homosexual and the rest of the chart doesn't look as though she has reason to be, this is one aspect that may help to find the key to why she is the way she is. However, when Venus conjuncts the Moon, it's difficult to talk to her about her relationship with her mother. She doesn't want to hear anything negative about Mom. Even if the rest of the chart shows difficult family influences, perhaps even an abusive childhood, she will defend her mother until the end.

Often, these children have been hurt more by the mother than the father, yet they see the father as the reason for all their failures. It's a hard aspect to work through, and for an astrologer it indicates a difficult client. This aspect should be approached with tact, gentleness and diplomacy by the astrologer. If this conjunction carries other hard aspects, the client may be helped by entering therapy of some kind; it is not an easy aspect to handle in one counselling session.

When a man has a Moon-Venus conjunction, the effect of the physical and psychological mother influence is overpowering. This man is emotionally close to his mother - usually too close - and it can manifest in many ways. Sometimes it indicates a love-hate polarity with the mother; the son may literally hate or love her. If the man is father-dominated, he may have a lot of guilt about his feelings toward the mother. If he is mother-dominated, he may be angry with her, or estranged from her, or he may be completely possessed by her. A grown man may overreact to the feelings stirred up by the mother image and may therefore try to cut her out of his life. The other aspects to the Moon and Venus have to be taken into consideration when reading this aspect.

Once the mother ties are recognized, the individual can begin to use the energy another way. Venus conjunct the Moon can be used to understand how we appreciate and

respond in love situations. The energy of the sign can be used constructively, for our appreciation of love (Venus) and our feeling responses (Moon) can work together because they are in the same sign. The blind spots will be caused by an overreaction to the influence of the mother. Again, therapy can be helpful in working through the unpleasant ties in order to free the constructive possibilities. We are not meant to remain as a child tied to our mother forever. The Moon represents our feelings and Venus indicates how we appreciate love. We can separate these qualities from the mother in a physical sense and begin to listen to our own responses.

7) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (1°00') ♋12 | ♏1

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect produces a condition in which the natives' ideas are either behind or ahead of their times. On the positive side, the conjunction can bestow mental originality and independence. Then natives escape the pitfalls of popular opinion. In the long run, if the rest of the map indicates good mental capacity, the native will prove to be correct. On the negative side, the native is forced to proceed alone with his ideas since he cannot gain support for them. He does not speak out at the right time in the right place; and when he does speak, he is not listened to. Consequently, he is sometimes frustrated and feels mentally alone.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect can produce possible learning difficulties, mental blocks, uncommunicativeness or improper communication. Nervous system, in general, gets affected due to this aspect. Reflex actions are often delayed or distorted. This aspect brings about tremendous inner growth regarding knowledge and wisdom, as the internalization or osmosis is very keen in these individuals. Their body and soul works as a one-way membrane absorbing information from the surrounding sources to be condensed in the package for future use. As a result of his hoarding of knowledge and information by the inner core, they may not necessarily display brilliance, intellectuality and communicativeness.

(Donna van Toen)

Enduring may take the place of growing, since talk or planning can replace action. Pessimism may lead to a feeling that growth is impossible.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Mercury can produce loquacity. The native humors others, has no fixed opinion, and is easily influenced. Depending on the house or sign, he or she can resort to lies born of sensation-seeking and willingness to compromise, and can be landed in

unpleasant situations. Arguments employed are far-fetched, and refuge is taken in sophistry.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

8) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°51') ♃12 | ♄5

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Saturn indicates that you fluctuate between knowing what you are worth and having grave doubts of your value. You are never completely sure of yourself, and need to be constantly reassured by others that you are as talented as you think. Probably some strained contact with superiors, perhaps your parents, has given you this poor understanding of your capabilities.

This is a push-pull planetary combination. Because you need approval, you seek people who will make demands on you to prove your competence to them and to yourself. If their praise is not forthcoming, you reject them and alienate yourself. You seem to be looking for 'yes' people to give you the approval you require. But how hollow the victory that is forcibly extracted. Wouldn't it be simpler to accept competition from your peer group and make your determination that way? You obviously cannot face the truth, and your progress will be slowed until you can be honest with yourself. You generally reject other people who have qualities like your own.

You are inclined to be irresponsible and look for the easy way out of duty. This attitude needs severe adjustment. First, you must face reality and accept the responsibilities it

brings; second, you should learn how your behavior hurts people and try to be less indifferent to them. If you can change in these ways, you can rise to any goals you set for yourself. However, if you doubt your own competence, your associates may also refuse to attest to it. You have work to do, and it is advised that you begin soon, if you haven't already.

The same problem in evaluating your worth will crop up in personal relationships, both in friendship and in romantic interests. You might well decide to use better judgement in these instances, because it wouldn't do to sever an alliance with someone very special to you. You don't usually make generous overtures to anyone, even to a lover. Even though you casually reject anyone who doesn't voice enthusiastic approval, you are surprisingly shattered when you are rejected and can't believe you deserve such treatment.

Once you know what you are worth, you won't feel threatened by anyone. Then you can proceed to develop your potentials for success.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle; it tells how the individual will reach out, open up to new experience; how an individual will attempt to relate himself to his universe; to his friends, lovers, family. Saturn indicates how the father influences, hampers or restricts the individual when he first attempts to reach out to the world around him. The influence may be physical or it may be merely that the father has a disapproving attitude.

The opposition suggests that some definite restriction was placed on the individual early in life. Whenever he reached out for something new, his father disapproved. This subconscious memory will remain for many years, and every time effort is made to open up, a fear symptom may be set off, causing this person to reach out with great caution. He may reach out and then run away - he may be open and receptive one minute, and closed and cold the next. He may have difficulty relating to people he considers to be authority figures - teachers, supervisors, partners, etc..

If these individuals pursue the drive for consciousness; if they believe in selfresponsibility, then the personal qualities symbolized by Jupiter and Saturn will have to be integrated. Often, these people grow with leaps and bounds followed by severe fallow periods between growth cycles. The concepts of relationship possibilities will have to be explored at the same time that a confrontation of the fears and apprehensions caused by Saturn takes place.

If Jupiter represents how we assimilate the universe around us, the opposition indicates that every time we have a new idea it will be tested by Saturn. Our mettle will be tested and molded, our character developed, and the Hero venture intensified. The universe doesn't hurt us, but the untested warrior is no warrior. As Jupiter develops, the

personality becomes more secure in itself because it has been tested by Saturn.

The opposition also signifies a break with the father, a break with the tradition of the family. That doesn't mean that the individual must leave home forever; but unhealthy family traditions can be left behind.

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.

9) ► **Jupiter** ♌ **Parallel** ♏ **Pluto** - (1°18') ⚡12 | ☿7

(Haydn Paul)

This is a favourable aspect, which should allow you the opportunity to unfold your natural talents relatively easily, applying them in a concentrated and determined approach towards achieving your ambitions. You have the fortunate ability to evoke a response from your 'inner storehouse' of gifts, and create an open channel enabling you to manifest these in an objective context. Those who are close to you or who work daily with you may be inspired by this ability; and you are likely to display certain leadership qualities.

You will approach life with zest and vitality, pouring your energy wholeheartedly into satisfying your aims and your need for success. You seem to feel that your success is guaranteed; and whilst you may often feel impatient, or temporarily frustrated in your purpose, you have too much self-confidence and determination to believe that you could fail. The opportunities are certainly there for you; and your inner gifts are there to be actively expressed and exploited by you to achieve success.

You may find that you express and explore your talents in several potentially lucrative areas, as your gifts can be applicable in a variety of ways. This can mean that you are likely to change direction several times throughout your life, possibly in a radical style, or just to find new areas to experience. You may not have a specific goal in mind - such as a senior managerial position in one company - but could become influenced by 'the inner storehouse' of innate talents to search for new directions in order to find suitable channels of release for as yet latent gifts; you may even find a problem arising out of the very multiplicity of choices available to you.

Ideally, you should look for a ways of life which actually offers you a variety of channels through which to express yourself, where there is a potential for a renewal of challenges and for a demand of personal growth. Working closely with people is likely to attract you, and interpersonal relationships can be a constant sphere of creativity and growth; much can be shared and transmitted even in creating and maintaining positive human relations at work.

In an intimate relationship, you should ensure that equality is developed, building a balance, as you may have a tendency to play the role of dominating leader too often. Development of each partner is also important; and you partner's needs and abilities should be clearly recognised and valued, helping each other to actualise hidden potentials. Change in the relationship and in your partner should arise naturally and easily; never attempt to force any process, as a natural evolution is safest, especially when in truth you cannot really understand the inner process and life experience / perception of another.

The best use of your abilities will be towards benefiting others in some way. Whilst Pluto is likely to 'co-operate' with you using this energy for personal success, if you tend to apply it in a way that exploits or abuses others through your becoming obsessed with self-satisfaction and desires, you may find that Pluto becomes more subversive and undermines your purposes, stimulating failure as a natural result of your own distorted form of expression, thus creating your own downfall as Pluto forces you to look at the need for transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct Pluto, you seek to enjoy life at the fullest. You have enormous

drive and ambition to achieve your goals as soon as possible, and are impatient with anything that delays you. To others, your goals may be unrealistic, but you strive for them with amazing determination. It rarely occurs to you that you may fail, for you do not accept defeat. You are driven by an insatiable appetite to get the most out of your potential. Your success at seemingly impossible tasks is almost inspired. Behind your ambition lies a powerful faith in your ability to rise above external limitations. Your accomplishments are acclaimed and envied by many.

Your professional interests are extremely varied, and you can excel in many fields. Even though successful, however, you will be uncomfortable until you find a life work that offers unlimited growth potential. Essentially you are attracted to professions in which you must work closely with people, such as law, medicine, psychology, or religion. On the other hand, your preoccupation with self may lead you to seek recognition in fields such as sports, research and exploration, or even gambling, in which the risks are high and the dangers tantalizing. You will become involved in financial enterprises of vast scope which will generate significant returns for you.

In your personal affairs, your inclination for success will attract you to other successful persons. You will seek a mate whose strength of character, accomplishments and recognition you admire. You will understand your partner's motives and enthusiastically stimulate your mate to achieve. Be careful, however, not to overemphasize your partner's earning ability and the resulting 'good life', thus downgrading the fine personal attributes that make it possible.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two planets, each of which is expansive in its own way - one through seeking a synthesis of a wide range of phenomena, the other through spreading its roots in the all-embracing consciousness - can have serious and far-reaching consequences. Pluto could carry us unexpectedly out of our depths, and with Jupiter we must always be on guard not to bite off more than we can chew. The danger of exaggeration and of overreaching ourselves is always present.

Whenever we are engaged in philosophizing, forming opinions, studying or any other Jovian activity, Pluto intensifies our efforts. It encourages depth; and in making a synthesis we are never satisfied that everything has been included. Therefore the combination leads to intense searching. Where our philosophical outlook is concerned, we do not rest until we are able to penetrate to the core of life itself; preferably, we want to be in control of our lives. We do not form opinions until we have thoroughly researched the background information; the corollary being that, when our minds are finally made up, nothing and nobody can shake us. Our opinions become part of us, and we promote them with passionate intensity. So this aspect gives inflexibility, conceit and unreachability, but is outstanding for study and research.

The expansiveness of Jupiter stimulates Pluto's striving for power and urge to control and get to the bottom of situations. So this is a likely aspect to find in the charts of great leaders and demagogues (provided it is linked with personal points in the horoscope). Its drawback is that charismatic leadership ability may not be accompanied by responsible insights. And once these natives are captivated by some ideal (Jupiter), they can pursue it with such fanaticism that they have no time for non-supporters. Power struggles and differences of opinion are commonplace with this aspect.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because Pluto is one of the slow-moving outer planets, many people born in any given year when Jupiter is transiting the same sign as Pluto will have this aspect. It creates a mini-generation of people who will have choices to make as to how they pursue relationships. If the conjunction is unafflicted by other planets, it can be diagnosed by the sign and house placement.

It indicates that relationships will be affected by the unconscious motivation caused by the conjunction to Pluto. It can indicate a person who may need to control all his relationships; a person who needs to stay on top, and needs to manage those around him. He may reach out for new experience with great care and caution because he doesn't want to feel out of control. This person may be extremely sensitive about relationships in general, for a chance word overheard can send his subconscious self on a trip that will analyze and re-analyze anything that bothers him because of certain kinds of early childhood experience.

10) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°27') ♋5 | ♏7

(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.

11) ► **Uranus** ⚡ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°40') 119 | 119

Uranus square or opposition Neptune

(Charles Carter)

In these cases, the intensity of emotion is very marked, the native being as a rule, highly strung, intense, sensitive, and easily upset. Self-will is marked, and the native will not readily be thwarted or persuaded. The emotional force may be discharged in some such form as art, music, dancing, rhetoric or pseudo-religious devotion; some form of service; or, in bad charts, in drink, sex, or neurotic collapse. It does not lack courage, and may cause the native to seek excitement in risks.

Usually, motives and ideals are high, and the native means well, but is apt to go to extremes, to lack all sense of humour (in regard to his or her own interests and pursuits), and to be unable to co-operate or compromise. It may indeed be termed an aspect of fanaticism, but in many cases its action is chiefly external, giving taut nerves, an 'edgy' temper, and various forms of disease, usually of neural character.

