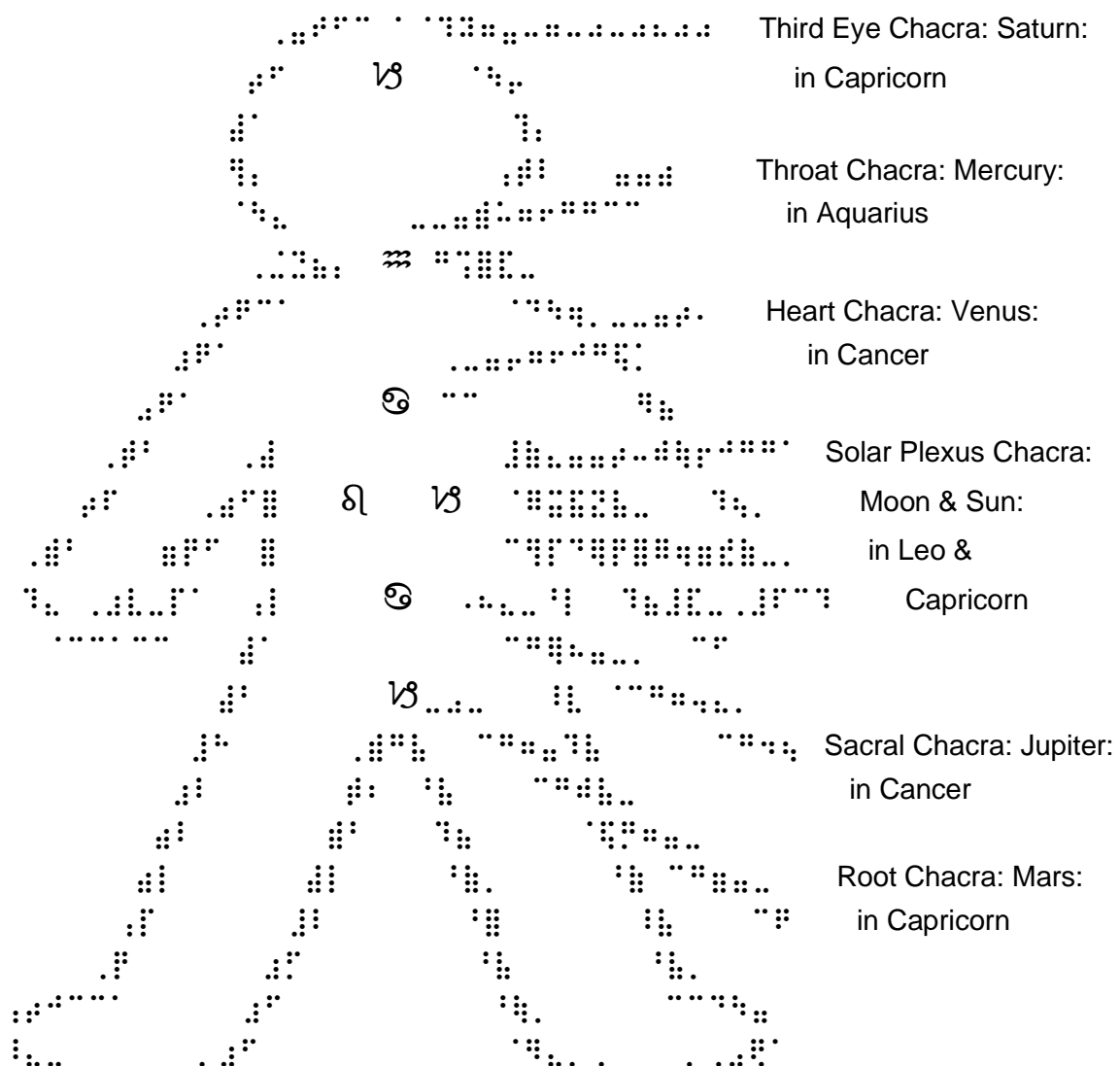


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Summaries

Capricorn Sun ☊ ♈ and ♎ ☾ Leo Moon man

([827] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Magnetic Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Charismatic, assertive and farsighted;

Negatives: Vain, tyrannical and condescending;

Perfect partner: Someone who will pamper and only pay attention to them;

Advice: Learn to accept the opinions of others.

Sun ☊ in V 5th House

([863] i.thehoroscope.co)

A happy personality - Summary:

Strengths: Original, eccentric and bold;

Challenges: Attention seeking and superficial;

Advice: They should try to be more sensitive with others.

Moon ☾ in XII 12th House

([883] i.thehoroscope.co)

Empathic beings - Summary:

Strengths: Perceptive, balanced and generous;

Challenges: Misunderstood and difficult;

Advice: Learn not to take things so personally.

Neutral: Quite fearful about emotional problems

Moon ☾ in 11th Nakshatra: Purva Phalguni

Short Version [2]

Strength: creative, intelligent dynamic, charismatic, charming, genuine, qualities of leadership, carefree, open minded , sweet speech, active, demands attention and recognition, mystical, aristocratic, refined, talented in the fine arts, youthful, energetic, excited, good in relationships, loyal, great spokesperson, sophisticated, physical healing.

Weakness: impulsive mind, impetuous, indulgent, selfish, reckless, addictive, spiteful, vindictive, unmotivated, immoral, spend thrift, lack of planning, requires too much stimulation.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in third pada

(20°00'-23°20' degrees Leo): Libra navamsa. Your soft heart makes you more

compassionate than other Purva-phalgunis might be. You like to help people, and would do well as a counselor — a role which you fall into almost automatically. You are generally relaxed and are highly creative.

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

Mercury ♿ in ♒ Aquarius man

([904] i.thehoroscope.co)

The forward thinker - In a nutshell:

Positives: Visionary and eccentric;

Negatives: Snob and indecisive;

Soulmate: Someone who can keep them away from boredom;

Life lesson: Leaving anxious thoughts away from time to time.

Mercury ♿ in VI 6th House

([913] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great judges of character - Summary:

Strengths: Attentive, meticulous and hardworking;

Challenges: Dominating, negative and procrastinating;

Advice: They should be more protective of their free time.

Venus ♀ in ♋ Cancer man

([927] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Loyal and understanding;

Negatives: Emotionally vulnerable and impulsive;

Soulmate: Someone who is patient and supportive;

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

Venus ♀ in XI 11th House

([955] i.thehoroscope.co)

Only a strong friendship will have them wanting more - Summary:

Strengths: Friendly, cheerful and devoted;

Challenges: Pretentious and inconsiderate;

Advice: Follow your gut feeling without doubting yourself.

Neutral: Loving but a little naive

Mars ♂ in ♑ Capricorn man

([975] i.thehoroscope.co)

Living in harmony with the surrounding - In a nutshell:

Positives: Competitive and reliable;

Negatives: Rigid and boastful;

Soulmate: Someone who has a healthy lifestyle;

Life lesson: Material success is not everything in life.
Neutral: A dominant lover

Mars ♂ in V 5th House

([985] i.thehoroscope.co)

Their demands are pretty high - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, entertaining and competitive;
Challenges: Obstinate and superficial;
Advice: Avoid settling and always keep trying new things.

Jupiter ♃ in ☊ Cancer man

([996] i.thehoroscope.co)

Where does their luck come from - In a nutshell:

Style: Nurturing and attentive;
Top qualities: Artistic, sociable and instinctive;
Weaknesses: Pessimistic and suspicious;
Advice: Avoiding confrontations is good but you still need to cope with some things.

Jupiter ♃ in XI 11th House

([1015] i.thehoroscope.co)

A knack for successful endeavors - Summary:

Strengths: Loving, knowledgeable and lucky;
Challenges: Manipulative and lazy;
Advice: They need to focus on their education more.

Saturn ♄ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1026] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Disciplined and patient;
Top qualities: Ambitious, stable and relentless;
Challenges: Stubbornness and pessimism;
Advice: You are too selfish when trying to protect your emotions.

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 ♒ Aquarius man

([1051] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Original and insightful;
Top qualities: Aware and dependable;
Challenges: Extremist and stubborn;
Advice: Take your time to know people before drawing any conclusions.

Uranus ☿ in VI 6th House

([1058] i.thehoroscope.co)

A rebellious personality - Summary:

Strengths: Unusual, modern and dynamic;
Challenges: Inconsistent and untrustworthy;
Advice: They should ask for help when they need it.

Neptune ♃ in ♒ Aquarius man

([1075] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Enlightening and intuitive;
Top qualities: Gentle, creative and practical;
Challenges: Aloofness and extremism;
Advice: If you don't show emotions people will not believe you are genuine.

Neptune ♃ in VI 6th House

([1082] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very attentive and kind - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, easy-going and curious;
Challenges: Deceptive and manipulative;
Advice: They should spend more time helping other people.

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 XI 11th House

([1111] i.thehoroscope.co)

Pathways to success - Summary:

Strengths: Responsible, kind and caring;
Challenges: Dismissive, opportunistic and stubborn;
Advice: They should strive towards being objective not judgmental.

North Node ♍ in ♍ Virgo

([1118] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Observant, talented and insightful;

Challenges: Secretive and dismissive

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

South Node ♋ in ♋ Pisces

([1136] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Idealistic, ambitious, gentle and caring;

Challenges: Disorganized and overly-emotional;

Lots of challenges in their way, Purpose in life

North Node ♈ in I 1st House (Aries)

([1113] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, instinctual, friendly and convincing;

Challenges: Distracted, procrastinating and irritable

They could charm the masses, Their soulful purpose

South Node ♎ in VII 7th House (Libra)

([1131] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Dependable, spiritual and introspective;

Challenges: Procrastinating and domineering;

Great judges of character, Being at peace with their own decisions

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♋ Cancer

([1140] elsaelsa.com)

Atlas

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XI 11th House

([1159] elsaelsa.com)

Outcast

► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon - (1°32') ♋7 | ♏12**

([160] astromatrix.org:) Subconscious Need

Opportunities: 1. Working with Others 2. Creating Your Ideal Family Life

Challenges: 1. Not Overidentifying with Your Emotions 2. Discovering Your True Needs

► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°38') ♎12 | ♎11

([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

► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (2°56' S) ♋5 | ♋5

([5] astromatrix.org;) The Fighter

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership Roles 2. Taking on Big Challenges

Challenges: 1. Being More Selfless in Relationships 2. Empathy Toward Others

► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♀ **Lilith** - (10°07' S) ♎11 | ♎11

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

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

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

► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♀ **Lilith** - (10°29' S) ♎11 | ♎11

([629] astromatrix.org;) Conscious Transformation

Opportunities: 1. Higher growth & wisdom 2. Taking initiatives in life

Challenges: 1. Connecting with your subconscious 2. Focusing on higher goals

► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♀ **Lilith** - (8°33' A) ♋5 | ♎11

([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** ☾ **Opposition** ♀ **Mercury** - (3°03' A) ♎12 | ♊6

([152] astromatrix.org;) Where To Go And Why

Opportunities: 1. Gaining Greater Inner Harmony 2. Perceiving the World More Clearly

Challenges: 1. Rebalancing Yourself 2. Admitting Your Flaws

► **Saturn** ♄ **Opposition** ♀ **Lilith** - (9°49' S) ♋5 | ♎11

([637] astromatrix.org;) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Embracing childlike wonder 2. Being more practical

Challenges: 1. Overcoming fears of rejection 2. Letting go of tradition

► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°24' S) ♏1 | ♎11

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

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

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

► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°43' A) ♏8 | ♎12

([320] astromatrix.org;) The Collector

Opportunities: 1. Being Caring 2. Connecting Emotionally to Others

Challenges: 1. Letting go of Possessions 2. Avoiding Possessiveness in Relationships

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☽ Moon** - (1°32') 007 | 812
- 2) ► **Moon ☽ Contra-Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°38') 812 | 11
- 3) ► **Moon ☽ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°16') 812 | 007
- 4) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♄ Uranus** - (1°39') 6 | 6
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°48') 6 | 11
- 6) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♁ North-Node** - (0°22') 11 | 1
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°04') 5 | 5
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°56') 5 | 6
- 9) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°52') 5 | 6
- 10) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (2°56' S) 5 | 5
- 11) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Uranus** - (5°59' S) 6 | 6
- 12) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (0°22' S) 11 | 11
- 13) ► **Uranus ♄ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (10°40' A) 6 | 6
- 14) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♇ Pluto** - (6°33' A) 5 | 11
- 15) ► **Moon ☽ Opposition ☿ Mercury** - (3°03' A) 12 | 6
- 16) ► **Moon ☽ Opposition ♄ Uranus** - (2°56' S) 12 | 6
- 17) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (0°18' A) 11 | 5
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♇ Pluto** - (9°29' A) 5 | 11
- 19) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (0°40' S) 11 | 5
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°24' S) 1 | 11
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (0°02' S) 1 | 11
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♄ Uranus** - (3°47' A) 8 | 6
- 23) ► **Pluto ♇ Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (0°09' A) 11 | 1
- 24) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♇ Pluto** - (4°20' S) 8 | 11
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☽ Moon** - (6°43' A) 8 | 12
- 26) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♁ North-Node** - (6°42' A) 5 | 1
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Quincunx ☿ Mercury** - (1°35' A) 1 | 6

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♑ Capricorn 5° 11'

(Betty Lundsted)

Children born into the mother-dominated sign of Capricorn obtain the values of traditional business and the corporate power structure and the ability to go about attaining power, from the influence of the mother. Father is a passive figure. However, most Capricorns have a father who is a respected member of the family, but one who is untouchable and uninvolved in the family structure. So the immediate decisions about running the family are left in the hands of the mother, and in the child's eyes she runs the universe. When Daddy comes home, he just upsets the applecart, for the little Capricorn is second-in-command during Daddy's absence. Capricorns usually feel apprehensive about confronting the father, unlike the other Earth signs.

Capricorn's mother is very traditional in her attitudes. She runs a Saturninan household where children are to be seen and not heard. Capricorn children are usually quite wellbehaved, and they tend to frown on too much frivolity in life. They take responsibilities seriously. Even their sense of humor is serious - it's often cynical or satirical; funny stories are told with a straight face.

Mother wants to go places in life, and Capricorn children pick up this vibration from her. She instills in them a sense of management, a sense of power, and a need for power and control, for she is a powerful and controlling figure. She uses every piece of information at hand so that she can keep her family in line. Capricorns learn how to do this from her.

Capricorns go out into the world looking for a place to climb, and want to be the head of something at all costs. What they often don't understand is that they are born leaders. One enters the zodiac in this sign because one is ready to learn about the responsibility of power. If they are in a hurry to get ahead in life, Capricorns will use any means available, including using people to get what they want. This sign is sometimes considered the mercenary of the zodiac. If they will learn to wait, to earn their position, they will be better off. The natural vibration of Capricorn (and Saturn) will put them into positions of authority if they train themselves properly.

When the Capricorn female grows up, she wants to leave home to get away from the

strong mother influence. She doesn't immediately realize that she has the same strengths and ability to manipulate others that her mother has. It would be wise of her to select a mate carefully; she needs to unite with a man who has strong power drives and ambitions to match her own. If he doesn't, she'll get angry and will try to destroy him emotionally. She doesn't understand her own strength in her youth. As a teenager, Capricorn often looks like the ugly duckling; for this reason, she may not have a great deal of faith in her femininity. However, after she reaches thirty there's a transformation and she keeps on looking attractive into her seventies. She can be a terrific partner for any man who wants to develop a business or political career, because she will work tirelessly with a man who wants to go somewhere.

She needs to learn how to relate emotionally because she feels uncomfortable with this aspect of herself. Emotional responses imply that one is out of control, and she wants to know what is going on in her universe at all times. She represents that part of the feminine principle that has to do with building and collecting and overseeing the universe. She wants to create boundaries, but emotional expression has to do with letting down boundaries. In order to feel emotionally fulfilled, she will need to learn to let go of some of the control and work with the concept of universal flow. It will never let her down.

The Capricorn male uses his energy a little differently. He has a great deal of respect for his mother, and particularly notices how she handles her husband. He wants to be Daddy when he grows up, but he has to use his mother's habit patterns to get where his father got. She is the strength his Dad relies upon, and he will pattern himself after her. She handles men in a certain way, and he will imitate her particular and individual pattern. He, too, can be so involved with getting to the top that he doesn't notice the means which he uses in order to get there. Materialists seldom do, for the end often justifies the means. However, the Capricorn power trip is a long and powerful one, and he can get to the top of the corporate structure the right way or the wrong way. Again, Capricorn has been given power in the zodiac, and the task he has in this life is to learn the responsibility of power. He must learn how to delegate responsibility to the proper people, and he must learn how to see who these proper people are; he must learn how to leave emotions and loyalties out of his decisions. He must also learn how to trust people he cares for.

Capricorns tend to want to have absolute control in their relationships. Sometimes they marry for the wrong reasons and feel insecure because of it. The Capricorn male can enhance his life position by marrying the boss's daughter, or the 'right woman' who fits in with the moves he wants to make as he climbs up the social ladder. However, the love and trust part of the relationship may be missing. When this occurs, he has to control her. In a sense he has to be protective of his status and his control, so he wants to be entirely aware of everything going on with his wife. He will resent any friendships she makes, and he can distort the truth so that it looks to be in his favor. When one controls a relationship, this only serves to build more inner feelings of insecurity and, eventually,

symptoms of paranoia. When a person is too controlling, he can't think of everything, and sooner or later the situation blows up.

It has been said that Capricorn falls from high places. The symbol for Capricorn is the Mountain Goat, climbing to the top of the mountain. The trick is for Capricorn to develop its sure-footedness in order to climb the mountain without falling. Some people think Capricorns should give up the climb; but the importance here is that of developing the qualities of an experienced mountain climber so that he can reach the top and do some good. The universe needs leadership, guidance into new traditions, and help to establish order and purpose into the social structure. Capricorn is an earth sign; it follows the Fire sign of Sagittarius. Sagittarians bring about theories of law and order and the spiritual or philosophical growth of the individual. Capricorn is here to carry these theories into being and existence. There is good reason for Capricorn types to develop surefootedness; they have the responsibility for building strong traditions and institutions in a symbolic sense. Those of use who use our power in a thoughtless or selfish way will eventually have that power taken from us, for it seems to be the way of the univers.

Capricorn is the most theoretical of the Earth signs. All the Earth signs have something to do with the manifestation of an idea into reality in the universe. The pattern of Earth and Fire around the horoscope wheel shows the union of the masculine and feminine principles. As humanity co-operates with energies present in the universe, each new generation forms its own tao symbol in consciousness. The problem with the material, or feminine, polarity signs stems from a desire to keep everything static in the material universe.

(Haydn Paul)

The Capricorn personality tends to be serious in nature; and you will display a cautious, thoughtful quality, being quite practical, prudent and economical in your affairs, as if you are on the defensive against the vagaries of life. You will usually consider all options before you act decisively. You prefer to express an individual dignity, often assuming a role of authority, as you highly value law and order in daily life and consider that these aspects are essential in both the individual and the national life. You will be attracted towards positions of authority and social prestige, and will be ambitious to achieve them; this will attract and satisfy you more than just material possessions, although you may also 'use' them to enhance your status.

You will be capable of hard persistent work, designed to achieve your goals, and you should be an efficient organiser. You are usually very reliable at work, being quite conscientious, and you are likely to possess the gift of a lucid and direct writing style which can prove to be an advantage.

You need to feel admired, respected and appreciated by others, in all your efforts at home and work. You are not especially emotionally or physically demonstrative, and

although you are compassionate, you may find it difficult to display sympathy openly. You prefer to serve others through action, by physical aid in some way, rather than by emotional support, as you are less comfortable with that part of your nature. You prefer to judge others and be judged by them through actions rather than words; to you, words can be many, but few tend to back them up by action.

You may periodically suffer swings of mood, ranging between the extremes of optimism and pessimism, partly because you have difficulty in always maintaining faith in life. You can often be very reserved and private, keeping a distance between yourself and others, and relaxing your guard only when you have known the person for some time, and feel safe and secure.

When you choose to apply it, you should have a powerful will, which can be used in a concentrated, persistent manner to achieve objectives.

You dislike wasting words, preferring precision and saying only what you want to say, or staying quiet, especially if you are afraid of being misunderstood; there may be some problem in communicating to others, particularly at times when you need to withdraw from excessive social contact. You often believe that you know best for all concerned, be they family, friends, relatives etc.; and at times you may tend to be insistent that your ideas are the right ones to follow. This can lead to domestic or work conflicts as you enter into disagreements, especially if you express yourself dogmatically and authoritatively, as you often do. You may need to learn more about the values of co-operation and joint decision-making at some time in your life.

Marriage evokes your sentimental nature, and you may prefer a partner who is either 'motherly' or 'fatherly', looking for loyalty and reliability in partners and friends. Your view of life is realistic and pragmatic, preferring to establish a stolid pattern of familiar daily routines to offer you a sense of security. You may tend to repress emotions from public expression, as you feel uneasy if they become dominating, and prefer always to feel in control. You may need to open your mind to higher things, to philosophies, fantasies, abstract thinking; as your approach may be too factual, critical, analytical and practical, and the danger is that this - unless modified - can make you too rigid, dogmatic and narrow-minded. In chasing your ambitions, you will have to ensure that any relative failure does not frustrate or embitter you through your loss of perspective on the totality of life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Capricorn individuals feel they have the right to authority; to govern and control others in terms of establishing order; to be respected for their achievements and position.

Static

When you focus on wanting recognition and respect from others for your being in control, you may use your authority to dominate those around you. If you become totally dedicated to appearing authoritative and earning approval for your achievements, you may neglect using your talents to get the job done. This comes about when being in control and getting respect have become more important than actually accomplishing the task. You also may expect others to be as sensitive to your ambitions as you are insensitive to theirs; and when they do not offer the deference expected, you may become defensive and critical.

Tension with co-workers can be aroused if you want your behavior to be sanctioned as perfect in their eyes. You might not use your organizational talents to benefit others, but solely to manipulate them into improving your social image. Thus, you may create, through self-interest, the necessity of having to manage them constantly in order to stay in control of the situation. This might limit success and put a tremendous drain on your energy and vitality, which may leave you in a state of tense watchfulness.

Dynamic

You can direct your attention to encouraging others with your organizational talents and abilities. This allows your sensitivity to expand into areas in which others are disorganized, and could use the benefits of your natural sense of order. In the process of effectively assisting them, with an awareness of their feelings, you automatically acquire their respect without having to justify it. Recognizing the intangible order and perfection of things can allow you to plan on a material level with less tension.

Awareness of your emotional connection with the whole allows you to organize coworkers effectively. You can do this in a way that improves the situation and increases your vitality and well-being. In managing others to more effectively produce results that are in their best interests, you automatically gain their esteem and admiration for your executive abilities. This eliminates the need for further supervision. Increased self-respect can come through your process of organizing and delegating authority in order to get the job done most effectively for all concerned.

When your integrity comes to the fore, you cease to justify your position through the regard of other people, allowing you to forcefully channel your energy into accomplishing the task at hand. In so doing, you can produce results that earn you lasting respect.

(Sydney Omarr)

Capricorn females

This is an earthy woman, not necessarily demonstrative. But she will not run out on you; she may appear aloof, cold, disinterested; but the fire of passion runs through her veins

and she is a woman in the best sense of that word. Look for someone else if you want the frivolous; if you desire someone who can give you a 'line'. This woman has something to offer to someone who is concerned with the future. She is not for you if you are merely dabbling, experimenting, looking for an interlude.

There is energy and strength here; this woman can perceive your character, can know you and love you and be loyal to you. But she does expect you to be a man. This woman is apt to be cautious; she isn't easy to win. She also has a tendency to be curious about the bank account. This is because she is aware of the future, is concerned about tomorrow as well as today. She can accept challenges, is able to work, is disciplined, prefers to avoid sensationalism and publicity, possesses great determination, and usually finishes what she starts.

She is all of the above - but she is not cold. She may appear so, but once she feels you may be the one for her, she is as warm as a Venus - Mars conjunction. She is earthy in temperament; she is basically independent, original in her thinking - and can break from tradition as easily as some persons drink a cup of coffee. It is not always easy for her to do so; the Capricorn woman does have a tendency to hang on to the familiar, to be classical, to adhere to a set line of action. Yet, when necessary, she can break habit patterns. That is a key word for her: necessity. She meets emergencies; she does what is necessary, including the making of sacrifices. She can give up luxuries for loved ones.

This woman is not satisfied to be buried, hidden or relegated to second fiddle. She has her own thoughts and wants to express them. And she most certainly deserves to be heard. This woman has much to offer. If you feel you are not quite ready for her - why not wait until you've really become a man?

Capricorn males

This man may start slowly; but you can bet your life that he'll be around at the finish! He is earthy, possesses a keen sense of awareness, is human and warm, and can be depended upon to help the underdog and to fight for loved ones. At times you may have to prod him, to make him live up to his capabilities - but you will not have to ask for consideration. He would never knowingly hurt you.

This man is more sensitive than you might at first suspect: he often laughs at himself, shrugs off sympathy and gives the impression of being immune to pain. However, he is not only personally sensitive, but transfers this sense of feeling to others; he can look at you, and at others, and somehow know when things are not right. This produces a dissipating effect; he tends to wear down, to worry more about others than about himself. One's first reaction, of course, is admiration for this man's apparent nobility. However, if you are really interested in his welfare, you should encourage him to face his own problems. The Capricorn man sometimes seeks an 'out'. He busies himself in helping others instead of putting his shoulder to the wheel with his own problems. An

important hint is this: let him talk about himself and help him to help himself. This will almost assure you of winning him!

Tact is important in dealing with this man. He may sound brash; he may appear tough - but when it comes to women he expects them to be tactful, loving, tender, and aware of his particular charms. The Capricorn man constantly builds for his future: he may not always be aware of his struggle for recognition, but it is a part of him and you must recognize it if you are to be happy with him.

Ambition is keynoted here, although he may deny it. He is not always sure of what he wants to attain - but he is going somewhere. Having a successful association with him means having faith; forget this man if you are looking for quick rewards. The relationship must be rewarding as a whole if it is to mean anything at all. Once you hook up with this man, you may find yourself hooked for good!

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Capricorn are usually serious, hard-working, cautious and pragmatic. You may have had to assume adult responsibilities or go to work at an early age; and as a child you always seemed much older and more mature than your years. Your childhood may not have been particularly enjoyable, and perhaps you couldn't wait to grow up. Peers may have thought you were dull or uptight; and even as an adult you sometimes find it hard to relax and have fun. However, you age well, become more comfortable with yourself after turning forty, and seem to get younger as you grow older.

You are conservative with your time, money and other resources, and your philosophy might be 'waste not, want not'. You don't like to do things spontaneously or without adequate planning, and you want your life to be carefully ordered and clearly defined. You are also likely to be conservative in your political and social attitudes. Traditional values and structures that have survived the test of time appeal to you most; you don't trust people, ideas or products that haven't 'proved' themselves yet.

The quintessential career person, you take your job very seriously and are never one to shirk work or duty. You tend to be something of a workaholic. Ambitious and diligent, you climb your way to the top of the corporate ladder with slow, steady steps. You probably won't set the world on fire, and you make your own luck. Your success is based on competence, common sense and perseverance; and employers, employees and clients know they can depend on you.

Though you enjoy being in a position of power, you aren't fond of the limelight and prefer to run things from behind the scenes. You also may be ruthless, unscrupulous, or unconcerned about those you step on as you move upward, adopting an attitude of 'the end justifies the means'.

Your public image is very important to you, and you see your 'role' as the pillar of society. You are the loyal, conscientious and reliable good citizen, the backbone of your family and community, the person who gets things done and holds it all together. Practical and predictable, you support the status quo and rarely go against majority opinion or community standards.

You tend to show your best face to the public. In private, you are less adept. You are quite shy and sensitive, though you try to hide it behind a gruff exterior. As a result, you feel more comfortable with the ordered, detached relationships of the business world than with more personal ones that can be unpredictable and emotionally demanding. Unless your Moon is in a water sign, you might feel awkward and unsure of yourself in intimate situations. Your love relationships can seem more like business partnerships or practical arrangements, and you probably subscribe to traditional attitudes when it comes to male / female roles. Though highly sensual and sexual, you aren't the 'playboy' type, and take your relationships seriously. You also can be something of a moralist, and tend to conceal your lasciviousness behind a refined, well-controlled, even prim exterior.

Your greatest gift is the structure, order and stability you provide, particularly in the public and professional spheres. Your greatest failings usually result from your coldness, rigidity and fear of change.

Like Virgos, these subjects can be too fussy for comfort, seeking perfection in all that they do, being quick to criticise other members of the family. Some of these subjects are dogmatic, opinionated and inflexible, which makes them very hard to live with; while others can be too self-absorbed to be true relaters. This self-absorption and attention to detail may be very hard to live with. Some Capricorns are quite arrogant; and some land their families in trouble through crooked business deals, but this is not the way most Capricorns behave. These people have a gentle manner but a tough centre. They can compromise, but they usually end up getting their own way.

As homemakers, Capricorns are really rather good. They like to invest their money in bricks and mortar, and they won't allow a property to fall into disrepair. Being an earth sign, they need a bit of land around them, and they can be quite keen gardeners, with an especial penchant for growing food. Capricornian homes are comfortable and well-equipped, but not necessarily with the latest gadgetry. They don't actually spend much time at home, because their work and their many interests keep them on the go; but they do like something comfortable and pleasant to come back to. Earth sign people are usually quite dextrous, and many of them are good cooks. For example, in our family it is my Capricorn step-father who bakes the cakes!

Some Capricorns are very shy and awkward with new people; and this tends to lead some of them to choose a partner who is more outgoing than themselves. In such cases, they don't feel upstaged when their partner is chatting away merrily while they sit quietly

in the background. Other Capricorns need to shine in their own right, and choose partners who will complement them rather than outshine them. Most of all, these subjects need a partner who can offer them emotional security. Capricorns somehow seem to miss out on their share of love when young, and they need to be able to rely upon this when they get into a relationship. Capricorns are easily embarrassed, and their dignity is as important to them as it would be to a Leo. This means that they cannot bear the thought of living with a stupid partner who opens his / her mouth without thinking, and a drunken partner is absolutely out of the question. Capricorns are quite intuitive, generally knowing when something is wrong with their loved ones; and they soon learn to trust their intuition. Generally speaking, as long as they are not hell-bent on a life in politics or a grand position in industry, Capricorns make rather good partners.

Most Capricorns are shy, slow to get off the ground with the opposite sex, and definitely not overtly sexual. This doesn't mean that they don't care for sex; remember, this is an earth sign, and all earth signs are sensual. Capricorns are not particularly experimental as far as sex is concerned, possibly because they suffer from old-fashioned feelings of guilt, and partly because some of them actually fear sex. Others are quite happy to make love as long as they are in charge of the proceedings and are in no danger of being faced with something surprising or, worse still, embarrassing. Some Capricorns prefer to remain virgins until well into their thirties, while others give up the whole messy business as soon as they can. Having said this, most Capricorns are quite happy to make love while they are in a safe, wholesome relationship with someone whom they can love and trust. Some astrology books give these subjects a reputation for lechery, but this doesn't seem to be borne out by reality. There are some very flirtatious Capricorns who may well have a soft spot for the opposite sex, but I get the distinct feeling that they use flirtation in order to either gain attention or control the people whom they meet socially. Having said all that, there are some really sexy goats around.

Capricorns are ideal family people because, although they get on well enough with colleagues and acquaintances, they reserve their real affection for their families, which includes parents and grandparents as well as their partners and children. Anyone marrying a Capricorn will have to take their fondness for other members of their family into consideration. Capricorns need an atmosphere of harmony, and they hate bad feeling or family feuds. Capricorns don't have many friends, but they do have quite a number of acquaintances. It is not easy to get to know these people because they don't share confidences with people whom they know casually.

As parents, these subjects are very loving and a trifle old-fashioned. They are ambitious on behalf of their children, and they will make every effort to see that they have all the things that they need. Capricorns respect authority and will try to teach their children to respect their teachers, youth leaders and so on. These parents are very keen on education, perceiving it as the way forward for their children.

As a child, the Capricorn is shy, retiring and lacking in confidence, but he is sensible,

studious and mature for his age. Capricorn children can be quite ambitious, with their goat's feet in the valley and their eyes on the distant hills. Such a child is unlikely to be a problem, but he can be obstinate and distant.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a sign of contrasts. There is great potential for success in every Capricorn, though sometimes they refuse to recognize it and their outlook can be pessimistic, so the potential may remain undeveloped. On the one hand, some members of this sign are ambitious and aspiring, with the energy and will to succeed in whatever they set themselves to do; on the other, there are those who may have the desire to do well, but are hindered by inhibition and lack of self-confidence (sometimes disguised by a feigned laziness).