It is often present in the charts of very conscientious people, who are hard on themselves and on others, exhibiting rigidity of outlook. It does not favour calm, moderation, reflectiveness, and detachment, for the emotions are set at variance with the will.

Like all Neptunian afflictions, it sometimes causes unpleasant or deceptive 'astral' experiences, and it constitutes a warning against the cultivation of pursuits of this nature. A well-known example of this error is the case of Dr. John Dee, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I and an alchemist. He was a man of true piety and learning, but his whole career was ruined by his reliance on the guidance, or misguidance, of supposed angelic monitors. He had Neptune in the 3rd in Pisces, square to Uranus in the 7th.

Much of the unhappiness, 'never been young' attitude of modern (ie late 1920s, when Carter was writing!) youth, their confusion of outlook, and lack of standards may be attributed without risk of error to the opposition of these planets that prevailed around 1910.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with

Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

12) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct P Pluto** - (9°20' A) ☿7 | ☿7

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people with powerful egos and strong temperaments. You have a strong desire for close, intimate contact with many of the persons you associate with, and this alone should be a warning to you. When you discover that someone is trying to make you over to satisfy his own desires, make a fast exit. But this is also a sure sign that you try to do the same thing to those you are attracted to. You make extensive demands of the people you deal with, but you resent it when similar demands are made of you. This is essentially the meaning of the old saying 'Birds of a feather flock together'. Such problems can ruin otherwise fascinating relationships.

Your talents lie in your ability to mold people, so public relations is a field to which you should apply yourself. Political, social and financial activities are other areas in which you could find a great deal of satisfaction. You express yourself with dramatic flair, and people are impressed with your ability to command attention.

You generally get what you want when you want it, and you don't tolerate refusal of your demands. If you are motivated to change people's attitudes about their social obligations, you can accomplish miracles. You will be able to gain the support of your friends in seeking to improve intolerable social conditions. However, elected officials will try to discredit you and turn public opinion against you. But you aren't afraid of such tactics, because you have information about such officials that could be equally embarrassing to them.

In personal relationships you may have difficulty in achieving the success you enjoy in public conquests. When you relate to people at close range, you can become burdensome and make others feel uncomfortable. You understand how people think, and may even be psychically tuned to them. This ability helps you deal with people.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Pluto conjunct Descendant often tend to give their power away. They also often see other people (as opposed to themselves) as powerful, controlling, ruthless, manipulative or impenetrable. It is through one-to-one encounters that the individual is offered the opportunity of discovering the darker side of him- / herself.

Power struggles are inevitable with all aspects to this axis, and these are usually particularly obvious with Pluto setting in the chart. It is through one-to-one relationship and sometimes struggle that the individual is able to transform his / her self-image and way of relating to other people. Those with Pluto on the Descendant are often forced to grapple with many of the relationship issues that confront Venus-Pluto people. This is a useful placement for work which involves holding others through crisis and steering them through transformative situations.

Pluto square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hunger for power common to Pluto / Ascendant aspects is greater still when the aspects happen to be hard. Although we may feel insecure, we refuse to admit it. We are full of fight, are more ruthless than we intend, and can frighten people with a look. Our very presence is intimidating. We may not realize the force being generated by Pluto, but others feel its intensity and our readiness to go to extremes. We give the impression, without necessarily intending to do so, that the slightest opposition could lead to angry words and possibly to physical violence. For, with hard aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we can crush people with cruel remarks; and since Pluto encourages an eager interest in human motives and in anything suppressed or hidden, we have an unerring ability to find out the weak spots of others, and we do not hesitate

to make them the butts of our poisoned verbal barbs. Obviously, with this ability we are more feared than loved. Yet it is a weapon in the power struggle that we would not lay aside for any price; and if it makes us disliked, well, Pluto gives plenty of resilience.

There is something provocative about our behavior, although not in the impulsive and cross-grained style of Uranus: Pluto causes us to act with more subtlety and more discretion, but invariably gives us the need to do our own thing regardless of whether this is socially acceptable or not. We do our own research, make our own discoveries, come to our own conclusions and formulate our own goals, and are not to be deterred from them. Therefore, this is an outstanding position for reforms; although initially we have to go through a (sometimes) not inconsiderable number of confrontations before being able to use the hard aspect rather more constructively. Our powers of penetration then enable us to see through people and their intentions, to build up a great knowledge of men and women, and to expand our view of ourselves and our surroundings by the addition of much that is new and of much that was formerly hidden. We unearth a great deal in our restless search. Pluto, wanting more, refuses to let us rest until we have got to the bottom of things. This can be very trying, because we feel compelled to see our own depths mirrored in our surroundings. But if we make some radical changes in our life, we should be able to get in touch with these deep values.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto squares or opposes the Ascendant, the life takes on a different meaning, for the hard aspect indicates individuals who were raised in a strongly manipulative atmosphere. How the manipulation works and who was doing it will be revealed by the other aspects involved with Pluto.

When the square occurs there seems to be an excessive need to be in control of the environment, and of the circumstances of life; new starts will be hampered by some unconscious motivation that is reflective of the early childhood experience. The less productive end of the square might even mean that these individuals want to control and manipulate others before new ventures can be started. When the energy is turned into a productive phase, the need to control the environment has been let go, and the inner motivation becomes joined with approvable action; they cease to view life as something that must be planned, and the energy can flow.

When Pluto opposes the Ascendant, another dilemma begins to show itself. It may look as though these individuals have chosen a controlling partner, but more probably some kind of internal battle is going on concerning a desire to control both new activities and partnerships. Giving may be a response to love that ends up being 'smother love', for the early childhood environment was strongly colored with controls.

Before one can eliminate unconscious needs to control, an understanding of the need to manipulate must take place. We are a species of imitators; if our parents play

manipulation and control games, we will too, because we only have one childhood experience upon which to draw our concepts of normal behavior. In order to let go of old patterns, we must first recognize that they exist. Then each individual can consciously examine the need to continue. Unconscious patterns are the most difficult to break, for the patterns were formed many years ago and are not easy to recall.

In order to get the most out of the Ascendant qualities, the Pluto opposition needs to be understood, for it will cause a compromise to take place that ends up compromising every new endeavor. Once consciousness is applied to this aspect, it becomes a strong one indeed, and can be used in the transformation process.

13) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (2°59' S) ♏9 | ♏9

(Haydn Paul)

Aspects made between Venus and Uranus emphasise the spheres of social and intimate relationships, with the energy focus turned towards exploring the outer world through an extroverted personality.

The dominating influence will be the urge for excitement, the stimulation of the unknown and the thirst for the richness of life's experiences. You will not be an introvert; and your main preoccupation will be ensuring that your life is 'interesting', occupying yourself with a multitude of interests and explorations so that there is no time or space left for inner enquiry.

The Uranian influence is the stronger partner of the two, and its agitating vibration will give you an inner restlessness, which you try to release in social activity and interaction with friends. However, the development of your creative, artistic, unorthodox individuality may lead to adaptation problems in mainstream society, where you react against being employed in mundane, repetitive jobs, or refuse to feel imprisoned in traditional social attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles.

You insist on being free to be yourself, and to do as you please. At times, this can reflect an immature, seemingly adolescent attitude, which can be too self-centred and lack real awareness of others. Also, your definition of your self is inconsistent and dependent on the attractions of the moment. This develops the appearance of unpredictability and lack of continuity, which others often see as a lack of responsibility and commitment.

This will affect your intimate relationships; and you will probably have difficulties in maintaining lasting partnerships, either because the relationships collapse through a withdrawal of interest, or because there are too many inner desires and conflicts which trigger stormy, emotionally distressing confrontations. These may arise because of your insistence upon having your own way, which can clash with a partner's views, needs and desires. You see your need for freedom to be important, and so you tend to resist any

attempt to make you give a serious commitment. Your emotions may only be touched on a superficial level, and rarely fully engaged with another, which can also lead to periods when you are tempted to become promiscuous in a search for variety and new experience. Sudden affairs are quite possible, and also satisfy that urge for excitement and even danger, where you can express yourself even more freely than usual. Certainly your love life will have an erratic quality, similar to the flow of your sex drive, which will confuse others. Your disdain for traditional forms of relationship can lead you along many different paths; join this with the fascination that the unusual has for you, and your life could develop like a multi-coloured weaving, some colours harmonising, others clashing.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus conjunct Uranus, you have a sparkling, effervescent personaaality. Popular and sociable almost to an extreme, you have a dynamic zest for living a full, unrestricted life. You seek every kind of human encounter in order to fully explore life in all its dimensions. You tend to disregard socially acceptable relationships unless they are exciting enough for you to feel uninhibited.

You are best suited to occupations that involve novelty and in which you can function in your own uniquely creative way. You don't take easily to routine, and a daily scedule of repetitious work would be unbearably boring. Professions dealing with the public are more in line with your sociable temperament. Public relations, party planning, social functions, fashion shows, investment counseling, and interior decorating are some of the fields that can give you the mobility and creative expression you need.

In your personal relationships, you demand unlimited freedom so you can detach yourself without guilt when you lose interest. If a person continues to fascinate you, you form strong ties. But you may sever those ties suddenly if you meet someone whose unusual qualities gain your attention.

It may be difficult for you to establish a permanent relationship, since you are outgoing and probably career-oriented. It is better to defer marriage until you've had the opportunity to try making it on your own. Because your romantic responses are unpredictable, you would be well advised to be engaged for a reasonable time before marrying. If you marry on impulse, it probably won't be permanent. Only strong Saturn or earth qualities, determined elsewhere in your analysis, can reverse this trend. Your responsibility is somewhat lacking, indicating that enduring ties are unlikely.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Venus, representing the need for harmony and warmth, teams up here with Uranus, the need for individuality, freedom and a life of our own. As it happens, the two tend to clash; especially as Uranus causes enough disruption to drive us off the well-beaten track in

order to find ourselves. That is why Venus / Uranus aspects, and especially the conjunction and the hard aspects, are traditionally associated with homosexuality, perversity, and so on. However, these are the extreme, and are by no means the universal rule in real life.

Nevertheless, it is true to say that with these aspects we take to people who boldly go their own way or, at least, are somehow different - maybe eccentric or reformist. In friendships and love life, we seek the stimulus of change and variety, and are not particularly stable. The restlessness of Uranus affects feelings. Being highly strung and having an overpowering desire for personal freedom, we experience difficulty in forming firm friendships. Friendships make us tense, nervous, and insecure - because we are doing our best to stay unfettered while trying to build up harmonious relationships, and this requires concessions on our part. Sometimes we prefer being cool, with an emphasis on externals and the avoidance of any deep emotional expression. Only in the extreme case, when all the rest of the chart points in the same direction, can perversion or sexual aberration show itself.

With a conjunction between Venus and Uranus, we resist becoming fully domesticated; yet the relationship with our partners can still be fine as long as we are not hemmed in by conventional rules, have scope for development, and above all are living with a partner who is unconventionally stimulating.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are conjunct, it indicates some kind of tie between the psychological effect of the mother and the behavior pattern that she manifests during the individual's formative years. It is indicative of some kind of eccentric or erratic behavior on her part. She may have been tremendously creative or self-willed. The Uranus-Venus conjunction indicates that the mother presents herself to the native in some sudden and erratic manner which the native cannot relate to; even so, the native forms a similar behavior pattern because of the mother's behavior. This behavior pattern affects the part of life that has to do with the intellectual concept of love, how one is able to appreciate love, to receive love or to communicate it to others. This tie can bring out unusual talents as well as unusual perceptions of what love is, so it can manifest either in creative energy or in an abrupt attitude regarding affairs of the heart. This individual may make impetuous decisions and cause unnecessary pain to those around him. He will have to learn how to 'play fair' since his early childhood experience taught that decisions are made before talking things over with the partner.

The aspect indicates that this individual may fall in love impetuously and fall out of love the same way. The concept of love will be unusual, unorthodox, and the lover may seem to be a very different type from the norm. Because the image of woman in the psyche is an unusual one, the loved one may be an unusual Uranian type who may not seem suited to this individual's outer personality. This conjunction may signify a lack of

communication, for all decisions regarding love may be made in an abrupt manner and without consulting anyone else. When a relationship problem needs to be solved, a person with this aspect thinks it through, makes a decision, and when any discussion of the problem takes place it is merely a social courtesy, for as far as he is concerned the decision is done. Relationships are ended with no warning, and the partner may be left in a state of shock.

Men with this aspect may leave a woman, with little idea or no feeling about the emotional trauma caused to her. Women with this aspect may be an enigma to the men with whom they are in contact. The aspect is harder on the female than the male because she may reject her biological role. The mother may have resented the responsibilities of motherhood when this person was young, and the memory in the subconscious mind recalls some plaguing fear about childbirth, or distaste for the responsibilities of child raising to such a degree that this woman may avoid ever getting pregnant. The biological role can be reconsidered when the aspect is analyzed from a conscious point. She is not required to be like her mother or to have the attitudes of her mothers. The damaged image in the psyche can be healed through good counselling or therapy.

(Charles Carter)

The inner effect is a high state of emotional tension, with a craving for peace, perfection, and the realisation of beauty in the life and surroundings. From this, we may get great genius, but always accompanied by self-will, waywardness, and a lack of practical common sense and balance, unless indeed the horoscope powerfully supports the aspect with steadying influences. In an ordinary chart, it inclines to wildness, excitability, and recklessness in incurring personal risks, both physical and in the way of reputation.

Exteriorly, it tends to danger of violence, attacks, or accidents, if the rest of the nativity is of this kind.

14) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♃ **Neptune** - (9°58' A) 179 | 179

(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.

15) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Conjunct** ♁ **North-Node** - (10°13' A) ♄7 | ♄7

(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.

16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♀ **Venus** - (6°18' S) 003 | 179

(Haydn Paul)

This opposition indicates that a major source of dissatisfaction will occur in social relationships. You may feel emotionally blocked in dealing with others, and uneasy in social company. This may be a pattern persisting since childhood, when you may have felt unloved and misunderstood by your parents, especially your mother.

The opposition implies a psychological projection of inner unresolved issues onto people and the external world, creating an opportunity to experience these reflected back at you; your tensions and stresses are 'embodied' by others and demonstrated in the nature of your relationships with them. You have a tendency to feel unloved; and this insecurity is communicated in subtle ways to others, who may sense that you are 'hiding something'; this, in turn, casts doubt on your sincerity. As distance enters your relationships, your negative feelings and fears of being disliked are reinforced, and the cycle perpetuates itself. Others may find it hard to relax around you, perhaps may feel uncomfortable in your presence or ready to oppose or reject you, misunderstanding your attempts at contact and communication, and, feeling suspicious of your intentions, generally keep you at a distance.

Because vitalizing and harmonizing feelings are inwardly blocked, they fail to enter your social relationships. People may perceive you as cold, unfriendly, or distant, and find it too much effort to spend time and energy slowly getting to know you. Your impression of reserve and disregard for social involvement works against you. It isn't really what you want; it's just that inner inhibitions are too active to allow you movement across those barriers whenever you want, or to allow others to cross toward you. Your attempts to share and communicate are erratic, often superficial, and lack a recognizable warmth. Even when you are admiring someone's achievements or making gestures of appreciation, there can be an unconvincing delivery, as though you are going through socially acceptable motions but not putting any heart into it. As you know, this isn't the truth; but the inability to communicate your sensitive emotional nature to others creates a misleading impression of your character.

You may make compensatory attempts to avoid confronting your emotional unfulfillment; and these can include a preoccupation with material possessions, money, and comforts. You may attempt to form an identity and self-worth founded on physical acquisitions, or through a life-style which reflects Venusian tendencies toward sensuality and luxury. Sexual activity without emotional involvement may attract if opportunities present themselves, and may possibly be taken to gain some sense of security and attention from others, as well as for pleasure. Excessive food consumption or denial through

anorexia may also act as compensatory actions. Passivity in relationships might be adopted, so that rejections caused by another's displeasure or conflicts created by your assertiveness are minimized.

Despite your efforts, social friction may persist, and often erupts through emotions and feelings, causing crises of adjustment until you resolve inner tendencies and understand that, despite your need for closeness, it is your unconscious behavior which pushes people away. Inner barriers need dismantling; and moving beyond your inhibiting patterns requires some risks and overcoming security needs. Be open to contact; be more friendly and less distant; share yourself more easily; drop expectations about people; be less judgemental. Try to relate intellectually rather than just emotionally, because your emotions still need cleansing and healing before their agitative vibration becomes more settled.

Learn how to co-operate better by making effective adjustments and mutual concessions. The likelihood is that, over time, the quality of your relationships will improve, enabling blocked emotional energies to be released gradually and safely, as you feel able to open to a new type of contact with people and the environment. Then you may discover that you possess something of great value which can be shared with others for mutual benefit. If you can make the transition, perhaps you can help others who also have difficulty in relating socially; at least when you meet those whom you recognize as being in a similar position, you can offer your hand of friendship across the great divide, helping them to come out of their shell of insecurity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition to Venus shows that you are challenged by other people no matter what you try to do. They especially try to take issue with you when you want to show appreciation for favors they have done. You are generous in praising those you deal with, but somehow you try too hard to convince them of your sincerity. In your desire to be loved, you don't want to risk anyone's displeasure. You really want to co-operate with others, but they don't react as though you do. The people you love most misunderstand you, so you are often at odds with them. Others tend to be defensive and suspicious of you when you show an interest in them, because you give the impression that you want something from them.

Try not to expect too much from those you are attracted to. It would be beneficial for you to get involved in enterprises or social endeavors with the people you are fond of. Learn to relate to them on an intellectual level, to understand them and their problems, and to be generous and helpful when they indicate a need for assistance. Let them get to know you and understand that you don't want anything from them except friendship. As you adjust your desires to be more co-operative with others, you will find that they will make concessions to you.

You have a taste for expensive things, and could easily spend more than you earn to satisfy your longing for comforts. The real reason you seek these physical comforts is to compensate for the difficulties you have in achieving emotional satisfaction. You could find that there are always strings attached to the possessions you acquire. You may try to use sex as a device to attract the physical security you want. But this tactic can introduce unhealthy complications in your relationships and could eventually lead to legal problems. You may not like to hear the truth, but your current and future happiness depend on it.

You can be successful in activities that bring you before the public. It might be better not to work at all closely with the affairs of the people you would serve, at least until you can become more detached in your attitude. You tend to personalize incidents in the affairs of others, and your judgement is colored by emotional considerations as if these matters were your personal concern. Learn to mind your own business.

Important emotional crises can occur in your life, which would indicate that maladjustments continue to exist between you and the people with whom you are closely involved.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is analogous to the square. There is a dichotomy between the physical mother and the psychological effect that she has on the child. There is sometimes a loss of the mother, or of some aspect of the mother's love. Sometimes the child spends time with a grandparent or an aunt in the early years, for the mother may be busy doing something else, or she may be ill, etc..

This aspect works differently in the chart of a woman from in the chart of a man. A woman will be forced to consider her own concept of self-worth as a woman. A man will have to cope with his relation to his anima and how that relationship affects his attitudes toward the women in his life.

The opposition, like the square, indicates the problems a woman has accepting her biological role; it also indicates a susceptibility to women's diseases (hysterectomy or uterine / ovarian problems that can occur in later life). Metaphysically, these types of illnesses can be avoided if she works consciously to develop a sense of self-worth as a woman. If she comes from a generation that faced social pressures regarding marriage and children, she may be difficult to counsel because she may not want to face the fact that she did not or does not enjoy the role of mother. She may often relate better to her children after they are grown. If a young woman wants to work with this aspect, she must be willing to cope with her fear of being abandoned, for many times the Venus-Moon afflictions occur in charts of children raised by mothers who were abandoned by their men, or who were married to irresponsible men and, therefore, emotionally abandoned. The child carries a subconscious memory which produces a fear that she may be

abandoned if she becomes pregnant. Such women seldom encourage relationships with men which might result in pregnancy. I've seen this aspect work in charts of women who married men with children from a previous marriage. A woman may seek a man who has gained custody of his children by a previous marriage, since a man who has custody of his children obviously cares enough about children to help raise any she may have by him. When these women avoid the biological role, they sometimes marry much older men who are not likely to want children. Or, they pick men who have had children by other women; they can then become honorary mothers. They may adopt children so that they don't have to go through the birth trauma.

A man with Venus opposing the Moon has been affected emotionally in an adverse manner by his mother's influence in his early childhood. His feeling responses are inhibited because his mother pushed something on him when he was very young. What that 'something' was varies from family to family. Venus indicates the psychological influence of the mother, so this is the planet to diagnose first since it functions on a more subconscious level.

People with the Moon-Venus opposition don't really believe they will ever have what they want from a love relationship. In order to satisfy their own emotional expectations, they feel they must compromise themselves. The compromise can be worked out, for the opposition is an easier aspect to work through than the square. The square always operates in excess, while the opposition temporizes the opposite sign. The cure requires acknowledgement of the needs of both sides of the wheel.

The man with the Venus-Moon opposition expects that relationships must be compromised; he expects that he can't satisfy his feelings in a relationship with a woman, and secretly resents his mother for making him feel this way. After the age of thirty, the compromise can be more easily worked out from a conscious point.

Emotionally, both the male and female with this opposition have difficulty in relationships. Until the opposition is understood, the female will bring her insecurity about her femininity into her relationships. She will defend her womanhood to the 'nth degree. We only become defensive of something we don't possess, for, when we know we have it (perhaps a sense of self-worth), we don't need to attack others to defend our position.

This aspect may lend to women a proclivity toward picking lovers who really don't like women; lovers who may have had severe problems with mother as well. When a woman with this opposition decides she is no longer a second-class citizen, she will choose a different type of man. When men haven't solved the mother-hate problem, they usually pass on their injurious feelings to the wife or girlfriend.

The male with this aspect is uncomfortable on two counts. He doesn't really like his own emotional nature; he doesn't really like his mother, and he therefore doesn't really feel

comfortable with women. This dislike of women can manifest in homosexuality or in the abusive treatment of women. In more sensitive souls, it can indicate a man who must feel totally 'on top of' an emotional involvement, fearing the female take-over that he expects to happen at any moment. This can produce the male chauvinist; the guy who won't be understanding of his wife, and may treat her as though she were 'the enemy'.

His emotional nature makes him feel uneasy as well, but this is an internal problem. The dilemma in his emotional nature causes inner tension. It's painful, but with conscious understanding comes a release from the pain.

17) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♂ **Uranus** - (9°17' S) 003 | 179

(Haydn Paul)

Challenges will probably occur within intimate relationships. These will reflect the clash between old and new, between familiar behaviour patterns and the attraction of renewal emerging from a chaotic unknown. Your inner life may feel like a battleground, as these two different energies try to influence choices and decisions; and at times of crisis, you may feel almost torn apart.

A tendency toward mental and emotional stress will exist, arising from emotional instability and problems created in relationships through unpredictable and frequent mood changes. The impact of the Uranian vibration may create sudden changes in the erratic mutability of the lunar emotions. This can stir choppy seas into more dangerous storms. If you then release this tension through conflict with those closest to you - which is a common behaviour pattern - relationships could become quite stormy. Others' inability to rely upon and trust you will obviously affect the development of long-term relationships.

Your need for variety can also cause problems. This can be felt inwardly, where you easily get bored and lose interest in your home, employment, marriage, lovers etc., and then enter a phase of frustration if your need for new stimulation is denied. To break free from this tension, you may suddenly 'explode' toward new explorations, attempting to shatter all limitations and restrictions. This can lead to moving to a new house, changing employment or established careers to pursue other directions, or entering affairs or separating from marriage. You find responsibility and commitments hard to bear during times when the Uranian impulse is too strong and capable of breaking through the Moon's established defensive patterns.

What should be avoided is a repressive build-up of inner tensions, because if they 'explode' through you, their destructive quality will dominate, rather than their transformative intent. The first step lies in acknowledging this inner pressure, and then learning to release it slowly and with conscious control, directing it into suitable channels as a natural development of your life. Accepting this impulse for new experiences and

interests can be adequately handled, if a continuous element of exploration in your life is sensibly allowed to operate in appropriate ways. This is an essential 'safety valve' to develop for your well-being.

Understanding this tendency will help in choosing a suitable partner, one who accepts this need of yours and is both capable and willing to compromise when necessary in helping you to find ways to safely release tensions. Any progress made in integrating your emotions and mind into a functioning whole will reap considerable dividends. Self-help techniques devoted to personal wholeness could be explored, offering potential positive development. Attempts by you to impose either emotional or rational dominance on your inner life will lead to additional friction created by the ignored planetary energy.

Feelings of instability that often persist also diminish your self-esteem, resulting in insecurity. You may lack a firm personality centre, fluctuating between Moon and Uranus, between emotion and logic, finding a home nowhere. You could find it useful to experience your emotional depths as deeply as possible. Let them rise to the surface; feel and understand their intensity, without cutting them off whenever they become unpleasant by an 'intellectual put-down' as inferior and not part of your preferred self-image. Equally, your mental interests and pursuits should be emotionally resonant, drawing both levels together. As your nervous system is overamplified, attempts like these help moderate and balance the flow of combined energies, thus making it easier for you to live with others without frequently feeling a restless obsession for change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon in opposition to Uranus indicates mental and emotional stress. You are trying to integrate your feelings with logic to achieve a better balance between your inner and outer lives. You constantly feel the need to make decisions involving others, and these decisions cause you much emotional turmoil. If your feelings dominate, you alienate yourself from others, but if logic prevails you feel crushed. Only experience can teach you to compromise so that both impulses are satisfied. The whole process will succeed if you are patient; this conflict can be resolved.

The crisis lies in your insecurity about projecting yourself in relationships that seem threatening. You are eager to make contact with others who will respond warmly to you. The important thing is to be yourself, realizing that others may have the same apprehensions you have. People will warm up to you and become friends if you give them the chance.

Your occupation should involve you in the personal affairs of others. In helping others to acquire self-confidence, you will increase your own. Teaching is especially recommended because it will force you to project your creative abilities. The constructive results you achieve will make you more totally aware of your potential development.