Both types of Capricorn are convention, and sometimes even slaves to convention; they want always to be seen to do 'the right thing'. Both have a splendidly offbeat sense of humor, vividly contrasting with a strong tendency to grumble. Both are prudent and methodical. Sometimes the successful Capricorn achievers suffer a lack of selfconfidence, while the less confident and successful may snap out of their negativity and make themselves enjoy life in a remarkable light-hearted way. (The influence of Mercury may be seen under such circumstances: when that planet is in Sagittarius, for instance.)

One of the most endearing characteristics is the dour sense of humor already mentioned: even at their most serious and formal, this can suddenly erupt. Patience is one of their virtues, as is insight, but the less self-confident may not believe this and should be persuaded to develop the ability and rely on it in long-term planning. Confident, aspiring Capricorns are usually very disciplined, but again lack of self-confidence can result in discipline being thrown to the winds. It is not easy to find lovable, tender traits in a Sun sign Capricorn. Fortunately, this is only one side of the character; other elements in the full birth chart will without doubt add warmth to this apparently rather chilly personality.

Capricorns abhor starting married life in a garret, and may postpone emotional commitment until they are firmly established in a career - perhaps quite late in life. They may then choose someone who is a parent figure, or at least commands admiration and respect. They can also marry for money or social status. They have a rather low emotional level and may find it hard to show their true feelings, especially in intimate relationships. They should realize this, and accept that very often their partners need reassurance that they are still loved, especially if the Capricorn is much involved with a career and if time at home is at a premium.

Capricorn children are very loyal, and need to express natural pride in their parents, who in turn must realize that these children are highly conventional, and need a secure,

structured and disciplined background. They also need well-reasoned encouragement - one of the best rewards is extra responsibility and pocket money. Their self-confidence, sense of fun and especially their sheer enjoyment of life need constant bolstering if they aren't to grow too serious and old before their time. It shouldn't be depressing if the child hovers near the bottom of the class as long as steady progress is made; sudden leaps towards the top are not likely. The sense of ambition should always be cultivated and encouraged.

Capricorn parents are eager for their children's success, but should always remember to show their love, affection and appreciation openly - not just with impressive presents, but also by giving the children their time. Ambitious Capricorns can be so involved in their careers and in making money (albeit for the benefit of the family) that they have no time to enjoy their home lives; and in extreme cases - especially if the children went to boarding school - they will suddenly find themselves sharing a home with adults they don't know very well. The importance of moral discipline goes without saying, but Capricorn parents can be over-strict and heavy-handed, especially during the teenage years when children naturally rebel against parental control. An unbridgeable generation gap must not be allowed to develop.

While members of many zodiac signs find it hard to cope with responsibility because of the loneliness that is often involved, self-confident Capricorns may welcome the chance to sit in their own offices at their own desks, keeping even their closest colleagues at a distance. They may of course still have to seek and take advice, but they can find this rather irksome, probably because they feel they should know everything, and don't like being reminded otherwise. It is, once again, a question of self-confidence: they find it distressing if anything tends to undermine this. Not all Capricorns may be as autocratic as we suggest, but there is almost always an element of autocracy somewhere in their character.

The Capricorn ladder to success must be steadily climbed; attempts to scale several rungs at once may be disastrous. On the other hand, the top of the ladder is always achievable, and they should set their sights at least as high as its topmost rung.

The attitude to money is a careful one - and, yes, that may be a synonym for meanness! Early in their careers, these people will probably subscribe to savings schemes; and if they are free with their money it will often be spent on people who can help them with their careers - entertaining them to dinner, perhaps. Although Capricorns are found in all walks of life, of course, many do particularly well in local government, banking and finance, estate management, the building trades, the dental profession and osteopathy. The self-made businessman is often a Capricorn.

The Capricorn ability for long-term planning should mean that periods of change will be anticipated. Typically, each change should result in positive material progress, adding to the individual's self-confidence and positive outlook. Prudent saving and investment will

ensure a good standard of living on retirement. These people should have no problems in filling their well-earned free time with all the activities they have looked forward to tackling. An earth sign, Capricorn persuades its denizens into the garden - or certainly into the fresh air. But this is also a very musical sign, and a literary one, so music and books will help to fill the days.

Capricorns are on the whole very sensible about their diets, recognizing the drawbacks of self-indulgence, but they should perhaps watch their calcium levels. Perhaps the most important advice one can give them is to keep moving, for many spend long hours behind a desk and can easily develop stiffness in the joints, leading to arthritic conditions. They must take particular care of their knee-joints (this is the Capricorn body area). Teeth and skin are also concerns of this sign and need special care. Rather like their partners across the zodiac, the Cancerians, they should be very careful of their skin when in strong sunlight; a high-grade sun-screen filter should always be used when sun-bathing.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Since they were born under an Earth sign, Capricorns will never be content merely to keep body and soul together. They have a persistent feeling that they must develop into something. They must have some accomplishment to point to, some property to look after, or some obligation to fulfill, which may be in business, politics, or the social or intellectual fields.

They have excellent intuitions and use them in their struggle to achieve personal independence and economic security. Like their symbol, the mountain goat, they are steady and surefooted. They love law and order, and are dogmatic in their view that a rule is a rule and an order is an order. Since they are of the element Earth, everything has to be sensible.

Capricorns have a knowledge of practical affairs, not through formal study so much as from reading articles and talking to people. Their prudent habits predispose them to utilize everything they see, hear, or learn; but they are not students per se. The key phrase for Capricorn is 'I use'.

Capricorns are never deterred by things that stand in the way of their climb to the top. Their extreme capacity for hard work is linked with their notion that success means material security; and they will work and plan for it. They feel, however, that the world has to give them something in return for what they have contributed.

They have great faith in their own power, and they are worldly and careful. Asking for no mercy from anyone, they drive a hard, but not unjust, bargain. They are extremely apt in finding solutions to the most difficult problems, and are very successful as troubleshooters.

They are neat and methodical in their work, and tend to be slavedrivers at home. Their household, they feel, should be managed with precision, with everything in perfect working order.

Capricorns are excellent executives, and remain in subordinate roles for a short time only. They may appear to be meek as lambs, but they can take the boss's place without snapping a finger if the opportunity arises. They never voluntarily step backward. They move up by alternating security and ambition as their goals.

They desire money, because theirs is a long-lived sign. They fear being dependent on others when they are old. This need for security may cause them to have frugal instincts, which make them stingy and at times greedy.

They are old when they are young and young when they are old. As a child the Capricorn may have had difficulties with health, but once he passes the early years he can live to a ripe old age.

Saturn rules Capricorn, and the natives has a tendency to be melancholic and, at times, lonely. Occasionally, they behave on the principle that the world is a place in which every man is for himself. Yet they have sensitive personalities and want very much to be appreciated.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a dutiful, though potentially calculating, heart. You have the will to use constructively your sense of order - without it crystallizing into rigidity. Your life should be led in a spirit of obedience to responsibility - as opposed to merely being a workhorse. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is thorough and objective, and / or cold and absent.

You generate an aura of worldiness that offers Other a means of becoming more aware and stronger with regard to material values. You convey a sense of matters being under control, borne of your practical attitude and tried and true values. You have an air of seriousness that bespeaks dependability and single-mindedness.

You can alienate Other with the stress you place upon form and position, especially when you try to pretend otherwise; with your reluctance to entertain a concept or innovation (that threatens your present reality) long enough for it to become a new reality; and with a heaviness borne of a need to control.

You overemphasize the importance of having a quantifiable result and a logical reason for everything; strictness and economy, for fear of anything emerging that is wild, original, or, at least, not of your own making; and your need to be top dog, or underdog

by way of compensation, because being so keeps Other where you want him / her.

You can feel weak when you have not got a plan, schedule or explanation for everything, while Other has probably survived quite well without; because you feel mechanical and dull as a result of not dipping into the unknown; and if you have a partner who is apparently beneath you or above you, or have no partner at all (there being no takers).

When you are alone, it is often so even when there is an Other in your life. Capricorn likes to have the trappings of normality and success, and so will invariably have a partner and / or family, etc., but how you actually feel on the inside can be a very different matter. You have a relatively sombre interior (hence the sense of aloneness, whoever you are with), and this needs the light and warmth of a spirited and childlike personality to keep the melancholia at bay. Your dilemma is that this is precisely the kind of personality that you tend not to trust and try to control. In your book, such free spirits are loose cannons, even though they are fun at first or at a distance. And so you are inclined to banish the very 'prison visitor' you like to see the most. If you do not realize this pattern sooner rather than later, your shaft of sunlight will either go behind a cloud for good, or he / she will find someone more appreciative. If you are actually alone, as far as the placement of your Sun is concerned it will be for this very reason.

(Grant Lewi)

Self-preservation aggressively carried into ambition and aspiration is the key to Capricorn activity. Not content with keeping body and soul together, Capricorn must amount to something, must have some accomplishment to point to, some property to take care of, some obligation to fulfill. His mind is subtly balanced between defence and attack; he will rarely risk either, but will pyramid his life by stepping from one to the other. Since he will never voluntarily step backward, he first shoves his security a little above his ambition, and then his ambition a little ahead of his security, till finally he is top of the heap and has taken no risks at all. He is worldly and careful; selfish, but capable of great devotion if he thinks it is merited; a stickler for the proprieties. He drives a hard bargain, but not an unjust one, and he asks for no mercy from anyone. He has plenty of suspicion, and figures that anyone who can 'put one over' on him has earned what he gets. Not the most ardent of signs in personal relations, Capricorn's love is still a muchto- be-desired thing, stable and steady, able to put up with a good deal for the sake of loyalty if not indeed for affection. He will rarely marry beneath his station, and frequently marries above it. He understands, "Thou shouldst marry for love, but thou canst just as well love where there is money". He is an excellent executive and will not long remain subordinate. He rules by instinct, and sometimes makes those he rules quite angry. He has little interest in seeing their point of view or answering their questions, and believes that "orders is orders: he took 'em once, and now it's someone else's turn". When the main chance requires it, Capricorn can be mild and meek as a lamb; but he'll commandeer the foreman's job if he gets a chance. Once arrived, however, he can be lavishly charitable. He loves the sense of importance it gives him,

the feeling that he has made the world give to him, and now he can afford to give something back to it. Underlying all his virtues and faults is the primary instinct to vindicate himself with power; to preserve himself materially in the highest structure he can build; and if some affliction in the Vitasphere doesn't undermine his judgement (which it often does) and cause him to overplay his hand at some critical point, he generally emerges with the world or some considerable portion of it at his feet.

(John Townley)

You are a very steady and reliable partner in a love relationship. When you make a commitment, you intend to stick by it. But you don't commit yourself hastily; in fact, a potential lover has to persuade you that you're ready to be involved.

When you are, you want your lover to live up to all of your expectations, just as you are willing to give completely of yourself. You are not a very easygoing partner, for you are quite demanding of others as well as of yourself. Not everyone is as consistent or strong as you are, however, so try to take human foibles and weaknesses into account before judging your partner.

In fact, for long-term happiness, it would be good to seek a lover whose style and personality are quite different from yours, who will continually inject freshness and originality into the relationship. You may serve as a stabilizing factor and emotional home base for such a partner. And while you are the steadying influence, your lover may be able to draw you out and allow you greater emotional expression within the relationship.

(John Townley) (contd.)

You tend to hold in feelings that you would like to communicate, so you need a fluid and sensitive companion who can explore the depths of your personality without treading on sensitive areas that you are not yet ready to share. Despite your inner vulnerability, you must remain master of your feelings in order to artfully sculpt the relationship.

(Robert Hand)

In youth, you are much more serious than others your age. Even adults notice that you act older than you are. After a while they may expect this of you and ask you to take on responsibilities beyond what is required of other young people. You have two kinds of feelings about this. On the one hand, you like being taken seriously and enjoy having responsibility; but on the other hand you see that other young people aren't saddled with such responsibilities, and you tend to envy them. You feel that everyone should work to get what they want, and it annoys you when others get something they don't deserve.

You may develop a rather odd and unusual sense of humor. Through jokes and humor,

you show that you recognize the seriousness of life, but you also escape from its overwhelming effects. Often your jokes are aimed at yourself.

When you grow up, you want to be important and achieve something real that everyone can point to as yours. You are ambitious in everything you do, and will work very hard to excel over others. But you will not take credit for anything that you have not done yourself, to make sure that all your achievements are real.

You are very practical, and always ask what good something is. In school you do best at studies that obviously have some practical application. You are very concerned with what is real and what is not, and are less interested in fantasy and pretending than others. Whatever is not real has little value for you.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of individuality manifests through organizational ability.

Symbol: A mountain climber plants a flag upon a rocky summit.

Capricorn represents the triumph of Saturn's discipline of thrift, industry, and perseverance. Time, that mysterious potency which Pythagoras called 'the soul of the universe', is converted into material accomplishment through the orderly process of evolution. The Capricornian is gifted with a special understanding of time. He knows intuitively that the mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine, and he will wait patiently to receive his rightful reward. Natives of this sign rarely scramble up the ladder of success. Instead, they deliberately and painstakingly shape the conditions that make success inevitable.

Saturn, which is in its fall in Aries, the sign of beginnings, does not come into its own until its exaltation in Libra, the sign which introduces that latter half of the zodiac. Similarly, Capricornians often get off to a slow start in life but gain momentum as they mature, while more precocious people fall by the wayside. These children of Saturn may be shy and delicate in their early years, but they toughen with age and are most vigorous in later life. They seldom grow fat or lazy, and never cease to work if they can help it. Ingrained habits of prudence and self-discipline serve them well when at last they retire and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Capricornians can wait for what they want because they are so engrossed in carrying out their duties that time passes quickly. Some members of this sign seem never to have been young. They are liable to moods of depression; but their somber outlook binds them all the more compulsively to their obligations. Under adversity, when other types fall to pieces, Capricornians fall back on organized work habits, thereby weathering the crisis. They may appear dour, but because they cope competently with small troubles they seldom break down when larger ones loom up. Fortunately, many Capricornians have an astringent sense of humor which leavens their basic gravity.

In return for diligent application to their tasks, Capricorn people reap the reward of knowing how to enjoy the pleasures of the senses. Men of this sign will carry on love affairs in old age, even when they have denied themselves in their youth. Although cool and calculating in many respects, they have a reputation for being the most highly sexed members of the zodiac. Some are justifiably called 'old goats'.

Capricornians are astute in business. They also have an affinity for the physical sciences and make admirable doctors, lawyers, and judges. They are natural organizers who may be exacting in their requirements, but who are usually respected for their rectitude. Although quick to seize an advantage, they are seldom dishonest. Their authoritarian ways may drive others to violence, rebellion, or neurosis; but usually they themselves feel justified in what they are doing. Capricornian abuses arise from blindly adhering to the status quo and rigorously upholding conventions that have outlived their usefulness. These people feel that the greatest good is that which maintains the integrity of the social order, and if refractory elements do not conform to the mold, so much the worse for them.

In their religious beliefs, Capricornians tend to be orthodox or to gravitate toward the conservative side of whatever faith they have embraced. They have little use for dreams and visions, and prefer their own solidly grounded, serviceable structures to castles in the air. However, they may want others to abide within the rigid and somewhat narrow walls of their ideological constructs, and can be morosely resentful or harshly retaliatory when their insistence upon conformity provokes insubordination.

Nevertheless, it is fortunate for civilization that its cohesiveness can be maintained by cautious Capricornians who take life seriously, maintain standards of quality in the work for which they are responsible, and uphold principles of law and order. Their reliable ways may sometimes seem dull or uninspired, but they would be sorely missed if they were not working diligently to cement the disparate elements of society.

(Isabel Hickey)

The Sun in Capricorn represents 'the mountain goat, climbing toward the heights, solitary and alone'. Keyword: 'I use'. Rules the bones, the skin and the knees in the physical body.

Capricorn is the natural ruler of the tenth house, the amplifier of what the person attains, or does not attain, in prestige, honor and success before the public. Capricorn is a 'testing' sign; and the tenth house is of deep significance to the soul on its journey to the highlands of spirit. Capricorn is symbolized by the mountain goat, solitary and alone, who climbs to the heights with patient persistence. He faces calculated risks in that climb, but nothing is going to stop him before he attains his objectives. Is it any wonder that Capricorn rules big business?

Capricorn people can exemplify the highest or the lowest qualities of which human nature is capable. They are capable of great strength and have a strong sense of purpose. How they use that strength and what that purpose will be is of utmost importance. Expediency is a Capricorn keynote. 'How can I use this?' differs from 'How can this be of use to others?' These attitudes show the difference between the unevolved and the evolved soul born in Capricorn.

Where Leo rules by the divine right of kings, Capricorn rules by delegated authority. The Capricorn's strength lies in leadership and in humility. Too often their weaknesses lead to false pride and to the assurance that they are the only ones who know what is good for the other fellow. Materialism is very strong in the people of Capricorn. Money is extremely important to them, not for the money itself but for the power it wields in the outer world.

Respect and reward have to be earned in the sign of Capricorn. Great wealth or power entails great responsibilities. Some of the robber-barons that took advantage of the laborers at the turn of the century found this out. They tried to right the wrongs they had done, and gave a great deal of their finances toward humanitarian causes, but their dues had to be paid. They were paid through the instrument that the Capricorn values most - the body. Good health was the one thing their money could not buy. Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn, keeps a perfect set of books. We might break legal laws, but we can't break cosmic laws. Everything in this universe goes back to its source. Everything we do, good or ill, returns to us. This is the Law. Sooner or later, every one of us gets what he deserves, no more and no less.

The positive qualities of the Capricorn people are leadership, patience, persistence, efficiency and practicality. They are ambitious and willing to work and to work hard for what they want. There is strength and integrity in the higher-type Capricorns. They are dependable and confident, and give confidence to others.

Tradition, home, mother, the past (often exemplified through their love of antiques); these are important to the people of Capricorn. The Capricorn male clings to mother even after marriage. While mother lives, she is at the hub of his life. This can lead to complications in marriage. Too often Capricorns are much nicer to people out on the world than they are to their own family. So many times they have been accused of being a 'street angel and house devil'. Too often this can be true. They are the disciplinarians. 'Do it because I say so.' This is because they do not understand the other fellow's feelings.

Capricorns are accused of being cold and insufficiently concerned about those close to them. This is true if Saturn or the Sun has afflictions in the chart. Then they are apt to want their own way regardless of the other person's feelings. They may not consider the fact that every individual has the right to his own feelings and his own freedom. The

antidote for an afflicted Saturn is Venus. Love is the healing force that dissolves arrogance and selfishness.

(Myrna Lofthus)

Capricorn people are happiest in careers calling for organizing ability, integrity, and perseverance. Some of the careers are mathematician, civil servant, osteopath, politician, public administrator, government service, accountant, actors, teachers, and astrologers.

Five positive key words are: ambitious, responsible, practical, efficient, and patient. Five negative keywords are: worry, retaliation, suspicion, stubbornness, and intolerance. The key phrase is 'I use'. The key word is 'attainment'. Their basic nature is 'the organizer, businessman, or conservationist'.

Because of their quiet exterior, Capricorns appear to be loners. This trait is similar to the mountain goat who stands quietly upon his lofty perch, surveying the world far below. The goat appears to be totally unaware of the winds howling around him. But he is not really unaware of the winds; merely impervious to them. Like the goat, Capricorns have built a wall around their innermost being, so that they, too, are impervious to the buffeting winds. But the wall the Capricorns have built is sometimes not strong enough to keep the howling winds from penetrating. Then worries and pessimism flood their being.

For all their quiet exterior, they enjoy the limelight. This is why many Capricorns are attracted to politics and acting careers.

Their strong desire to succeed at whatever they do enables them to be hard-working and patient in the pursuit of their goals. If necessary they will bear considerable hardship in obtaining these goals. Their inferiority complex demands they produce concrete results from their endeavors. Thus, their spare time is spent on practical projects.

Capricorns want to see all sides of an issue before reaching a conclusion. They like to plan in advance, weighing all the pros and cons. Decisions are never made rapidly. They rarely make mistakes. When they do, it is difficult for them to see where they went wrong, since they had carefully planned everything prior to starting the project.

They are dependable, particularly in a crisis. When asked, they give sound, practical advice.

They are, as a rule, not aggressive people, but only express hostility as a defence when attacked. Their sensitivity causes them to be deeply hurt from these attacks. When the earth is dug up, it takes time for it to flatten out and become smooth again. So it is with a Capricorn, when he is battered in any way. It takes a long time for the wound to heal.

Because of this, they sometimes seek to pay back hurts.

They need people, but have a tendency to isolate themselves from people due to their reserve and fear of being hurt. Nevertheless, they never really like to be alone. They are very selective in choosing their friends, with only a few intimate ones. These friends receive unswerving loyalty.

They are conservative in their thinking and attitudes, as well as in dress and social mannerisms. They believe in law and order, and respect tradition. It is unusual for them to adopt radical ideas. They are seldom dishonest.

Their fear of being without necessitates their having a regular income. Their attainments in life are accomplished through steady progress rather than through speculation or get-rich-quick schemes.

They are natural organizers and have good leadership ability, which they can use to good advantage. They have a desire for recognition. Because of this, they find it difficult to do good deeds in secret, since they feel that their good deeds should receive some type of attention.

They have strong self-discipline and nothing will sway them from their course if their mind is made up. They will give up many enjoyments in order to reach their goal. Hard work invigorates them. But, they must not overdo, or they will suffer physical exhaustion.

They are ambitious. However, they do not feel a need to keep up with the people next door. Success is usually achieved later in life.

They are thrifty and like to collect things, but this is not a miserly tendency. They abhor waste, which causes them to see the possibilities of using the objects later. Periodically, the objects are discarded, if no practical use has been found for them.

They are quite creative, but can be very pessimistic and negative about their abilities. They must learn to believe in themselves and to develop optimism.

Capricorns seldom waste time talking needlessly. They speak only when they have something to say. Many people are quite surprised to discover that Capricorns have a dry sense of humor.

The thought patterns of their mind are rational and constructive. Unless other things in their natal chart mitigate this, most Capricorns do not grasp ideas rapidly, but must plod along, slowly absorbing knowledge. However, this attribute assures them of the retainment of everything they learn.

They can be troubled with arthritis of the bones and joints. Because of this, they should

eat properly, take vitamins, and engage in some form of physical exercise every day. Calcium and Vitamin C are extremely important supplements.

Capricorns have a lot of patience. This is fortunate, for they are forced to see many of their aims meet with delays, setbacks, and obstacles. The stoicism of the Capricorns helps them face these objectively. If one path is blocked, they will try another. They know intuitively that work is therapeutic. This trait develops their strength of character. And yet, at times, the obstacles will produce pessimism; and some of them will cease trying for fear of failing. Encouragement and praise are essential in motivating a Capricorn to continue.

They are thoughtful, self-contained people. They may not have the personal magnetism of some of the other zodiac signs, but they are tactful, compassionate, and warmhearted. Their own personal sufferings help them identify with the sufferings of others.

The reason for so much personal suffering in their lives is so that Capricorns will seek spiritual attainment rather than personal attainment. The mountaintop the goat climbs represents soul growth rather than personal growth. Once a Capricorn is made aware of this, setbacks and obstacles diminish.

In love, they are as romantic and emotional as anyone else, but they may feel inhibited in expressing their emotions. They are cautious in making a total commitment, until they know that the traits and lifestyle of the possible partner are compatible with theirs. Once married, they seldom divorce, for they feel that any situation can be worked out.

Capricorns are family-oriented, and enjoy their children. They must watch a tendency to want to dominate their children. Since it is easy for them to get sidetracked in their own work or projects, they must make a conscious effort to bring fun into their children's lives. It would help a Capricorn to set aside a certain time each day to do something with their children. Otherwise, time will elapse without their being aware of it. The children can learn much from a Capricorn parent because of their parent's responsibility and from their dry sense of humor which makes life appear amusing. A Capricorn woman enjoys working but should, if possible, avoid going back to work until the child is in school.

Capricorn children benefit from being introduced to a variety of experiences. They should be praised for effort rather than for achievement. In time, their achievements will be great, if not greater, than their efforts. Allow them to accept responsibilities early. They generally look older than they are. (In later life, they get younger-looking.) Because they appear to be very wise for their age, it is easy for their parents to unburden their troubles to them. This causes the child to lose his / her own small amount of optimism, since he / she is not old enough to help the parent solve the problem.

Sun ☉ in 5th House

(Haydn Paul)

In this house, the natural tendency of the Sun is towards more egocentric, hedonistic pleasures in life, which may be associated with the releasing of a creative artistic spirit. It is a search for enjoyment that becomes a path of development, although care may be necessary to moderate any innate selfish traits that rise to the surface and demand satisfaction. An underlying attitude is likely to be a self-centred naive innocence, which may sometimes fail to be consistently conscious of the reactions and feelings of others.

This can be displayed in attractions towards romances and love affairs which initially often appear so enticing and exciting, and yet can bring considerable confusion and emotional suffering in their wake when the spark of love or lust extinguishes itself. You may notice that while the flame of love burns brightly as passions are ignited, your intensity of feeling is more short-lived, and your interest wanes. Maintaining permanent relationships may prove problematic for you; and attractions to pleasure may sometimes prove detrimental. You will enjoy children, however, feeling great pride in your creative prowess, and will happily spend many happy hours playing with them or performing dramatic theatrical roles for their entertainment.

Your attitude is that life should be fun; and you intend to pursue this theory and prove that it is right. Your vitality is increased by spending as much time as possible devoted only to doing things which are generally enjoyable. 'Why waste time in activities that are not enjoyable?' you wonder. Ideally, you want to transform your whole life into one of pleasure and interest; and it is through your endeavours to achieve this that your direction unfolds with a sense of purpose and meaning. The search for personal satisfaction motivates you; and if this diminishes in your life, then so does your level of vitality, as the two are interwoven and affect both your psychological and physiological states of well-being. Expansive desires could become distractions for you, as you may feel that you have to chase every object, person or interest that activates your curiosity. You may express a childlike one-pointed focus of desire towards whatever promises you pleasure, and this could have compulsive qualities. You may be like a child standing in a toyshop, who looks round and says 'I want' to everything.

Developing your artistic creativity could prove important to release self-expression and a channel for some of your overflowing energies. Such creativity is likely to have a passionate emotional content, a dramatic or theatrical intensity and joy which adds increased colour to life, lifting it above the greys of mundane superficial existence. Perceiving yourself as a creative artist in some sphere offers an alternative self-image and a social role to perform to increase your influence in the world. You enjoy attracting attention, and this helps to vitalise your sense of identity, as you hope that you stand out

from the crowd; being anonymous and invisible is not to your taste, and you prefer to be noticed and appreciated by others.

You may overproject yourself at times through sheer ebullience, and you may need to keep a wary eye on any adoption of roles, so that you do not begin losing your full nature through the performance of selected facets. You can be over-confident, taking unnecessary risks or adventures, or through unwise speculation may jeopardise your position or family security. Sometimes, a pause for reflection and thought may be appropriate before you leap into action.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Those with Sun in the fifth possess a strong sense of self, a natural pride and dignity, and exhibit great creativity and originality in everything they do. They can be self-centered, so inner-directed that they may lose sight of others; but once reminded, are usually quick and generous in their response. They like being left alone to do things their own way, though, as soon as they feel the need for companionship, it is easy for them to find, as they are charming and entertaining companions.

They are usually healthy, strong, and very courageous - physically in Earth, mentally in Air, emotionally in Water; and apt to be reckless in Fire, taking risks without paying much attention to danger.

They are very inclined toward love affairs and romance all their lives, which can be a problem; other placements will show how much of a problem. Affairs are brief, intense, and sexual in Aries; they are sexual and enduring in Taurus, and liable to become marriages or as enduring as marriages. In Gemini, affairs will be sentimental or mostly mental; they may involve two partners at once, or a relative, neighbor, or childhood companion. In Cancer, love affairs are very emotional; in Leo, very sexual; in Virgo, cautious but enduring; in Libra, marriage, sometimes several, sometimes a refusal to marry anyone; in Sagittarius, intense but brief; in Capricorn, slow to develop but enduring; in Aquarius, either sudden and unique, or similar to Capricorn; in Pisces, sentimental first, then sexual.

There is a danger with this fifth-house Sun of withdrawing from life to too great an extent, shutting out the world and its confusing demands, protecting a privacy that becomes all-engulfing, particularly later in life. Here are mavericks, eccentrics, loners; those who go their own way, no matter what. There is the danger of ignoring the attitudes of society to too great an extent, ignoring public opinion.

These people are hard workers, able to keep at the job longer than others. They like to work hard and relax thoroughly. Physically, they are healthy and strong. They generally like competitive sports, especially in Earth and Water signs, and like to play hard to use up their abundance of physical energy. The competitive nature of the fifth house is not

so apparent with the Sun in it; it seems to scorn competition. The true competition here is with the self, to outdo oneself, to be better each time than the time before. Self-development is generally more important than a single steady career effort.

Frequently, the family pet in childhood, the apple of the parents' eyes, these individuals have been given such a strong sense of their own innate worth and importance that they feel no need to prove themselves to anyone but themselves.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: With the Sun in the 5th house you are truly the 'star' of your own life-movie. Persona, and the paradox of controlled yet spontaneous behavior that accompanies it, is crucial. You have come to the Earth to develop more awareness of the self's radiant power, and to use that power as an actor would, fuelling a consciously-chosen ego-role. Every time you see your name in lights on the marquee, every time you occupy center-stage successfully, you absorb basic life-energy, which is then transformed for use in other areas of the psyche. The pitfall involves becoming so self-centered, so enamored of your ego presentation that others are alienated. Pomposity is not becoming to your essential dignity. The challenge is to develop a consciously powerful personal charisma that retains its sensitivity both to the audience and to other performers.

Romance, giving love: Life is a continual romantic adventure. You are the courtier who loves nothing better than the pursuit of a possible beloved. The very center of your life-purpose lies in loving, in the risks, the excitement, the sheer thrill of personal impact through the game of courtship. The aspect of performance in loving is part of your core; one way life-energy is absorbed from the cosmos. If you stop the creative flow of the risk to love for a short time, energy intake is reduced sharply, allowing any backlog to radiate outward, thus re-establishing homeostasis. But if the risk to love is curtailed for any prolonged period, your life-energy can be endangered. Love alone is not enough; you must have powerful impact on others for love to be fulfilled. First generate charisma; then learn to use it well.

Sexual performance: Sexual performance is an important part of your life-purpose. You are charged by the impetus toward being 'the world's greatest lover'. Directing energy into another person, having the thrill of seeing, sensing, and feeling the result of that psychic - and physical - penetration is an experience that goes right to your core. Naturally, the Sun's sign and interplanetary aspects strongly highlight your natural approach to lovemaking; but with any condition, what's important is the concrete experience of self-validation through the successful expression of sexual ardor. You love the idea of having children. However, whether you love the sustained effort of raising them is another matter entirely.

Personal creativity: You are creative by nature, and it is a significant part of what you

intend to develop and express in this life. You may choose an obviously artistic path, but it is more likely that you will choose your niche in the world based on other considerations, then attempt to use that niche as the outlet and arena for your creative impulses. Whether or not your creativity ever fully fleshes itself out, and whether or not it is considered successful, depends on a myriad of factors beyond the condition of the Sun, factors that go beyond even the symbolic indications of astrology in general, qualities such as 'heart', depth of character, and, especially, flexibility in the face of criticism.

Competition: Life is a gamble, a game to be won or lost; and no-one appreciates this more than you. Every time a risk is chosen, every time competition is accepted, lifeenergy flows into you. The very essence of your life involves the paradoxical dance between confidence and risk. Winning or losing is not the crucial issue. The challenge is to play the game fully, with all the consciousness you can muster. Go for the gusto.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your ability to develop your creative potentials gives you many options for selfexpression. You are generally a charming person who looks at life optimistically, knowing you will reach your objectives. People who are close to you find you delightful, and you enjoy their attention. You should take advantage of your creative gifts, or the chances of achieving your ambitions will be greatly diminished. You have lots of talent, but it may be obscured by your preoccupations with pleasure; and you may not have enough time to reach your goals. You cannot afford to take that chance. It's fine to believe in your eventual success, but until you can demonstrate your effectiveness in real situations, you haven't achieved anything. The future is not a vague abstraction; it is every tomorrow of your life. Your magnetism and dramatic flair for communication are your best assets, which you should use to distinguish yourself. People like you and you like them, so you could work most effectively with the public. Once you get started, you will be filled with enthusiasm, and every success will be a catalyst for greater achievements.