You may become involved in the most unusual romantic alliances. You tend to innocently form attachments with individuals who are either already attached or at least spoken for. You have a fascination for bizarre or complicated relationships. Perhaps this is your way of avoiding responsibility, which can never develop in such situations. You are emotionally promiscuous even if you never actually indulge in physical promiscuity. Others will insist that you put up or shut up.

Try to get as much rest as you can. Your keyed-up nervous system can seriously affect your digestion. A serene outlook will do wonders to help you avert physical distress.

18) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°40' A) 003 | 119

(Haydn Paul)

There are several similarities between the opposition's effects and those of the square aspect between Neptune and the Moon, although with the opposition the inner tension and stress is more projected outwards into the world so that it is reflected back by other people and the environment.

You tend to look for the solutions to your problems in the outer world, often by forms of dependency on others, or by misidentification with people, places or material possessions which seem to offer some sense of security and respite from those inner pressures of emotional confusion. By doing this, you are liable to fragment an already fragile emotional nature, and by displacing your centre you are liable to suffer a loss of motivational and directional cohesiveness to your life.

As is common with these planetary contacts, there is an over-imaginative production of illusions, where the boundaries of truth and fiction become blurred at the edges. It is within your more personal and intimate relationships that these illusions are probably most active and observable, especially as they tend to create distortions, disorder and confusion in communication. There can be friction in your home life, partly as a consequence of your projections of unresolved stresses and illusions onto others, and this is likely to continue until you withdraw these projections back into yourself and resolve them.

At times you may feel trapped within your lifestyle, aching to become free of any situations that you feel are oppressing you. You often respond to such feelings by attempts at escapism, tending to prefer 'running away' from problems rather than confronting them in an effort to resolve them. In some cases this leads to the common Neptunian addictions towards drugs and alcohol as easily available 'remedies', which of course they are not: they are just crutches that only add to your existing difficulties.

This psychic emotional sensitivity and empathy to people and environments tends to be very influential, and you tend to absorb all impressions without any protection or

discrimination. These add to your emotional insecurity and instability, as well as to that tendency to allow yourself to be used by others for their own advantage. These inner conflicts reflect the Neptunian tendencies towards being a victim, rather than a voluntary sacrifice, and you may find that the inner tensions become reflected externally in your physical body through a psychosomatic reaction.

Yet if such a situation is afflicting your life, then it need not remain this way; it can be improved through conscious change. Underlying the emotional vulnerability and lack of confidence is a reservoir of creative talent that can be used; the difficulty lies in being able to clear a path for it to flow through into manifestation, and to do so requires the transformation of inhibiting emotional patterns. If you seriously choose to apply yourself, then perhaps through disciplined training and tuition you could unlock the closed doors to this inner imaginative talent and release that frustrated energy.

You need to learn how to stand firmly within your own light, to be powerful and centred in your own being, rather than relying on others or displacing your centre into the external world. Your challenge is to be yourself, not to compare your abilities with others', bemoan your fate and feel envy regarding the successes of friends. You will have enough struggle to reorientate your own established patterns of behaviour, but the effort will certainly be worthwhile and dissolve all those restrictive emotionally based festering inner poisons; the task is that of re-creation and renewal, a second birth. Self-confidence will improve as each small step is taken and you begin to observe the improvements that are happening, and slowly you'll believe that you can exploit that reservoir of hidden potential that is so deeply located within you. You'll start to reclarify your aims and intentions in life, piecing together a new direction to travel, forging a lifestyle that fits you and which does not generate friction through inner frustration and conflict. You'll feel strong enough to follow your own counsel, trusting in the validity of those inner promptings, and finally being able to take advantage of your acute sensitivity, appreciating the perception that it offers of an enriched life, and of how it can be used positively for the benefit and support of others instead of being a source of emotional anguish in an unbalanced and confused psyche. Relationships will improve as clarity deepens through more realistic appraisals and understanding, plus the awareness to make essential compromises and adjustment to live harmoniously with a partner. The joys of a stable domestic life will be revealed, instead of the traps and limitations that you have previously experienced; and your old ideals of perfection will be recognised as illusions that are dissipating in the wind, so that you are not chasing rainbows in the sky but accepting and loving real human nature, that of your partner and yourself. Your projections lose their force and are reabsorbed within yourself to be broken down to liberate that blocked energy. These are the potentials that are yours to grasp with this aspect; living with its negative impact and an unintegrated Neptune is the other alternative if you choose not to make the transformation that is indicated.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon opposition Neptune you are extremely talented and creative. Because you respond so deeply to stimuli, you may have difficulty in separating truth from fiction. The illusions you create about yourself and others make your relationships disorderly and confused. You become deeply involved with and even entrapped by the conditions of your environment. You closely identify with other people, places, and things, and in the process sometimes lose your own identity. An escapist, you are trying to avoid finding a solution to your own emotional insecurity and instability.

Although you are creative and have much artistic appreciation, you may find it difficult to express this in a useful way. Others sometimes use you as a means for their own self-expression, which makes you feel abused. You should develop your talents through training. In this way you can define your objectives without relying on people who may not have your best interests at heart. It is important not to compare yourself with others. You need self-confidence to assure yourself that you can succeed without outside help. People will climb over you, if you allow them to.

In your professional skills, you underestimate your potentials and tend to assume that others are more qualified. Because you are extremely sensitive and exquisitely aware of other people's problems, you could be a fine doctor, analyst, counselor, or researcher. You work best alone and can accomplish a great deal when not distracted by others who may be parasites.

Your personal relationships suffer from the same illusions as your other interests. Satisfying romantic alliances require your realistic attention and willingness to make necessary adjustments. The love between you and your mate must include acceptance of domestic responsibilities and human frailties, and the understanding that compromise can avert estrangement. Remember that the ideal is an illusion that rarely exists and that would not be recognized even if it did.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect works much like the Moon-Neptune conjunction or square except that the opposition seems to also include a feeling of loss. The moon represents the physical mother and how she responds to raising us during our formative years. We learn our emotional responses from hers. Neptune symbolizes the creative instinct, inspiration and delusion. When Neptune opposes the Moon, it indicates that a veil of illusion or delusion clouds our perception of our mother. Either we were told stories about her that weren't true, or she told us she was something she wasn't.

Men get a distorted image of what a woman should be when they have this aspect. This is the man whose mother tells him 'a good woman doesn't do that', and he believes her. Her description of what a 'good woman' is will influence his response to the idea of 'woman', and it also influences his ability to care and feel in his own life. He may be constantly disappointed in the women with whom he comes into contact, for none of

them seems to match his mother's description.

A woman with this aspect is not quite sure of what a 'good' woman is. She also doesn't know how to respond emotionally as a woman. The aspect usually sets her up for involvements with men who are unproductive or unkind; or she cannot see that the man she loves is not what she thinks he is. Again, this can sometimes indicate the woman who falls in love but the love affair is not consummated in the sexual sense, or she marries a man who doesn't want to have sex with her after the marriage takes place.

Both the male and female can be drawn into strange spiritual groups and become victims of the 'professional guru' who takes their money and leads them down a path that doesn't get them anything. They both need to determine who they are; they need to define 'woman' and what she is, relationships and what they are, so that truly creative energy can manifest. If they have emotional problems that need solving, this aspect gives a clue as to where the problems originated. When children have been presented with distortions at the formative stages of development, it's difficult to shake the delusion. The aspect indicates a kind of emotional confusion that can be most frustrating, but it also gives an intuitive ability and a creative sense; and a drive for spiritual growth and awareness that can be most exciting.

Moon square or opposition Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The significance belonging to Moon / Neptune aspect generally also belongs to the hard aspects in particular, but it is not very easy to come to terms with this energy. There are problems. For one thing, we are oversensitive; for whenever the Moon influences us to look for safety we experience a vague but unmistakable uneasiness because of the undermining, blurring effect of Neptune. Naturally, we tend to lose confidence instead of gaining it. Several unfortunate things may occur. For example, a longing for reassurance may make us too self-sacrificing. Or we may misinterpret other people's feelings - a common occurrence with these hard aspects - and fail to respond appropriately. Often we invite disillusionment, due perhaps to some infatuation; simply because we imagine everything to be more beautiful than it is, as if it were part of a storybook world. Or, by taking things the wrong way, we may sometimes appear to be deliberately manipulative and full of intrigue.

Neptune's hard aspects are supposed to be typical of cheats and swindlers. However, the astrologer should not forget that the reason for the bad behavior lies mainly in defective subconscious perceptions or emotions. Therefore we ought not to assume that the native is out to deceive us. In fact the effect can be more droll than sinister; and the native's Neptunian fantasizing can make events so bright and colorful to him that he

revels in things that have not really happened. Needless to say, these aspects can be accompanied by great creativity in art and handicrafts.

Religious and spiritual interests play a part, as in all Neptune aspects. The native is continually searching, since he is very active on the Neptunian plane. With the tense aspects, he can arouse a certain amount of opposition from those around him, but this can be extremely stimulating as it can promote his spiritual growth.

(Charles Carter)

These aspect tend in the case of men to a kindly, rather easygoing character, and the probability of complications with the other sex, and probably scandal. Much must, as always, depend on other parts of the chart, but as a general rule it is a scandalengineering influence. It also often causes the wife to be an invalid, a recluse, or a nag. Neptune has high ideals, and under affliction is prone to apply them mercilessly, sometimes to the person with the affliction, sometimes to others; perhaps to both the self and others. Discontent and complaints ensue. An inability to rest satisfied with anything short of perfection is a common and a tormenting condition.

In affairs there is a tendency to intrigue, and to seek short-cuts and get-rich-quick methods. There is sometimes a subtle interior laziness, which shuns definite matter-of-fact views, and seeks to meander in fantasy. A legitimate outlet for these romantic tendencies is very much to be desired in such cases.

In women there is a high emotional tension with various forms of manifestation. From a moral point of view they run from the deceptive and untruthful to those who are unreliable owing to the instable character of their feelings. There is also a distinct liability to be deceived by others and to suffer various forms of disillusion. Neptunian traits often appear in the husband even with the lunar affliction, and similarly with the father. This, I know, is quite contrary to accepted teachings, in which the moon is always referred to the mother, but the evidence is pretty clear. Thus, running down my list of six female cases with Moon in bad aspect to Neptune, I find: two cases where the father was a minister of religion, two where he was an artist, and two where he was a muddler.

In the case of men it seems that one or other of the parents is often of a harsh - sometimes a rigid disciplinarian or Puritanic - type. I have noticed this in several cases wherein the Moon was afflicted only by Neptune.

I have known instances wherein the square seems to have denoted a parasitical tendency, the native being of an easy-going, put-off-the-evil-day type, but as a rule receiving help in his difficulties from others.

The tendency to resort to spiritualistic practices is common under these configurations; and this I attribute to the inborn desire of the Neptunian to rise to something above and

beyond earthly interests. Moreover, the 'messages' delivered by mediums are often of a comforting and optimistic character, and this is helpful to the anxious frame of mind that Moon-Neptune afflictions are apt to generate. Further, Neptune, through its connection with the 12th house, has an affinity with death and the dead, and these aspects sometimes cause the native to be obsessed by thoughts of the hereafter. These proclivities seem commoner in women than in men, whose activities depend on solar rather than lunar configurations.

19) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ☾ **Moon** - (4°41' A) 131 | 003

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile the Ascendant shows that you try to understand why you react so sensitively to what people say to you. You also try to understand the various circumstances in your life, so there is harmony in these areas of your life. It wasn't always this way; until you matured, you felt apprehensive that people were criticizing you, or that you were handling situations less skillfully than you should. Even now, there are times when you have some difficulty in separating fact from fiction, but you are learning all the time. You are not becoming less sensitive, just more understanding. You tend to become overly emotional in your dealings with people and to underestimate your competence in successfully handling the situations that develop. The truth is, most people consider you quite competent, so stop worrying about it.

You have a wealth of ideas, which you should capitalize on. Perhaps in your work you can make meaningful suggestions that could be used constructively by your superiors. Your work is very important to you. You accept your tasks eagerly and want to prove your competence by performing them well. In reaching the goals you set for yourself, you continually strive for excellence. Once you get over your feeling of inferiority, you can succeed in meeting any challenge from competitors.

In a personal relationship, you hope to be appreciated for the contributions you make to sustain it. You are more than able to share mutual interests without shirking your responsibilities. Most people realize this, and some may try to take advantage of your compliant nature. You have a wide circle of friends with who you enjoy many pleasant social gatherings. You love to be included in social affairs where you can converse with people on a variety of subjects. You are fairly well-read and can make a substantial contribution to discussions on many topics.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are able to relate well emotionally to others. The emotional life presents few problems, and the environment does not pose a threat to our sense of well-being.

We are solicitous of those around us, and are prepared to help and pamper them; yet we have sense enough not to tie them down but to leave them as free as possible. However, we are very much involved with others and this can sometimes create difficulties, because we would much rather have company than be on our own. Not everyone can live with us on these terms.

Generally speaking, though, development will be emotionally stable as far as environment is concerned, and our need to be caring can be satisfied both in the family circle and in social and other work.

(Betty Lundsted)

These are people who have been taught to respond to life in an emotionally constructive manner during childhood.

20) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°44' A) ♀9 | ♀7

(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.

21) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°57' S) ♄5 | ♇7

(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.