You know how to communicate with people, and they respond to you. You capture the public's imagination and win their confidence that you will fulfill your promises. You know how to generate enthusiasm, for which people are very grateful. Your partner will be loyal and dedicated to your causes. You may have more to choose from than most people, so your decisions may be more difficult.

Pattern your growth after the lives of your successful associates; learn how they establish and realize their goals. You need substantial financial resources for the lifestyle you want, and you must accept responsibility for devising ways to increase your income. Even people who are less talented are able to do well financially, but you could do at least as well as they, if not better. You can easily resolve these developing anxieties about your worth by applying yourself. Before you do anything, however, you must

define your goals and objectives and glow with the expectation that you will achieve them. By developing self-discipline, you can sustain yourself solely on your merits. This investment means sacrificing certain pleasures, but you will have established your priorities, which can guide you.

You will have to give up some of your self-indulgent ways to make a personal investment that will provide long-term dividends. If you start at the bottom, you can learn how not to fall flat on your face; and if you suffer some setbacks, only a few people will know. Put your vanity on the shelf, and do your best to earn the position you want. If you bring all your creative resources to the surface, you will attract the attention of important people, who can help you move up the ladder of success.

Your early conditioning has give you a good base on which to build your life. But don't think that you can coast along, letting your family take care of your needs. Your heritage should be the bottom rung of the tall ladder you will climb in fulfilling your destiny. Creative talent has no value unless you develop it. It's what you do with your creativity that determines how successful you will be. You may not enjoy hard work, but you, especially, have to accept its reality in your life. To escape from it is to escape to nowhere.

The Sun is strongly placed in the 5th, its natural domain. For those with this placement, a sense of identity, power and purpose in life is found through wholeheartedly engaging in activities which make them feel good about being alive. The need to give expression to the self is vital to physical and psychological health; and people become ill and depressed if they have nothing to live for. Of course, they also fall sick if they are trying to pack too much in. It is not a case of how much the 5th house Sun can do, but rather the quality of the involvement and the degree of satisfaction which is obtained from it.

Some form of artistic expression is advised - not necessarily in order to be another Mozart or Matisse, but more for the sake of freeing the spirit, releasing emotions and feelings, and having the opportunity to create from inside the self. The richness of life is also enhanced through hobbies, sporting events, recreational pursuits, trips to the theatre, art galleries, etc..

The 'playful child' is alive and well in someone with a 5th house Sun, and struggling to be free. No matter how creative people with this placement may appear to others, they usually feel they could be better at whatever it is they do. The Sun by nature is expansive; and in the 5th it seeks to express itself more and more and continually increase its territory of influence.

For those with the Sun in the 5th, love affairs and romance heighten their sense of participation in life as well as embellishing their feelings of specialness. Producing children is another way they can bolster their sense of identity as well as extending their power and influence. There is a danger, though, that a parent with this placement could

attempt to 'live out' his or her life too much through a child, projecting unfulfilled needs for fame and glory onto the offspring. The child might be exhibited like a work of art in the hopes that what has been 'produced' will be praised.

The need to be the centre of attention is very strong with the Sun in the 5th; and these people may be unable to tolerate situations in which all eyes are not focused on them. A difficultly aspected Sun in this house could resort to devious, manipulative or exaggerated ways of gaining attention: even negative 'strokes' are better than no 'strokes' at all.

Moon ☾ in ♌ Leo 22° 47'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you subconsciously seek to confirm your worth by superiority, you may expect others to come to you, like the king waiting to receive his audience. You may use the pretence of objectivity to ensure that others will admire you on your pedestal. If you unconsciously select associates on the basis of their ability to increase the Leo material status, you can experience the discomfort of relating without inner affinity. Thus, in needing others as tools to further your own values and goals, you close the door to receiving rewards that are beyond your expectations or defined objectives.

Needing to be entertained, you can go on 'automatic' and unconsciously use your charm to increase your material position. This is borne of an inner attitude of 'what can you do for me?' and costs you your self-confidence in expressing truly spontaneous feelings. You may hoard resources, begrudgingly sharing them with those who are close. Concealing assets causes you to lose status in their eyes, and, consequently, in your own. Confidence in others is eroded when you seek to take advantage to enhance your material position and feel superior in comparison.

Dynamic

You can create the self-worth you need as you notice that old methods for achieving admiration from others do not result in success. The values projected may not be what others want or need. You must first relinquish the position of director, producer, and main character in your life drama. This enables you to get in touch with the audience and find out which of your many talents and resources are appropriate to the situation.

When you approach relationships thinking, 'It's not what you can do for me, it's what I can do for you', you experience an unshakable sense of your own worth. When you

open yourself to the desires and needs of others, you gain insight into the role you can play. By inspiring others, you not only are entertained, but also gain a sense of self-worth in the process.

Choosing to focus on others' needs frees you to express the flamboyant, generous Leo nature in a way that supports the worth of others. In the process, your worth is validated. As a by-product of contributing your talents to uplift others, you find enjoyment and happiness. The loyalty and love of your family are earned when you support their values and needs in establishing their worth. Stepping out of your drama and realizing how much fun you're having in your dramatics lightens your whole outlook on life.

General

You have a need for recognition, approval, and praise. You take naturally to applause; and insecurity results when you feel ignored or not treated as someone special.

This insecurity can result in feeling that you must perform according to other people's standards and to further other people's goals in order to gain applause. You can be almost childlike in your need for approval, totally dependent on being with people who will flatter you and pamper your ego. Your need for constant reassurance can tax the energies of those who love you, and rob you of your freedom and selfconfidence.

During your life, you are learning to dedicate yourself to more universal causes that allow you to do your part in furthering the evolution of the race. When you focus on the larger drama and allow yourself to be a vehicle for an energy that furthers the goals of humankind, your powerful ego assumes a lovely balanced role. Seeing yourself as a channel for helping your brothers and sisters allows you to accept your childlike qualities and be more tolerant of your mistakes because you know your motive was of the highest.

Regarding those you are close to as friends, rather than subjects or your private audience, allows you to support their special life force, which will naturally result in their freely acknowledging you.

Clarity about the ideals of humanity that you support allows you to offer approval and vital support to others without expectations of loyalty. This opens the gateway to a flood of unexpected appreciation of your generosity of spirit when you least expect it.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Leo Moons particularly need to feel loved and appreciated, to be treated specially, to play, and to express ourselves spontaneously and creatively. We need warmth and devotion, and are able to give abundantly from our hearts as long as we are also being fed with love. Otherwise, our lunar nature may become distorted and

compulsive in its insistence upon attention and / or power. Negatively, we may be unable to relinquish centre stage, may overdramatize in order to impact others, or may become dominating or bossy in our attempts to maintain command over ourselves and others.

A Leo Moon suggests that we had loving parental figures who prized us highly, became enthusiastically involved in our activities and triumphs, and were capable of encouraging and sharing our playful spirit. However, an afflicted Moon may indicate parents who either overindulged or deprived us. At one extreme are the mothers who spoiled us with too much attention and too many special treats, preparing us to live our adult lives only as princes or princesses. At the other extreme are the narcissistic parents, the tyrant queens or kings who sought only that we become obedient subjects, or who overly identified with us, urging us to live their dreams and adamantly discouraging our individuality.

As a result of our childhood upbringing, we may have internalized messages which support attention-seeking, childish, demanding and / or dominating behavior patterns. We may act as if we deserve to be the centre of everyone's universe and not just our own. We may, because of past unmet needs, become compulsive in our desire to prove our value and gain acclaim.

A Leo Moon has much to give provided it is able to bask in the sunlight of warmth and affection. Those of us who have Leo Moons may need to feed ourselves emotionally rather than always expect others to provide for us. We need at times to give ourselves our full attention and appreciation, to be our own audience, and to encourage and delight in the spontaneity and zest of our inner child. If we are to experience emotional satisfaction, we need to keep our hearts open to pain as well as joy, and to become capable of loving others not only because they love us in turn, but also because we truly love ourselves.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Leo makes the native want to give the impression of nobility. In his desiring to present such a picture, his very actions and thoughts often do become noble. This native has drive and ambition; he wants to better himself. Security in itself does not satisfy him. Ambition is a key word here. Like the Moon in Taurus, he loves luxury. But there is more 'fire' to his make-up - he is dashing, and popular with the opposite sex, and tends toward extravagant gestures. He is prone to 'emotional hangovers'.

The Moon in Leo tends to sit in an 'ivory tower'. He tells himself that he is merely an interested spectator. But very often he becomes more involved in situations than the actual participants.

The astrologer must know that the native has an inner feeling of strength. He doesn't call on it because he feels it is there whenever he needs it. This could create the kind of

situation which is hopeless - something like this: the writer who begins to hang out in 'dives'. He tells himself he is there to gather material. But soon he is one of the local characters - providing instead of gathering stories. The Moon in Leo requires discipline; otherwise, he slips into the easiest path, never really living up to his potential. The tendency here is toward 'snobbery'. The rules are fine, he is apt to feel, but they don't necessarily apply to him. He will associate with anyone but keep a part of himself to himself. On the positive side, he holds something in reserve. On the negative side, he thinks he is holding something in reserve. A fine point, but it could create disillusion, dissipation and unhappiness.

Generally, the native is honorable, and generous with time and money. He needs to feel he is special. In dealing with members of the opposite sex, he seeks one who finds him charming, irresistible. He shows appreciation of and ability in artistic, creative fields, including music, painting, poetry. He loves to explain, display and criticize the arts. He is never satisfied with burying his 'light' in a bushel.

(Haydn Paul)

There is a strong sense of individuality within this position, often indicating a more self-contained emotional nature, which nevertheless is attracted toward the emotional gratification of the spotlight of approval and applause. Attention is an emotional fuel, and you may display childish petulance if this need is denied, perhaps through emotional displays whenever your demands for attention are ignored by family, friends, or colleagues. Your ego and vanity are easily wounded, especially through sensitivity to criticism; and you become moody and brood in response to negative comments.

Compulsive needs exist for success and public attention, which may have roots within childhood and your relationship with parents. You need to be self-assertive, although to some you may appear too confident, too self-assured or forceful. This is an expression of inner strength, and you are often guided by this feeling of integrity, responsibility, and sense of purposeful direction. Leo as a fixed sign implies an ability to concentrate your will once a direction is determined. You can be single-minded, bending only when absolutely necessary, instead of being intrinsically flexible.

You want close, loving, and intimate relationships; you need to love and to be loved. In a loving relationship, there is the opportunity to express and receive admiration and appreciation. Your emotional self-determination, linked with personal magnetic charm, can make you attractive to others, especially to those looking for a stronger partner, or to others equally independent in nature. Your stubbornness may cause friction and conflict when wills clash, particularly if you try to dominate a partner or family member; and at times like this, your emotional immaturity is often revealed. Once the moment has passed and tempers have cooled down, you can objectively see the overreaction or emotional button that has been pressed, and resolve that 'next time, I won't rise to that bait again'. Time will tell.

If the Moon nature has been denied, signs of compulsive activity may occur, especially tendencies of self-adulation, hogging the center stage, ego-inflation, and attempts to dominate any who are unable to resist; the 'superiority complex' is one which is often seen in social / employment hierarchies. This is when insecurity hides beneath the surface, and self-esteem needs to be derived from positions of status or from the attention of others. There can be a susceptibility to flattery and a need for social approbation.

Your potential is to develop a constructive, optimistic approach to life's experiences and to fulfill personality needs. You may have to create or discover appropriate ways to satisfy your needs, rather than relying on others. Your nature requires acceptance, so that you can appreciate, value, and exploit innate talents and qualities. Pay attention to satisfying emotional needs and feelings; succeeding in this will reduce your compensatory need to play center stage and make you less vulnerable to audience reaction.

(Skye Alexander)

Self-confident, cheerful and optimistic, your outlook on life (at least your own life) is generally sunny; and not much dampens your spirits for long. You always assume that things will work out for the best, and usually they do. You have a knack for attracting into your life people and circumstances that will benefit you. You are a natural leader, and others follow you because you project an aura of knowing what you are doing.

For you, love certainly makes the world go 'round; and in relationships, you are romantic, affectionate, generous and enthusiastic. You love the idea of being in love. Being the centre of a lover's attention feeds your sizeable ego, and you like nothing better. Flattery will win you over every time, and you are rather naive when it comes to affairs of the heart. A wily partner could separate you from everything you own, simply by doting on you and keeping you entertained.

Self-centred and rather vain, you believe everyone is as fond of you as you are of yourself. You probably flirt with everyone you meet, but it's because you thrive on constant attention, not because you are inherently fickle. Once committed to a relationship, you are generally a loyal and devoted partner. You desperately need to be loved and approved of; and nothing hurts you more than being unappreciated - unless it's being humiliated in public. The one offence you can't forgive is someone stepping on your pride.

You have an innate sense of the dramatic, and always do things with a flair. A natural showman, you can be quite entertaining and are often the life of the party. Perhaps you dress in an exotic, flamboyant manner, or in the height of style. Perhaps you are a talented actor or entertainer, always ready to perform for an audience. However, you

need to be careful of being loud or showy simply to get attention.

Your natural abilities probably include some sort of artistic talent, and you are quite creative. In addition, your self-confidence allows you to keep on believing in yourself, regardless of what others think - a necessity in fields like art or the theatre.

It is quite likely that you use your creativity to make your home a showplace. You may have a gift for interior design, and are good with color, though your taste is never subtle and can tend toward garishness. Your home is your castle, and you want to live like a king / queen. As a result, you are inclined to overextend yourself financially to impress others with your house and lifestyle. You enjoy entertaining at home, and are a generous and gracious host / hostess.

When you were young, your mother (or nurturing parent) probably showered you with attention and reinforced your efforts so that you grew up believing you could do anything. If you displayed talent early, she / he may have enrolled you in acting or dance classes, or arranged for you to take art lessons. Though you were a bit spoiled, you were nonetheless a loving and good-natured child and perhaps the family favorite. You learned quickly that you could get almost anything you wanted without much effort. As an adult, you expect things to continue being easy and can be quite lazy.

You adore children, and especially playing with them and entertaining them with your antics and theatrics. A loving, devoted and affectionate parent, you are inclined to spoil your children. However, they never doubt that you love them, and you aren't the type to put a business trip ahead of your son or daughter's Little League game. The one thing you demand, however, is respect; and you won't tolerate insubordination or disobedience. Consequently, you might earn yourself a reputation in the family as a benevolent dictator.

Women with this Moon position are usually affectionate, strong-willed, self-centred and excessively concerned with their appearances. Men sometimes project this side of themselves onto the women in their lives, and may be attracted to women who are dramatic, creative, vivacious, glamorous, even a bit gaudy.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Self-sufficient and self-reliant, you will leave things alone unless you are personally concerned. Once you have decided to act, you are resentful of interference and criticism. You are emotionally attached to anything that belongs to you or reflects on your ego personally.

Your sense impressions are well-developed, and you are able to make quick, accurate evaluations of other people and their motives. You have a fiery temperament, and you can quickly cut other people down to size.

Self-centred and somewhat pompous, you may lack objectivity and have a blind spot in your emotional perspective. For you to truly enjoy any relationship, your heart must be involved.

You usually lack curiosity; but when you are motivated, you learn quickly and accurately, although all your learning is colored by your feelings. Leo lends a nobility to the emotions, but this placement also makes it difficult to back down or to compromise. You are hard to convince; but when you do open your mind and heart, you learn the quickest of all.

You have a need to be admired and applauded. Despite your basic loyalty, if you feel unappreciated you will seek appreciation and satisfaction elsewhere.

People with the Moon in Leo are sexually magnetic and charming, but may also be overbearing and arrogant. In a man's chart, it makes him romantic, fun and sexy, or he may tend to conceit, arrogance and an overbearing ego. Both men and women with this placement are attractive and attracted to the opposite sex. The man will seek a woman with flair, enthusiasm and good taste.

The Moon in Leo brings positions of authority and leadership, which you accept seriously and easily. You are ambitious and status-conscious; you want prominence and acclaim. Your straightforward honesty is apparent, and your organizing ability is prominent, but take care that it doesn't become bossiness.

You love music, the arts, luxury and children; and you usually have a sunny and selfconfident disposition. Your emotions are powerful, your affection is given generously, and you usually favor sophisticated pleasures.

You see your mother as a strong personality who dominated you in your youth. She tried to give you good moral and religious values.

The sign of Leo is masculine, positive, fiery and fixed, while the Moon, through its associations with the sign of Cancer, is feminine, negative, watery and cardinal. At first sight it doesn't look as if the moon would be very comfortable in Leo, but in many ways it is.

The power of the Sun seems to dominate the Moon, permeating the deepest layers of the personality with Leonine characteristics which then bubble their way up to the surface. If you have this Moon placement you are basically kind, generous and honorable, with an instinctive need to encourage others. There is a real touch of Leo nobility deep down inside you. Being naturally dignified, honest and trustworthy, you would find it hard to behave in a callous or crafty manner, and you are far too proud to scrounge off others. Your need to appear honest and honourable may not reflect reality;

but if you are caught out in a cowardly or underhanded act or if it becomes obvious that you harbour jealous feelings, you can react in an angry and aggressive manner. You can get on your high horse if your dignity is pricked.

The fixity of the sign gives you the determination to see things through and to finish everything you start. It is possible that you may dig your heels in too much and try to lay the law down to others. You could be stubborn and unbending at times.

You sometimes appear to behave in a distant and superior manner; this is your shield for those times when you are in unfamiliar situations. When hurt, you retreat into something which you see as dignified silence and others see as the sulks; however, under normal circumstances you are cheerful, friendly and open. You occasionally have doubts about your own self-worth; also occasional feelings of intense superiority. The emotions are always held under control when the Moon is in a fixed sign, and therefore they may break out strongly from time to time. You could become quite aggressive if pushed, or if you are on the receiving end of aggression from others. If hurt enough, you would become jealous, full of hate, and revengeful.

Lunar Leos can be surprisingly self-sacrificing towards loved ones, but heaven help them if the loved ones don't appreciate the sacrifices. You place the objects of your love on a pedestal and feel hurt when you discover that they are only human. Your intense feelings give you a longing for excitement, drama, romance and passion; with a bit of luck, you will find this within a steady relationship; if not, then you will look for romance, passion etc. outside marriage. You may even create tension within a relationship to keep it alive. For the same reason, you must have an exciting career; you can put up with an insecure one but not a boring one. Too much contentment bores you.

Your mind is broad, and you are unlikely to follow any of the more fanatical religious or political beliefs. You may have a religious and philosophical outlook which is different from that of your parents; but this should not be a big problem in your life. Although not in any way bigoted, you may find it hard to change your mind once it is made up, and you can have rather entrenched views.

The Moon is associated with the home; therefore, yours will be attractive with an interesting sort of décor. You are very fussy about your own appearance, and may even be vain. (Men with this Moon placement are actually worse than women.) The one thing which is the bane of your life is your hair. You may consider this to be too thick, thin, wiry, curly, or, even if male, too bald! You may be vain about your body and even your sexual performance. One lady who is married to a very nice Moon in Leo guy tells me that he doles out sex as if it were a treat! As a lover, you could, like Sun in Leo, be bossy and demanding, but also comfortable, relaxed and kind. It would be most unusual to find an out-and-out pervert with this Moon placement. Being romantic, you enjoy dining out, giving and receiving presents, and remembering birthdays. You are fussy about your choice of partner; nothing less than the best will do for you. You have a strong sex drive,

but couldn't cope for long with a relationship based on sex alone. You need romance and passion, and you need above all to be loved. Even so, you would find it difficult to live without the comfort and release of sex; life without love, in all its applications, would be too cold to contemplate. You don't mind taking the lead sexually, and can encourage a partner who is less experienced than you. Your senses are strong; therefore, everything about sex appeals to you as long as you can perform with a certain amount of decorum. The back seat of a car in a rainy car park is just not for you (except maybe a Rolls Royce!).

You may feel a need to attach yourself to some source of power. You may work with powerful and successful people, or with large and powerful animals; alternatively, you might be fascinated by the power of magic and the spiritual world. This would enable you to enjoy risk-taking at second hand, which is a lunar trait. Your courage, fire and enthusiasm could lead you to learn from the powerful people around you and put their lessons into action for yourself, which is, of course, a solar trait. You will do anything for those whom you love, but you need your generosity of spirit to be appreciated. Leo being a fixed sign, you resist change, and would find it hard to admit defeat in any situation; therefore, you would find it difficult to cut your losses and start again. You can put up with the wrong job for far too long, and also hang on to a rotten relationship long after the time has come to end it. You are possibly a little too good at maintaining the status quo, especially in emotional situations. You may be self-centred emotionally, and possibly inclined to hang on to those you love - this applies to your children as well. Laura, a gentle and skilled palmist now in her midforties, recently left her paranoid and violent husband after many years of abuse; but still feels that she is unable to make the final break and divorce him. 'It's too final', she says.

Unless there are very different characteristics in your Sun and Ascendant, you are sociable and enjoy being entertained; but, being much shyer than the solar Leo type of personality, you can only entertain others in a quiet way. Sports and the company of young people appeal to you. You might become involved in some organization like the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, the Territorial Army or the Red Cross. There is no need for you to be the centre of attraction in the world outside, but you do like to be in the centre of things within your own home. If you did find yourself in the spotlight, you could cope with it, but you don't seek it consciously in the way that Sun in Leo would. You like to know where the various members of your family are, and to make sure that they are all right; you have an inner need to organize them and keep them on the right lines.

Your inner nature, unless you are feeling hurt, is playful, sunny and friendly, which makes you popular in a quiet kind of way. You appreciate beauty, creativity and art, and have an instinctive sense of style. You are proud of your loved ones, and even of your friends. You prefer not to be surrounded by dirty, down-at-heel types. You never forget a hurt, but your strong loyalty means that you remember those who have helped you too. You need to belong somewhere, and may be attached to one particular set of bricks and mortar, or to an area of the country with which you feel a particular affinity. Needing

space, you hate cramped surroundings. You love to get away into the countryside and to take your holidays in a warm and pleasant place. You need holidays and breaks because you tend to put a lot of effort into your job and into life itself. Your vitality is never drained for long, as you have inner reserves of strength.

You make an excellent parent, often treating your children as young adults and always preserving their dignity. You don't seek to hang on to them when they grow up. You are able to teach and encourage them through play, but you may not be too patient with them at times. You can be relied on to give them a cuddle whenever they are down-hearted or ill.

Both solar and lunar Leo subjects learn more easily after leaving school than before. You may take a quite demanding course when already busy with a career, home and family; this may be in order to get yourself a better job or just to fulfil yourself. You lack confidence in your abilities; therefore, any achievement that you make will help you to go on to further successes. Even if you do not have much formal education, you understand people and learn well from life. You have an inner need to be in an executive position; and if your circumstances mitigate against this, you could be selfemployed, the king of your own field, although you might need someone else around to help you cope with the details.

You make a good employer, with an understanding of the need to preserve the dignity of others.

You are career-minded; and with your good concentration and good organizational skills, you can climb the career ladder in a steady manner. You need to gain a reputation in some kind of creative field, and may strive hard to perfect something which will bring you a quiet kind of renown. Your ability to make the right impression could lead you to fields of marketing, personnel work, the display of works of art, or antiques. The biggest problem is that you could have big dreams but may be too lazy to make them come true. You want to come out on top of your field, but are strangely uncompetitive, being too self-centred to worry about others. Your own high standards would give you enough to compete against. You are very good at calming people down and dealing with touchy situations; therefore, some kind of social work with troubled people, especially troubled youngsters, might appeal. Your attraction to glamour might interest you in some form of showbusiness. There is a creative side to you which means that you would take to dancing, singing or artistic work of some kind. Being drawn towards children and young people, you could be a teacher (especially if there is Gemini, Aquarius or Sagittarius on your chart). You might prefer to be a nursery nurse or probation officer. Your love of the good things in life could make you a good restaurateur or hotelier, but you might be best employed out in the front. You would be all right behind the scenes organizing others, but under no circumstances would you want to be the one to do the cleaning and cooking.

You are competent and capable as long as you are allowed to work at your own pace,

but you detest being hussled and put under pressure.

The chances are that your father was autocratic, authoritarian, or just unable to relate to children. You probably got on much better with your mother. You yourself might be too ready to push your own children, but this may reflect back one generation, meaning that you were pushed by your parents and that they expected more from you than you were able to produce at that time. The background may have been traditional, even religious in some way, involving rituals and certain kinds of behaviour. At the worst end of this spectrum, you may have been afraid of your father, or made to feel that you couldn't live up to some impossible image of perfection. He may have been a very successful man himself, or he may have achieved a great deal while he was still young. Lunar Leos are far more likely to succeed later in life. You need parental love, encouragement and appreciation; and if you get this from at least one parent plus brothers and sisters, fine - if not, you could become something of an emotional cripple. The last thing you need is a cool, intellectual air sign for a parent.

You need to keep your intake of food and drink down, and to take exercise and lead a moderate life, because your heart may be weak. There could be spinal trouble; this is particularly prone to occur when you are unhappy or worried.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The immediate instinct of those with the Moon in Leo is to take over. While there is an active and happy enthusiasm, and a need to express emotions in a positive way, it is all too easy for people with this placing to appear bossy, dogmatic and stubborn. But at best they can be an excellent source of inspiration to others, with the ability to get the most out of them - pack leaders who enjoy the role!

Their belief that they can do anything as well as or better than anyone else is a mixed blessing. While they will inevitably find plenty of outlets for all their potential (indicated by the characteristics of the Sun sign), and will achieve their aspirations (indicated by the Midheaven), they can tend to overstep the mark and become somewhat overwhelming.

If shyness or a lack of self-assurance is shown in other areas of the chart, there will be a conflict which will result in the subject covering up the inhibited areas by showing off, perhaps even feigning extroversion and confidence in a way that can be embarrassing for loved ones. If you are working on the chart of a child with this placing, it will be necessary to encourage the parents to steady the youngster's natural exuberance, which at its best is lovely but can become bombastic.

There is a special need to make the right impression, especially when these people are young, and as a result a great many of them will learn the hard way. In spite of this, there is determination and a sense of immediacy which is much in their favor. They will cope extremely well in any emergency that arises, for the powers of leadership and

organizational ability attributed to the Sun sign Leo are always present and will be called upon and expressed at just a moment's notice.

The emotional forces are strong, and the intuition and imagination powerful. These can be expressed creatively through any art form sympathetic to the Sun sign. The tendency to show off, at any age, must be countered by other less extrovert indications in the chart. This is a placing that needs a steadying hand, not only elsewhere in the chart, but also from those with influence over the subject. Even so, this placing is often found in the charts of big achievers, especially when the Moon is near the Midheaven or situated in the tenth house.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon sign Leo indicates an emotionally proud individual with a flair for dramatics who will often seek the spotlight. There is an unconscious need to be admired and appreciated. These people need romance and affection. They are fond of children, parties, art, sports, and entertainment in all forms. Because they may be self-centred, they can incline to stubbornness. Sometimes they act like prima donnas, out of the need to dramatize their feelings. There is a tendency to dominate others, especially those within the domestic scene. Their susceptibility to flattery sometimes appears as childish self-importance.

The tendency to self-dramatization would be unbearable if these people were not sincere in their efforts at self-improvement. Their need to love and be loved is a healthy emotional drive and makes for a sunny disposition and constructive expression in most cases. Persons with this Moon position want their children to be well-groomed and their homes to be showplaces of beauty and art.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a noble, though potentially vain, soul. You have the need to live in style with Other - but this could mean being greedy for ease and luxury. You have the instinct to win admiration - but without meriting this you'd always be seeking attention. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is unconditionally generous, and / or spoils you as her child.

You naturally respond towards Other by making him / her feel very special; the 'only one'. You respond to children and party situations with playfulness and enthusiasm. You respond to Other or others generally in a warm, dignified and loyal fashion.

Your inner child reacts with sulks and tantrums when Other does not find you beyond criticism; with indignation and melodrama when things are not going your way; and by taking it very personally when Other is indifferent for reasons that possibly have nothing to do with you.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who appear to have a style or wherewithal that is above average; to exciting, dramatic Others - especially when you are the focus of their attention; and to Others who want to go up in the world and so are impressed by your classy style - and you cannot resist such admiration.

You can get caught up in relationships which demand more of you as a person on all levels - emotional, physical, mental and spiritual; in childish, jealousy-inducing scenarios that you must rise above if you are not to be sunk very low; and in relationships that bring you down to a more real, unglamorous, emotional level.

When you are alone, you are like a banished king or queen. What could be wrong? Is no-one good enough? How wronged you feel! At some point, given long enough, you may get round to asking yourself where you are going wrong. If so, this would be a highly important point in your emotional development. This would especially apply if you had been alone for quite some time, or have never been properly involved at all. If this is the case, it is most probably because you sense, possibly unconsciously, that you would have to get a lot more realistic on an emotional level than the romantic idea you have of love and relationship at present. If, however, you have recently separated, it is very likely that there were warning signs of trouble some time ago, but your ego refused to see or acknowledge them. In any event, you probably feel cheated and forsaken. But if you wish to avoid a similar scenario, then you must review your part in all this. This will have something to do with your being very generous to Other in some way, hence the 'forsaken' feeling. But ask yourself what you were after in return, and if it was realistic. If it was nothing, then why the bitterness?

(Grant Lewi)

The portrait you paint of yourself is heroic, and towers above the world you inhabit. To live up to the level of your inner picture is a lifetime job requiring energy, courage, and considerable sense of the drama of existence. Private satisfactions are not very important to you; you are less introspective than most. You want to see the tangible evidence of success, and like it best if the rest of the world can see it, too. You are a bit of a show-off, but since you are utterly honest with yourself, you can laugh at your own vanities, even when they remain important. You want valuable possessions, well-groomed children, good clothes, accomplishments, and evidence of accomplishment that others can applaud. Your desires are basically simple, and your methods of getting them are direct; you know what you want, and are willing to make sacrifices for them. You won't sacrifice personal integrity, however, or honor, which are the intangibles that do matter to you. Education, culture, art, and music, however, matter less. You can take 'em or leave 'em alone; and ten to one, if you do take 'em, it isn't because they really feed your soul, but because you think evidence of such a soul will in some way add to your prestige. Throughout your life, you will strive to fulfill an image of yourself which is less a portrait than a statue dominating the landscape of your life by its size, its beauty,

the dramatic quality of its setting and the colorful beauty of its trappings. And in becoming this statue, you are likely to become many other more spiritual things which you don't even desire, and which are added to you because of the honest workmanship that goes into your self-sculpture.

(Robert Hand)

You consider yourself important, and want to do things that will make other people proud of you. But most of all you must be proud of yourself, and you will avoid any situation that would make you look bad to yourself.

You like to be the centre of attention, and will often act in a way that attracts attention. In a group, you try to be the outstanding person one way or another. You take your feelings very seriously, and are inclined to emphasize or exaggerate them when talking to others. You also may exaggerate other things, which you should be careful of, because the result may be that people will not take you seriously when you want them to.

Above all, you feel the need to be yourself, and you do not easily act as other people want you to. You can be quite stubborn, which is perfectly well and good, but others also have the right to be themselves, and you may not allow them to.

You are emotionally very warm; and if you like someone, you let him or her know it. But you need love and affection too; and, above all, reassurance. The better you feel about yourself, the less you feel the need to show off.

You are very fond of playing games, either athletics or indoor games. Often you prefer to play rather than work.

Moon ☾ in 12th House

(Haydn Paul)

You may encounter various difficulties related to oversensitive emotions and feelings. There are close connections made to your unconscious mind, and these influence your moods and sense of well-being. There may be unresolved experiences from childhood and parental relationships that have had a powerful impact on you, especially those involving your mother. The approval of your parents may still be important in your adult life; and your life-style may reflect their wishes and desires for you. You may follow a path first indicated by them; or, alternatively, your life-style may be a deliberate reaction against and rejection of their influence. You may consciously pursue a different path designed to display your independence.

Look at your parental relationship and see how it has affected your life. Determine what it now means to you, and see how this has shaped your choices and decisions. This may not be easy, as the roots of some of these patterns lie deep within your unconscious mind and may not be easily accessible. But if parental shadows still loom large, insights can be found from such an exploration. Your mother's role is especially crucial in this context.