22) ► **Neptune** ♄ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°59' A) ♆9 | ♇7

(Note: this is the only aspect between Neptune and Pluto affecting any of our time; it came into being, within a five-degree orb of accuracy, in January 1942, and will fall outside a five degree orb for the last time in March 2039.)

(Haydn Paul)

During the past century, there has been only one aspect made between Neptune and

Pluto, and it is interesting to note that the sextile commenced in the midst of World War II during 1942. The influence of this relationship would be expected to have global and generational effects; and, like all of the transpersonal planetary energies, would be a directive force stimulating the development of the evolutionary process within time and space.

Neptune will attract an almost mystical exploratory search from those responsive to it; and since the sextile commenced science has reacted in two distinct and complementary directions: effort has been poured into developing space travel and satellite technology, exploring the vast outer universe through radio-telescopes, for example; while the complementary exploration of inner space - investigating and probing the building blocks of matter - and quantum physics has emerged at the forefront of scientific enquiry.

The attempts to understand the nature of the universe, its composition and size, the possible creation of the universe and the 'big bang theory' reflect the traditional Western way of looking externally. What has paralleled this tendency has been the birth of an opposite movement amongst people, that of self-exploration, the inner mystical way. This has been through the New Age movement, humanistic / Jungian psychology, occult techniques, and the rebirth of magical attitudes towards life. It has also involved the grafting onto the Western tree of many of the attitudes and much of the knowledge of Eastern philosophies and religions; a merging of the two hemispheres; a potential unification of belief structures reflecting the scientific movement towards a more mystically orientated quantum physics.

As the outer universe becomes vaster, and the inner universe becomes a mysterious vastness of space, the only point in which the outer and the inner become reconciled is in the human being. At a time when the immense destructive power of splitting the atom can be used to commit racial suicide or genocide, the old Mystery School injunction of the ancients is the key to the future: 'Man, know thyself'.

The generations born after this aspect commenced, or those especially receptive to its influence, are aware of the basic tendencies emanating from it. They are life-enhancing: the need to protect the world's environment from senseless devastation; the need to extend individual rights and freedoms, to unfold international co-operation and to move beyond an embracing consumer materialist dominance in the West. The recognition that potentially a higher quality of life can be had in the world for the majority of people through a redirection of resources (if the will is there) can lead to radical change.

The energies of transformation are present, and much depends upon our use of them, individually and collectively, for negative or positive results. The challenge of 'free will' is to make choices and decisions which determine, in the present, the nature of the future.

(Robert Pelletier)

The influence began in 1942, when Neptune was in Libra and Pluto was in Leo. The signs they occupy have changed, causing some differences in their effects.

The influences of these planets are global in effect and represent the evolutionary process by which man continually strives to achieve ultimate perfection. They indicate man's reaching out toward other dimensions of experience while trying to maintain order in the real world to which he is materially bound. People are becoming more aware of the probability that other worlds exist, and all our scientific skills will be used in attempts to reach them. A similar assault is being made in the quest to explore the vast inner world of man. Neptune represents that world, while Pluto refers to the outer reaches of infinite space.

Both worlds are truly infinite, and although man is pursuing similar goals in each direction, this author believes that neither quest excludes the other. It is suggested that the same goals will ultimately be reached regardless of which direction is taken. One either reaches out in the natural world in search of answers or seeks those answers in the inner depths of his own spiritual being. Man's familiarity with the physical world makes it the most plausible and safe area in which to seek tangible answers to the question of why he exists at all. While he struggles in this search, there is an equally courageous struggle to find answers through the occult. The increased investigation of extrasensory perception, alpha states of consciousness, psychokinesis, telepathy, and other such phenomena indicate that man senses that the answers may not lie outside him, but within him. There is no conflict between the two searches; in fact, they may well sustain and help to control each other.

Although enormous benefits will be realized, there will still be many problems and difficulties for the world and its inhabitants before those benefits come about.

1942 to 1956, Neptune in Libra sextile Pluto in Leo:

Those born during this time eventually recognize that understanding and compromise are not enough, and that scientific progress must be depended upon to maintain peace. Even as hostilities ended, new leaders emerged who would continue to threaten the peace.

You will always be suspicious of your leaders. You want them to establish the kind of government that will truly serve the public and in which you can have complete confidence. Your continuing suspicions will serve to produce greater honesty in government, but with Neptune in Libra it will be difficult to really know if honesty has been achieved.

1957-1970: Neptune in Scorpio sextile Pluto in Virgo:

You have learned to resent the fact that organized religions could dictate people's beliefs or that marriage was ever necessary if two people loved each other. In maturity, you

resented the power accumulated by the industrial giants and took issue with how the universities and colleges were being run. You are among those who feel that the world is becoming too materialistic, that society lacks any feeling for the individual and his or her personal dreams.

You feel the need to serve society. You deplore the quality of life that is available, for you consider life very precious. Horrified by what industry is doing to nature, you support legislation that will conserve the natural resources that remain so that your children can inherit it. You will also support funding for continued medical research to find cures for killer diseases such as cancer, heart disease, etc.. You will advocate continuing research to develop safe and effective methods of birth control.

1971-1983: Neptune in Sagittarius sextile Pluto in Libra:

These people will have completely revised attitudes about religion, philosophy, education, and human relationships. Religion will be restored to a place of usefulness in your daily lives. It will hardly resemble the religion of your elders, but it will be a far more vital element in your life. You have faith not just because your forebears accepted it, but because it adds meaning to your life and makes you responsible to others for your actions. Your faith adds to your search for perfection while you make any contribution to society that will help to bring about that state. You are deeply concerned for your fellow man, and are willing to make compromises in your desires if it will prove beneficial to others in the long run.

You will insist on the integrity of those you select for your leaders, and will demand that they truly represent the electorate. You will want schools to re-emphasize the humanities in education, and give students the opportunity to choose professions that serve man rather than the tight, confining specialization of industry.

You will also show increased interest in the occult, and be responsible for major developments in the fields of extrasensory perception and alpha states of consciousness. You will open new dimensions of the mind, and explore them for unlimited resources, which are denied to the more materialistic investigator.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Neptune, as the planet that refines and disassociates, that liquidates what is personal and leads us to an experience of oneness, is intensified by its contact with Pluto. Therefore, in the period covered by the sextile of these two heavenly bodies, we are likely to see a collective need for unification and for a development of spiritual values. This very thing has manifested itself in the revival of mysticism and esoteric study, in which Eastern religions advocating detachment (not to mention watered down versions of these religions) have been popularized in the West. On the other hand, Neptune's dissoluteness has also become widespread under this reputedly benign aspect, and a baffling drug problem bedevils a large part of the globe. Pluto has to do with power, and

there are close links between drug distributors and powerful forces in lands where the raw materials are grown.

Conversely, Neptune's effect on Pluto is to make power structures and power blocs more sophisticated and harder to define. Rival groups of countries now co-operate quietly on a host of important issues; so that, although some of the old power blocs survive, it is hard to say where their ramifications begin and end. What is more, Neptune tends to undermine and erode established power structures. Subversive elements are burrowing away all over the world, and seem to survive the measures taken to eradicate them.

Pluto also signifies the masses and large-scale events. When it is joined by Neptune, irrational ideas, religious quirks, strange delusions and other follies sweep common sense out of the collective mind. And, since Pluto intensifies, the things mentioned build up into mass hysteria, holy wars and other crowd madness.

Neptune and Pluto both symbolize unconscious factors in the human being. Their combination gives the impetus to fruitful research into the hidden side of things, into the repressed contents of the psyche and into the secret properties of matter. Nuclear physics, depth psychology, parapsychology, the meaning of life and death, anxiety neurosis, and causes of freedom and inhibition in the unconscious, are all openly investigated; with the result that people are brought closer as a whole. With this combination, collectivization and harmful social pressures are strangely juxtaposed, giving an increased insight into human functioning that eventually helps people become more balanced and integrated.

This combination is probably often at work (regardless of aspect), guiding the unconscious flow of events whenever far-reaching cultural and social changes are taking place. But because Neptune and Pluto are so elusive, it is not easy to recognize the direction or destination of this flow in our own day and age. Only when future historians come to write of our times with cool detachment will it be possible to assess how, during periods when these two planets are in contact, great forces prepare a new era.

23) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ♂ **Mars** - (2°37' A) ♃1 | ♎4

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars square the Ascendant indicates that you show not moderation in asserting yourself. When you feel the urge to take action about something important, you usually do so without polish or refinement. When you act this way, people resent it and find you offensive. When reminded of your shortcomings, you are offended because you feel you should not have to answer to anyone for your actions. It is nearly impossible to stop you from expressing your opinion, and you don't care where you are or who hears you. Anyone who provokes you invites your immediate reaction, usually a negative one.

You seem to enjoy watching people become upset by your display of bad manners. You delight in putting people on the defensive and watching them squirm as you antagonize them with your tirades. Because you aren't really convinced of your superiority, you have a chip on your shoulder. Only winning in a show of strength can satisfy your ego.

Your parents probably tried to stimulate you to do the things they were unable to accomplish in their lives, and you became annoyed by this pressure. Disagreements and bickering in your early home life have caused you to become bitter and resentful of authority. Although you want your talents to be recognized, your inability to submit to authority creates problems and restricts the progress of your career. Problems may also result because your parents could not provide you with an education. If you have received an education, you have done so by your own efforts.

You admire people who can translate their capabilities into financial gain. But if you are willing to endure the self-denial and sacrifice required, you can accomplish the same thing. You know your future security depends on successfully developing your potentials. You are willing to work hard to realize your goals, but there are times when you wonder if they are worth all the effort and the frustrations you must endure.

Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the

action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

24) ► **Moon** ☐ **Square** ☐ **Jupiter** - (2°28' A) 003 | ♄12

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Jupiter inclines you to react to your experiences with excessive motion and to fail in making intellectual appraisals. Consequently, you jump to incorrect conclusions, which causes difficulties in solving your problems. Your reasoning is based on such scanty evidence that you often have to withdraw any statements based on it. The fact is, you lack the emotional stability to pursue your investigations and really get at the facts. You are self-indulgent, not too ambitious, and sometimes irresponsible, preferring to live on the fringes of involvement with people and situations. Your fickleness does not endear you to those who support you because you don't seem to really care whether they support you or not. But if they turn from you because of your indifference, you could become bitter, feeling that you've been deserted. Because you lack emotional maturity, you will be passed by when opportunities come up, especially if they are of a serious nature.

You are generous to excess, so you may find that you are always short of funds when you need them most. Taking a course in financial management would teach you not to indulge in reckless credit buying without any means for repayment. This planetary combination means you prefer to take the easiest route to satisfy your desires, and your planning probably does not go beyond the immediate purchase. Credit buying should be avoided or, better still, completely eliminated. Money burns a hole in your pocket because you have very little sales resistance.

You vacillate between periods of intense enthusiasm and periods of complete apathy. You have creative inspiration but are not willing to make the necessary effort to develop and apply it. You feel sorry for yourself because you are getting so little from life, but on the other hand you won't make any investment of yourself.

You should develop a program that will give you strict rules for your financial affairs and help you accept responsibility and plan for the future. There is no other way to set your

faculties in proper order. Once you do this, you won't have to settle for routine menial occupations that bore you and infest you with additional lethargy. You can look forward to such interesting fields as law, medicine, home economics, restaurant management, or education. An even better occupation would be in rehabilitation of the handicapped or physical therapy. In such areas you could compare your own situation with the lives of people who have genuine liabilities. That may give you the determination to accomplish some objectives and light the fuse of our creative abilities.

Your physical problems are almost completely the result of overindulgence in food and drink. Avoid rich foods altogether; they only bog down your already sluggish constitution. When you run, let it be as an exercise, not an escape from responsibilities.

25) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♁ **Uranus** - (3°18' A) ♄12 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

The square has several characteristics similar to the opposition. In both we find eccentric thought-patterns, intellectual superiority, the 'know it all' syndrome, and a changeability of mind and emotions which can both confuse and antagonise others.

The main difference with the square's influence is the dominance of the Uranian 'rebel' attitude, which will condition your social expression. Your initial reaction to most social traditions, rules, and beliefs will be a belligerent opposition, even if you hide most of this activity within your own thoughts. A 'rebel of the mind!'.

There are at least two sorts of rebel: those who just oppose, and those who oppose and offer radical solutions to social problems. You are likely to have the tendency to be the 'opposer', as your ideas are often erratic and impractical, lacking in the ability to be easily applied by people in everyday life. This can be frustrating for you; but until you come to better terms with contemporary life, it may be inevitable. Part of this problem is your inability to acquiesce in social rules and accepted ways of behaviour, allied to an innate resistance to authority. You fail to see why you have to live in certain ways, acting and behaving according to a social code of conduct, or thinking within predictable and conventional parameters. You have enough of a sense of freedom to know that life does not have to be the way your parents, teachers, employers, politicians and priests tell you. So you become an outsider.

Alienation from society can vary in degree; but you may have to be careful that your tendency is not just negative in nature, but possesses a positive creativity for social change. Otherwise it can be just a pose, an image, a self-indulgence, especially when young.

Responsibility and commitment are two characteristics that you need to develop.

You may have to realise that the only person who is responsible for you is yourself! The responsibility for your choices and actions lies with you, no-one else; and it is a foolish denial of personal power to pretend otherwise, or to seek to blame society or someone else for the repercussions of your choices. It is your life; and your choices will determine success or failure, enjoyment or suffering.

Your need for self-assertion and uniqueness often causes you to reject wellintentioned advice, without even serious consideration. You do need to listen more to people, because there is usually something of value there for you. Self-preoccupation blinds and deafens you to much in life; and your obstinate insistence on being right can lead to difficulties which defeat even your own objectives.

Basically, what you are looking for is a personal state of freedom. The freedom to live in a world that suits you; and there can lie the problem. How to move from a restrictive world into liberation? One approach is to transfer the energy flow from opposing 'out there' to beint turned within, to experience fully the contradictions in your nature, accept them and attempt to resolve or rebalance them. Techniques from the humanistic schools of psychotherapy and creative visualisation could prove useful in this act of recreation. The social rebel has to undergo an inner revolution. This may be quite difficult; yet it offers the potential to reorientate the energies that are creating problems in your relationships and simultaneously affecting your enjoyment of life. It is a transference from a negativity to a positivity that is to be the aim. You can create a better world to live in if you apply yourself to transforming that inner conflict. You are intelligent and talented enough to use your potential to build a freer world (via relationships, employment changes, etc.), where yuor choices lead to positive enhancements and increased options for enjoyment. Being frustrated and opposing the world is a waste of time and energy. Determine what sort of life you do want to live; and then find the way to do so; attempting that will absorb your time, energy and commitment in a potentially creative path to your future benefit and for others. Externalise your dream of a new life!

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury square Uranus, you are mentally alert, bright, and ingeniously talented. You are also eccentric in your thinking, and your opinions are usually dramatically at odds with prevailing beliefs. You are a rebel with causes that most people find obnoxious or belligerent. In seeking to obtain truth, you often bypass logic. Your extreme impatience with established facts often forces you to create whatever truths require the least commitment from you. The problem is your refusal to accept responsibility for what you say.

Your arrogant 'know-it-all' attitude makes it very difficult for you to succeed at occupations in which rules must be observed. You take rules lightly, and openly protest to the person who constructed them. The first lesson to learn, then, is humility. When you have learned this, you will be readily accepted and will have the opportunity to

demonstrate your vast intellectual talent. You can rise to the top in many fields, such as science, education, social sciences, and even politics. Only time will convince you that it is foolish to project yourself prematurely and run the risk of being discredited. Experience is what you need to sharpen your deductive ability and reward you for using your talents wisely.

Your personal relationships often don't last long, because you are unable to compromise. Often, what you say is not what you really feel, which makes anyone who is emotionally involved with you feel unsure. Problems between you and the one you love aren't easy to resolve. You don't want to give in, yet to obstinately stand firm is completely unrealistic. You are obviously exciting to have around, but perhaps it would be wise to choose someone with a more stable temperament as your lifetime mate.

Try to slow down and maintain a moderate pace if you want to avoid nervous problems. Don't stay keyed-up for prolonged periods.

Mercury square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as this type tries to put thoughts into words or tries to make contacts, the urge to be independent and separate almost infallibly interferes. Sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away. The person with this aspect is the cause of why others react in this way. What is more, the person is so restless and impatient that usually others have no time to listen. This is true of all the Mercury / Uranus aspects but especially of the discordant ones. Other people express themselves far too slowly for this type so, losing patience with what others are trying to say, this type bursts in with some comment of his or her own. This is a major impediment to good social relations.

Because this type tends to alienate people and yet remains very active and creative mentally, he or she may start weaving unrealistic notions about self and others. To be sure, this person is unable to test the truth of these notions, yet he or she clings to them fanatically. Uranus always encourages people to do their own thing; therefore, with Uranian conflicts, natives experience as much loneliness as with Saturnine conflicts but are less inclined to brood - given their restless inner world, they have no time to sit still all day. Of course, the risk of suffering from overwrought nerves is that much greater, but usually the strain this type is under goes unnoticed unless he or she actually has a breakdown.

There is likely to be a keen interest in borderline subjects such as unorthodox scientific theories, astrology, innovative techniques or social renewal, and this type can invest a good deal of energy in them.

26) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (6°43' A) ♈4 | ♄7

(Haydn Paul)

With the energy released by the square, you will be mainly motivated by self-centred tendencies and a need to 'throw out' overflowing and excess martian energy. You tend to think that the power of your natural energy is sufficient to win you success and satisfaction; and indeed the force and directness of it often can, but using it in such a way often overrides sensitivity and awareness of others. Considered aims and planning are often ignored under the immediacy of impulse and desire; and a spirit of recklessness can ignore any thoughts of the possible future consequences of your actions, provided you believe that your desires will be satisfied.

You find it difficult to motivate yourself for long periods of time, as in a commitment to achieve something through careful planning; you have problems in disciplining and directing your will sufficiently for that kind of effort, and you are more suited to using your force in a more immediate, spontaneous impulse for self-satisfaction. This is also partly because you experience some conflict in directing your will to achieve your desires, and rarely feel as though you are making the most of your talents.

There can be a sense of inner frustration, caused by the forceful nature of this energy, and a lack of a suitable channel along with to direct it in a constructive manner. This will create a lack of patience, a potentially violent temper and sexual aggressiveness, where you 'throw out' excess energy through a dictatorial and demanding personality in order to dominate others. You may need to develop a more healthy perspective on sexual expression, one which regards sex more in terms of relationship and partnership, and less in terms of self-satisfaction, energy release, domination, exploitation and aggressiveness.

This experience of inner stress is symptomatic of clashing energies; it is not something that you have to endure all your life; it can be adjusted to be more harmonious. One way to begin this reorientation is to learn how to determine the overall direction of your life, to see a broader picture of your immediate social influence and how you want to live in relationship with others. To break down this preoccupation with self and to appreciate and acknowledge the feelings and needs of others as being as valid as your own is essential, and a key to transformation. By becoming clearer as to personal aims, you can begin to apply your will consistently in order to achieve them over time; desires for instant self-gratification are unrealistic. Learn how to live in equality of partnership and relationship; a mutuality of needs, desires and responsibilities requires mutual sharing and co-operation. Avoid tendencies towards domination and power struggles. Basically, you require suitable channels into which to pour your energy, constructive channels that are life enhancing for you and others. You tend to devote most time and energy in opposing others through conflict and aggression rather than in working together for

group benefit; find ways to become positively in favour of something, and then add your energy to help it become real. There is much greater satisfaction and fulfilment in that form of achievement than in struggling to satisfy a very separate self that you try to maintain.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square of Mars to Pluto provides you with an overly forceful nature. You are inclined to be extremely aggressive in pursuing your ideas, and your behavior is often foolish and reckless. If you assume that you can assert your will on others with impunity, you may discover later that you've created a problem you can't handle. The embarrassment of such an incident can make you angry, and you may even resort to physical violence in retaliation.

When frustrated, you can become abusive, which will cause problems in your relationships with others. The result may be domestic difficulties and antagonism from your superiors, which could jeopardize your income. You must learn to curb your temper under stress, or you will bring yourself more grief than any temporary satisfaction would warrant. Once you learn this, you will find that you can accomplish what you wish because of your courage, determination, persistence, and self-driving ambition.

You have a highly developed but unrefined sexual drive. When your advances are rejected, you overdramatize and exaggerate the importance of the incident. The sexual drive is significant, to be sure, but you need to assess its value in relation to your total life direction. Make sure it is balanced by other facets in your relationships with people.

When you are unhappy with disagreeable elements in your environment, examine these elements realistically, not emotionally. Get someone else's opinion and then submit the problem to a person with the authority to do something about it. If you attempt to take matters into your own hands, they will only get stained in the process.

A final word - try to be for a cause with the same enthusiasm you show when you are against something. Love works wonders in getting people to work voluntarily with you. Resist using ultimatums when you run into resistance.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a difficult energy level that needs to be channeled and understood before it becomes productive. A square indicates that the planets involved in the aspect are working against each other. In this case, it indicates that Mars (I act) works against Pluto (my unconscious motivation). It signifies a person who takes action that may be spurred by negative input from the psyche, or a person whose need for control works against his ability to take action.

Anger may be confused with sexuality when this aspect is present. This individual may use sex to control other people. The Pluto-Mars square requires that an individual control the action taken, and when his universe crumbles, anger takes over. Blind rages can surge up from the unconscious. Because the rage can be so intense, those who own this aspect are aware they have it. They are usually afraid of their own anger. They may not be willing to admit that the anger exists, for these are often people who implode - they push the anger far down into the depths of the personal unconscious because they are afraid of expressing it. People born in Fire or Air signs usually suppress this aspect, for anger is not considered 'spiritual'. Folks who've attempted some form of spiritual development don't want to admit to having this anger, for they are not proud of it.

However, in order for the aspect to become productively creative, the anger has to become conscious and channeled into other directions. Anger is merely unchanneled creativity. This person needs to become aware of the Plutonic sensitive points so the anger can be consciously let go. Anger usually manifests when we are afraid of something or when our feelings are hurt. When the fears and hurts are understood, we no longer need to be angry.

Mars square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects between Mars and Pluto are the most forceful and violent we can have. Everything to do with executive ability, energy, action and the like is combined and intensified. Therefore the fierceness and pugnacity of these aspects can run to extremes, in both a positive and a destructive sense. This is seen in the champion sportsman (especially in those practising pugilistic sports like boxing), but also in criminals. With the hard aspects, we are determined to get the most out of ourselves and out of life by doing something hair-raising (like stunt work), by pushing ourselves to the limit (especially in sports that are physically or mentally demanding), or by pitting ourselves against formidable opposition even without resorting to physical violence (as seen in that indefatigable exponent of passive resistance, Mahatma Gandhi). We are fascinated by challenges and fights, physical or mental (or a combination of both), and can never have enough of them. Too many of them weary us, but we seem unable to ignore them.

We are always eager to prove ourselves; and this makes us opponents to reckon with in politics, sport, etc.. With the energy of the tense aspects, we fight hard, provoke controversy, and seem to enjoy throwing ourselves into the fray. The danger with these aspects is that we can be too hard on ourselves and others, to the point of cruelty. However, if the rest of the chart indicates gentler tendencies, we confine ourselves to

holding our own. The more drastic the situation, the grimmer and more purposeful we become. The ability to work under great strain is outstanding.

Obstinacy, energy, craving for power, and desire to succeed are great, and can make us impervious to what others want and think. We go our own way in spite of everything. But obduracy can bring us into risky situations, so we do need to be careful.

27) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°30' A) ♃4 | ♄7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates a condition in which the actions and impulses of the natives are likely to be at odds with current social standards. These people tend to express their aggressive tendencies at inappropriate times and places. They may appear to have bad luck, because they lack the ability to act in harmony with the events around them. Others then become irritated, and the natives themselves frustrated.

(Bernice Grebner)

Along with this aspect comes cruelty or a stern nature. This person has sudden erratic bursts of enthusiasm and energy; he blows hot and cold. He usually wants to start new enterprises but loses interest in them when the first challenges are met. It gives impatience, and may disturb the physical vitality, which can cause physical suffering. It gives much sexual energy, sometimes to the point of sexual promiscuity. Squared energy (Mars) doesn't work well with the South Node area; it leads to excess. However, it does seem to work better with the North Node area where this excess is needed.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Energy balance is achieved, or forced into being achieved, in this configuration. Often one finds that they have no energy when they have a lot to do, and vice versa. In a woman's chart, it often signifies hidden difficulties with men or even difficulties reaching sexual satisfaction. Lack of good health is more common in this aspect than squares by nodes to any other planets. Dealings with brothers, or being big brother to someone, is highly necessary as a part of this aspect. The energy applications of this person are often curtailed or obstructed by the circumstances. As a result of this, their goals get distorted or the efforts do not necessarily go along with their desires. Common consequences are accident-prone nature or misdirected energies.

(Donna van Toen)

This person generally wants to grow, and starts new activities accordingly, but may lose interest in growing once challenges have to be faced; the nodal pull can exert tremendous tension. There's similarity with Mars conjunct North Node in that tensions

caused by the nodal imbalance often find an outlet in quarrelling or aggressiveness; there are also many similarities to Mars conjunct South Node. The way in which conflicts are dealt with will tell you a great deal about the state of nodal balance.

Mars square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Disharmonious collaboration, the desire to quarrel, a lack of good fellowship. Quarrels and disputes within communities, organizations and associations, interruption of associations.

28) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°12' S) ♄12 | ♆9

(Haydn Paul)

The square aspect tends to indicate great promise which is usually frustrated by the more negative qualities of these two planets. It is the potent dream world that you create which is both the source of your creative potential and the cause of your challenges in actual achievement. The problem is that often your dreams remain just dreams, an inner world into which you retreat, a world that you invest much energy in maintaining. Dreaming becomes too addictive for you, and your life becomes just an unrealised dream.

This frustration is often caused by a lack of self-discipline and too much self-indulgence and time-wasting. Concentration is poor, and discrimination in decision making can be virtually non-existent at times, as well as being hampered by an unconscious attraction towards flawed ideas and projects. The influences of others are powerful, and you are often pulled from side to side as alluring ideas take control of your dreams. Confronting reality and accepting responsibility is not your favourite activity as you prefer to be absorbed within your current 'castle in the sky', which feels emotionally satisfying. You may be capable of spinning great yarns about what you are going to do, but time reveals that usually you are incapable of actually doing anything, except to dream.