You often feel very vulnerable, and are sensitive to others and empathic to their inner suffering. You may attempt to veil this heightened feeling nature from others, and may also repress it from yourself through self-control and emotional denial. You may be afraid that your emotions could be too powerful to contain, unless you restrict their release. This can create reluctance to enter emotional intimacy and relationship. As a form of protection, you may lock emotions away, refusing to open and embrace life. You can feel uncomfortable dealing with feelings, afraid that, by expressing them to others, you may reveal your vulnerability.

You may erect a 'shyness barrier', or develop an atmosphere around you of distance and disinterest in social relations. Your identity boundaries can be extremely diffused, lacking a stable inner center. You may feel inwardly exposed to the presence of others and fail to establish your identity. Often, you will simply react to the influence of others, instead of to your own inner messages.

Psychic and intuitive perceptions are likely, and you will be highly sensitive to the intangible realms of life. The nature and quality of your environment is important, and will also influence your feelings of well-being.

You may experience some difficulties in coping with the demands of daily life; city life may be particularly challenging and stressful. You tend to withdraw into the privacy and seclusion of your home, seeing it as a personal sanctuary and retreat from the world. You hope to relax into the vibrancy of an inner life that appears more attractive than does the outer world.

This preference can have either positive or negative effects. It can become a world of evasion, fantasy, delusions, and neuroses if the emanations from your unconscious are not resolved through self-healing. In extreme cases, this could eventually precipitate a descent into mental imbalance. Or, used positively, this can become a valuable resource for greater life enjoyment, perhaps even for creative inspiration. Dreams may become prolific and meaningful; new ways of living may be intuited; you could become a channel for inner guides, able to unlock the doors to an inner storehouse of wisdom through a contact with your spiritual self.

What is likely is some type of inner crisis, created by the clash of inner and outer energies, between inner messages and impulses and the necessity of coping with daily life. This could be triggered by any transiting planets (especially Saturn, Uranus,

Neptune, and Pluto) moving through your 12th house toward the Ascendant and your image of identity. You need to ensure a positive conclusion to such possible experiences, so that results are transformative, beneficial, and integrative, rather than disintegrating your sensitive personality. You may need inner healing, which releases unresolved patterns and blocked energy and cleanses the accretions of the past. This would enable you to face your future with renewed confidence and personal stability.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement is similar in many ways to the Moon in the first house. People with the Moon in the twelfth are highly impressionable and sensitive; the mind floods with ideas and images, and is open to inspiration. However, there is usually some constraint. Either they do not feel free, for some reason, to translate their inspirations into meaningful efforts, or these efforts meet with little or no success. The early life may be so turbulent with emotional crises of various kinds that they can't stick to anything long enough to bring it to completion. When there is success, it is often tinged with loneliness.

This is a rather lonely position in general. Men with this Moon placement often have a hard time maintaining a close relationship with a partner, or with anyone. If they do have a good relationship, the partner will often have to carry the burden of responsiveness as the man will cloak himself in self-isolation from time to time, and it will be up to the other to penetrate it. This usually comes from a painful relationship with the mother, the loss of the mother early in life, or the lack of her nurturing love.

Women with this position also find it hard to maintain a close and constant relationship over a long period of time. They have a great need for privacy. They are inclined to break off a relationship that threatens to become too intimate without explanation; to move, or take a job in another town and leave no forwarding address. Both sexes are often sentimental about love, but deep down they don't enjoy intimacy, and many times would rather do a disappearing act and keep the memories than go through the aches and pains of maintaining a long-term relationship.

This Moon gives deep insights into people and the truths that lie below the surface of appearances. It is good for creative efforts, especially the kind that are accomplished alone, or partly alone. There is an ability to appeal to an audience at a subliminal level. Often they cannot explain how they do it or even understand themselves why it works. This is a good position for detectives or for anyone who must seek answers below the surface. It is good for politicians because it gives the ability to appeal to the deeper needs of the public, although the public life may be marked in some way by tragedy or failure. They may have secret love affairs that bring sorrow or disgrace.

With a twelfth house Moon the public may be painful in some way. These people may be excessively shy, suffer from claustrophobia, or have a fear of crowds. Their freedom may also be restricted in some way.

They do not like to be stuck in one place, and will go from job to job until they find one in which there is a lot of mobility, where they must drive a lot, or can travel. If their job won't let them do this, they will save up for vacations in faraway places. They usually enjoy school, particularly the social facet, and continue to learn and study one thing after another all their lives, though the formal side of learning, with its degrees and so on, is usually of little interest (unless the Sun or its dispositor is in Capricorn). They generally relate well to children and have a way with them. They keep a youthful, eager approach to life, and rarely get overweight or out of shape.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: You are not entirely comfortable in your body; you need time every day to relax the ordinary effort of self-awareness. Immersion in fantasy provides you with a way to rejuvenate your willingness to be human. It's necessary; and if you don't get it, you break down emotionally. Imagine being in the womb, completely safe, with no troubles. You may not be aware of your need for release from the pressures of ordinary life, and as a result could go on autopilot, dreaming unconsciously without emotional benefit. The challenge is to nourish yourself with conscious fantasy. Dreams are the background source of manifestation, so go to the well often. Just don't fall in and drown.

Unfocused intuition: Intuition is instinctive; how you use it is the question. Early imprints with your mother or other maternal figures fostered a high sensitivity to intangible information. Now your intuitive radar is second nature. Channelship can replace fear and confusion with safety and certainty. The pitfall involves boundaries. Your own emotional opinions often intertwine with intuitive messages. You may identify with feelings not really your own, or presume your feelings to be messages. The challenge is to identify what is truly yours in the realm of emotion, to separate personal feelings from intuitive information.

Withdrawal or isolation: No matter how vibrant your personality nor energetic your life may be, you become more softly translucent in solitude away from the world. You float with the emotions that surface in withdrawal; they take you somewhere else, other than here, other than now. You need to slow down and pull off the side of the road to let yourself cool, so you can remember the mystery of things. This placement requires sleep to 'knit up the ravelled sleeve of care'. Rest is exquisite when you're in your natural flow; but if you encounter periods where sleep is troubled or denied, you suffer terribly, becoming run down almost immediately. Then you must consciously pull away from life.

Selfless giving: Your maternal feelings are easily aroused, so much so that you may be regarded by others as a 'soft touch', someone whose sympathies are easy to gain. And this is as it should be. Strength does not arise from a hard edge or steely demeanor. On the contrary, your greatest strength is your deep willingness to feel the predicaments of others' lives, and to respond gently. Avoid being overly self-effacing; false humility serves

no-one. Sheltering the poor, comforting the sick, and calming the disturbed are all acts of compassion. But don't be swept away by sympathy. Remain a safe harbor in the storm, an emotional beacon, like a lighthouse, guiding others to shore. It is not your task to rescue, but to provide sanctuary, so others can save themselves.

'Past lives': The pattern of your emotions and needs is strongly connected to other realities, which have bled into this life to be understood and resolved. There are significant and deep karmic connections between you and your mother, as well as other individuals who touch maternity and nourishment from your life. Examine these relationships carefully to discern any patterns 'from the past'. There was a tendency toward unconsciousness or habitual behavior in prior incarnations, as if you didn't really see what was unfolding as you created it. Those rhythms have been brought in this life so you can let go of them and get on with the full development of conscious choice.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are well aware that you must learn to stand on your own, but your overactive imagination plays tricks and creates fantasies out of ordinary circumstances, which distracts you from this task. Certainly some of your reactions to external conditions are inaccurate, and that keeps you from developing resistance to people who try to intimidate you. You don't have to take a submissive role, as you will discover if you invest in yourself and learn the skills you need to deal successfully with challenges. The public will gladly pay for your services when you are well-trained. Perhaps your feelings of obligation to your parents kept you from developing your own ideas about what you should do with your life.

You should try to prepare a program to guide you in your affairs, and be sure to include a plan for increasing your financial resources. You can lessen your feelings of inadequacy by freeing yourself from anxieties about security. Take enough time to decide on a career that will give you satisfaction and make you feel that you are providing a worthwhile service. Stop comparing your skills with other people's, because that will only intimidate you further.

You may need professional help in choosing a career that will be rewarding and give you a comfortable living. If possible, get a formal education so you can more effectively meet the challenges presented by your competitors and thus enjoy the more abundant lifestyle that they have. A service-oriented profession seems best suited to you, but that decision is yours to make. You are well qualified to be a specialist in any field in which you feel comfortable. Your feeling of inadequacy makes you overreact to the challenge of your competitors, and you will probably become more qualified than anyone else.

By applying some discipline in developing your creative potentials, you can derive many benefits; you cannot afford to neglect this task. You must be aware that you are qualified to provide unique services to the public. Finding an appreciative patron will give you

greater self-confidence. Be careful not to overindulge your children so that they expect you to sacrifice your needs to satisfy theirs.

Don't feel obligated to 'friends' who try to take advantage of you. You are always willing to help those in need, but that doesn't mean you should play host to every parasite who wanders into your life. You have the rare gift of sincere compassion for people in need of help, which you might utilize by following a career that requires close contact with people. You deserve a fair return for your efforts, and you must be firm in demanding to be paid accordingly. It is a waste of time to doubt that you can achieve your goals as well as others do. All you need to do is establish goals that are within your abilities and right for you. You have all the resources you need to get everything you want out of life, and at the same time you are willing to commit yourself to serving others.

(Howard Sasportas)

Like the Moon in the other Water houses, this placement suggests an innate psychological openness and vulnerability. A thin line exists between what they are feeling and what others around them are feeling. Like psychic vacuum cleaners, they 'suck in' what is circulating in the atmosphere. They may believe they are experiencing their own emotions, when, in actual fact, they have absorbed those of someone else. Without foregoing their inborn receptivity, they would be wise to develop ways of strengthening their ego-boundaries in order to protect themselves from being too invaded. They need to master and use their sensitivity rather than be overwhelmed by it. Some may require periodic seclusion to re-establish their inner peace and equilibrium.

The root of emotional problems is deeply embedded in the unconscious and not easily accessible to the conscious memory. Psychological difficulties could stem from very early infancy or even pre-natal experiences. Reincarnationists would maintain that hard aspects to the Moon in the 12th suggest that present life problems are directly connected to unfinished emotional business from past lives. These could manifest in difficulties with the mother, children, and women in general, or may reveal themselves in the house with Cancer on the cusp or contained within it.

In any case, the Moon in the 12th often indicates a complex or unusual relationship with the mother. The 12th house knows no boundaries: the child would have been very receptive to the mother's feeling life and would continue to be so even when physically separated. Through dreams, mediumship and visions, many people with 12th house Moons are still closely linked with mothers long departed from the world.

While those with this placement have vivid feelings and dreams, they may carefully conceal their emotions and exude an air of mystery. In certain cases, there are secret love affairs or emotional liaisons which are kept hidden for any number of reasons.

There is a natural capacity to care for those who are limited or afflicted in some way. As

with the Sun in the 12th, some may be so overwhelmed by deep-seated phobias and complexes that they have great difficulty in leading an ordinary day-to-day existence. In some cases, an institution may have to 'mother' them. Sometimes early experiences in hospitals or childrens' homes would have affected the character significantly.

In general, the Moon in the 12th indicates a fairly prevalent desire to regress back into the bliss of a womb-like existence. Those who had difficult pre-natal experiences or who were deprived of the mother at an early age may need to heal these wounds before they can accept incarnation and say 'yes' to life.

More positively, the Moon in the 12th often indicates direct access to a storehouse of wisdom available to the individual at those times when insight and inner resources are most needed. Some will act as vessels to mediate mythic and archetypal images for others. The Gauquelins also found a correlation between 12th house Moons and careers in writing and politics.

Mercury ♀ in ♒ Aquarius 25° 50'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

By indulging in fears of losing mental objectivity, the Aquarius rational mind can become cold and detached from feeling or empathetic intuition. Thus, sensitivity to others in communication may be lost. By immersing yourself in nonjudgemental objectivity, you can inadvertently alienate others with a brittle barrier. Fear of losing a detached concept of universal love can bring on abstract and thoughtless retorts to the personal communications of others. This may keep people at a distance.

Dynamic

When your attention focuses on making personal connection with others, you can become aware of their sensitivities. Recognizing the individuality in others enables you to apply the ideal of universal love. You are able to establish a connection for communication that allows others to share these unique ways of perceiving life. This is done by opening yourself to experience mental empathy with others. You experience ease in getting your point across when your ability for objective communication is tempered by an awareness of both the point of view of others and their emotional sensitivities.

(Skye Alexander)

Ideas come to you as bursts of insight. Mentally hyperactive, you never stop thinking and have a great deal of trouble slowing down to meditate or rest, for your thoughts are always racing in a dozen different directions and tripping over themselves. You tend to think and speak in fragments, rarely taking time to sort out and organize the profusion of ideas that flash on and off in your head. This is the position of the inventor, the scientist, the person who sees connections that others miss. You may have trouble, however, bringing your ideas down to earth and applying them in practical ways.

You are always looking to the future, and your ideas and attitudes are usually ahead of their time. Others may think you are a little bit crazy, or at least eccentric. Certainly your concepts and beliefs are out-of-the-ordinary and uniquely yours. You take pleasure in being unusual, quirky and avant-garde, and enjoy provoking more traditional people with your unconventional attitudes. You have no patience with the 'old ways', and little respect for the past. But because you never look back, you fail to learn from history and others' mistakes.

More egalitarian than most people, you judge others according to what they know, not what they own or who they are. You believe in equality and fairness, and are willing to stand up and speak out for what you believe. A humanitarian, you are concerned with the plight of the underdog and 'the people', and may be something of a social reformer. However, your interest is purely theoretical and abstract; regardless of what you say about equality for all, you really think that you are just a bit superior and more knowledgeable than everyone else.

You love to rebel against the system; to support causes and ideas that are controversial, revolutionary, unpopular or simply ahead of their time. However, you are an idealist and often forget to take into account the real-life complexities and underlying dynamics that surround the structures and attitudes you are attacking. Outspoken, irreverent and undiplomatic, you might find yourself frequently in trouble with authorities. You hold strongly and stubbornly to your beliefs, regardless of what others think, and will argue your point endlessly. Nothing pleases you more than a good debate. Something of an evangelist for your ideas, you want to convert everyone else to your way of thinking. Your technique is rarely subtle, though; and your abrasive, haughty attitude can put off as many people as it attracts.

Insatiable in your thirst for knowledge, you learn eagerly, and like to impress people with what you know. At times, you come off as a know-it-all. Because you grasp concepts so quickly, you can be impatient with others who need more time to absorb and process information. Your interest in anything new and different, unconventional or controversial might cause you to pursue such fields as computer science, electronics, aerospace, astrology and metaphysics.

Talkative and gregarious, you enjoy sharing ideas with others and probably have numerous friends and / or associates. Although you are quite sociable, you can be rather

aloof and cerebral. You like to talk with others, but tend to keep conversation focused on generalities, abstractions and impersonal topics, never revealing much about yourself other than your ideals.

A dynamic and colorful speaker, you have the ability to inspire others and to organize groups of people. Often strongly political, you are eager to spread your ideas to the public, and might put your intellectual and verbal abilities to work making speeches about soci-political issues such as nuclear disarmament, environmental consciousness and human rights. You are the type who writes to your Congressional representatives and your local newspaper; and you never miss an opportunity to express your views.

Saturn aspects to your Mercury will help focus your thinking and make your ideas more practical. Venus aspects can soften your abrasiveness and increase your diplomacy.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Aquarius indicates a mind that is open to new experience. The ability to see things in the light of impersonal truth gives a mind that is truthful, unbiased, and objective. To people with this position, the truth must come first; they have little concern for traditional or socially acceptable ideas if these conflict with facts or first-hand experience. Here is the secret of their originality. Because of their impersonal objectivity, these people are not easily surprised by anything they may see or experience. Thus they can accept things others would find unnerving or incomprehensible.

Mercury in Aquarius is in its exaltation; consequently, these individuals have the ability to know that reason exists as a patterning of the Universal Mind, of which the individual mind is but a submechanism. Thus, Mercury in Aquarius manifests its highest intuitive faculties through communication with the larger Universal Mind, transcending the individual ego. The ability of the natives to experience extends beyond the five physical sense. Because Aquarius is a fixed sign, the mental energy is stabilized and concentrated, so that it is capable of receiving ideas from the archetypal realms of consciousness. Some have the ability to perceive the mind itself as an energy field and its contents as energy patterns. People with Mercury in Aquarius are likely to be telepathic.

The direct experience of higher states of energy also gives scientific insight into the workings of material manifestations. Natives see reality as it is on the microcosmic level - a pattern of energy pulses in motion. Because Saturn co-rules Aquarius, there is good mental organization and concentration, often leading to mathematical ability, which is one reason why this position produces scientists.

The ability to see things in broad terms promotes humanitarianism and concern with the spiritual unfolding of humanity. This is an excellent position for astrology and all forms of occult study.

People with this position of Mercury like to function in conjunction with others; hence they become involved with group and organizational work. They seek mental stimulation through friendship.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The mind is quick, and the individual usually has considerable originality, especially in opinions and ideas. There will be an intellectual approach to problems, and dynamism, most apparent when communicating with others. However, he or she can be stubborn and perverse, and perhaps slightly hysterical under stress. Nervous tension can cause problems, and it may be hard to unwind (either or both are likely if Mercury is negatively aspected by Mars or Uranus). Consistency of effort must be developed. The subject is usually very friendly and helpful, with the quick mind necessary to assess problems succinctly and speedily. Unusual studies or hobbies often fascinate, and there may be an attraction to the deep past or distant future. The Aquarian humanitarian traits are present, and the subject may do well when raising money or bringing injustice to light. Creative ability can also be increased if shown elsewhere in the chart.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, then in the blending of originality of thought with Capricorn conventionality, a burning need to be an individualist (where ideas are concerned) may clash with love of tradition and the Capricorn need to do the 'right and proper thing'. It is to be hoped that such problems will be resolved when the individual comes to terms with his or her personality. The ambitious Capricorn will use an original approach to achieve objectives, but progress may be erratic - as is the case when the subject is studying. This placing adds a lively spark to the sometimes rather serious Capricorn. There is considerable objectivity, with the ability to detach the self from personal problems.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, then while considerable originality is likely, stubbornness and often perversity are present; and under extreme circumstances it can be hard for the subject to accept that he or she is being difficult. This group is usually at the forefront of its generation; but as individuals get older they can be reluctant to reassess opinions, so tend to fall behind the times. There is great objectivity, personal detachment, friendliness and helpfulness; but Aquarian unpredictability will be spiced with unexpected statements and opinions. Flexibility of mind must be developed.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, then Piscean emotions will be countered by the ability to think objectively. The subject can be detached from his or her feelings, so is not usually overwhelmed by them. Natural intuition is also controlled by more logical thinking processes. Piscean sympathy and kindness blends well with the humanitarian element of Mercury in Aquarius - help is given because it is seen to be needed, as well as because the individual is moved by a surge of emotion. The imagination is good and can be used originally and creatively, but Piscean selfconfidence needs boosting if the most is to be made of this potential. Again, Mercury will help, since it enables Pisces to think

positively.

(Grant Lewi)

All your senses are keen, alert, strong and sensitive. There is a robustness about your contemplation of the real world that is not injured by a very keen sense of beauty. Your great ability is to see beauty in things without finding it necessary to deny their reality. Conversely, you make all useful things as beautiful as possible; and thus believe in the utility of art and the art of utility. Nothing real is likely to be offensive to you if it has a use; you will smell the odors of a pigsty less than others because you are thinking of bacon rather than of filth. But on the other hand, the beauty of an army will leave you cold because you will shudder at the slaughter. Your sense reactions are conditioned by a rugged and realistic approach to experience that causes you to regard everything you see, hear and touch in the light of your appraisal of its utilitarian and artistic merits; and little reaches you through the senses without passing through this nicely balanced court of values.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have an original, though potentially scatty, mind.

You see life in terms of truth and knowledge, and so are able to make Other aware of issues and factors that are powerfully influential but not obvious. You also see life in terms of both progressive and sentimental thinking; and in terms of an unusual, freethinking and non-judgemental way that allows Other to express him- / herself openly, thereby creating understanding almost magically.

You tend not to see what Other is actually feeling, because you are too busy with some theory of how things ought to be, or even how Other ought to be feeling. You also tend not to see that Other is not so far-seeing as you are, or when you are being hare-brained; and that Other cannot easily appreciate your apparently contradictory thought processes.

(John Townley)

Contemplating sexual experimentation may be quite stimulating to you, but the experience itself may be less exciting than thinking about it. But don't hold back because of that fact - all your experiments will be pleasurable and enlightening, and you will treasure the knowledge and understanding that you gain thereby.

You may be quite curious, particularly about the more unusual forms of sexual expression; but you are also cautious, and you won't jump into a situation without first doing some background research.

This may entail reading about the subject beforehand, or even watchign others so that you know what you're getting into. Puritan mores to the contrary, this can be a particularly pleasant way of enjoying sexuality, for it leaves your mind free to savor each detail without having to think about every move. This is particularly true with unusual forms of sex, which may indeed be difficult to accomplish and are better enjoyed visually, perhaps followed by easier and more natural lovemaking.

You can be quite varied in your approach to loving, because you understand so many different aspects of sexuality. Thus you can be an excellent lover for any partner you choose, whatever the style or preference.

(Robert Hand)

You think the way you want, and it is very difficult for anyone to change your mind. Once an idea or opinion is fixed in your mind, you hold on to it stubbornly. However, you look at the world with few already set beliefs, so you can see aspects of it that others overlook. This makes your mind highly original. Also you are attracted to unusual, even fantastic, points of view about the world. You enjoy being unconventional and shocking people with your offbeat opinions. No ordinary standards of what is proper will prevent you from thinking a certain way. You demand lots of mental excitement, so old or traditional ideas are not interesting to you.

Many people with Mercury in Aquarius are very good at science and mathematics, because these subjects require thinking that is quick and original as well as accurate. Your mind is objective and clear; and you do not let your emotions influence you to do something that isn't logical. In fact, you may find it very unpleasant to be around people who get carried away by their feelings. But don't let yourself believe that you have all the correct opinions. You may cling stubbornly to your own viewpoints. But try to see the merit in other people's beliefs as well.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in Aquarius inclines the mind to give importance to humanitarian values, and encourages a detached and objective, if sometimes impersonal, mental expression. Again, both the archetype and the shadow are apparent here. People with this combination can be original thinkers with unconventional minds, though perpahs rather rebellious and eccentric at times, like Prometheus himself. This tendency could put them at odds with more conservative types. If they feel misunderstood, they can become annoyed and excessively determined, bringing in some Uranian tyranny to prove a point. This often works against their best interests, particularly because they also seek co-operation and friendship with others at a mental and intellectual level.

If prevented from expressing themselves intellectually, or otherwise being unable to do so, these people can be badly wounded in the area of creative thought. As a result, they

could become biased in speech, nervously tense and apprehensive, or, in their frustration, disruptive of others' thought processes. Like Prometheus, they need some freedom of thought to pursue their own truths, the beneficial and original results of which they can then offer to humanity; but this needs to be balanced by a concern for other people's feelings. Tranquillity and emotional warmth are qualities they could learn to develop to help them offset an overemphasis on intellectual capacities.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Ideas circulate through space-transcending media.

Symbol: A youth talks by radio to people in foreign lands.

Some astrologers believe that Mercury is exalted in Aquarius rather than in Virgo. Others account for the affinity between planet and sign by calling Uranus a 'higher octave' of Mercury. In any event, the sign of invention encourages the operations of the planet of intellect. Aquarian electricity provides a basis for Mercurial communications, and makes possible the worldwide connections which are serving to usher in the Aquarian Age of brotherhood and scientific enlightenment.

People conditioned by this Uranus-ruled sign are not only versatile but also able to put their thoughts to work in practical ways. Saturn, as co-ruler of Aquarius, disciplines the mind and prepares it to hold up under the galvanic impact of Uranus. Saturn also stiffens the spine so that these individuals pay scant heed to what others may think of them. Critics may regard them as abrupt, eccentric, or rebellious. Yet they follow their own convictions and, by resisting pressure to conform to conventional opinions, often succeed in unexpected ways.

Mercurial Aquarians should circulate freely and expose themselves to new and stimulating ideas. They are at their best working with like-minded associates on a friendly but impersonal basis. It may be difficult for them to establish profound emotional relationships, but they can be at ease in groups, and are able to express their ideas lucidly and rationally. They gravitate toward the communications industries, and enjoy work connected with books, magazines, and broadcasting. Many have a talent for electronics and for handling complex scientific apparatus.

If the Sun is in Capricorn and Mercury is in Aquarius, the personality is sufficiently well-grounded to translate ideas into effective action. The temperament will be more scientific than artistic; and lucidity of expression will be preferred to the cultivation of a distinctly personal style. Such people are capable of presenting age-old truths in an up-to-date manner, rendering them more applicable to the contemporary scene. If the Sun and Mercury are both in Aquarius, the mind seeks new, more effective channels of expression. These people are thinkers, inventors, and innovators. Often they are drawn to aviation or to the theoretical sciences. Their intellects are bright and unclouded by emotion (unless other aspects interfere), and they can think rationally about

controversial issues.

When the Sun is in Pisces and Mercury is in Aquarius, the temperament is more artistically than scientifically inclined. This is a fine position for a performer who communicates to a large audience via radio or television. These sensitive souls are convinced that they are different from others, and are prone to feel misunderstood. They are acutely responsive to the ideas and impressions that assail their minds.

Mercury in Aquarius has a clear-sighted and forward-looking quality, but the resultant ideas may be too progressive to gain widespread popularity. Nevertheless, time (Saturn) works on the side of the native of this sign, and in many cases he needs only to wait for the times to catch up with him. He is not likely to change his opinion; but the winds of change blow in his favor and he may be surprised to find former adversaries swinging around to his point of view.

(Isabel Hickey)

This is a good position for Mercury. The combination of Saturn and Uranus helps to steady the mind, making it resourceful, intuitive, and a good judge of human character. Keen wit. Not earthbound, but when afflicted it can be extremely stubborn. Excellent for balance and good sense. Writing and speaking comes easily to one with the mind in this sign. Usually involved with groups or organizations.

Mercury ♿ in 6th House

(Freda Edis)

Those people with Mercury in the sixth house may be concerned with the refinement and perfection of routine skills. They may be very aware of the relationship between mind and body, particularly in the areas of day-to-day work and the people with whom they then come into contact. They are often observant and thoughtful about the details of routine work and how it may best be put into practice, conscious of the need to reduce tensions in daily life and work routines. One way for people with this placement to ensure a healthy interaction between mind and body is to pay some attention to diet and fitness régimes.

There is a deeper meaning to this placement. Often the care and concern with bodily functions reflect the mature mercurial nature of connecting all of existence through an understanding of the spiritual, psychological and physical needs of human nature. Work at the level of the physical body and immediate environment helps to prepare a vessel through which the psychological and spiritual functions can best operate. What is above then stands a better chance of integrating with what is below, so the sixth house

principle of the concern with everyday needs is an important step in preparation for later alchemical transformation.

We see this step being taken in any preparation for a religious rite. The meetingplace is prepared, the ritual objects and vessels are set out, ablutions may be performed, and priestly garments may be put on. The rite is set so that the minds and hearts of those taking part are purified and are at one with the rituals that are next undergone. These are the ones which, it is hoped, will effect some spiritual transformation. There is analogy here with healing rituals; the preparations for an operation have a similar significance, but at the material level. Mercury, at least in the sixth house, can be as at home with the practical as he is with the spiritual, provided that there is a continual awareness of the meanings which lie behind the practical.

But aspects with other planets will give more indications of how Mercury operates here; and sometimes these may be at odds with the underlying Virgoan meaning of preparation and purification. Signs on the cusp may broaden the scope of Mercury placed in the sixth. Mercury with Cancer on the cusp of the sixth house may indicate people who are aware of how intensely emotional their mental processes are when involved with everyday work; Mercury with Libra may objectively note that they are always trying to achieve a balance between their work and health needs.

People with this placement may develop their capabilities in a way which gives them satisfaction in daily life. Observance of the minutiae of routine work, their connections with colleagues and how their bodies and minds respond to the stresses and tensions they encounter during the working day will help them consciously plan a way of life. Some relaxation is necessary before they feel they can best serve others. They have a need to remain fit and emotionally at ease with their own work. This way they can best purify themselves before they offer themselves for service.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With Mercury in the sixth house, there is a great need for meaningful employment. These individuals love to solve problems, and will need a sphere in which problemsolving abilities are necessary. They will dive into work with tremendous intensity and enthusiasm, ignoring time and physical needs, which will catch up with them later in symptoms of nerve strain and exhaustion.

If the ruler of the sign in which Mercury is located (its dispositor) is near an angle and is square or opposite the sixth house cusp, there may be some severe health problem at some time in their life, especially if a mutable sign is rising. In this case, they will struggle hard against the setback, either to overcome it, or to live with it and function in spite of it.

They are inclined to take themselves very seriously, and to be secretly afraid that others do not, although they may mask this fear behind self-deprecatory humor. If they

have an easy manner it is usually affected, and not a reflection of their true nature, which is inclined to be intense.

With this position of Mercury, the mind runs ahead of the body, forcing it to accomplish what the mind has conceived; and this can bring on exhaustion. They want to help solve the problems of humanity, and may work hard and selflessly toward this end. Their nerves are often working overtime, making it hard for them to relax. From time to time, they may wind up in a state where they do not believe that they can accomplish physically what they see is necessary, which results in inertia. This inability to act is actually much harder on them than the strain of too much work.

Physical exercise is necessary for them to drain off their excess mental energy and keep it from affecting their physical system in a negative way. Since they are highly competitive in sports, for relaxation they should choose something non-competitive, such as jogging or swimming.

They are hungry for appreciation, though often they do not show enough appreciation of others to warrant getting any themselves. They are usually too critical of themselves, and must be constantly reminded that no-one is or can be perfect.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: You are physically vulnerable to what are classically termed 'nervous disorders'. The term 'misunderstanding' acquires greater relevance, since errors in perception or thinking are responsible for behavior patterns that lead to physical breakdown or malfunction. Sometimes this is caused by the brain machinery itself; sometimes it's more the human operator than the machine. The pitfall lies in seeing every imperfection, thus becoming negative or pessimistic. The challenge is to collect and analyze data about any situation (including care of oneself) with an eye toward objectivity, and an inner attitude focused on restoration and maintenance of wholeness. Disease is a breakdown or organization; and healing suggests renewed clarity - making the right connections.

Unequal relationships: The emphasis on inequality in relationships is less important than with other planets. The tonal quality shifts away from general relatedness, toward the specific area of communication. You are more aware of differences in intelligence and education. The pitfall involves putting yourself down because others seem smarter or more eloquent. The challenge is to use your mind to observe the status and power distinctions that occur in all social settings.

Duty and service: Service is linked with rational intelligence or communication. Figuring out logical puzzles, solving problems, deciphering situations; these are all natural. You apply your mind to external situations, typically those involving both people and 'machinery'. Quotation marks are necessary because the machines you so love to take

apart and put back together may be literal - metal, plastic, screws and bolts - but also metaphorical - the mechanics of human social interaction, for instance. In either case, you constantly look for flaws, broken pieces, and malfunctioning units. The challenge is to heal your own mind by using it to help others solve problems. While this provides clarity and an understanding of how things work, it can also become compulsive. Remember: if it's not broken, don't fix it. Don't even take it apart. If it is broken, study the basic design, discover how it works, and restore its functioning by repair.

Technical mind: You're possessed with a drive toward organization, an undying curiosity about the workings of things. There is detachment here, and neutrality, an almost computer-like sensibility. You process large amounts of information, constructing complex sequences of understanding, in part because you enjoy the endless feedback loop of mental stimulation. Your analyses branch out, to follow multiple lines of reasoning simultaneously. The pitfall involves your tendency to postpone final conclusions, instead being constantly in process with calculations. The challenge is to make your investigations pragmatically productive, to experience the satisfaction of problem-solving through clear analysis and critical understanding.

Discipline and routines: Regularity is not as important as variety. You need an active routine, one which satisfies your need for the daily stimulation of numerous tasks. Productivity per se is not as critical as the process of having problems to address, puzzles to solve. As with all Mercury levels, the placement of the Sun can significantly modify the way you approach your lifestyle. The challenge is to keep busy, with one eye on the eventual goal.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are a resourceful thinker, and you enjoy solving problems. A major issue is to find out how to apply your skills for the most benefit. You know that until you have developed your creative potentials, you don't really have any skills. Therefore you learn as much as possible to improve your chances for getting a suitable job. You believe in self-development, and you try to excel in using every talent to increase your options when opportunities come up. You put a value on your skills, and rarely do any work unless you are paid according to the quality of your service. Money may not be everything to you, but it does provide a tool for judging your performance. You are willing to work to get what you want, because you don't expect others to give you anything or do you any favors. Dedicated to your career, you perform your duties with professional attention. Your superiors generally approve of your accomplishments and admire your devotion to duty.

The environment in which you were raised allowed you to find a suitable outlet for your creative talents. You are grateful for the lessons taught by your parents and their urging you to think for yourself. You serve your own interests best when you serve the needs of others, for solving their problems or showing them how to deal with a situation brings out

the best in you. People are more appreciative of your help than you realize, and they would be happy to do favors in return when you need them.

Finding a way to make your skills available through fulfilling some social obligation should be an important priority. You will experience great joy by making a worthwhile contribution to society, even if you act anonymously. Finding a way to do this isn't difficult if you ask people who are in the position to know. Don't be afraid to admit it when you are ignorant about some matter. Even if your formal education is limited, you can accomplish more than many who are better educated, because you know how to make the most of your creative potential.

Stop worrying about your problems that never happen. When external crises develop, learn to use them as opportunities to demonstrate your superior skill in coping. Don't do anything without a plan designed to reward you later in life, when security is so important. Take time to relax and unwind from the demands of your vocational interests. Clean living habits and physical exercise will pay dividends in a prosperous and productive way of life.

Your diligence and determination to succeed give you greater self-assurance and confidence with those you love. In a sense, these qualities are your love offering, and you hope to attract a love or mate who admires you for them. You hope that your children will learn by your example and take advantage of the benefits you provide to make their own life. Be cautious about starting relationships with people who don't seem to want to help themselves. You could be expected to compensate for that person's incompetence by taking on his or her obligations. Still, you don't have to fear competition; instead, look at it as an opportunity to prove yourself in difficult situations. Because you know your competitors' weaknesses, you have little to fear from them.

(Howard Sasportas)

Knowledge is acquired in the process of managing the affairs of everyday life and maintaining the health and well-being of the body.

With Mercury here, a great deal can be learned from the body - especially when little things go wrong. But those with this placement must learn to ask the right questions at the right time, such as, 'Why do I always get this pain in the neck when you walk into the room?' or 'Why does my backache get worse on Saturday nights?' In its own domain of the 6th, Mercury dispatches messages from the unconscious mind to the conscious mind via those minor aches and pains which most of us interpret as cues to reach for the aspirin. Information about the environment is also available through the barometer of the body if we only learn how to read the instrument.

Health problems may be connected to nerves, excessive worrying, too much activity and not enough rest. Yoga, relaxation techniques, meditation and attention to breathing can

help reduce the stress of an overwrought mind and body. Mercury in the 6th is sometimes a case of mind (Mercury) over matter (the earthy 6th): positive mental images of the self affirm health, foster the healing process, and may even serve in the cause of prevention.

The 6th house describes how we make use of our time; and with Mercury here, the overriding need is to keep busy. Check priorities: how much of the time is frittered away in an endless number of pursuits and activities which in the end don't really lead anywhere?

It is helpful if the work is mentally engaging and allows for some movement and mobility. If Mercury in the 6th is difficulty aspected, watch out for gossip, slander or back-biting among co-workers and a tendency for unresolved issues with siblings to resurface in the office.

Venus ♀ in ♋ Cancer 23° 51'

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Kindness, sympathy, the expression of true love and affection, and a high level of emotion, are characteristic. A powerful protective instinct can at times create a claustrophobic atmosphere within a relationship. A tendency to look nostalgically to the past is also frequent, and this may need conscious correction if the subject is not to reach stalemate due to his or her fear of progressive changes. Killing with kindness and moddiness are sometimes present; and the need for a secure relationship is of aboveaverage importance. Ties of friendship will be long-lasting. Love and affection will be focused on the home, and a great deal of money will be spent carefully to make it comfortable - although often cluttered and untidy. Creative cooking and home crafts will be displayed with flair. A safe, steady growth of capital is preferred, and shrewd investments will be made when possible.

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

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

collecting old or unusual artifacts.

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

In Cancer, Venus paints the picture of a native who wants security in love. His needs are basic: shelter, love, protection, the best for his loved ones. His standards are high, but the drive, fire and ambition to obtain his desires often is lacking. The astrologer must

'shake him up' to his potential. The native is sentimental and sincere; he feels silly wasting time on people or things which do not interest him. Thus he tends to arouse antagonism among those who feel he merely is being rude.

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

Your appetite for love is very strong, but you do not usually satisfy it in a regular, even

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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

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

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

This co-dependent behaviour, in that one person controls the emotional climate by making another person completely dependent on him or her, is typical of Venus in each of the Water signs - especially if afflicted. Because it is often simpler for Venus in Cancer people to be caretakers rather than seek assistance (which would reveal their own neediness), they tend to excuse rather than strengthen the character weaknesses of their partners and / or their children.

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

Unlike Venus in Gemini, the creativity of introspective Venus in Cancer is marked by romantic idealism and a vivid imagination. Due to an affinity with the home as well as the

intricacies of computer technology, they have a talent for real estate, interior design, computer graphics and programming. Because they constantly question their talents, they are overly sensitive to the opinions of others; and, as a result, Venus in Cancer people are often very secretive about their work and creative ideas until it is certain they will be met with approval.

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

Yet, he has difficulty drawing the line between affection and attachment. Venus here rules the early pre-school years, when the clinging child is extremely dependent upon mother. Unless an effort is made to overcome early patterning, the person can easily develop a dependency neurosis which makes it difficult for him to travel far from home, break free from exaggerated attachments, and find his individuality. There are important lessons to learn if the person as an adult is to experience the warmth and continuity of love without the irrational childlike clinging which can close off his consciousness from all that life has for him.

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

The Venus in Cancer individual has a sensitive attunement to nature and natural law, along with a great affinity for environmental beauty. Yet, to realize this, he must learn through the sign Sagittarius the ways in which the broad and expansive understandings

of his society and culture provide a more realistic base for all he needs in life than the confining scope of his early childhood dependencies.

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

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

The loyal and patriotic feelings of the Venus in Cancer placement become broadened to the ideals and principles which are the very essence of life's meaning. The individual discovers that it is these very ideals and principles that he must hold onto, rather than the individuals who taught them to him. He learns that the center of beauty through which his Gift of Love unfolds comes from his understanding that life is a journey of discoveries, always containing a wealth of unrealized opportunities. The home to which he is so attached becomes the nesting place within himself, from which he is able to open his feelings to the stream of cosmic understanding that is flowing through him. It is from the security of this base that he is able to serve, encourage, inspire and uplift the hearts of all whose lives he touches.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are maternal and sympathetic.

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

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

Both the strengths and weaknesses of Venus in Cancer are those associated with the female of the species. Negatively, the combination may mean a predisposition toward possessiveness, susceptibility to flattery, shyness, and excessive emotionalism. It gives a tendency to stay in one place and wait for good fortune to arrive, rather than to actively

pursue coveted objects and objectives. The wit who commented 'It should be no more necessary for a woman to chase a man than for a moustrap to chase a mouse' was referring to this type of temperament.

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

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

The Venus-Cancer woman feels instinctively that good food and domestic felicity keep the conjugal flame glowing, and seeks through her skill in anticipating the wishes of her mate to attach him to her by the firm strands of requited affection. Similarly, a man with this combination appreciates the romantic potential of a candlelight dinner in a tastefully appointed setting. Both sexes are attracted to art, music and literature, especially of a fanciful or exotic genre. Beauty is not a luxury but a necessity in their lives; and their appetite for pleasing sights and sounds can be more insistent than physical hunger. They prefer creations which are imaginative, soft in outline, and muted in tone, and which permit them to indulge their nostalgia for a bygone era of gracious living and lavish loving.

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

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is sentimentality rather than strong or ardent affection. Venus in this sign is plastic, kindly, gentle, receptive, changeable, feminine and forever looking for security. The basic need is security, whether it is exemplified by dependency on persons or on material possessions. Venus in Cancer operates subconsciously, so it is completely

emotional and instinctive in its dependency, and its search for security never ends. Loyalty to the family is strong. Despite her tenacity when the emotional life is frustrated or blocked, Venus in this sign is susceptible to depleting diseases. If the love life is not satisfactory, this Venus can have psychological indigestion that will affect the physical digestive organs eventually. Because of their lack of aggressiveness, people with Venus in Cancer are liked. There is a quietness that has charm, yet because of the Moon's influence there is little constancy. They are mothering rather than mating people. They love children and are fond of home and parents.

(Donna van Toen)

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

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern of inner relatedness, the Venus in Cancer person comes into life fundamentally insecure. This insecurity is based on, and caused by, the nature of their inner emotional reality, which is like a tornado of different swirling emotional states that seem to come and go of their own volition, that seem to be beyond the control of the individual. Inwardly, as a result, the Venus in Cancer person feels that he / she is standing on ever-shifting sands. These people feel deeply insecure because the nature of their emotional state and the need that these states create cannot be inwardly controlled. The inner cross-currents of different emotions converge and combine in ways that create moments in which they can feel stable and secure in one moment, and highly insecure and unstable in the next.

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

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

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

Venus in Cancer people have an inherent emotional expectation that is projected into their relationships, in which others should somehow just know what they need without their actually verbalizing what the need is. It is simply a deep, silent expectation. This is exactly what babies and small children do. They just naturally expect their needs to be identified and met by the parents. When this does not occur to the baby's satisfaction, they instinctively cry or scream in varying degrees of intensity. Similarly, the Venus in Cancer people, as adults, silently expect their needs to be understood and met. When this does not occur, the unmet expectations produce emotional behaviors that can even shock the Venus in Cancer people themselves. These behaviors range from a deep, permeating silence in which the subconscious intent is to draw or pull someone into their emotional state in order for it to be identified and worked with, to extreme emotional displays that are driven or caused by displaced anger. The cause of this kind of extreme behavior, resembling a coiled spring that snaps under stress, is a build-up of emotional frustration. The emotional reaction is usually disproportionate to the event or circumstance that triggers it.

Because these people relate to themselves on an emotional basis, they naturally relate to others on an emotional basis. Because they are perpetually 'hearing' or 'listening' to their own inner emotional reality, they can naturally identify or 'hear' another's emotional state, and the needs that any given emotional state generates, even when the other person is not verbalizing or actively projecting what that emotional state or reality is about. Venus in Cancer people have an inherent ability to emotionally empathize with other people, to silently tune in. When others are perceived to be in a state of emotional distress or need, the Venus in Cancer person naturally responds with very real emotional caring, wisdom, support, nurturing, and love. They will naturally encourage

others to let out their emotions, and they will want to hold and embrace another who is in need. The very essence of their touch or holding is warm, consuming, and reassuring. This reflects their own need to be reassured through touch and holding. More than words, the Venus in Cancer person responds to touch and holding because this is exactly how babies and small children are reassured when they are upset for whatever reason. For Venus in Cancer people, trust is established through touch, and through a silent emotional resonance with another person that operates beyond the spoken word. This is very important to understand because of the Venus in Cancer person's inherent fear of being too vulnerable. Even verbalizing what they need, or are feeling, can be too vulnerable a situation for these people. In fact, the typical verbal response of these people when asked how they are doing, especially when some deep emotional state or need is causing a deep inner withdrawal from their environment, is 'I'm fine' even when they obviously are not. This kind of response is instinctual, and is a form of the survival instinct relative to their fear of vulnerability and their fundamental distrust of most people. Thus, for those that are close to them and with whom there is a trust, the very best way to encourage them to come out of their emotional shell is through touch combined with soft, soothing words.

Sexually, Venus in Cancer desires and needs very strong touch, holding and kissing in order to feel sexually secure and trusting. Whereas Venus in Aries can simply get on with it, the Venus in Cancer person needs to be 'warmed up' first. Inherently, these people desire and need to connect and merge the emotional energies or bodies first, which then allows for a deep, permeating, and slow sexual merging to occur. When this occurs, these people can feel very erotic, and create erotic sexual environments that stimulate the emotional and sexual senses. But unless the Venus in Cancer people feels emotionally safe and secure, they will be sexually insecure. Some will be sexually immature, and can exhibit forms of sexual infantilism, sexual pedophilia, preoccupation with the body parts of the opposite sex, impotence or frigidity, etc.. When the Venus in Cancer people are in love and feels safe and secure, they can be very sexually giving and truly make their partners feel loved, safe, and secure.

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

versus letting their emotions control them. They will attract others who encourage them to be responsible for themselves, and they will naturally encourage others to be responsible for themselves. Thereby, the 'inner child' lives in a very positive and healthy way because it has now taken responsibility for its own actions.

Venus ♀ in 11th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Enjoying group activities and friendships, having high ideals and hopes.

Just as the placement of Venus in the third and seventh Air houses focuses on the ease with which individuals form interpersonal relationships, its position in the airy eleventh house encourages group activities that accommodate creative ideas, love, and the need to be associated with a unit. Because the eleventh sign / house represents an attempt to align with a force greater than the self, that is, the 'limiting' sphere of home and family, those with Venus in this house only value themselves if they can identify with a particular group - whether it be their circle of friends, the community, the nation or their belief system - political, philosophical or religious. In fact, the placement of Venus in this area of the chart almost guarantees that part of the reason one attracts or is attracted to a particular partner lies in shared political, social, cultural and / or artistic ideals.

Passionate, diplomatic, charming and well-spoken, those with Venus in the eleventh house are often called upon to mediate or be spokespeople for an organisation, idea or product. Dedicated to the improvement of their social, political and cultural milieu, they often devote more time to community activism than to their own families, whom they are often accused of neglecting. For this reason, it is vital for them to select socially concerned partners, who either share or, at least, respect their ideological points of view. Most important, their partners must provide the friendship, intellectual stimulation and freedom of expression that go beyond the sensual enjoyment and monetary security so important to other placements of Venus. (The need for a spouse or partner who is valued as a friend is particularly acute if Venus is the ruler or the descendant - that is, if Taurus or Libra is on the seventh house cusp.)

While Aquarius (the eleventh sign) and the eleventh house are often promulgated as representing social, political and religious values, the placement of Venus describes the precise relationship formed within the group, community or organisation espousing those ideals. Because Venus is directed towards harmony, artistry and beautification, individuals with this planet in the eleventh house are attracted to creative arts organisations or troupes whose vision may also extend to the social and political arenas. Their functions within the group structure may range from being observers to being a vital part of the group's artistic or public relations staff - each role utilises their powers of persuasion.

While traditional astrological texts infer that one's friendships (eleventh house) are primarily with women (Venus), it is more appropriate to describe Venus in the eleventh house as the ability to maintain long-lasting friendships (eleventh house) with individuals (regardless of sex) who are creative, passionate and loyal (Venus). This position also suggests that the ideal situation is one in which the spouse or love interest is also a friend and / or colleague - because people with Venus in this house tend to spend a fair amount of time away from home.

Since the eleventh house is categorised as one of Air, the placement of Venus there epitomises the ethereal, cerebral Goddess who assigns more importance to platonic love than to physical love. Since the eleventh house signifies one's hopes and dreams, those with Venus in this house have extremely high and often unrealistic expectations for their partners, whom they expect to live up to the ethical standards of the organisations to which they belong - an almost impossible task. It is very important that these individuals separate everyday reality from their exaggerated idealism without relinquishing their dedication and activism. On the other hand, an afflicted Venus may cause such devotion to causes or even to friends that elements of insecurity and jealousy may enter their relationships, thus jeopardising otherwise meaningful associations in both the personal and the professional sphere.

The impracticality of those with Venus in this house may also result in a misuse or neglect of their finances, which can simply be overlooked in favour of indulging (Venus) their social activism (eleventh house). On the other hand, they may just be donating their earnings to their favourite charitable causes. It may be advisable for these individuals to choose efficient, level-headed partners to handle their practical affairs and balance out their idealism.

As the second house (finances) from the tenth house (profession), the eleventh house represents, according to Hindu (Vedic) astrology, that which we have earned. With Venus placed in the eleventh house, there is not only the ability to profit from the fruits of one's labour, but also a tendency to squander it just as easily. Because the eleventh house is impractical, these people will probably not amass possessions but will contribute to charitable causes or support worthwhile organisations.

Because self-affirmation is often measured by the group with whom we identify or 'belong', individuals with this placement of Venus are often hesitant to take on family responsibilities for fear these will complicate or interfere with their social, political and / or religious obligations. While there may be an innate conflict and even trepidation about settling down into domesticity, the eleventh house has, according to ancient tradition, long been regarded (along with the fifth house) as an indicator of fertility and the timing of childbirth. To this end, if a well-aspected Venus or Jupiter is situated in the eleventh house, circumstances revolving around the birth of a child should be beneficial. By the same token, if the aforementioned planets transit the eleventh house, the time is ripe for

planning a pregnancy.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Venus in the eleventh house will derive pleasure and happiness from a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They may be a part of several different social networks, as they are capable of interacting with a wide variety of people.

Friends will be a high priority for people with Venus in the eleventh; and they will spend a lot of time maintaining friendships. Their happiness is very dependent on their circle of friends. Discord between others can adversely affect them; they want everyone to like and get on with everyone else.

People with this placement who have not developed their own friendships may expect their partner to provide them with a circle of friends. They may come to see their partner's friends as theirs, not recognizing that they only know these people through their partner, and that they do not have their own friends.

They are likely to find a partner through their social activities. If they do have their own circle of friends, they will want to draw their partner into their social sphere, and will similarly move in on their partner's social life. These are not likely to be individuals who have separate friends.

In a relationship, shared hopes and wishes will also matter to them. They will want their partner to enter into their dreams for the future, and will want to be involved in and share in their partner's vision of their future. This, more than anything, will be what binds them to another.

They may be people who get a lot of their relating needs met through their participation in an organization. This could be an ideologically based group such as Friends of the Earth or a political party; or one representing something else they feel strongly about. They will derive well-being from involvement in group activities, and they enjoy the camaraderie offered by a shared ideal. They may find a love relationship with someone they meet in this setting. Whether in this context or not, they may be drawn to someone who displays strong convictions.

They enjoy and perform well in any group situation where co-operation is required. They do well when working as part of a team. They tend to thrive in co-operative ventures. They may enjoy group holidays. This is a very sociable person who has a high degree of tolerance and acceptance for each individual within a group. People with this placement are able to act as a mediator between others in order to achieve group cohesion, and contribute immensely to the smooth running of any organization.

These are people who may place their friends and involvement in groups above any

romantic involvement. Platonic love may matter as much to them; and anyone they become intimately involved with will have to be capable of being their best friend too.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is found in the idealistic wonder of man's cosmic spirit, the beauty of his universal resourcefulness, and the lofty aspirations which elevate his consciousness to a progressive visionary understanding of life. He admires the beauty of individual differences while at the same time being capable of realizing the aspirations of group consciousness. Thus, through a liberal and humanitarian outlook on life, he makes friendships easily, while contributing the beauty of his universal ideas towards groups, associations or philosophies which harmoniously unfold through social change. He seeks the kind of love which is forever evolving towards a hopeful future. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are realized, he has much to learn about how his impersonal values affect his ability to feel love on a personal level.

He can chase for years the obtuse fantasies of a personal need for freedom, finding it easier to relate to others casually than intimately. Thus, he can allow his feelings to get somewhat remote through a tendency to ease himself out of the center of warmth and affection through which his true beauty comes.

Many with this placement prefer to isolate themselves from established values, living instead through an idle nature by which they seek to experience the easy pleasure of life. With this attitude, the individual can easily lose himself in strange or curious pursuits whose unconventional directions tend to warp his outlook. Thus, in searching for harmony with himself, he can be incredibly naive about his own personal relationship with life.

If his friendships, acquaintances and group affiliations are anything less than idealistically founded in the higher concepts of humanity, he can easily dissipate himself in wasteful philosophies or subcultures whose libertine values contribute little to human need. Thus, more than any other placement in the zodiac, it is important for this individual to choose friends who are in harmony with the uplifting ideals through which humanity reaches universal goodness.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual begins to realize the true essence of universal love. He becomes attracted to culturally progressive thinkers, artists, poets, musicians - the givers of beauty and the lifters of society, whose special sense of caring helps him to feel the harmony of human idealism as it unfolds towards an enlightened future. From this sense of cosmic harmony, he learns how to blend his hopes and dreams into the fibre of universal love, which becomes the foundation of all he will give to others. Being especially sensitive to social injustice, or the 'underdog', his sincere feelings for mankind seek to balance human equality.

Thus, he sees how love fosters the evolution of his race. He learns how to devote himself to the furtherance of worthy causes which bring out man's humanity to man. Many with this placement direct their lives towards expressing a message of humanitarian love, for the individual is capable of feeling how everything in the universe is in harmony with everything else. As a result, he realizes the beauty of individual freedom, yet at the same time sees the common thread through which all is connected to the whole.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to realize man's individual awakening to the essence of cosmic beauty, through which he helps to discover a veritable renaissance of social change as it unfolds through the Golden Rule of equality which makes each man his brother.

(Howard Sasportas)

A planet's house position instructs how the person can best approach life in that area. Those with Venus in the 11th, then, should encourage and develop a natural inclination to unite and co-operate with others in friendship and group situations.

They have the capacity to bring positive influences into any group they join and receive the same back in return, although aspects to Venus will show if other things get in the way of this happening. Usually there will be a fondness for social life and cultural openings. If Venus is difficultly aspected by Jupiter or Neptune, too much energy may be dissipated in social situations, and greater discrimination is required.

The image of the beloved and that which is beautiful might be projected onto a friend or a group. Some people with Venus in the 11th only feel beautiful if they are seen with and accepted by the 'right' group or crowd. There may be an eye to personal social advancement through choosing groups or friends who are helpful in achieving their goals and objectives in life. Unlike Neptune, Venus doesn't always put on her girdle for nothing back in return.

For others, however, there is an interest in those groups or organizations which propose to better or improve life in some way. Venus in the 11th gives and expects quite a high standard of friendship or group involvement, and may be disappointed if others don't share or live up to these ideals. Sometimes, issues of rivalry and competitiveness may surface with friends or in group situations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

People with Venus in the eleventh house are dreamers, weavers of fantasies, eloquent speakers, and good storytellers. They have elegant manners, and move through the crowd with cheerful authority. They exude confidence in speech and manner, and act as

though born to the purple, with an air of casual elegance that others seek to emulate. Frequently they are inheritors of wealth and position; but, if not, they have the opportunity to observe those who are, and learn their style and manner.

They are extremely inventive; and their active imaginations are put to use inventing anything from get-rich-quick schemes to science fiction to more or less useful and lucrative inventions.

They have pleasant, mellow voices, and are usually good singers, able to accompany themselves on a piano or guitar and to amuse themselves and their companions without a whole lot of effort or training. They love to party and hang out, which, with other partyhearted placements, can get to be too much of a good thing.

This is a good position in any chart, because it assures a certain amount of success in almost any endeavor and the granting of at least one major wish. However, without an iron will (strong Sun, Mars, Saturn or Pluto aspects), there is the danger of resting too long on the laurels, of drifting with pleasing circumstance with little effort beyond what is necessary just to keep floating along. A strong Mars is needed, and a well-placed Saturn or Uranus, for these people to mobilize their energies, from merely enhancing the passing moment, into something more permanent. Without pressure aspects, they have a tendency to live in their dreams and imaginations while doing their best to steer clear of cold, hard reality. It is too bad if they do, because any effort on their part will bring results unusually quickly.

This position of Venus doesn't modify stronger and more ambitious aspects and locations, but it adds a veneer of bonhomie, of good fellowship and charm, that can hide an iron will, if it is there, and create the illusion that the climb to the top has been without effort.

They always benefit greatly from the admiration and assistance of women and young people of wealth and position. As for a career, these people can benefit more from a round of parties than most can from months or even years of hard work.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You love the whole experience of socialization; and very little in life is more pleasing to you than group involvement. You fit in easily, naturally, comfortably. Mediation is your natural posture in groups. But accept the inevitability of some conflict, since egos clash in even the smoothest organizations. The challenge is to lubricate the gears of social organizations with grace and charm, but without compromising personal values.

Appropriate behavior: You enjoy the rituals of social existence, and you look forward to opportunities to demonstrate your sense of class, your flair for high society. You're

especially suited to formal gatherings with elaborate rules of order, for the 'politics of the court' (whether serious or soap opera) are a source of joy. You're sensitive to what others seem to want you to be, since you want to please, but avoid the pitfall of artificiality. The challenge is to be both charming and sincere.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship is linked with personal affection. There is a greater-than-average likelihood of romances growing out of friendships, or vice versa. You may be drawn to artistic types; and physical beauty is very compelling, as are those devoted to beauty. Appreciation of social ritual is important. There is a sweetness to your friendships, a gentle delicacy. You want your friends to be pleased with you all the time, and pleasing to you as well. The challenge is to make your social circle a source and an outlet for the love and beauty in your life.

Shared creativity: Shared creativity is a high priority and a great satisfaction. Your talent is polishing the ideas and structures other group members provide. Being sensitive to harmony, you operate in a way that smooths over rough edges, soothes ego conflicts, and alerts the group to the necessity of allowing creativity to happen rather than straining to create it. Your creative role is to provide beautiful forms for the group's expression.

Receiving love: You feel loved when your beauty is recognized, when you're showered with affection or gifts. You may require that you be placed on a pedestal, although you're much too sophisticated to overtly express such egotism. The question is sincerity. You love being charmed, and you're certainly charming in response. Being the beloved is a role you relish. But do your suitors really love you, or are they too meekly acting the part? Are you in their hearts, or simply in the script? It may not make any difference at all, though this varies according to Venus's sign and aspects. The challenge is to experience the archetypes of courtier and beloved in all their glory, but then to go beyond your infatuation with the rites of loving, to feel the flesh-and-blood human beings who can make love more than a dance. Finally, love is a sacrament.

(Robert Pelletier)

You focus strongly on achieving a comfortable and abundant lifestyle, enriched by a rewarding career and good friends. In order to fit into the social environment you aspire to, you may have to overspend to acquire the right social image. Being accepted is very important to you. But you fit quite naturally into the mainstream of society; and because of your easygoing manner and flair for communication, you generally qualify for the groups you want to join. You know how to make people feel comfortable, which endears you to them. You enhance your partner's social position; and he or she shares your dreams for the future. When given the opportunity, you prove that you can promote your ideas to achieve the goals you've established. You are especially skilled in dealing with people in your personal and professional affairs.

In your struggle to achieve your goals, it is important to recognize your limitations so that

you don't waste your time and energy in unrewarding enterprises. You know what you want out of life, and you have a feel for how to go about getting it. You know that a formal education will further qualify you to accept a responsible and rewarding position. You are willing to make any necessary adjustments in your plans to get the training you need to satisfy your objectives.

You are attracted to persons who seem destined to succeed in their endeavors, and you will probably select your partner from this group. It is important to you that you and your partner have equal opportunities to demonstrate individual talents in your respective careers. You look for situations in which you can promote your creative talents to the maximum. You may have to curtail your plans to satisfy your family's more immediate needs. In time, you will find a way to achieve your long-range plans. You must be content to build slowly and consistently, expanding as your resources allow. Much of your desire for financial independence and a rewarding lifestyle comes from observing those around you who have arrived at those goals. You may get many helpful suggestions from your associates.

You don't generally discuss your writings and early environment, for you consider those matters private and privileged. Nevertheless, your early environment stimulated you to improve the quality of your life. You may have had to put up with some obligations to your family, which indicates how strong your parents' influence was. You will accept and endure routine physical tasks if they give you a chance to improve your skills. Though you are generous in helping others, you resent it when people demand that you help them.

Don't underestimate your qualifications for helping improve the quality of life of others. The people you help will remember you fondly for your efforts; and being appreciated does wonders for your self-image. You would prefer a career that gives you social status and allows you to mingle with people who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments. Don't forget those who helped you in your struggle to achieve your goals; remember, you could meet them again on the way down. You will undoubtedly acquire the finer things in life, for which you have a deep appreciation.

Mars in Capricorn 2° 15'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high practical energies, adequate physical and mental energies, and adequate-to-low emotional energies. Your energy is predominantly practical, attainment-oriented, and sustained. It is often channeled into planning, overcoming feelings of being unloved, and organizing. Your strengths include your tendencies to be respectful, ambitious and responsible. You lack friendliness, a sense of humor, and humility.

You probably started planning your career while still in your teens - or even before - because you have a tremendous amount of ambition. You like to be in charge, too. Although you have quite a bit of magnetism, you're not a particularly warm person, and can be quite aloof for a long time while you're seeing if others measure up to your standards. And when you are angry, your coldness is enough to freeze everything in your path. You're well-co-ordinated as a rule, and not averse to physical activity and hard work.

You have a strong - but often well-hidden - sex drive, and can be an excellent lover once you finally trust your partner and yourself. You tend to have very specific sexual wants, and sometimes aren't terribly comfortable with these. You're also very demanding of yourself in terms of putting your partner's satisfaction before your own. One of the lessons Mars in Capricorn men seem to be forced to learn at their parents' knees is how to be a good sport or a good loser. Carried into the sexual arena, this means they will generally yield quite politely and agreeably to a woman's demands. However, if this doesn't give satisfaction for them, they may start to be resentful, and, instead of speaking up (real men are ALWAYS satisfied if they satisfy the woman), they may start seeking out women they can use for sex and sex only, which usually only serves to compound the problem by making them feel guilty, and this in turn makes them try even harder to please their significant other at the expense of their own needs. Women with Mars in Capricorn tend to be logical about sex. They see it as a need that can be attained. They don't generally confuse sex with love, and they tend to be 'good shoppers' who know their rights - all of which sounds terribly cold and unromantic; unromantic, maybe, but these women, once committed, tend to be both very warm and very wise.

You want advancement and recognition. You're inclined to make quite specific demands on your mate or lover, these demands having to do with the sort of support you need to advance in life and gain the recognition you want. But you're not all take and no give - you almost certainly demand a great deal of yourself when it comes to playing romantic roles. You tend to want the sort of love life described in novels, complete with the early phase of fireworks alternating with excruciatingly painful doubts, the eventual vows of eternal love, and a happy-ever-after ending. But this doesn't always happen; and even if it comes close, there'll undoubtedly be some humdrum or even turned-off periods. Expect these - and don't take them too hard; they happen to everybody. You'd do best with someone who has Venus in an Earth sign, Venus in the 10th house, or a Venus / Saturn conjunction. (Note: Contrary to popular belief, Venus conjunct Saturn doesn't automatically imply frigidity. In fact, I find it more often gives romantic intensity. While people with this aspect may be a bit slow to warm up, when they do there's generally plenty of romantic ardor!)

You're a hard worker having both integrity and perseverance. You're probably very ambitious and a good organizer too. So your ability to run or supervise a business is no doubt very good. Best career areas for you are: office work where there's scope for advancement, mining, government work, politics, mathematics, or osteopathy.

You're highly motivated to be successful in the career area. Social and recreational interests, therefore, tend to take a back seat to work. You might unconsciously say 'no' to lucky breaks if they come in these two areas, because if you've got work planned you're reluctant to reschedule it. You must remember that it is possible to mix work and pleasure successfully. Opportunities can be linked to friendships as well as to your work.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You have a tendency to alienate others by competitively pitting the Capricorn need for maintaining a social image against the well-being of others. When you regard social prestige as a means of self-justification, you can treat yourself and others as objects to be used in fulfilling your ambitions. In adopting austerity to achieve your aims, you may lose energy by cutting off your feelings and emotions.

Dynamic

You can assert leadership by sharing a sense of organization and social protocol. By encouraging others to accomplish their ambitions, you can relieve the tension brought on by the need to justify yourself. When you share the natural Capricorn ability for organizational leadership, you can experience the more personal rewards of career accomplishment. Your energy can be increased by your establishing social prestige for an organization that is bigger than yourself.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Capricorn is likely to have an air of authority, and an innate dignity and bearing. These people give an impression of self-mastery, and conduct themselves with decorum. They may seem quietly distinguished. All the Earth signs exercise self-control, caution and reserve, but these traits are most in evidence in someone with Mars in Capricorn. This could be because their dignity is at stake, which is arguably something that matters a great deal to them. They may restrict their lives in order to maintain their dignity.