Even when you begin to anchor an idea or intention, what occurs is that it is soon revealed to have flaws, in that faulty logic and reasoning have already eroded firm foundations, and it is seen that those ideas lack real substance and an ability to deliver. Financial awareness is another area where you are rarely at your best, due to the distortions of Neptune and the expansive over-reaching of Jupiter. By unwise actions and lack of preparation, you can create financial problems for yourself quite easily. Your nature is a little other-worldly, running away from the realities of the physical-plane life, and you may have an ongoing struggle to shore up a collapsing ordinary life when your

attention has been elsewhere for too long. You tend to become lost in cloudy visions, unable to see clearly through those mists and inner fogs. The real world can feel oppressive and too restricting, and you want to shake it away, yet really you need to properly face it or you will receive many more rude awakenings from those inner dreams.

Yet you are often generous and sympathetic with others, having a good heart which is also liable to be abused and taken advantage of by less understanding people. You can lack discrimination towards those in whom you place your faith and trust. That tendency to be gullible and naive will be present, and you may find that others use you as an excuse for their own failings, placing any blame on your shoulders. There can be the 'victim syndrome' operating through your unintegrated Neptune. Because both of these planets have similar characteristics, it is likely that you will express both of their more negative dimensions. This can cause a blockage in action, a hesitancy over decisionmaking. You can become like a seeker of a dream, frustrated by always looking and never finding. Eventually you may even become apathetic at the failure of your attempts and surrender hopes of ever achieving success.

Relationships can pose problems; distortions and misunderstandings may be common, your consistency questioned, or a liability to be emotionally abused is likely. Offering your heart to unsuitable lovers is probably inevitable at some point. What keeps you going? Dreams.... You dream of exotic adventures, exotic lands, exotic mysteries. You find it very difficult to settle in this world. A tendency of restless wanderlust is common, on physical, emotional and mental levels. Contentment is rarely found. Yet it need not be like this, as many of these frustrations are of your own making, and certainly the potential is there waiting to find channels of expression through a disciplined control being applied. It may be difficult, but facing reality, conforming to its restrictive limitations and learning how to be more practical could be the key to success. Some of those private dreams could become real if you became more concentrated and dedicated to achieving one at a time, instead of withdrawing when the going gets tough. The first step is to become aware of your receptive patterns, to see how they operate, see what consequences occur, see the point where things fall apart. Then, resolve to change that pattern, put more thought into building the dream, more realistic self-evaluation, more discipline and effort placed into making that intention successful. By slowing the process down, and by applying yourself more consciously to what you are doing, you may be able to transform this pattern of frustration into one of future success - it could be well worth the effort.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Neptune shows you have creative potentials that need only self-discipline and control to become activated. You are excessively self-indulgent, so the dreams you create never have the slightest chance of being realized. You tend to reject any social burden as being too demanding of your time. Yet you casually waste

your time elsewhere and offer yourself to projects of questionable validity, although you don't see them in that light. You are gullible and easily influenced by others to adopt their attitudes.

Your greatest problem is in overextending yourself in buying on credit. There is no excuse for not using your intellect to determine how far you can indulge yourself before you land in trouble. Your higher mental faculties are in good order, but you don't want to face reality and responsibility. Your lines of reasoning are somewhat distorted, and your vision is clouded. Don't be a sucker for deceptive advertisements - they're designed to sway you and others with your vulnerable temperament.

You are sympathetic and kindly toward others, but it may be a mistake to extend yourself to people who will take advantage of your unselfish nature. In your professional work, be extra careful and don't take any chances. If an accident can happen, it will happen to you. Openly discuss who will be permitted to have classified information, and rigidly adhere to the decision. You could easily be the fall guy when there is an infraction of the rules. Mind your own business, and don't discuss your personal life with anyone. When you speak, you often reveal secrets without realizing it.

It would be wise for you to avoid any discussion about religion or occult matters in general. You are not temperamentally equipped to defend your position in such a conversation. Be hesitant and cautious in everything you do, and try not to emotionalize your romantic attachments. When you do, others may get the impression that you would indulge in escapades even with someone whose ethics and spiritual values were unacceptable.

29) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Venus** - (1°37' S) ♃1 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus trine the Ascendant gives you a charming and conciliatory manner that generates warmth in the people you deal with. Usually you are sociable, refined, and gracious, but at times you artificially turn on the charm to win someone's support. Although you enjoy receiving gifts, you prefer to reciprocate with favors rather than gifts; you don't often spend money, except on yourself. If you do buy a gift for someone, you would rather deliver it personally than send it.

You deliberately avoid discussing other people's negative qualities for fear your own bad features will be mentioned. Because you cannot stand criticism, you don't like to hear what may be the truth about yourself. You try hard to win the approval of your friends, and you make concession to them so they will think well of you.

You may have to work harder than your co-workers to please those you work for. Perhaps you don't take your work seriously enough to satisfy your superiors, so you

make the extra effort to prove that you are responsible.

You probably did receive an education, and you especially enjoyed the social aspect of college life. You also were looking for someone who was as career-minded, refined, and socially oriented as you are. You must respect the person you are attracted to, and that person must want to improve on the traditional life-style of the past. In other words, you want someone who will be eager to succeed and to acquire the comforts of success.

You win friends easily, and you make it a point to hold on to those who can be helpful in your career. You usually make encounters with people who may become important social contacts, and you genuinely like these people as much as everyone else.

Venus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Venus and the Ascendant, people find us well-balanced, and friendly, and we play an important part in keeping the peace and healing rifts. Social contacts appeal to us, and we like events that are bright and entertaining; so much so that we tend to ignore the serious side of life. We are adroit at working on people's emotions.

Although every Venus / Ascendant aspect is potentially creative and artistic, the harmonious aspects discourage industry, and Venus tends to produce a superficial approach. Sloth, self-indulgence and a liking for luxury are as much a part of the picture with the harmonious aspects as they are with the conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a trine or sextile from Venus to the Ascendant easily attain their affectional needs, for their persona manifests traits similar to that which they appreciate in general.

30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ☿ **Uranus** - (4°36' S) 131 | 179

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus trine the Ascendant means that you will always be able to express your creativity when you want, mainly because you let everyone know that you will not be denied this privilege. Your creative potentials are considerable, and you only need self-discipline to develop them. But it is useless for anyone to pressure you to do so, because you resent interference in this matter and consider it an invasion of privacy.

Nothing seems to bother you, and your bright, optimistic outlook shows that you are not troubled by personal problems you can't take care of. You live each day as it comes and are not unduly worried about all the tomorrows, for you know you will take care of them in due time. Generally you are not bothered by subconscious problems because you refuse to dwell on anything negative. Not a clock-watcher, you are freed from being dependent on time. You enjoy a variety of pleasures, some rather ordinary but others bordering on the ridiculous or bizarre. You are a rebel and in many ways a loner. You don't really care whether others have freedom; that is their problem. You only know that you must be free.

You have an adventurous mind filled with ingenious ideas that you can exploit if you want to. All that restricts you is the money needed for developing them. Since you are not interested in public admiration, you don't feel any obligation to gain status. Your love relationships must be based partly on intellectual rapport, or you easily become bored. You like to believe that you are important in the lives of those you touch; chances are that anyone who forms a close friendship with you is affected by your concern. You understand people better than they understand themselves. You are pleased that the trend among young people is toward greater individuality and that they are more determined to seek their own desires free from the confinement of tradition.

Uranus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Individualism and independence play a big role in the harmonious Uranus / Ascendant aspects. But, with a surer instinct than someone with a conjunction or tense aspect, we know how to integrate these traits into daily life. However, this does not alter the fact that nothing will stop us from setting out on our own path; it simply means that we go about things rather cleverly and avoid conflicts with existing patterns.

We like variety, newness and renewal, and often react very quickly and adroitly to what we encounter. The impulsiveness of Uranus can play us false here, and its restlessness can make us alert, taut, and occasionally nervous. There is something provocative about our behavior. This does not necessarily cause trouble for us, but we make it clear that we are fond of change, that we are our own person, and that we are going to need plenty of elbow room. No Uranian aspect excels in adaptability, and, even in the harmonious aspects, the emphasis is laid on pursuing personal objectives. Yet although adaptability is not great, we can cope well with new situations - and what is this but adaptability of another kind? Apart from that, restlessness makes us very lively.

People with harmonious Uranus / Ascendant aspects are a stimulus to those around them; their activities are like a fresh breeze. There is no denying that some of them

make good pioneers.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a trine or sextile between the Ascendant and Uranus occurs, these individuals are exposed to new ideas and new attitudes because the parents were encouraging of new concepts.

31) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (8°21' A) ♀1 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune trine the Ascendant gives you such deep sensitivity that it is extremely difficult for you to be satisfied in personal relations. Your expectations can rarely be fulfilled, for you seek the ideal human relationship. A romanticist at heart, you attribute to people qualities they don't possess and then you are disappointed when they let you down. Instead of dwelling on this, you should concentrate on developing your creative ideas. With your imagination and flair for translating your thoughts into inspired action, this should not be difficult. You can easily compensate for the dissatisfaction of personal relationships by channeling your talents into artistic endeavors, where you can be fully appreciated. In the beginning, you may have to settle for meager returns from your efforts, until you acquire the skill of a true and dedicated artist. There are also many other ways to use your talents besides in artistic pursuits. It might be a source of great joy for you to work with young people and children, and see them develop under your influence.

You tend to dwell on your character faults, especially if others have pointed them out to you. Forget them and go on to develop your abundant positive qualities. You are inclined to feel that you must do more than others in order to get the recognition you deserve. But take care that you don't become a victim of friends who try to take advantage of your indulgent nature. You are not afraid to work hard if your efforts are appreciated. Knowing that you can make a contribution to society in some way, you must persist in finding out what it is, in spite of reversals. You should bring your creative gifts before the public and give your interpretation of what is needed to improve the quality of life for everyone. You can demonstrate your spiritual concern for man by actively helping to arouse every individual to use his or her highest values to make the world a better place in which to live.

Neptune trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is harmony here between our manifestation in the outside world and a need to refine and perfect by softening the strongly individualistic, we suffer even so from (over)sensitivity to trends and atmospheres in the environment. We easily tune in to them, but, like people with the conjunction, we must learn to distinguish what is going on inside us from what is going on outside. We soon become wrapped up in another person, identifying with their emotions, entering into their wishes, and falling under their sway. In other words, we are very easily influenced.

The idealism that is also a characteristic of Neptune is expressed harmoniously. But, because Neptune has little hold on reality even in the harmonious aspects, we can be led into difficulties by unworkable ideals, by looking at life through rose-colored glasses, and by a tremendous urge to be self-sacrificing.

Here, too, we give others considerable scope to make of us what they will: none of the Neptune / Ascendant aspects gives people much to go on. With this Neptunian factor, we can be slothful and dreamy, and sometimes strike people as rather unstable; but usually there is something appealing about us. Things people think they see in us may not really be there; but we display a spirit of general friendliness, and people of the most diverse kinds can fall in love with us.

All Neptune / Ascendant aspects favor design and finishing work, especially in photography and films; in fact, wherever skilful editing is used to create illusion.

(Betty Lundsted)

Trines or sextiles between Neptune and the Ascendant indicate individuals who were raised in a somewhat spiritually evolved atmosphere; their dreams and fantasies were encouraged by their parents rather than discouraged.

32) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Venus** - (6°40' A) ♃1 | ♎9

(Robert Hand)

This aspect means that you love working with and owning beautiful things, so that later you may have a career in art, crafts, decorating or another field involving beauty. But it also means that you have a harmonious nature, that you like to have a good time with others. You are not especially aggressive, preferring to give in or smooth over a possible dispute rather than fight. This is not because you lack self-confidence, but because you hate conflict. You are very warmhearted and friendly, and you like your relationships to be smooth.

Your relationship with your parents should be quite positive, and your early life should be very pleasant. When you are older, you will have happy memories of these years. You also get along well with persons in authority over you, such as teachers and employers.

If you want, you can easily charm and flatter them, but you shouldn't do this ordinarily, because others will lose respect for you.

You do not like to be alone very much, for you find it difficult to amuse yourself, feeling that nothing is really worth doing unless you share it with someone else. So you always try to have friends around you. When you are older, you will seek out relationships with the opposite sex so that you are never alone for any length of time.

This trait also makes you a good team worker, because you know how to bring together the various interests of people in a group for everyone's benefit.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates continuation of the natives' careers and ambitions through the use of beauty, charm, and the social graces, which win the favor of people in important places. The harmony in their homes creates a favorable social atmosphere for furthering professional ambitions.

Performing artists with this aspect will achieve some recognition.

Venus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The behavior when we have Venus sextile or trine the MC is very like that of the native with the conjunction - that is to say, we seem friendly, warm, sociable and cordial, and this gives us a flying start when it comes to asking for favors. Artistic or other work involving form, color and proportion could well be our métier; nor would we be out of place in positions demanding a friendly social approach, such as that of receptionist, steward, stewardess, host or hostess.