When initiating sexual relationships, someone with Mars in Capricorn will take considerable care not to make inappropriate moves. A rejection would be a loss of dignity. Yet these people will have a strong sex drive and strong needs for physical contact, so when sexually involved and certain of their partner they can be very bit as ardent as Mars in Taurus. People with Mars in Capricorn may be painstakingly slow in establishing contact, but once they have, they want the rewards for their efforts. They will take a sexual relationship seriously, and expect it to last.

Like Mars in Virgo, people with Mars in Capricorn can go through long periods when, if not in a relationship, they remain celibate. For Mars in Capricorn, these may be rather austere times, when they bury themselves in their work or productive activity and switch off their sexual needs. This is their way of surviving. When they do have a partner, they will let go of some of their control and have a powerful sensuality.

People with Mars in Capricorn will be ambitious, and might choose a sexual partner who helps them get on in life or who enhances their status in some way. They may choose someone who opens doors that might otherwise remain closed, or who has money. This is not as calculated as it sounds, for a Mars in Capricorn person may literally get turned on by money or authority. Alternatively, a Mars in Capricorn person may start up in business with his / her lover. The dividing line between business partnerships and sexual relationships can easily blur. This is in many ways an ideal placement for a working sexual relationship.

(Syke Alexander)

Ambitious, hard-working and determined, you channel much of your energy into your career, and have a tendency to become a workaholic. You believe in making it on your own, through your efforts. Able to focus and direct your energies productively, you don't waste effort, and therefore accomplish more than most people. You pursue your desires with cautious, steady, well-planned steps, and won't attempt something unless it seems to be a sure thing. No flash-in-the-pan schemes for you. Patient and persevering, you are willing to wait for what you want. Not only do you want your achievements to last, but also you have a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to your company and / or community, and aren't likely to bail out if the going gets tough.

Quite probably, you have managerial ability and are good at organizing others and delegating responsibility. Your common sense and practicality could be advantageously applied in almost any area of business. However, your tendency to be overly cautious and sceptical can cause you to miss out on opportunities at times; and your fear of the unknown might lead you to look to the past for answers. Taking risks is difficult for you, and you have trouble breaking out of old habit patterns and traditions in order to try new ideas.

Somewhat pessimistic, you are inclined to look for trouble, often expecting the worst. Perhaps you lack self-confidence because you are all too aware of your limitations. Other people may see you as somber, withdrawn and rigid. Certainly you take your responsibilities seriously and are anything but frivolous; however, you may need to 'lighten up' a bit.

Although your natural vitality is not great, you have tremendous endurance and strength of will that enable you to overcome illnesses. As a child, you might have been rather sickly or limited in some way, but your energy and health usually improve as you mature.

Your self-reliance, stubbornness and tendency to dig in your heels in the face of adversity could result in a long, independent life.

Your sex drive is strong, and you have plenty of appreciation of all physical and sensual pleasures. However, you probably conceal your desires behind a carefully controlled and dignified exterior. In public you appear cool, refined, even uptight, but in private you are not shy about expressing your lustfulness. Perhaps you might attempt to repress your powerful sexuality since it is important to you always to be in control of yourself, and you wouldn't want your libido to get out of hand. You might even be a bit insecure about your sexual ability; and men in particular may suffer from performance anxiety or fear they are not desirable. However, you are likely to retain your sexual appetite until late in life and amaze younger partners with your vitality.

Men with Mars in Capricorn might have had difficulty being children. You couldn't wait to grow up, and always seemed more mature and serious than other boys. Not until you were nearly forty did you start to become comfortable with yourself. You pride yourself on your common sense, practicality and stability, and look askance at men who behave like overgrown adolescents or shirk their responsibilities. To you, a 'real man' is one who heads a prosperous company and is a respected member of his community.

Women with this planetary combination often seek a substitute father in their partners. You want a man who is the strong, silent type, who takes charge of problems and manages them efficiently. Serious, mature, dependable and dignified men appeal to you most, and you are put off by boisterous, childish or carefree types who show no signs of achieving material success. Your ideal man is tall, dark and handsome, a protector and provider on whom you can lean and who will always take care of you.

Mars in 5th House

(Donna van Toen)

Creative and passionate, when you meet someone you like, you probably won't take 'no' for an answer! There'll probably be lots of romances in your life for that reason. You should be able to work well with children; you may also have aptitudes for acting or dancing. If you have children of your own, they'll probably be a lively bunch, and there's a good chance the first-born will be a male. One of your children is apt to be extremely stubborn, and may cause some unhappiness in your life.

Mars here says you want to be entertained. You therefore may have a greater-than-otherwise desire for sexual pleasure. But more than this, you want a mate with a zest for living.

A need to be yourself is what motivates your actions more than anything else. If you

have children, or work with children, they can be a source of lucky breaks. Interests in theatre, fitness, sports, or alternative lifestyles might also be good sources. If opportunities aren't coming your way, it may be because you lack discipline, since if you don't want to do something, your tendency is to procrastinate in the hopes that the need to do it will just go away. Unfortunately, it won't; and if you procrastinate for too long, you'll only wind up being unprepared when opportunity knocks. The fifth house is that of creativity and self-expression. Like all of the fixed houses - the second, fifth, eighth, and eleventh - this is a regenerative house. Planets here push you to do something with what you have. 'What you have' can be material or strictly potential. In any case, when you find planets in this house (or any of the other fixed houses) you're being told 'use it or lose it'. Of course, you can use it constructively or destructively, as you choose. If Mars is here, you're due for a lesson in self-control. There's a tendency to put all your energies into one area to the detriment of the rest of your life. Most often, sex is the focal point; but less frequently it's a child or a business of your own that dominates your life. Selfishness has been a stumbling block for you in past lives; it can be again if you're not careful. Or you may pay your debts by experiencing a less-than-delightful relationship with a self-centered lover, bringing up a self-centered and difficult child, or finding obstacles in the career area, perhaps because those in a position to help you see you as a threat. There tends to be a perceived lack of freedom when Mars is here. My guess is that you abused or refused freedom in the past and are now paying the piper. Not fun, but unless there's a slowmoving planet here, you chose this path of your own volition and undoubtedly you're capable of gaining from it.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Mars in the fifth put a lot of energy into pleasure and play. The arts, entertainment and sport all increase their sense of aliveness and vitality. Pursuing these pleasures with their partner keeps their relationship alive and stimulates their sexuality, so it is vital to them that their lovers share their enthusiasm for these things. They tend to be attracted to those who are artistic, creative and entertaining. They want to have fun in their relationships, and will become restless and dissatisfied if too much time is spent on boring domestic activities.

Children are very important to these people, and they will give a lot of time and energy to them, especially playing with them and entertaining them. If things are not going well in their relationships, they may tend to sublimate their sexual energy into their children, gaining vicarious satisfaction from their successes and wanting them to live out their Mars energy for them. They may tend to be like a suitor with their children, especially an opposite sex child, taking them out to dinner and treating them to things, enjoying doing things on their own together.

Sex may tend to be like a sport to them; and they enjoy taking risks and gambling with it. Having an affair which puts their main relationship at risk will be a thrill which adds to the excitement of both; but they will be devastated if their partner is unfaithful. It will be a

terrible blow to their pride, implying that they are not good enough. This can make them rather possessive, expecting absolute loyalty of their partner while feeling that they have the right to do as they please themselves.

People with Mars in the fifth tend to see themselves as rather romantic figures, courting those they desire by wining and dining them, taking them out on holiday - winning them with gifts and being lavish with both money and attention. They want to impress, and may splash money around in order to do this. Strained finances can make them feel very depressed, lowering their libido and hurting their pride. If they cannot be generous and make big gestures, they feel less potent and alive.

Sex is very important to these people, as it is a means of self-expression for them, increasing their sense of identity and pride in themselves. For these people, sex can be rather like a performance - they want appreciation for their sexual prowess. They have to prove themselves the best and be suitably rewarded.

In order to feel desired, they need a lot of attention and appreciation; and in return they give a tremendous amount, and are able to make those they desire feel really special. They are generous and fun; and relationships with them are warm, romantic and rewarding. Nothing gives them greater pleasure than to make someone else happy.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Mars gives a powerful will. It is a partial testimony to the self-made man or woman. It is a very strong testimony to career success. Mars at the 120 degree (trine) angle to both the Ascendant and the Midheaven gives a powerful drive that can be applied to any chosen end.

These people exert a magnetic fascination for others, but as performers they have a hard time because they find it so difficult to take direction, except from those few they truly respect. They may have a hard time in childhood because they hate to be told what to do. They were eager to grow up and form their lives for themselves. They can't work for others for long, but must control their own destiny, and will do so, as soon as possible. Sometimes, they launch out into business for themselves at an astonishingly early age.

They are very sexual, and, if there is other testimony to homosexuality, this will strengthen it. Bisexuality is possible with both sexes. The sex drive is intense and, with oppositions and squares and no trines or sextiles, it can be a problem, as ungratified desire can lead to violence of some sort. They are passionate and generous in love, and seek to gratify their partner as well as themselves. They are often too rapid in their responses for others, and must learn to go slowly. Their intense competitiveness can harm love relationships until they learn to use it in appropriate ways.

They are inclined to have children - possibly lots of them, with more males than females, all rambunctious and hard to control, but healthy, strong, and eager to learn. With bad aspects, there may be danger to the life of a child through fire, fever, or accident.

They are very creative, and generally have several hobbies that have a way of turning into income-producers. They usually like knives and metal tools, and will try to become proficient in their use. They may also like guns, even though they may not totally approve of their use, appreciating them for their workmanship, power, etc., rather than their killing potential. They enjoy using their bodies, and find it easy to stay in shape through regular exercise. This is an excellent position for a professional athlete or dancer. They are highly competitive, and enjoy sports and games where their competitiveness and combativeness can find a safe and enjoyable outlet.

They are gamblers, and are usually lucky. They like horse racing, card games, and all forms of wagering. They like taking risks of all sorts. If forced to stick too close to the straight and narrow, they get bored and become bad company, irritable and prone to temper. Parents of children with a fifth-house Mars must learn to let them discover their own limits earlier than most children do, because an overreaction against authority can bring on accidents or illness. They require training, but the child should set the pace, the parent acting only as watchdog. They rebel if forced, but, if given their own lead, will forge ahead with confidence.

People with Mars in the fifth are excellent natural leaders, and will pull others with them wherever they go. Their charisma is usually nonverbal; they will have an intimate circle who know them, while few outsiders will have any knowledge of what they are really like. Sometimes that circle is very small; but they don't care. It can be a placement of narcissism, too much self-interest, yet they continue to attract others who do not know them and who never will.

Although they love freedom, they also know that nothing happens without discipline. They are usually orderly at bottom, even if the surface sometimes looks a little confused, and demand that subordinates be the same. They are good teachers, inspiring but demanding. They do their best as leader of a team, a small, flexible unit that reports to a respected superior (if to anyone) but functions apart. They don't like bosses looking over their shoulder, and they don't enjoy managing large groups. If they can, they will turn such a job over to someone else. It is a good position for an independent worker, someone who generates his or her own business or ideas.

With Mars in Water, they are extremely passionate, may be unreasonable or moody at times, may fantasize a lot, and may be in danger of going off the deep end over love or artistic projects. They may also be inclined to drink too much. With Mars in Air, they are usually very thoughtful of co-workers, lovers, friends and students, and are forceful and independent thinkers. With Mars in Fire, they may be too quick and too hot, self-willed and over-competitive, at least in youth. In Earth, they will be quite self-controlled and

more likely to work steadily at a lifelong career than if Mars is in one of the other elements.

If Mars is in a cardinal sign, these individuals have strong, irresistible, but flexible wills. If it is in a fixed sign, they will be strong-willed, but inclined to be stubborn and inflexible. In a mutable sign, their own self-development may be more important to them than maintaining a career thrust.

Conscious persona: Mars in the 5th reveals that your conscious persona is spontaneous, direct, and very male in tone. Self-projection is autonomous and assertive, so much so that impact on others (the audience) can often become the main motivation. You're like a heat-seeking missile, hurling yourself onstage into the limelight. Desires for personal recognition and an ability to improvise in an immediate crisis are hallmarks. Your ego loves rising to the occasion. The pitfall involves overbearing penetration, while the challenge is to develop a razor-sharp, hawklike focus for brilliant activity.

Romance, giving love: You live on the passionate side of romance. There is tremendous urgency, a sense of conscious desire. That sense is competitive, almost challenging, just short of aggressive. You are the arrow streaking toward the bull's eye. The performance of love in courtship is more direct here than with any other placement, more physical, more immediate, and hair-triggered. You often won't take 'no' for an answer; and that is a serious pitfall. You can be fooled into believing receptivity exists where, in truth, it may not; but your special challenge is to create successful romance out of the sheer adrenaline of personal fire. Desire is everything.

Sexual performance: Mars is the complement to Venus, and in the 5th provides the male aspect of sexuality. This 'maleness' in sexual expression is appropriate regardless of your biological sex. It indicates a pressign drive in lovemaking, a sense of the warrior plunging into the breach, charging up the mountain. To say that this placement indicates a passionate nature is to revel in understatement. Sex is expressed in the most physical terms possible as bodies are made molten by the heat. The pitfall involves losing yourself too quickly in the push toward fulfillment and release, while the challenge is to reveal the desire inherent in a give relationship, allowing it to emerge fully.

Personal creativity: Creativity is not merely an event for you. Rather, it is the cutting edge of your aliveness. When you create, you do more than simply express yourself. You birth yourself in each creative event. As a result, your ego is much more involved in creativity, and you are more vulnerable to the onus of failure. Happily though, even when you are crushed by rejection, you come back as soon as a new adventure is envisioned. The challenge is to use creativity for self-renewal.

Competition: You are a fierce competitor and an honorable adversary. This placement indicates adolescent bravado, where all challenges - 'cross that line if you dare' - are both personal and territorial. You love to hurl yourself into new arenas, for every time a

risk is undertaken, you can prove not only your mastery, but, more primally, the validity of your very existence. A gamble is often an irresistible lure, like a red flag waved in front of a bull. Just prior to action, however, you may experience overpowering fear. The military metaphor works especially well here: they don't give medals for accomplishing what's easy; they give medals for courage - action in the presence of fear. The higher the mountain, the more you want to climb it.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 5th house is the house of play. And when Mars plays, there is no doubt who is boss of the sandbox. The competitive spirit is very great; and if you build a bigger or better castle than your friend with Mars in the 5th, watch out - you may end up with sand in your eyes. Who said it's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game, that counts? Not likely to have been somebody with Mars in Leo's natural house.

And the same applies to life, love and creativity. It's not good enough just to do something - it must be done dramatically and with all the heart. On the plus side, there is a natural vitality and enthusiasm which stamps the individuality on everything those with Mars in the 5th undertake. They may not be another Picasso, but the picture they paint is very special - at least to them. And who's to deny it, if even for just a few days or moments the act of creating from inside themselves has given them a greater feeling for who they are or enhanced their sense of power, identity and vitality?

Often there is a love of competitive sport or feats involving some degree of daring, risk or strenuous physical exertion. And with the same zestful and impulsive spirit, they pursue the greatest sport of them all, the game of love and romance. Nor are they just looking to make a match; nothing short of a whole forest fire will do. Provided those with Mars in the 5th don't frighten others off with their intensity, how soon the flames of love are extinguished or whether the fire quickly spreads somewhere else will depend, to a large degree, on the aspects and sign placement of Mars.

Children will catch something of the Mars projection. The initial enthusiasm to produce a family will probably be very strong; but the daily drudgery and sacrifices involved may be much less appealing. How can they paint pictures, take tennis lessons, make love, go to the opera, and have the time to raise children as well? It's not surprising that people with this placement bear offspring with strong independent streaks. The children would need to learn to stand on their own fairly quickly and develop strong enough wills to combat and compete with the demands of the parent's fifth house Mars.

(Robert Pelletier)

Although you do everything enthusiastically, you sometimes lack the self-discipline required to get the most from your efforts. Your impatience makes you less efficient, but your aggressiveness is useful when the time comes for action. You have the courage

and daring to take advantage of your creative potentials. When your plans go awry, you may make excuses, since it is painful to realize you've made a foolish mistake. You are well-informed but often unrealistic in your impulsive outbursts. Your friendliness is endearing to others. You have a strong desire nature; and when your mind is made up, you won't take 'no' for an answer. However, some people won't let you have your way. You can get away with doing things that others would be severely criticized for; but sometimes you take chances that you regret later. You let unpleasantness roll off your back, because you don't take yourself too seriously. Yet you insist on the right to assert yourself; and you don't feel you have to explain your actions. You would gain an even greater advantage over your adversaries if you developed your mental assets. You enjoy participating in sports, stimulating young people to take part in activities, and indulging in speculative enterprises.

You are creative enough to find many dramatic ways to put your ideas to work. You are really an actor; and you easily win over opponents to your point of view. The freshness of your actions wins support from competitors and associates. You are ambitious, and you know how to get important people to share your enthusiasm for your endeavors. In your personal life, you want a partner who will share in your excitement as you strive for your goals, someone who will also be enthusiastic in meeting your physical demands. You want your mate to consider you the most important person in the world.

Think about the goals you hope to reach, and remember that achieving them should be your most important priority. When you work on them, you may realize that you are not investing sufficient mental energy for the greatest returns later. You should make long-range plans for using your natural assets efficiently and using your energy to preserve your physical well-being. You tend to spend money carelessly and to get into situations for which you are not adequately prepared. High on your list of priorities must be establishing realistic values and being willing to make some contribution to others. You cannot go forth with empty hands and expect to succeed.

It may not be easy, but you will have to forego some of your indulgences if you hope to realize substantial returns on your investments in later years. You enjoy public exposure; and your public position will be better if you take the time to develop your hidden talent. Inside, you are really a 'softie' and more sympathetic than it seems toward people in need.

Your early environment may have given you the idea that your freedom is of paramount importance. Obviously you were given the opportunity to show what you could do on your own, and it is imperative that you take the time and self-discipline to cultivate your creative potentials. You may not see immediate evidence of its value, but this investment will be of inestimable value as you become stabilized in your career.

Jupiter ♃ in ☊ Cancer 24° 13'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone sharing personal feelings and emotions with other people and fear that they may not empathize with you, you may then lose the opportunity to relate deeply with others. You may unknowingly use the Cancerian emotionally subjective beliefs as a defence mechanism against unfamiliar situations, and you may do so in such a way that the result is self-righteous alienation and a loss of your faith in others as well as yourself.

Dynamic

When you expand your Cancerian ability to make other people feel that they belong to a given social situation, your skill in building a feeling of family in any circumstance can create faith in your basic security instincts. By actively using your talent to bring about a realization in others of their belonging and acceptance, you can build faith and confidence in yourself and everyone around you.

(Marilyn Waram)

An individual with Jupiter in Cancer tends to value emotional security and safety and protection. She suffers something of a conflict between the Cancer tendency to be clannish and focused only on herself and her family, and the Jupiter propensity to reach out for more knowledge, to seek mental expansion through travel, and to broaden all horizons. Cancer doesn't care about broad horizons. It represents the part of human nature which cares about feeling emotionally safe, close to someone who can be counted on to nurture. Or, it will close itself off and build a defensive shell to keep out the mistrusted others. It is difficult for Jupiter to be its expansive self in such a sign!

Another clash is between the fire tendency to express outward, including anger, and the water tendency to hold in, to hold back. It may lead to a lot of pressure built up in the system, with explosions when the pressure gets to be too much. Water signs tend to repress the exuberance of fire and to dampen its enthusiasm. Consequently, Jupiter in cancer is not normally indicative of an outgoing personality or an out-of-control excitement. Cancer keeps these attributes somewhat under wraps.

With Jupiter in Cancer, the individual will probably value emotional depth, nurturance and caretaking, especially emotional family ties, basic necessities, and the home. There can be a shrewd sense of business which may be directed into any field of commerce that looks after people's basic security needs, such as real estate, insurance and so on. The person's own personal values will tend to be based on emotional ties and needs rather than strict rational thought. She will usually follow the values she learned from her family, particularly her mother.

She will also have a powerful emotional attachment to them; Cancer deals with a person's deepest, most unconscious, arational (as opposed to irrational) emotional security needs. It is simply not possible to challenge her values and beliefs without simultaneously threatening her deepest emotional security needs. She will react to differences of opinion, therefore, with all the vehemence or withdrawal behind her shell that she would muster for a physical attack. It feels just as dangerous to her. Nor can she be easily reasoned with. Differences in values strike at her core, and she cannot easily learn to stay detached.

The individual with Jupiter in Cancer also tends to place a high value on food and basic nurturance. She usually has a round figure, and either may be resistant to diets or gains the weight back rapidly once finished with the diet. Food can even be an ultimate value - and one attached to powerful unconscious needs - not easily changed, if at all. Modification of habits may be more successful than outright change.

With this placement, the person's approach to philosophy is commonly to confine the interest to matters which affect family, clan, business, and sometimes a nation. It is not a political placement on its own, but does reflect a concern with basic needs which can be directed into politics. Cancer is still a personal sign, strongly focused on personal needs and a personal perspective. She will usually be emotional in her approach to philosophy: that is, she will want it to fit in with her cherished concepts. Anything that is too divergent will often be rejected outright, in the interests of protecting the beliefs which formed in infancy and childhood.

This placement is not strongly interested in sports, either. She may be interested in nutrition but rarely in any more fitness than is necessary to function. She just can't be bothered.

Her approach to the ultimate value, God, and spiritual beliefs is usually that what mother taught is good enough for her. She doesn't necessarily think beyond that. It isn't that she lacks the ability, she lacks the interest. However, the revival of the Goddess worship may captivate her passionately, for she feels more 'at home' being able to follow a feminine archetype. If she projects Jupiter, a good possibility since it clashes with Cancer, she will tend to see her mother or mother figure as the person with all the bright ideas, all the exciting talk and enthusiasms. She might also feel mother should have been perfect, or was perfect, or had overly high standards and expected her to be perfect. She may judge mother to be cavalier, emotionally unavailable - living out the 'freedom' side of Jupiter - and prone to exaggeration.

She may also have trouble if she applies impossibly high standards to her own role as mother, or expects all mothers to be saints. A positive expression of this tendency might be to teach mothering skills to new parents, or to get political and seek to gain more recognition for mothers and children.

She also may get into trouble if she places too much faith in or assigns far too much value to her own emotions and moods. She will usually value emotional depth and intuition in herself and others, but may go overboard and value only this trait and the ability to nurture, to the exclusion of other valuable characteristics. When more in balance, however, she can be a parent with excellent principles who considers her children to be extremely important in her life. Jupiter in Cancer is an indication that difficulties with values, beliefs and ideals may be connected to emotional defensiveness and closedmindedness.

When Jupiter in Cancer is handled constructively, the individual has great reverence for motherhood without clinging mindlessly to all the principles and values she learned as a child. She also values children without giving them too much power to support her emotionally. She may bring high principles into the business world, at least in the way she operates personally. She expands the importance and understanding of the emotional needs of people.

(Skye Alexander)

Your family is likely to contribute to your expansion and growth in a way that you find positive, easy or enjoyable. Perhaps family ties open doors for you professionally. Or, your family's money might enable you to study at the best schools, travel widely and meet influential people. The home in which you were raised was probably a supportive and nurturing environment, and your mother (or nurturing parent) in particular encouraged you to 'reach for the stars'. Because of your family and the environment in which you grew up, your personal and / or professional growth has been easier.

This supportive environment might include your town or even your country; and you may feel that your home and / or homeland have benefitted you significantly. As a result, you are likely to be quite patriotic, a champion of your community and nation. The 'god' you worship might be your country. You admire and uphold traditional, family-oriented values and glorify the image of home, motherhood, family and country. However, it is here that you also tend to be excessive, even sanctimonious and pejorative.

Perhaps you achieve success or recognition by appealing to these sentiments in others, or through creating an idealized image of 'home' with which others can identify.

Some of your greatest pleasures in life might be associated with your home and family. You love holidays and want to gather your loved ones around you in your own home (or the ancestral one) to celebrate the traditions you hold dear. Your children are a source of joy, and through them you are given an opportunity to grow in a positive way and to expand your understanding of yourself and the world around you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Cancer is in its exaltation. This usually indicates a good family background - not necessarily one of wealth or social standing, but a childhood environment and parental influence that instill kindness, generosity, and religious and moral principles at an early age. Later in life, these characteristics become a part of the natives' basic expression.

The parents of children with Jupiter in Cancer usually love them deeply, looking after their welfare and instilling in them a basic trust and human kindness. The Jupiter principle of morality, philosophy, and higher education has its beginnings in Cancer, because one's first teachers are one's parents, especially the mother. Those with Jupiter in Cancer seek to establish a secure, friendly, prosperous and comfortable home environment. They are kind and generous to the family and others in their home. If Jupiter is well-aspected, they will use their homes to provide for the needs of friends and acquaintances who are having trouble finding their way in life. Jupiter here often indicates a large home, with many people on the domestic scene. Natives have a strong maternal instinct, and sometimes a tendency to mother the world. The home is also used as a place for religious, philosophical, and educational activities.

Since those with Jupiter in this sign love good food, they can be good cooks. However, they may be inclined to overeat or to eat foods that are better for the palate than the digestive system.

Business interests often involve real estate, housing, farming, food produce, and articles used in the home. Jupiter in Cancer gives emotional idealism, often leading to utopian dreams that are not based on practical considerations, unless other factors in the horoscope supply them.

People with this position often receive financial help from their parents, and they may inherit money or property from parents or other family members. Often they become wealthy in the latter half of life.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Cancer, there can be maudlin sentimentality, oppressive mother love, ties that are too close to the parents, and self-indulgence in food and material comforts.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Jupiter is traditionally well-placed in this sign, and its influence is somewhat strengthened. The intuition and the emotional level are both increased. There is a marvellous natural kindness and sympathy, plus an understanding of other people's problems and difficulties. The caring, charitable and protective instincts common to Cancer are enhanced and often expressed on a broad, humanitarian level as well as a personal one; concern, consideration and often cash will be given to alleviate mass

suffering. The changeability of Cancer is shown in an uncertainty of opinion, and there can be changes of direction in religious thought or belief.

The imagination certainly benefits: look to other areas of the chart to see how it may best be expressed. It may be in writing or literature if the chart shows creativity, or in inventiveness if the bent is scientific, when the imagination will combine with intuition, helping the subject to assess the possible outcome of an experiment.

The home and family life will also gain by this placing, which will enhance the parents' ability to be objective about their children. The home will probably be full of books (perhaps rather untidily so!); and a special kind of encouragement will be given to children to develop their minds in exciting and imaginative ways.

Natural shrewdness is a Cancerian characteristic, and here it will enhance any indication of a good business sense. If the subject wants to start a small business enterprise, you might suggest something connected with antiques, for the acquisition of knowledge of a chosen period or type of artwork will be as stimulating as the making of extra money. Here is someone who enjoys good food, and may also be a superb cook.

Jupiter ♃ in 11th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Social and intellectual security.

Those with this placement tend to be idealists, dreamers, and vast schemers, often with a strongly optimistic motivation. With future-oriented Jupiter in the future-oriented eleventh house, this person is often overflowing with plans, goals, and a multitude of vast objectives. (Note that traditionally the eleventh is the house of hopes and wishes, and that Jupiter here is usually considered a benefic influence for attaining one's objectives.) A planet of considerable social involvement, Jupiter naturally functions freely and enthusiastically in the house that represents the larger human community; there is often an emphasis on dealing with society at large or with social or international issues. Quite often there is a need to be involved with social change or social improvement schemes, and so these people are often found in politics, organizations, foundations, and professional associations that share a common - usually a humanitarian or progressive - goal.

The keywords point to the fact that these individuals seek security in merging their energies with a large group or movement, which gives them a feeling of prosperity and well-being. With a generous planet in a generous house, they are usually liberal with the time and resources that they will devote to a greater cause. Moore and Douglas state

that these folks are natural planners and organizers of group activities.

The other facet of the above keywords reveals how these people also seek intellectual security and thus are attracted to vast systems of thought. They often want to be with people who share their concepts and world view; sometimes they create entirely original mental worlds.

(Marilyn Waram)

With Jupiter in the eleventh house, the person connects values, morals, ethics, social mores, and the search for truth to friends, associates, humanitarian concepts, and individualism. This is another very restless combination, very cerebral, which requires and may well demand constant intellectual stimulation. The person's mind is usually very good. He is bright and quick to learn. However, he may be too fidgety to do well in school; his mind roams far and wide, and he can be impatient if he always has to wait for others. He can react to this with frustration and disrespect, or with taking matters into his own hands and skipping out.

This is a position which is not only doubly restless and doubly intellectual, but also doubly humanitarian, interested in bettering the world for the common person. Paradoxically, it tends to be something of a harsh placement, not strong in compassion for, or decency toward, an individual. The values tend to relate to the mind, new age ideas and beliefs, technology, individualism, and friends.

The person with Jupiter in the eleventh may make an ultimate value out of individualism, out of the rights of each person to do his or her own thing. This may be in balance; but if it is not, this person may consider that chaos is preferable to control. He may fight all kinds of structure as a way to eliminate restrictions on personal freedoms.

Naturally, he will sooner or later threaten the larger social institutions which both support and confine the people they serve. He will, at the very least, have a strong natural resistance to being pushed around. This person really has to do things his own way. That does not mean he cannot co-operate, but means that he will tend only to do so when he chooses, on his terms. He will not do it in the service of someone else's values or needs unless other factors in his chart indicate this. Even then, he will strongly oppose any attempts to make him go along with a crowd, or to give up any of his personal freedoms for some other sake. It is sacrilege to him.

This goes for marriage as well - he will not suffer being held down. He values his freedom so much that he may never get married at all; but if he does, he needs to have a mate who understands his need for freedom, for constant stimulation, and for a relationship which does not restrict him too much. For his part, he needs to remember that people have emotional needs, and if those are starved, they will eventually drive him mad with their demands or go elsewhere. If he is a person who values his marriage as

well as his freedom, he will have to make sure he looks after each, in appropriate ways.

With Jupiter in the eleventh house, friends can also be made into ultimate values. This can lead to exciting friendships with fascinating, brilliant people who are always into some new interest. It may lead to friendships in which discussion of philosophy, learning, and debate of opinions is the focus. The individual may have many acquaintances from foreign countries and cultures, and learn much from them. He may place his friends up on a pedestal and idolize them, think they are the ones with all the brain and wit, and feel inadequate next to them. He may think they ought to be perfect, and drop them as soon as the human flaws become evident. Or he could expect himself to always play the great guru with his friends, to be the one with all the answers.

His friends may set him up in this role. He could have high or totally unrealistic expectations for his friends, or they for him. In real extremes, he may take his friends for granted, demand anything he wants from them, and expect their unqualified support about his rightness. Or he may find his friends all tend to fit this pattern, that they manifest the harsh side of Jupiter.

Usually this placement indicates a very strong interest in new-age ideas, the New Thought churches or something similar, and quite probably in very up-to-date technology. He can be as fascinated by the newest computers as by the teachings from Science of Mind-type churches. He is not interested in conventional anything, but particularly not in his religion. He may even have fundamentalist beliefs, although that is extremely rare with this placement, but he will not associate himself too deeply with any church; his expectation of freedom, intellectual as well as physical, is too strong.

Ideally, a person with this placement values his friends, technology, new-age thought and individuality, without expecting complete fulfillment from any. He respects the rights of individuals in balance with respect for his own rights. He is a ground breaker, but does not feel any compulsion to destroy valuable structures, conventional establishments, or old-fashioned values in order to make room for the new. He takes an eclectic approach, able to glean the best from the old and integrate it with the most promising of the new.

(Eve Jackson)

The eleventh house reflects our attitudes towards and experience of any group to which we belong, from society at large to the social microcosm of, say, a club, business organization, or even, in the first place, our family. Planets here tend to manifest in the group context, and are often experienced via other group members, and also figure in our ideas about how a group should be organized - in other words, our political notions.

In the more casual context, those with this placement like to spread themselves among different circles and keep as many social options open as possible. They are usually good at facilitating group participation. It is a popular placement on charts of politicians,

and inclines towards political theories of a fairly idealistic nature, with an emphasis on freedom. Though there is often considerable political vision and enthusiasm, those with Jupiter in the eleventh make poor party members, as strict adherence to a line laid down is not their style; they prefer to make the rules rather than keep them.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You have such a spontaneous social sensibility that groups want you around. They often come to you rather than your going to them. These opportunities are not to be taken lightly, since they offer you the challenge of recognition and the chance to expand your social horizons. In fact, a real pitfall involves presuming that since you've been asked to join in the past, you will be in the future. Don't overlook these real resources.

Appropriate behavior: Appropriate behavior is very natural for you, almost like a sixth sense. You seem to instinctively know how to act in almost any social setting. You're interested in what other people think, but probably not overly concerned. At your best, criticism slides off you like water off a duck's back; but be careful of the pitfall of selfrighteousness. Everyone screws up occasionally, including you, so have patience in bearing the gracelessness or inconsideration you sometimes have to suffer. The challenge is to use your relaxed social sense to make others more comfortable, thus increasing your acceptance.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship requires little effort. You understand and accept people, which makes you a good friend to have; and you expect others to treat you with the same understanding and acceptance. You're willing to be friendly, even in trying circumstances; and this is communicated to others, who respond in kind. It's only when they don't that you reveal your righteous side. Your social circle is a barometer. If it's large and vibrant, it means you're addressing Saturn's placement in your natal chart. If it's unfulfilling, or if you're isolated, it indicates that you're trapped. Either you're ignoring your Saturn, which means you're not investing enough to warrant a return in friendship, or you're striving to solve those Saturnian riddles too intensely, working so hard that you have no energy left to enjoy yourself. Relax and enjoy the bounty of your friendships.

Shared creativity: You repeatedly find yourself linked with organizations whose purpose is creative. Through the ability to oversee the direction of the group's thinking, you influence the creative results, while at the same time becoming recognized as an invaluable source of insight for the group. Cheerleading the whole process is not only enjoyable, but something you revel in. Your creative role is to provide enthusiasm and perspective, to give the group renewed life.

Receiving love: Being loved is based on the positive vision of yourself reflected in another's eyes. Primary among these is wisdom. When your wisdom is recognized by others, you feel loved. If you're treated as ordinary, however, you do not recognize the

presence of love, even if it exists. You like your ego to be stroked. When your lover delights in your spontaneous self-expression, you feel that he or she truly loves you. If constrained or put upon to limit yourself, you back away. When a relationship increases social contacts in your life, you experience being loved. If there is too much possessiveness, the feeling of ingrown isolation destroys the love for you. When your honesty is unquestioned, you are in the flow of love. However, any mistrust or accusation surrounding the purity of your motives or actions is offensive. You don't like being tested. The challenge is to find a person who shares your vision of optimism and free expression, and, having found that acknowledgement, to honor your beloved with fidelity.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Jupiter adds luck to the life. Without serious bad aspects, these people will have influential friends who assist them greatly. Even with bad aspects, this Jupiter acts as a cushion, preventing difficulties from going to too great an extreme. No matter how lonely or unsatisfactory the personal life may be, in front of groups they appear vital, relaxed and in control. It is a good position for a teacher, politician, bandleader, manager, or anyone dealing with groups. They love to party and hang out with as large a crowd as possible.

Whatever group these people lead will feel tremendous loyalty towards them, and they in turn will feel loyalty to the group. In fact, they cannot work with or for any group they don't love or believe in, which may cause difficulties when it comes to earning a living, because they hate to compromise their principles. This can dull a career effort, because they will work with great enthusiasm for a while, only to lose interest when they discover faults in individuals in the group, or that the group's goals are not totally altruistic. Another difficulty is that when they do find a group they can believe in, they have a hard time leaving it for bigger and better things. Although they are so group-oriented, it is always the individuals within the group who are important to them, rather than the group itself; thus, a career soldier may hate the army but love his unit.

These people are believers, first and foremost. They need to show enthusiasm and to belong to something noble and worthy that they can be enthusiastic about. If they show cynicism, it is only a thin layer, and they will throw it aside as soon as possible. It is good for them to develop some kind of special skill or area of expertise that sets them above the common herd, at least in their own mind. Otherwise, they will suffer from a vague feeling that they deserve nothing better than their lot. If they play an instrument, they will belong with the greats of music and be one with Mozart and Beethoven - at least while they are practising.

Anything that enhances their membership in a group, that enables them to enlighten or entertain others, is good for them. They are usually good joke- and story-tellers, and like to be the life of the party.

The closer Jupiter is to the twelfth house cusp, the less they will be oriented towards profit-making, and the more towards helping those less fortunate than themselves.

(Howard Sasportas)

The God Zeus had the task of looking after the well-being of the populace. Similarly, the planet Jupiter, extending our awareness beyond the self-centred concerns of Mars, reminds us of the larger social context in which we exist and have a part to play. In this respect, Jupiter is quite at home in the 11th house.

The people prayed to Zeus for help, guidance and protection against harm; and those with this placement may be sought by friends and groups to provide the same sort of inspiration and support. Conversely, their own horizons and understanding of the meaning of life are broadened and expanded through social interaction. They may assume the role of a guru, hero or heroine in the eyes of friends or groups, or find themselves looking to a friend or group to be their protection and salvation.

Jupiter in the 11th will normally join clubs or organizations which promote humanitarian and egalitarian causes, or which promise growth and expansion for everyone involved. Usually they are in tune with new currents and progressive social trends. Difficult aspects to Jupiter may indicate high expectations and ideals, and disappointment when the group fails to solve all their problems or doesn't succeed soon enough in eliminating the woes of the world. Undismayed, however, they will move on to the next cause or organization in the hopes that a new-found formula will be the key.

Jupiter in this house suggests an ever-expanding circle of friends, often of varied cultures and nationalities. For some, life's significance only comes to fruition if their diaries are fully booked and they are having to choose between Mick Jagger's birthday party and an invitation to St. Moritz for the weekend. Sometimes, an over-involvement in social activities or too great an entanglement in the lives of their friends may dissipate their energy and detract from their applying themselves in other areas of life.

Both Jupiter and the 11th house are concerned with becoming more than we already are - therefore, these people are usually not short of goals and objectives in life, and can almost always be seen looking ahead. As soon as one objective is attained, another one appears in its place. A narrowing down of goals or more discrimination in choosing which ones are worth following may be necessary if they are not to spread themselves too thinly. If they shoot their arrows too high, these may come back down on them; if they aim in too many different directions at once, they don't know where to shoot first. It's dizzying just watching them. However, because there is usually such a strong faith that they will and should achieve what they want, life can't help but support them accordingly. Often, friends or groups share this faith in them and their goals, and will be helpful in their realization.

(Robert Pelletier)

You hope that later in life you will have the financial resources necessary for a bountiful lifestyle. If you really want to guarantee that this will happen, you must devise a program with that goal in mind. You don't doubt your ability to succeed in achieving your expectations, although you are often distracted from the necessary course of action. Still, you are optimistic that you will eventually realize your objectives. People often turn to you for guidance because you show that you are sensitive to their needs. Your benign influence will help you succeed if you decide to enter a professional service field.

Your ability to grow and expand your field of influence is nearly unlimited. You have the capacity to acquire new information, which will certainly increase your value to yourself and to the world. You are always ready to assume a more responsible position; and you don't have to resort to chicanery to achieve what is expected of you. As your level of accomplishment rises, the burden of responsibility increases, so you may wonder how you will cope with it. If you are concerned about this problem, aim for less until you feel confident that you can fulfill your responsibilities.

You question whether you will always have opportunities to fully demonstrate your creative talents. But you must keep looking for opportunities, because it is urgent that you exploit and promote your potentials so that you will attract the attention of people in important positions. Your abilities are not questioned by those who benefit from them. Be cautious about overindulging your children, for they may not make the effort to exploit their own potentials. Do your homework and learn to curb your spending habits. If you can't seem to get organized, get help from a qualified person. You can accomplish much with your resources and get a substantial yield that will assure your future security.

You must accept full responsibility for your own losses as well as your gains in your work. Although you might not enjoy the arduous tasks required by your career, doing them will improve your competence until you are ready for a more important position. You are qualified to render services that people need, so you must find time to accommodate them. You are grateful for the benefits that your parents provided; but along with fulfilling your obligations by them, you have to establish your own roots.

You will be greatly enriched if you set aside your fears and anxieties and work to help those who cannot help themselves. Not wanting to be unknown, you may refuse to work behind the scenes, but that is precisely where you will reap the greatest spiritual rewards. It would be heartwarming, of course, to have the public remember and appreciate you for your accomplishments.

Saturn ♄ in ♊ Capricorn 23° 33'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you try to justify your current actions on the basis of the false authority of time, ambition, material accomplishment or some other highly structured or traditional reason that you think justifies your actions, you might experience accomplishment without fulfillment. You may also experience the resentment of others against your position of authority, which is the price of always having to be in control.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and the social responsibility for manifesting your authority in the world. You can acknowledge yourself as the creator of the authority or lack of authority and respect that you have in the world, which gives you security in your abilities to climb above self-imposed limitations. By committing yourself to use the Capricorn natural abilities to organize, manage, and systematize, without crushing the spirit of those involved, you gain respect for your natural authority and executive leadership.

General

You seek a life of fruition and accomplishment. There is a feeling of having a 'public destiny', something that one is supposed to accomplish for the good of all. Frustration arises when you hold back from assuming an active role in the affairs of the world.

You are destined for a leadership role in the sense of your being willing to act as a figurehead in guiding others along a particular path. It is time to stand up and be counted. When you accept the responsibility and authority for manifesting the goals that you determine to be for the public good, you are fulfilling your destiny.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Capricorn is, of course, a repetition of the same principle. Its house placement and aspects provide the keys to where and how the individual will face the rules of the game and learn to use power wisely. Normally, this combination indicates a strong ambition and need for control; but until a successful role has been attained, the power will be experienced in the world, usually in the hands of authority figures. Harmony aspects may bring protection by these others, but for full satisfaction the individual has to do something which provides a sense of personal accomplishment. Conflict aspects can indicate a very difficult early life, often with the need to work and assume adult responsibilities while still a child. However, in the end, the individual who develops practical skills and learns early to cope with the material world may be light years ahead of the protected child who remains dependent on the power of others. As always with

Saturn, we need to avoid the extremes of playing Atlas when we cannot allow ourselves any dependency and the failure to develop our share of the world's power and to carry our share of the responsibility.

This placement tells us that the individual's father was concerned with power, whether he had it or had problems getting it.

Career choices with Saturn in Capricorn include work for the government, whether federal, state or local. Alternately, individuals may be manager in large businesses or other institutions, or they may found and run their own business, or become an independent professional.

(Skye Alexander)

Ambitious, pragmatic and hard-working, you invest much of yourself in your career; and your greatest tests in life are likely to involve some aspect of your work. You have plenty of common sense; and when it comes to managing resources, organizing or planning, no one does it better. Known for your diligence and dependability, you readily assume responsibility, and usually do more than your share. You can have trouble delegating authority, however, and usually believe that if you want it done right you have to do it yourself. Therefore, you probably have lessons to learn about trusting others. How you use your authority also could be important in your life.

Despite your obvious capabilities, however, professional success may not come easily or quickly for you; and you will have to work for whatever you get. You probably will have to climb the corporate ladder in slow, determined steps. As you pursue your goals, you might experience many frustrations, obstacles, delays or setbacks that will test your perseverance. Perhaps success will be denied you until rather later in life, or at least until you have gained the maturity to handle it; and what you are willing to do to get to the top could be significant.

Your work is very important to you, and you feel most comfortable in the business world. Structured, impersonal, unemotional environments suit you best; and unless Cancer is prominent in your chart, you may feel more 'at home' in your office than in your home. People with this placement can become workaholics who don't allow themselves time to get to know their families - or themselves. One of the lessons you might need to learn is to balance work with play, professional life with personal.

You aren't looking for fame, however, and prefer to remain in the background, controlling things from behind the scenes. In fact, you may be rather self-conscious and shy, and don't like drawing attention to yourself. Although you desire prestige and want to be respected for your competence, you have little interest in publicity or glory (unless Leo is prominent in your chart).

Cautious and conservative, you are inclined to stick with tried-and-true methods and shy away from anything new or different. Fear of failure is a powerful motivating factor in your life. You rarely take chances, find change threatening and are the last to update your techniques, products, behavior or ideas. an arch-traditionalist, you can become rigid, dogmatic and stubbornly mired in the past. Your excessive prudence could be limiting your potential, however, and you might be forced to give up your old habits and securities - perhaps by circumstances that seem to be outside yourself - in order to grow. Or, you may find yourself hindered by entrenched powers, traditions or bureaucracies, and have to break away from the established order before you can achieve your goals.

Because you respect the past, you may be interested in history, geology, archaeology or anthropology. You want to be able to explain, order and quantify your life and everything in it; and before you can make sense of something you must make it tangible. Through studying the past, you are able to understand the present better and your place in the natural order of things.

Your public image and your position in your community are of great concern to you. Sensitive about what others think of you, you support the status quo, play by the rules and do what you think is expected of you. Keenly aware of your duty and your role as a member of society, you tend to put society's needs ahead of the individual's, and would sacrifice personal freedoms to maintain stability in the society. But you must learn to find security within yourself, instead of looking for it in the outer world, for if you allow others to define what is right and wrong for you, you relinquish your right to be a selfdetermining individual.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Capricorn indicates strong ambitions for worldly power, status, and authority, usually manifested through business, science, or politics. Natives feel great need to make significant achievements in their careers, and they undertake no endeavors without having practical purposes in mind. They are good organizers; they alternate between favoring their ambitions and protecting their security, thus attaining prominence without risks to either. They have an aura of dignity and seriousness which can make them appear austere and cold. They are able to accept orders from those in authority; and when they achieve their own positions of authority, they expect similar obedience from others. Hence they are conservative in business and politics. They feel that the traditional power structure exists for necessary reasons, which should not be questioned by those who lack the practical experience of dealing with the responsibilities of power.

Their struggle in early life to attain security and self-sufficiency helps form such practical, conservative attitudes later on. They feel that until a person can manage his own affairs successfully he is in no position to give advice to others, or to handle larger political or economic responsibilities.

People with this position of Saturn know that everything has its price and that everyone must contribute to the work of the world. They feel that everyone should earn what he gets through his own efforts. Thus, when they reach the top, they seek to help others help themselves. In later years, however, they tend to forget the hard struggles of youth and the difficulties of getting started without money, tools, or resources - despite sincerity and a willingness to work. If Saturn is afflicted, these people may use their acquired wealth and material goods to control others.

How and when power and authority are attained will depend on the level of understanding and the degree of spirituality as revealed through the rest of the horoscope.

These people generally have a strong sense of family pride and honor; they often come from families respected in the community. However, those born into wealthy and socially prominent families are in danger of being extremely callous about human values, because they lack the experience of personal struggle without resources. Such people are likely to regard social and economic inferiors as manipulable commodities rather than as sensitive human beings. This tendency can be offset if the horoscope shows spiritual understanding and compassion. As in Scorpio, those with Saturn in Capricorn can reach either the heights of spirituality or the depths of materialism and selfishness.

If there is a childhood of poverty and family disgrace, this position gives the necessary drive to overcome difficulties and achieve prominence and power. For these people, life is always a serious business and a struggle. Sometimes they are lacking in aesthetic sensitivity, judging things solely according to their price or reputation. They need to develop a sense of humor and an understanding of other values besides materialism and status. If desire for status is carried too far, it can become an end in itself, rather than a means of contributing to the social order.

If Saturn is well aspected in Capricorn, there will be honesty and integrity in all business, political and professional dealing. If Saturn is afflicted, unscrupulous means may be used to achieve wealth and power, the result being dictator types in extreme cases; there can be a tendency to use literal interpretations of the law for unfair advantage. When unscrupulous means are resorted to, however, they often bring about reversals of fortune, public disgrace, and a fall from power.

These people should avoid becoming rigid in their attitudes and beliefs.

(Grant Lewi)

This position requires success in the materialistic, financial or fame sense of the word, and will not long be satisfied with unrecognized worth. Some subtlety attaches to your mentality; you may work long and hard for your little pay and little acclaim, but your aim

is to get more, and you never forget it. In this way, you are hardheaded, if not hardhearted, and can very well be both. Your deep ego urge is to defend yourself against the world by conquering it and by forcing it to recognize you; and since this urge is deeply ingrained in the subconscious and demands recognition, you are never likely to lose sight of it. This leads to heights of success or to embittered failure if it operates in its simple form. Your aim should be to become less materialistic, to discover wells of power within yourself. You can have no control over the world till you have control over yourself; and in gaining this essential to your success, you should discover also that 'your mind to you a kingdom is' in which it is as gratifying to rule as in any temporal empire. It is possible for you to learn that there are all kinds of power over the world, and that wealth and fame are not the only ways of achieving it. There is the sense of power you get from giving, from serving, from helping. To transmute the power urge from its primitive, materialistic, strong-arm form to its more esoteric and refined uses is to ensure that your powerful subconscious drive to success shall succeed along the most civilized lines, which are in the end most gratifying.

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 intuitively purpose through his interaction

with the environment; expressing through the fifth, he intuitively feels 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 wathcing himself wathcing 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 ♒ Aquarius 19° 51'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having this placement have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ideas to link humanity beyond the level of traditional social order into an integrated whole that is in alignment with humanitarian ideals and standards for relating. A creative form of disorder occurs when Uranus in Aquarius operates on its highest, most inventive and original level. A form of disruption occurs through the awareness of obsolete social systems.

(Joan Negus)

The shift in attitude toward the Mexican government that took place in 1914 concerned matters of principle rather than finance. The incident that triggered the change was the arrest of several sailors and officers from the American barge Dolphin in Tampico. The men were released, but Admiral Henry Mayo demanded an apology and a 'salute to the American flag'. The Mexican dictator, Victoriano Huerta, refused, and broke off diplomatic relations with the United States.

European countries with vested financial interests in Mexico urged US President Woodrow Wilson to recognize Huerta, stating that he was strong enough to keep the status quo in this country where rebels were again threatening to challenge the government. Instead, the usually peace-oriented Wilson asked for and received permission from Congress to send troops to control the city of Veracruz. The reason given for this action was that Germany was sending arms to Huerta through this port. The incident might have triggered a war had not Argentina, Brazil and Chile entered the picture as mediators. By the shipment of supplies being stopped, however, Huerta's power diminished; and eventually he resigned and left the country.

This series of events points up two important differences between Uranus in Capricorn and Uranus in Aquarius. The first is that financial and other material considerations that are foremost in the minds of people with Uranus in Capricorn fade into the background when freedom and individuality are threatened. With Uranus in Aquarius, the words 'personal dignity' or 'personal integrity' are mentioned as being an essential ingredient in one's personal make-up and a prime reason to rebel.

The mediation that took place illustrates the second difference. The dictatorial, paternalistic approach of Capricorn is replaced by the objectivity of Aquarius. There is no longer the necessity of being the authority figure. We are dealing with the sign of equality, where opinions and alternatives can be discussed. With Uranus in Aquarius,

you will believe that you have an open mind when it comes to change and freedom, and you are capable of adjusting. You just may not do it as quickly as you think you can (or do). But at least compromise is possible. And what others have to say regarding Uranian matters can eventually be accepted if the arguments make sense and humanitarian reasons are offered.

Capricorn is a black-and-white sign. Things are right or wrong, and tangible actions must be taken to reinforce what is right and eliminate what is wrong. There is usually 'one way' to resolve issues, and this is dependent upon who is in charge.

With Uranus in Aquarius, the approach to Uranian issues is more abstract. 'Principles' outweigh specifics. There is an awareness of the possibility of choice, and recognition that there are alternative courses of action. Decisions are based on intellect, not on feelings of concrete facts. And if you try to influence a Uranus in Aquarius person with a sad story or fifty practical reasons for starting a revolution, you will probably experience a cool response. When emotions or too much practicality are brought into the picture, the Uranus in Aquarius person has the ability to detach from the situation and withdraw. The best way to reach the Uranus in Aquarius person is to be impersonal and objective.

An excellent example of the difference between the two signs was evidenced at the time of the passage of Uranus from Capricorn to Aquarius in 1912. That was the year in which Woodrow Wilson was elected president in a landslide victory over both Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. The events that took place in each of their terms of office which were mentioned earlier illustrate clearly the mood of the country during those times; and a look at the general character of the three men reaffirms the information - but most particularly the contrast between Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, as Taft worked under Roosevelt and really rose from his shadow.

Roosevelt's motto was 'speak softly but carry a big stick'. This evokes the image of the stern father whose authority is felt without it being spoken. It was time to make concrete changes materialize with Uranus in Capricorn. Therefore, a man with the character of Roosevelt would appeal to the populace during that period.

When Uranus moved into Aquarius, different types of changes were desired. The people wanted to work toward their hopes and wishes - to aspire more highly - and perhaps improve conditions for all of mankind. Using physical force was no longer enough. The mind needed to be exercised as well. Therefore, it is not surprising that Woodrow Wilson, a former professor and president of Princeton University, would be elected President of the United States. Nor is it surprising that he would be considered a visionary and noted for his intellect.

Although these years of Uranus in Aquarius (1912-1920) coincided with using the mind to institute change and to work toward higher ideals, it also included World War I (1914-

1918), thus demonstrating that the intellect alone may not be enough to alter conditions. In fact, it suggests that if the mind cannot make the difference, any feasible means can be used. With Uranus in the sign of its rulership, we have a principle associated with both the planet and the sign Aquarius, strongly expressed through World War I. With this Air combination, neither feelings nor practicality plays an essential role in actions taken to bring about change or freedom. The end justifies the means - no matter how unorthodox or, in this case, how bloody - it may be.

This example can add more information to our interpretation of Uranus in Aquarius for the individual. If you have this placement, you may view alternatives for change first through the intellect. Yet, you may be willing to defend your own right to freedom and equality in any way that is expedient. The same holds true if you become involved in a humanitarian cause that does not involve you personally. You would probably join such a cause for idealistic reasons. There need be no close connection between you and others defending or affected by the project. In fact, you can probably start and continue revolutionary activities in an impersonal, detached manner. It is easier to embrace principles than people; and sentimentality is probably not a consideration in Uranian matters.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Aquarius last century from February 1912 until March 1919, and again from August 1919 until January 1920. In April 1995, it entered Aquarius again, and will remain there until January 2003. In its own sign, Uranus's energy is amplified, so that such periods usually are racked with turmoil, sudden and explosive change, revolts and conflicts that involve issues of independence and equality. Both Uranus and Aquarius are associated with progressive social change, freedom, human rights, unconventional attitudes and behavior, new and revolutionary discoveries and ideas, modern technology and scientific advances; therefore, your Uranus-group will be involved with and instrumental in effecting changes and upsets in these areas.

World War I took place during Uranus's last passage through Aquarius. For the first time in history, aircraft - ruled by Aquarius and Uranus - played an important role in warfare. Authoritarian governments around the globe toppled, and new political systems were established. The Russian Revolution, which overthrew the ruling czars and set up a government of the people, occurred during this period. In China, the Ch'ing dynasty, which had been in power since 1644, was ousted, and a republic was set up in its place.

Other social equalizing forces were also at work during this period. In the United States, the women's suffrage movement was gaining strength; and in Great Britain women achieved limited voting rights. New York health care worker and social activist Margaret Sangar began her birth control decade, which was intended to give women greater independence. Workman's Compensation, the first social insurance program in the U.S., was established in some states, and the American income tax system was made law by

the 16th amendment to the Constitution.

Those of you who have this Uranus placement in your birth charts have a strong sense of independence, individual rights and social equality. You could be involved in implementing social reforms or making breakthroughs in the established order that create more equitable situations.

You also are curious, inventive, unconventional, perhaps a little eccentric, and willing to try anything new or different. Perhaps you will be responsible for important discoveries or changes in scientific fields, as was true of physician / scientist Jonas Salk, who developed a polio vaccine; his Uranus was in Aquarius. Or, your curiosity and desire for excitement could lead you to discover new worlds. The new 'minigeneration' of Uranus-in-Aquarius people will experience and be involved with significant, revolutionary changes in the areas of human rights, technology and science, as well as New Age thought. Perhaps they will even travel to other Universes of establish contact with other-world beings.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Aquarius is in its own sign and is therefore very powerful. People with this position have a penetrating, intuitive insight into scientific and occult truth. In highly developed types, there is the capacity to understand spiritual energies and religious concepts in a scientific context. These people have great scientific and inventive talents.

This position of Uranus gives strong will and mental independence. Natives insist on making their own decisions and drawing their own conclusions. Their independent, intellectual minds are bent on discovering the impartial truth; they will discard yesterday's ideas and methods if they cannot be proved scientifically or if they fail to conform to fact. Direct experience is their final test for determining the truth of any matter. Their capacity for direct experience and observation can be extended in higher dimensions through the unfolding of their clairvoyant faculties.

They are concerned with what is good for humanity as a whole; they believe in human brotherhood and the dignity of man. Their openness to new ideas is a manifestation of their humanitarian tendencies. They seek to reform society, and they like to work through groups and organizations.

If Uranus is afflicted in Aquarius, there can be license instead of freedom, producing unreasoning stubbornness and impractical eccentricity. Uranus heavily afflicted here can make the native unwilling to follow any system of routine or discipline.

(Grant Lewi)

You know instinctively that your individual genius requires a mass expression, that there

is no personal freedom for anyone till everyone is free, and that no individual can be happier than the sum total of his society is happy. You are the lamplighters of the new birth of freedom in the hour of the world's darkness. In the depths of your spirits, you know that there is no individualism, no personal genius, no true expression possible to any one human being till all of mankind has found the level at which it can live securely together. This is the great message of the Aquarian age of which you and those of your generation are acolytes.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus is in the sign that it rules, giving these people a certain Aquarian air. They are friendly, kind and humanitarian, usually with an independent streak, and may be rather private. As they get older, they must be encouraged to keep their independence, and will probably want to. However, Uranian unpredictability and intractability will surely emerge, so the rest of the chart should be examined to find the best solution to such deadlocks. If Air signs are emphasized, this placing's influence will be somewhat increased.

There is considerable inventiveness and originality, and a certain flair in whichever area of self-expression is most fulfilling. Many will look glamorous well into the later years of their lives, but poor circulation and stiffness or arthritic conditions in the joints is likely - exercise should be encouraged.

Kindness and the Aquarian / Uranian humanitarian traits are usually present. Here is someone who likes to raise money for charity, or at least ease suffering in a practical way. As Uranus is in its own sign here, its influence is enhanced, and will be even more potent if it is also a personal planet.

Uranus ♅ in 6th House

(Joan Negus)

If you have Uranus in the sixth house you will probably try to avoid a highly structured daily schedule. You will want variety and challenge in the tasks to be accomplished. If your job is monotonous or there are too many restrictions placed upon you in the workplace, you could concentrate on changing the routine in a somewhat quiet manner, instigate a revolution, or leave the job. Periodic escapes or frequent expression of your independence may be enough to make an organised office situation tolerable. In fact, you may feel more secure in exhibiting your individuality if there are some guidelines.

Knowing your limitations in the work area could make it easier for you to be creative in your job. You can allow your originality to flow freely if you know that anything that is too

outlandish will be curtailed. I have a client with Uranus in the sixth who is a perfect example of this. She complained that her boss did not always give her the latitude she wanted. He would sometimes veto her ideas. When we discussed this further, however, it turned out that he really did allow her to pursue most of her ideas, and only turned down plans that were not feasible or were against established company policies. She even came to the conclusion that her boss's attitude permits her to be more imaginative and creative than she might be otherwise. This is because she doesn't have to waste time thinking about the plausibility of her ideas. It is done for her. But had her boss limited her too much, she probably would not have stayed with the job for the five years she had already been there. Individuals with Uranus in the sixth house would probably leave positions that restrict them too much, or they might try to avoid such jobs entirely.

Uranus in the sixth house could also indicate that you keep your distance from those with whom you work, be they bosses, subordinates or colleagues. You need not work in solitude. In fact, you might enjoy the excitement of interaction, especially with those who are intelligent. But you probably maintain a personal detachment, and form your close one-to-one relationships elsewhere.

If you have Uranus in this house, you do not want other people to tell you how to do your job, but you probably will not consciously seek out positions of authority either. If you are just allowed to do what you want to do in the manner of your choosing, you should have no problems. Sometimes, however, you could find yourself in a job in which you are managing others. If this happens, you are most likely to give your subordinates a lot of latitude, partly to stimulate their creativity, and partly to keep them from interfering with yours. But there could be concern that if your subordinates are given too much freedom they might undermine you or interfere with your manner of operating. It is independence rather than power that is an issue with Uranus in the sixth house. A way to combat that is to periodically get together to report progress and do some brainstorming. The prospect of sharing ideas should be stimulating rather than restrictive. In this way you are kept informed of what is going on, but, since you are only assembling occasionally, you are not weighted down with constant contact.

You might not think about Uranian issues when you apply for your first job; but once you have experienced tyrannical bosses, boredom or other limitations on a job, having a degree of freedom, a bit of excitement, and expressing individuality will become requirements you consciously look for.

You might also discover that your manner of operating in ordinary life is a little different from the way in which many other people do. Since the sixth house describes the way you conduct yourself in your daily routine, it can be in the workplace, in the home, or anywhere else you happen to be.

The signs in the house will describe action in the course of the day. For example, if you have a fire sign on the cusp of the sixth house, you will probably start moving quickly

when you get up. Then if you also have an Earth sign in the sixth house, following the Fire sign, you will probably get organised after you have taken some action. The specific signs will provide more definite information. The planets in that house (if any) will explain your modus operandi even more.

Uranus in the sixth house could indicate that you are not interested in a sedentary daily routine. You might change your schedule frequently to keep your interest peaked or just to prove that you are not tied down to a particular routine. But whatever your reasoning, you probably try not to do the same task at the same time two days in a row. Or you might create excitement or controversy in order to avoid boredom. The emphasis with Uranus may be more on action than on accomplishment.

You probably do not lack energy. In fact, there are times when you feel 'wired' and it is difficult to sit still. But your energy may come in spurts; so that you can work feverishly one day or for part of one day, and then need to free yourself of work the next day or part of the next day. Besides the fluctuation of energy level, your attention span could be short as well. Therefore, it will undoubtedly be better for you to switch activities frequently. Your periodic energy overloads can be physical or mental, so you might change the mode of activity as well as the specific tasks. In other words, you might perform a mental task first; and when your brain begins to tire, switch to something that requires physical energy until you feel physically fatigued, and so forth. You will accomplish more if you do this rather than trying to remain with one job for long periods of time.

(Haydn Paul)

The basic themes of challenges and opportunities for change in this house are associated with work, service and health.

Due to the Uranian reaction to the imposition of repetitive, mundane tasks, there may be adult difficulties in the sphere of employment, especially in enjoying and maintaining a job. The need for stimulation and real interest in the work is essential, otherwise you are likely to experience considerable dissatisfaction and frustration in your working environment, which can lead to periodic changes of job and employment instability. Even during your childhood, this could manifest as a lack of persistence and prolonged attention to your lessons; even though you may be a bright child, fluctuations of concentration and application are liable to have a detrimental effect on your scholastic progress.

You will need as much freedom as possible in the work sphere, and would certainly resent a high degree of supervision. What you will probably have to learn and develop over time is an ability to be more mentally concentrated on the task before you, and a greater degree of self-discipline in using your mind in productive and practical ways. The tendency can be to live too much in ideas, and fail to actualise them.

There may be the ability to work well with modern technology, through scientific developments or computer-derived employment. There will be an interest in technological advancement, as this appeals to the futurist dimension of Uranus. It is likely that becoming satisfied in this area may take some time to achieve; and changes in work or career directions are to be expected.

Your health can be another source of personal change. Your physical body may have periodic illnesses, perhaps caused by the response to the highly stimulatory and agitating Uranus energy. Or possibly some form of a serious or incapacitating illness may suddenly occur, disrupting your lifestyle. This may not be as negative as it appears; there is likely to be the opportunity of a hidden potential path, which if recognised and followed could lead to a positive transformation in your life. This could unfold into personal experience of alternate unconventional health therapies (which today are proliferating and taking firm root within society). You could gain relief from illness through such an approach based on holistic concepts of healing, or you could become interested in training in such skills. This can lead to a totally new way of living and perceiving life, and this could be the intention of the Uranus stimulus.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress can occur at the synapse points within the brain that affect the electrical transmissions (thought, instructions, the psychochemistry that is continually regulating and adjusting the brain to meet the needs of the entire organism) between neurons. The synapse and neuron system is similar to the skeletal system, which is the foundation and structure for the tissues, muscles, and cells of the organic body. Just as a broken bone in the arm affects the functioning of the overall nature of the arm, stress-induced breakdowns within the synapses impact on the functions within the organism to which the synapses and neurons correlate.