The need to preserve the peace at all costs and the wish to have harmony in society at large are also present in the easy aspects; so here, too, we have possibilities as justice of the peace or diplomat. Due to an (all too) great willingness to compromise, matters are not always thrashed out; this can create misunderstandings, and may leave openings for wolves in sheep's clothing to take advantage of a situation. We can also tangle with people who drag their feet over issues.

33) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ☿ **Uranus** - (3°41' A) 131 | 119

(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.

34) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (4°39' A) 003 | 7

(Haydn Paul)

You feel a sense of inner security, connected to a self-assured confidence in your strength and ability to successfully deal with challenging situations.

Emotional depth and intensity will be experienced, yet often kept under self-imposed control; you are afraid to allow this power free expression. This fear may arise from previous experiences, where, when provoked, you have temporarily lost emotional control; and you are reluctant to let this happen again.

Intuitive insight into people may be a gift, a penetrating perception of their hidden nature and motivations. This does not, however, leave you cynical about people, as you still retain a caring nature. You will support and aid close friends when in need, and have a soft spot for children. This tendency may attract you toward working with people in a public or social capacity, in which your ability to resolve problems can be useful in areas of social challenge, or which involve financial management skills.

You often apply techniques which involve imagination and creative will, directing these energies toward manifesting your thoughts into reality, intending to create your ideal life-style. You have a natural ability to combine will and imagination that many would envy; make the most of this talent, but ensure that your vision is rightly motivated, or results could be negative for yourself and others.

You often expect high-quality partners for your intimate relationships; and caution is necessary when choosing suitable lovers for long-term intimacy. Your hope for children and family life will have considerable impact, requiring maturity and responsibility. Your feelings will be tied to family and home; and you will work hard at making the relationships successful for all concerned.

(Robert Pelletier)

Moon trine Pluto shows that you are a deep-feeling individual, but you generally keep your emotions under control. You do not usually waste your feelings on casual acquaintances, although you are friendly and sociable. You give others the benefit of the doubt when you decide how you feel about them. The friends you do have can count on you for help when needed.

Yours is a special kind of spiritual loving that is not cast freely to the winds. You love people for themselves and not for what they outwardly represent. You have high expectations of meeting the right person who will encompass all the virtues you expect in true love companionship.

You have a fondness for children and young people, for they provide you with much contentment and joy. You put them at ease and bring out their affectionate feelings. In your care they feel comfortable, for you are naturally protective of those in your charge. The young are a source of creative expression for you.

Your capacity to care for others is boundless, and you could express this by serving people who have physical liabilities or social disadvantages. Fields such as public relations, physical therapy, social welfare, financial advice, or creative avocational work would be congenial to your interests.

You have great insight into the uses of power and the effective management of money. Your understanding of the motives behind people's behavior is a protection for you. Working in personal contact with other people could be an excellent medium for you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Like the sextile, this aspect is a blessing. It indicates that Mom demonstrated a warm, open and co-operative emotional outlook during this person's formative years. Through her action, she taught him how to work with others: how to work through problems with authority figures, friends and family members.

The child will be sympathetic to the needs of his generation, for Pluto also represents the mass consciousness of the era. This can be both good and bad, for it indicates that the child will be receptive to his peer group as he is growing up. Those children born into the teenage drug culture were open to their friends who were selling 'grass' in the suburbs. They may have become a part of the teenage drug culture, or the teenage smoking clique, or the teenage alcohol group, merely because they wanted to join their peers.

As this person matures, the energy gives him a natural 'in' with the media, mass communication, politics, social work and related careers that help service the masses. It can be a creative aspect, for the development of intuitive insights is easy.

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.

35) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♊ **North-Node** - (5°34' S) 003 | 07

(Betty Lundsted)

This configuration indicates a harmonious blending of the natives' own emotions and instinctive reactions with the prevailing social trends and attitudes. The natives instinctively know how to navigate the currents of changing popular beliefs to their own advantage.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides a high emotional satisfaction level with considerable depth of imagination. Assistance from 'women' or the 'mother-figure' is noticed in their life. Emotional strength is really great in these people, and they can count upon it for a lot of achievement. During their past life, their duty as a 'mother' has been well-recognized so that they get to use past credit in this life. Cultivation of imagination and domestic talents are very significant in their life; and they occur very easily without too much effort.

(Donna van Toen)

Feelings are allowed full expression allowing easy growth on personal and interpersonal levels. Sometimes the childhood environment offers material or less tangible advantages that make growth easier to attain.

Moon trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The supremacy of feeling in a relationship of living together; an inner or emotional attitude towards other persons. Associations and contacts with the female sex.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart it attracts a woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°32' S) ♈4 | ♃12

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mars to Jupiter indicates that you apply your physical resources in a well-integrated way. Because you have a good blending of intellect and physical strength, you will be able to achieve your goals with only a moderate amount of effort. However, you may not rise to the challenge of competition because it doesn't seem worth the effort. you are creative and sometimes inspired in accomplishing tasks that would overwhelm others. Luck seems to play an important part in your successes, although talent is applied too. You have the knack for doing the right thing at the right time, or of

being in the right place when an opportunity is presented. You never have to resort to subterfuge to get what you want. Honorable in temperament, you uphold the law in your dealings, and trust people without question. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude makes you a bit careless about spending money. You have amazing optimism about life, and it never occurs to you to fear that you won't gain what you want.

Such fields as law, government service, sports, working with children, teaching, exploration, writing, or arts and crafts seem appropriate to your talents. Success of itself is not terribly important to you. You merely want to express yourself to the fullest through work that you enjoy. The 'rat race', in your opinion, takes too much effort for the returns you get. You are too self-indulgent to deprive yourself of the many pleasures you enjoy by mortgaging yourself to limiting endeavors.

You enjoy the company of a variety of people who lend interest to your life. While you don't make excessive demands on people, you will not submit to such demands by others either. You prefer to enjoy your friends freely and always maintain the right to end any association that tries to bind you.

You are not especially disturbed by current changes in attitudes towards organized religion. You are privately secure in your beliefs, regardless of the prevailing dissent among theologians and philosophers.

You are romantically attracted to persons who are similarly turned to an untroubled existence. your physical desires are strong, but even these are reasonably controlled. You expect more than physical expression from the person you love. You are an idealist who will not settle for less than a mate who shares your needs and wants in mind, body and soul.

(Betty Lundsted)

The trine between these two planets indicates an individual who was presented with a family atmosphere that encouraged a positive and constructive action. This individual had someone around in childhood who encouraged him, and he was shown (through other family member interactions) that one can related to what one does and that one can be open about action taken. The two energies express well together.

This usually indicates an individual who enjoys sex and enjoys loving, unless the Mars placement is in turn involved in some other hard aspect.

Mars trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects, the excess inherent in all Mars / Jupiter combinations has free rein. We possess more than enough vitality and combativeness to face whatever problems come our way, and, in fact, we are inclined to make light of them. Also we prefer to see everything in a social, religious or metaphysical setting. But the setting must be our own, not part of some system imposed from outside - the latter would restrict our freedom unbearably. In fact, whether on a large scale or on a small scale, we are likely to work out our own rules and morals.

We like to air opinions and make good propagandists. Therefore these are not bad aspects for the politician, the publicist, the clergyman or missionary, or the dedicated social worker. For if one thing is foreign to our nature, it is repose or idleness. Even the usual leisureliness of a harmonious aspect is banished by the fiery, bluff enthusiasm of this planetary combination.

Adventure appeals to us and we long to make good (Jupiter heightens the ambition of Mars); we are ready to fight for our ideas and ideals (Mars strengthens Jupiter). But with a harmonious aspect, we encounter less resistance than with a discordant one; which makes it easy to cling to our opinions, even when they need revising. Hence, however profitable this combination proves to be, it tends to make us wayward and full of self-will; nevertheless we do seem to know how to get away with these character defects.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is mainly one of optimism and enthusiasm, and the native has as a rule the ability fully to enjoy life, while such interests as attract him are strenuously and wholeheartedly pursued. These are generally of a Jovian character, for the heavier planet appears to be the directive factor, whilst Mars supplies the energy. Thus we find enthusiasm for sport, travel, hunting, the stage, religion, political freedom, and science, though as regards the last, it is what may be called the 'live' sciences which attract, such as psychology and astrology.

The native is often a propagandist or publicist, and enjoys nothing more than acting the evangelist proclaiming the truth that sets men free. It is excellent for a missionary, a slum-worker, or one engaged with young people - or young peoples.

There is usually plenty of loyalty, pride, and honour.

In a worldly way, it is a distinctly fortunate combination, and the native is rarely other than comfortable in a worldly sense, though there is not always wealth. Yet even if this is denied by other factors the native is generally close to it, perhaps missing it narrowly through some special circumstances. However well placed financially, the native is rarely lazy.

37) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (2°56' S) ♃5 | ♎9

(Haydn Paul)

The high idealism of Neptune and the awareness of social responsibility of Saturn will be prominent, and will stimulate an inner motivation intent on sharing in the ongoing work of social improvement. You should have a natural insight into social issues, and this coupled with a keen perception can help you to indicate those core problems that require resolution; in addition, you are able to offer constructive solutions to such problem areas, and are able to work with or within existing social organisations or governmental bodies to influence suitable changes to be made. In particular, you enjoy restoring 'order from chaos' and making use of forgotten and ignored resources.

There can be a tendency to sit back and observe social decline and contentious issues without choosing to become more actively involved, but this would be a waste of your own talents and a denial of that sense of social obligation. Your idealism has strong moral and ethical roots, and you could feel uncomfortable if you ignored those inner promptings. Direct activism may not be your preferred mode of involvement, but you may find your role perhaps through communicating to others the facts about certain problematic social issues, especially through the medium of writing and analysis.

You tend to have an absorbent intelligence, which accumulates considerable information and knowledge easily, and which is a resource that you should be able to utilise. The level of imagination is high and active, and this too can be personally used in a variety of ways, giving a spark of life to the ideas that you have for personal and social development. You may have difficulty in deciding exactly how to use your own resources, and the ideal may be to become involved in work which has a definite social dimension. Such work can include community welfare, law, social services, environmental concerns, finance, management, media, film, photography.

Friends find that you are a reliable support in times of crisis, and you are equally willing to lend a helping hand when necessary. Neptune inspires you towards compassionate feelings, both for people you know and for strangers.

If the spiritual quality of Neptune is active (and not so overshadowed by a dominating Saturn), then you are likely to be attracted towards spiritual or occult groups, where your talents can find ways of expression. Meditation and visualisation work should be enhanced by Neptune, and anchoring the energies in suitable forms should be enhanced by Saturn. Learning to trust your intuition will lead you to rely on it even more over time, and this could be a vital step forward in your own development.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Saturn trine to Neptune, you have the ability to take on enormous responsibilities.

You are motivated by a powerful spiritual compulsion to bring about positive changes in the negative social conditions you observe. Early parental training established your high ethical and moral standards. You are sympathetic and understanding toward anyone whose circumstances are more burdensome than yours, and you strive to find ways to demonstrate your concern for your fellow man. When a helping hand is required, you are ready and willing to give it.

To your professional interests you bring wisdom and sincerity. You can express your gifted imagination in many ways that seem inspired. You are intolerant of deception and collusion and will not compromise your ethics for personal gain. Occupations related to the film industry, photography, law, social services, the stock market, or the entertainment field in general would provide you with much personal satisfaction.

Your environment can benefit from your talents. You are keen in appraising conditions that must be changed and in determining the causes. You know how to enlist the services of the proper authorities, and you are familiar with the legal mechanisms that will help restore order out of chaos.

These are the resources available to you. What you do with them is up to you. You can remain a spectator, detached from active participation, if you choose, but it would certainly be a waste of your talents. At the very least, you may decide to alert others to the problems of their environment and offer some plans for achieving their objectives.

You have the necessary faculties to succeed as a writer. Your inspiration and talent for observation can give form to the ideas you have. You derive many benefits from every experience. With your vast resources of knowledge, you have the ability to solve any problem.

Saturn trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Building up and breaking down work together harmoniously here, enabling us to forget fears and inhibitions by taking a lively and sympathetic interest in others. The goals we set often originate in deep religious, metaphysical or spiritual insights, which form an underlying motivation for our activities. Subconsciously we sense how we ought to plan and manage things, and this helps handling everyday affairs. A tendency to follow feelings and a quickness to detect odd undertones may even turn to our social advantage. Being both visionary (Neptune) and matter-of-fact (Saturn) can endow us with tactical abilities: instinctively knowing what to aim for is no small advantage in business. The aspect is also good for devising military (or other) strategy.

Constructiveness could show itself in the spiritual and intellectual fields. We appreciate the irrational, and find that making allowance for it helps to straighten our thoughts. This is a good aspect for people who study religious, metaphysical or esoteric matters. Saturn introduces orderliness to Neptunian concerns, but Neptune prevents Saturn from making this too cut-and-dried. In the easy aspects, idealism and materialism form a well-matched blend of suppleness and strength which enables us (in spite of the Neptunian influence) to keep both feet on the ground. With far-sighted patience we endeavor to promote ideals and spiritual insights (Neptune). The way in which we express them often reveals a serious outlook. We are prepared to make great sacrifices for them; probably with characteristic austerity.

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