When Uranus transits Virgo or Gemini, an acceleration of the evolution of the brain takes place for the entire species. Thus the 'stepped-up' electrical voltage within the brain can lead to various problems. When Uranus is in the 3rd or 6th house and not in Virgo or Gemini, then this stepped-up evolution of the brain is specific to only those individuals, not the entire species. This stepped-up electrical energy manifested in the brain through the synapse and neuron system can lead to all manner of 'strange' sensations, symptoms, and psycho- and / or physiological conditions that cannot be diagnosed; thus some of these individuals are called hypochondriacs.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Uranus here gives a high-tension temperament that seeks to lose itself in meaningful work. If such work cannot be found, there is danger of chronic illness stemming from frustration. They may be afflicted by nervous habits of some kind and tend to overdo on

food, cigarettes, drugs, or anything that eases tension, though they are equally inclined to become 'health nuts' and overdo on special diets. Sometimes they go back and forth from binges of overeating to strict regimens. Most work hard at staying in shape all their lives, though some go the opposite route and do everything to such excess that it can lead to an early death.

Exercise is of great importance in order to use up the nervous energy and keep them steady. If they have a clear-cut goal and a partner, boss, or patron they respect to encourage them, they are dynamos of energy and can accomplish a great deal. They need a way to serve humanity, but the form and the method of service may be unusual.

Although they are mavericks where method is concerned, and usually work best alone, it is very necessary for them to be working for someone who appreciates their efforts and can set guidelines for them. They are good soldiers, able to follow orders and obey logical rules, and able to give orders in turn to subordinates; but they always need a respected superior to keep them in line, or they will go off on tangents, wasting tremendous amounts of time and money on nonessential ventures just to use up excess nervous energy.

The study of yoga, especially the practice of breath control and relaxation, is an excellent means for acquiring control over this reservoir of nervous energy which, if unused, can simply jitter them to death. Positive-thinking practices are useful also, because negative thinking is very destructive to them and can make them ill.

They need cheerful, steady, work-oriented individuals around them. Nervous, disoriented, negative, or disturbed companions will literally drive them crazy.

They can work with great patience and dedication for a cause they believe in, particularly if they respect the leader, who can be too eccentric or intense for most to work for, but this won't bother them at all.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Uranus in the 6th are meant to explore in a deeper way the intimate relationship between the inner world of the mind and feelings and the outer world of form and the body. A connection exists between what we are inside and the kind of everyday reality we create for ourselves. Uranus in the 6th has a chance to learn that in order to change the outside, the inside must be altered first. Any problems which they face in their daily lives or physical bodies can be met with the questions: 'what patterns in me produced these difficulties?' and 'how can I change them?'. Selfexamination, based on the liberating idea that we create and are responsible for our own reality, is the key to a positive experience of Uranus in the 6th. Otherwise they are prone to minor or major upheavals in the life - such as falling ill to avoid going to a job they don't like, rather than admitting first they are feeling trapped by the work and acting accordingly to change the

situation.

In fact, the whole area of work and employment can be approached in a nonconventional way. Rarely suited to a repetitive nine-to-five routine, they will usually find it difficult to stay in a job purely out of a sense of duty or for the sake of security. Their minds need to be continually engaged and interested in the tasks before them; and it's best if their work allows scope for change, variety, inventiveness and movement. Often there is difficulty working under others because they need to approach any job in their own way - even if it has never been done in that fashion previously. However, if Uranus is not too badly aspected, exchanging ideas with coworkers can be lively and stimulating.

Often, they are interested in the new technologies as well as subjects like astrology or other related metaphysical or psychological systems - anything which gives them a frame of reference from which to observe and meet life. They might suit a 'thinktank' situation.

In general, they do not like to be bound by the little everyday necessities and routines of existence and may create upheavals to make life more interesting and exciting. Again, life might become easier if they consciously acknowledge what they don't like, and do something to change that area rather than subtly provoking external forces to disrupt it for them.

Interested in the relationship between mind and body, they might explore various forms of alternative and complementary medicines, sometimes experimenting with unusual diets and various exercise routines. Health problems can stem from too much stress and nervous tension which weakens the body's defences. An overly inhibited 11th house Uranus attracts the Furies, which may lodge themselves in the body, creating havoc in the system. In charts I have seen, there appears to be a connection between Uranus in the 6th and various forms of allergies. Interestingly, some medical researchers have linked allergies with unexpressed anger and resentment, suggesting that people with 'short fuses' are more prone to allergic conditions. (In her book on medical astrology, Eileen Nauman associates Uranus with 'the actual impulses that leap from one nerve synapse to another'.) Obviously, those with Uranus here will benefit from any form of activity which helps them unwind - physical exercises, yoga, meditation, etc.. On the positive side, Uranus offers the possibility of a speedy recovery or release from illness, helped enormously by the right mental attitudes.

If we take the combination of Uranus and the 6th house to its logical conclusion, then there may be the possibility of unusual pets. One woman I know with this placement keeps rats as pets in the house - uncaged, of course.

(Robert Pelletier)

The demanding obligations of your daily work routine may be frustrating, but you have a talent for thinking of innovations that can make your job more interesting. Your suggestions for improving work procedures may attract attention from the people who will benefit from them. You have a good opinion of yourself because you know you can earn a good income by using your own resources with creative imagination. It is inconceivable that others are not aware of your skills. You may not be a practical person, but your intuitive problem-solving ability defies all the rules. While you consider it important to get an education, you will find it painful to lose your precious freedom while getting it. On the other hand, you know that if you don't get an education, you are limited, perhaps permanently, in your ability to earn an adequate living.

Your belief that you can do whatever you want no doubt resulted from your upbringing, because your parents gave you too much freedom. You had the opportunity to grow according to your own identity, for which you should be grateful; but insufficient discipline made it difficult for you to accept responsibility. As time goes on, you will become increasingly dissatisfied with yourself unless you get involved in meaningful activities that prove the value of your talents. There are many possible uses for your ingenuity and intuitive problem-solving ability, which will go to waste unless you use them where they are most needed.

Your ideas are your most important asset, but you must develop them before you can promote them to your advantage. This is the basis for your problems, as well as for their solution. You dislike responsibility; and unless this changes, you won't be able to get people interested in your ideas. You could do so much to help improve social conditions that oppress others. In this area you would gain immediate recognition for your efforts and also get the experience you need to succeed in the field you choose. If you want to function in a position of trust and authority, you must have a formal education, or your aspirations are little more than dreams.

You owe it to yourself to accept the fact that you must start at the bottom. Learn your craft well, so you can grow into the demands of a more responsible position. Plan ahead so you don't have to submit to other people's control; and learn to have enough self-discipline to persist in a program that will assure you of independence later. Learn the art of being patient about getting results when you act.

You permit yourself greater indulgences and more permissive behaviour than you would tolerate from anyone else. Also, you have established one set of rules for yourself and another for your partner. Unless you modify this position, you risk losing your mate's respect, and you will jeopardise your relationship. You have great plans for your children, and want them to rise to their fullest potentials. They find you exciting and admire your talents.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Health is subject to unpredictable changes. Your nervous system is high-strung and particularly vulnerable. Stress-related neurological disorders can provoke unusual symptoms, which often respond well to radical or experimental treatments. Difficulties with independence or integrity are precursors to disease; imprisonment makes you sick. The challenge is to roll with the punches. Disease is a message provoking you to wake up, a 'shock' from the system indicating that your lifestyle must change immediately.

Unequal relationships: You're a natural reformer with a sharp eye for abuses of power, seeking out situations of social disequilibrium to provoke change. From the inferior position, your impulse toward upheaval begins quietly. Then suddenly, in an unlikely moment, you reveal yourself to be Robin Hood, defender of the meek, tweaking the nose of the Sheriff of Nottingham. You'd like to exist outside all power hierarchies, since your motivation is toward complete independence. The pitfall involves abuse of fairness. If you insist on provoking revolution is the underdog, realise that you're fair game for similar treatment in the superior position. The challenge is to destroy unhealthy dominance anywhere you find it. If you have a choice, be Thomas Jefferson rather than Thomas Paine.

Duty and service: You take particular delight in helping, for service is the way you stand out from the crowd. In attitude, you're a loner; ordinary cultural rules of conduct are discarded in favor of a more private code. Provocative mental insight is your method. You take risks with those you serve; you want impact. You shake up people's nervous systems, challenging old emotional assumptions with new mental perspectives. The pitfall surrounds humility versus ego. One moment you seek only a unique solution to another's problems; the next moment you're commanding all the energy in a surge of fervent but insensitive soapbox philosophy. The challenge involves mastering the art of the 'quiet revolution' and the use of 'invisible electricity'.

Technical mind: Uranian mentality includes the brilliant impulses of inspired geniuses, as well as the erratic aberrations of unbalanced crackpots. What distinguishes the two? The genius solves problems by thinking about them in new ways. She looks with fresh eyes, questioning everything. Often, she sees the solution in a spark of inspiration before she knows the means. The crackpot uses the same procedures. But the genius works backward, filling in the holes, painstakingly bridging the old to the new, whereas the crackpot offers no help to those of us he has 'left behind'. So we disregard the crackpot while embracing the genius. Your mind pulls you away from ordinary linear rationality, to inspired bursts of new vision. Your challenge is to add the discipline necessary to bridge the gap, and be revered as a genius rather than denigrated as a crackpot.

Discipline and routines: Regularity is antithetical to your lifestyle. There are routines, to be sure, but they are markedly erratic, distinguished by their unpredictability. You have an iron will when it comes to tasks; and you can work with astonishing discipline, but only when you choose the issue. Your skills become specialties; and your specialties

then branch off to form their own peculiar patterns of expertise, sometimes seemingly unrelated to one another. Your challenge is to weave these disparate elements into a unique coherence.

Neptune ♆ in ♒ Aquarius 9° 11'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 6th House

(Marilyn Waram)

In this house, Neptune is, in a sense, in a place which is its polar opposite. That is, the sixth house relates to Virgo, which is the polar opposite of Pisces, the sign associated with Neptune. The polarity, and the fact that it is not actually an opposite but two different sides of the same coin, shows up clearly with Neptune in the sixth. It is a house of detailed work, of productivity, of nose-to-the-grindstone, of doing a good job for the simple sake of doing a good job. Above all, the sixth house is about the world as it is and how to manage that and work with that on a day-to-day basis.

Neptunian energy seems so totally different: it seeps into the path of least resistance, undermines its opposition, yearns for and (it is to be hoped) seeks to be united with and absorbed by God, or by some Cosmic Consciousness which transcends this petty world. How can these two ever find a point of co-operation?

Neptune and the sixth house do share some common points, however. Both pertain to health, and to an attitude of service, of somehow doing something to help one's fellow human beings.

When Neptune and the sixth house themes are integrated, the individual can dream the dream of Neptune and also use the practical sixth house skills to plan and organise the details which will make the dream a reality some day. Without such plans, the dream is just that: a potential, an inspired idea with no basis in reality. The sixth house can direct and focus the Neptune ability to envision something better, something prettier, something more creative and inspiring. Without the dreams of Neptune, the sixth house is merely a housekeeping unit - a drive to organise and plan and weed out the inefficiencies, but for what purpose? Neptune supplies the purpose and the sixth house supplies the know-how and practical skills.

Neptune in the sixth often relates to some kind of artistic creative work. The sixth house and tenth house both relate to work, but the tenth indicates more ambition and more

interest in an important career than the sixth, especially one where some kind of power can be wielded. The sixth is concerned with somewhat more mundane jobs. Neptune in the sixth tends to find expression as commercial artists, hairdressers, beauty make-over consultants, make-up artists, practical nurses and so on. These people are certainly expressing Neptunian themes in their work.

When Neptune is at odds with the sixth house energies, there can be quite a struggle between the need to dream, to let matters flow and ebb, and the need to be realistic and practical. The individual may feel a strong need to busy herself with details and to make every thing and every process as efficient as possible, including tidying up or at least criticising people. Co-workers are especially likely targets. The Neptunian need for flowing harmony and ease and grace gets trodden underfoot. Or she may use the Neptune need for perfection in her assessment of her work - does she do it perfectly, with harmony and beauty and ease? She may expect far too much of herself, or never be able to say 'no' when more work is piled on her.

Another expression of an out-of-balance Neptune in the sixth is when the individual cannot keep work situations and environments straight. She may forget, be habitually untidy and disorganised, feel tired and drained of energy, get sick a lot, or feel vaguely unfulfilled. She may have sought her job for its glamorous aspects, only to get swamped by the details and drudgery. She may have been very unrealistic about what the job was going to provide in terms of wages, attention or emotional satisfaction. She may spend great deal of her time and energy 'rescuing' others: taking on extra work, listening to co-workers and getting behind in her work, shielding a poorly performing co-worker because she feels sorry for her and so on.

Sometimes this is projected, in which case employees or co-workers can display any or all of the range of Neptunian behaviours. If an individual who has Neptune in the sixth constantly ends up with coworkers who have all the artistic talent, or who are 'rescuers', who are overly sensitive, who can't focus on the important issues, who are frequently late, or careless, or forgetful, or in poor health, it is definitely time to get in touch with Neptune and to learn to express it personally and positively. Sometimes an out-of-touch Neptune is associated with peculiar events such as floods, which is a physical expression of Neptune and a signal that it is time to come to terms with this aspect of human nature and to integrate it into the personality.

A person with Neptune in the sixth needs to challenge her beliefs about work, coworkers, service to others, and possibly the need to straighten and correct everything or everyone she encounters. She needs to check out her illusions regarding all of these issues for she may have some unrealistic expectations which lead to a great deal of dissatisfaction. Or she may be projecting Neptune and find it turns up in her coworkers. This position carries the potential, however, for integration of a polarity, for bringing two seemingly opposite sides of life into cooperative harmony. If the Neptune side can come to value the reliability and productivity of the sixth house, and if the sixth house side can

learn to appreciate the visions of Neptune, then both can unite to produce realistic dreams of practical health care, or both.

(Haydn Paul)

The influence of Neptune in this natal house is concerned with the themes of work, service and health; and there are several personal adjustments that are likely to be required before you are able to experience the positive dimension of Neptune.

The nature of any aspects made to natal Neptune will be important indicators of how your Neptune will feel in this position because this is the point of detriment and so can be uncomfortable and struggling to express the planetary nature through you.

Work will be a challenging sphere, and it is probably essential for you to try and discover a satisfying type of employment; otherwise, it can prove to be an area of inner conflict, especially if the aspects are squares and oppositions. You may find that you do not enjoy your work, that its repetitive nature irritates and bores you, that your potential is not released but only constantly repressed, and that it is only continued because there seem to be few other options to take. Neptune will intensify your natural sensitivity; and you will find that you are attuned to the atmosphere of fellow-workers and the work environment, which may not enable you to enjoy work any better because invariably in most employments people would prefer to be elsewhere and there is a constant current of underlying tensions and pressures in the air.

It may be that you fail to reap the rewards at work that you believe are due to you, and because you have invested so much time and effort feel almost betrayed when promotion is offered to 'young high flyers', leaving you feeling disgruntled and wondering if it was all worth it. You may be vulnerable to being the 'fall guy' when things go wrong at work, others blaming you for their inefficiency - the victim aspect of Neptune. You may be made redundant, and struggle through a period of unemployment with the stresses that it brings to finances and domestic life. Certainly the sphere of work will be a key one in your experience, personally important to your development, and one which is liable to have periodic disruptions caused by a blocked Neptune.

If Neptune has favourable aspects, then you are more likely to find suitable employment, which offers reasonably interesting work and decent relationships with co-workers. The types of work that can appeal and would fulfil this Neptune energy include creative ones, and work which involves service and aid to others.

If your experience of work is unsatisfying, then Neptune will be confronting you with the issue of change. How can you become free of an imprisoning situation? What type of work do you really want to do? Are you capable of doing it? Do you need extra study and qualifications? What are your essential family obligations? Can you take steps to reach your dreams? What resources do you have that can be used? What personal talents can

be exploited? How can you earn a living in a more fulfilling way that is beneficial to others too? You may need to consider such questions prior to making changes in your life; there are always alternatives; yet we are often conditioned to believe that there are none, and so persist in imprisoning ourselves unnecessarily.

There is a more humanitarian, altruistic and service-orientated side to the Neptunian work ethic of this house, and in several ways it helps to express that energy more fully. This involves a devotion to community development, the healing of the individual and society, and will appeal more to those touched by the New Age vision. This can include a more karma yoga attitude, where the spiritual life is fully integrated into the everyday world and all life experience is perceived as an ongoing 'Mystery School', all work being seen as an offering to the Divine and part of the anchoring of the biblical Kingdom of God. Communities such as Findhorn embody such an attitude.

The power of a spiritual vision on earth is indicated in Gandhi's expression of Satyagraha, his philosophy of non-violence, the application of the power and force of Truth, and the social changes that this can stimulate. Acting from a spiritual perspective, work becomes transformed, and so possesses a deeper meaning and importance to the individual.

It is possible that if you succeed in releasing the Neptune energy you may discover a natural healing ability which can be offered as a means of service and livelihood. Alternative therapies may fascinate; and the philosophy of the body as a living temple of God will open up a new dimension of life for you to explore. You will become aware of the influence of inner states on the health of the body, and will investigate the psychosomatic effects of separatists and unintegrated attitudes, beliefs and emotions, and attempt to develop a working concept of the whole-man therapy.

You could approach alternative healthy concepts through personal illness, where they offer a more satisfactory way to self-healing; and Neptune may take this route to lead you towards a personal transformation. You may realise that suppressed emotions are causing corresponding physical ailments, and that inner work can be therapeutic in allowing a cathartic release to happen, so liberating blocked energies.

It is a delicate balance that needs to be established to gain the best out of Neptune in the 6th house, because there are innate conflicting tendencies operating. Neptune prefers to expand and move beyond barriers; and the Virgoan 6th house prefers to define, impose boundaries and order. Connecting to a spiritual attitude and transforming your own life and work in the context of social change could be the ideal answer to aim towards.

(Howard Sasportas)

There are some basic conflicts between the principles of Neptune (Pisces) and those of

the 6th house. Neptune yearns for wholeness, infinity and unboundedness, while the 6th house (the natural domain of Virgo) divides everything into its component parts, examines one thing at a time, and clarifies what something is by contrasting it to something else. While Neptune keeps falling apart in order to be put back together again in a new and better way, the 6th house likes everything labelled and neatly stored in its proper place. Obviously, we can't always have it both ways, and one or the other principle is going to have to bend. Sometimes the 6th house need for order and efficient functioning will suppress the Neptunian urges to relax, let go and just float freely. At other times, the dissolving effect of Neptune will undermine the structure and organisation of everyday life and the body itself. Ultimately, the challenge for those with Neptune in the 6th is how to function within defined limits and boundaries and yet not lose sight of their connection to everything else around them.

Neptune in the 6th indicates a sensitive and delicate nervous system, what some writers call a weak etheric boundary or 'leaky aura'. As a result, those with this placement are prone to invasion from outside forces or are more susceptible to germs and illnesses in the atmosphere. They would be well advised to take up an exercise or technique which strengthens the nervous system, and they should be cautious to discover which foods do or don't agree with their system. They need to find that balance between indiscriminate indulgence (no boundaries) and over-preciousness in diet and life (too many boundaries). Usually they are sensitive to drugs and alcohol and may need much smaller quantities to feel the effects.

Illnesses are often emotional in origin and difficult to diagnose clearly. In some cases I have seen, they have been diagnosed incorrectly, given a wrong prescription, and treated for something they didn't have. Some will benefit by seeking treatment from the alternative or complementary medicines such as homoeopathy, naturopathy, acupuncture, etc. - which approach prevention and cure on a more subtle level than allopathic medicine in general.

Conversely, those with Neptune in the 6th may have healing abilities and sometimes choose work which gives expression to these gifts. Some will be deeply aware of the body as a vessel of the spirit. As with many other 6th house placements, illness can be understood as a message that something in life is not right and needs adjusting. The person's faith and attitudes will play a large part in the course of recovery. Sometimes, the psychological or spiritual awakening and understanding which comes as a result of illness will profoundly alter their whole slant on existence.

Pluto ♄ in ♋ Cancer 11° 44'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

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

(Steven Forrest)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, on the global level, we have the paradox of bloated welfare-states growing up at home while paranoia, suspicion, and viciousness reign among nations, all under the leadership of Pluto-in-Cancer people, or under the direct vibration of the Pluto-in-Cancer energy from more-or-less 1912 to 1939. By comparison, the pseudo-debates of 'freedom' versus 'communism' emerge as merely the clashing jumble of waves on the surface of a deep, homogenous sea.

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

interaction.

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

During the last century, Pluto was in Cancer from July to December 1913, between June 1914 and July 1938, and from February until June 1939. Cancer is the sign of mother, nurturing, family, home, country and security. While Pluto is in this sign, these areas become extremely important, and all things connected with them are forced into the light and transformed. Those of you who have Pluto in this sign in your birth charts are strongly attached to these things, but are likely to experience or be responsible for their destruction; at your core, you have a deep, unconscious - perhaps karmic - need to learn to let them go.

Pluto's passage through Cancer coincided with a period of unparalleled devastation,

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

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

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

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

Finally, Cancer is the sign of mother, and the image of woman as mother. The 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 11th House

(Ginger Chalford)

As infants, we humans are extremely self-centred, truly believing that the world revolves around us. Mother is considered to be a part of us who nourishes us, rather than a separate entity who has accepted the responsibility of caring for baby. Initially, with his mother-child bond, we as infants can get whatever we want or need from her. All our wishes are fulfilled. However as we grow older, we have an urge to find out for ourselves what is in our environment, and this bond begins to rupture. Not only does this exploration cost us the bond we've had with mother, but also it costs the power and control that we have over her. No longer can we scream helplessly, at five or six years of age, over something that no longer represents any threat to us. Mother doesn't need to protect us from our infantile fears any longer, and we cannot honestly demand that she do this any more.

The temptation that children have at this age is to become manipulative in a charming way, which is guaranteed to keep mother (or father) on a string, ready to fulfil every whim. At the same time, the child who is running the show feels able to pursue independence. Unfortunately, resentment can build up in the child, who after all still has to defer to the parents and other authority figures. Pluto in this house emphasises this resentment over giving up the power of independence. Yet, children with this Pluto placement often search for the spotlight early in life. The responses of others, particularly the favorable responses, verify that the children are indeed independent and brilliant, which is something the inner self desires. These children learn early that they must weave their own magic, that they must learn the strategies of survival and know the right people. Often their parents set good examples of individuals struggling for personal freedom and self-sufficiency; although with Pluto in this house, the exact opposite may be true instead. Whatever the parents' level of accomplishment in this regard, the children learn the social techniques of survival in order to have a sense of security; a sense that no matter how awful a situation they may find themselves in, they will survive it if they are capable enough.

Given this Pluto house position, independence and survival can result in separation from love, especially the love of the parents. This gives a distorted image of what it means to

love and be loved, and the child may then set up a lifetime pattern of searching for the sense of self-sufficiency with parental love and justification that was missing in childhood. This can even incline these people to nurture others by trying to improve the conditions in their lives. The child begins to imagine the grand scheme of things, desiring to take part in it and become a leader in it as well. As people with this Pluto placement move into their teenage years, they seem to aspire to even more grandiose fantasies about themselves. Yet, Plutonian extremes can manifest here too. These teens have a choice between establishing their stardom by rising through the rank and file of an organisation (projected parental support), or forgoing any organisation or system other than their own (the alienated lone wolf). This potential split in attitudes creates crises in the self-image that may take years to resolve. There can be Cinderella-like dreams and fantasies with this placement.

As these Pluto individuals reach adulthood, they may have intense emotional encounters with others. Friendship, that vital link to self-love, can have an undue influence on these people, because of their fear of rejection. Feelings of rejection can lead to alienation and periods of terrible loneliness. They can also lead to the simple expedient of rejecting the other person 'before she / he rejects me'. This intense need to cover inner insecurities can earn the resentment of others, who will simply dismiss the individual as immature and selfish, and go on.

Selfishness does feel good to this person, for it temporarily enhances his or her selfconcept. To get the positive feedback desired from others, this person will spend energy or money extravagantly on them, only to stop being so generous once the others are regarded as safely loyal. These people appear to refuse any compromises, earning them envy and creating intense love-hate relationships with their peers. In adolescence, the life goals and personal ideals change; and to identify them with a peer group can give them a sense of having a special destiny.

These people resent being helped by others, even though they may at times cry "Why did so-and-so get helped, when I didn't?". Help is seen as a form of love; and there is an extreme sense of vulnerability in being helped by someone else. It's better, these people believe, to be the one helping, rather than the one being helped. That way, they can stay in charge of all the acceptance and rejection that is going on. They may go so far as to feel that society owes them something, since society isn't currently recognising them! An obvious example of this extreme are the able-bodied individuals living on welfare while complaining about the policies of the government which is currently feeding them.

This placement of Pluto is one of the most subtle, and one of the most difficult to deal with. These people are hidden egotists, trying to help humanity in order to win praise and status rewards. They work within the framework of a group which espouses a cause, and can grow into a leadership role when it is apparent to them that fewer people will call them on their egotistic façades or expose their social manipulateness. They do want to help others; or more accurately, they wish to be seen helping others.

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

Individuals who have Pluto in the Eleventh House or Aquarius have been learning to break free from crystallized and outmoded forms of self-definition as reflected through the composite effect of society, parents, friends or anything else by which the individual was influenced in his or her early years. In effect, the evolutionary intent has been to shed the skins of the past.

In general, there are three ways in which Eleventh House Pluto individuals respond to this evolutionary intent. Some of these individuals have been learning how to leave behind everything that constitutes the past in this and other lifetimes. In trying to liberate themselves from the shackles of the past, they have learned who they essentially are beyond the cumulative influence of cultural associations, parental input or anything that they have been taught to be or have been led to believe in

As a result, these individuals have needed to reject any situation that arbitrarily defines them; that tells them who and what to be and how to act. By rebelling they have learned to deflect any external agent that has tried to limit or define them in any way that did not naturally resonate to what they felt they were or were trying to become. In this way, Eleventh House Pluto individuals have been learning how to remove themselves, to pull away from the mainstream of society. They have been learning to resist becoming shackled, conditioned or defined by the customs of society. In addition, they have been learning to view themselves outside the confines of time and space and thereby have developed a sense of objectivity and detachment. It is as if they have learned to stand on the sidelines of human activity, viewing themselves and others from afar. Because of this, they are disconnected from the bondage of any forms of national or cultural identity.

As a result of this evolutionary response, these individuals have also learned to sever all attachments that prevent further growth or the freedom to explore new ways of discovering themselves. These individuals have developed the ability to pinpoint those elements within themselves that are no longer of any use to them. These elements can be emotional patterns, desires, ways of interpreting inner and outer reality and ways of relating to themselves and to society. By focusing upon these outmoded elements these individuals come to understand how each aspect of their personal identity influences and conditions the manifestation of every other aspect, and so the entire structure.

To give a simple analogy, this process is like making a pie. We can entirely change the flavor of the pie by changing or eliminating some of the ingredients. In a similar way, these individuals have learned to observe themselves objectively in order to understand how and why they are the way they are and to change or eliminate any ingredient or component that is preventing further growth. Any area of life to which these individuals apply themselves will be closely examined in order to expose that which needs to be changed or eliminated. The actual areas of life to which these individuals apply

themselves will be determined by their evolutionary and karmic requirements.

These individuals have a natural innovative capacity because of their inner need to explore new approaches that allow for ongoing personal discovery. It is not uncommon for others to reject or feel threatened by their innovative approach because innovation threatens the traditional ways of doing things. When tradition is threatened, the sense of security is also threatened. In many cases, these innovations are ahead of their time and cannot be assimilated into the existing scheme of things. The change is considered too radical, too much of a departure from tradition. Even the very lifestyles of some Eleventh House Pluto individuals will threaten the mainstream of society, the mainstream of collective beliefs, laws and customs. Many who have needed to experiment through rebellion or rejection of the past, will create new beliefs, customs, taboos, and norms. These are the individuals who have and will be classified by society as bizarre, radical, revolutionary, or just "different."

Some of these individuals will borrow from or align themselves with traditions from one culture and synthesize them with traditions from another culture. In so doing, they will apply them in a new way relative to their existing social/political context or environment. These are the people who live more or less on the fringes of society, seek out friendships with others of like mind. Some will even attempt to create or establish new social groups within the existing society or culture, or in some way become involved with an established group of people that is also operating on the fringes of society.

In extreme cases, some Eleventh House Pluto individuals in this group will drop out of the system or society altogether. They can become anti-social because they feel there is no meaningful role for them to play within society, or no way to integrate or establish their personal and social vision within the existing system. They are called radicals, hippies, outlaws or subversives. In a few cases, some will turn vindictive and attempt to destroy or bring down the system in some way.

The evolutionary necessity to learn lessons of objectivity, detachment, and the need to sever all attachments that prevent growth can occur through the experience of intense emotional, intellectual, spiritual, or physical shocks. These blows can occur through close personal friendships, casual acquaintances, random meetings with others, or through the mainstream of society itself. Because Pluto in the Eleventh House or Aquarius can create very rigid and fixed ideas about how things should be, how the individual should be, how others should be, or how society should be, others who perceive these ideas as too radical, limited, or unrealistic will deliver the necessary challenges and confrontations. The effect is to induce an objective awareness within the individual relative to his or her attachment to these ideas. The attachment is what prevents further growth. The necessary confrontations can lead to the adjustment or elimination of these ideas so that new patterns can develop.

Yet, because of the compulsive nature of Pluto and the need for emotional security

linked with these ideas, the degree of resistance to the necessary changes can be quite profound and intense. If this resistance is maintained, the individual will be isolated by others. As the isolation intensifies, the individual will be forced to examine him or herself, and why others will not deal with them anymore. Isolation can eventually lead to the objective awareness of what the individual is attached to, and the reasons for it.

The Eleventh House and Aquarian archetypes are very important for all of us because they offer the opportunity to revolutionize and transform ourselves; to leave the past behind in order to develop new ideas or ways of relating to ourselves. It allows us to experiment with new thoughts or desires that radically transform who we have been, and who we are now. Through these archetypes we form relationships to others of like mind, those who reflect our own orientation to life and society. In this way, we will not feel too weird because there are at least a few others who are pointed in the same direction as we are.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

Even though these archetypes allow for growth opportunities, individually and collectively, many individuals fear change and fear being or feeling different. Other individuals with Pluto in the Eleventh House have reacted to the prior evolutionary by rejecting or rebelling against the need to be different. They will repress the inner impulse to throw off the past. The feeling of disconnectedness that this impulse produces promotes this reaction. Remember that Saturn, as well as Uranus, rules Aquarius.

All Eleventh House Pluto individuals will come into this life with a deep inner sense of being different from most people around them. This is because of the prior evolutionary intent to throw off the past, to disengage from it. This detachment is projected or linked to the external environment. For those who have rejected or rebelled against this inner need and feeling, the overwhelming need and compulsive desire to belong to a group of people will motivate them to the ends of the earth. In effect, this desire acts as emotional and psychological compensation to block or thwart the inner feeling of differentness and disengagement. These people attempt to align themselves with the prevailing social norms and laws of society. As long as everyone else is doing it, whatever 'it' is, they will do it too in order to belong to the group. Any social group creates 'norms' of behaviour, and the overt or covert pressure to conform to those norms. Individuals reacting in this way have become compulsively and utterly dependent upon their peer group for a sense of personal fulfilment and meaning. Their individuality, their purpose, their values and beliefs are simple extensions of the 'norms' of their peer group. Nevertheless, despite this compensation, these individuals still feel different. It is this feeling that to some extent promotes the necessary objectivity and detachment. No matter what the individual does in order to feel 'normal', to belong, he or she will still feel different. This feeling will promote the typical Plutonian question 'why?'. Relative to the free will that we all have, these individuals have been learning to make choices of whether to pursue that which is different in themselves regardless of where it may lead, or to deny or suppress that

which is different regardless of the consequences. Some have taken a few tentative steps to break free, only to retract and try again. Others have taken quite a few steps and are finally under way towards pursuing and developing their socialised individuality in some way. Others remain completely locked into peer group control.

The third segment of individuals with Pluto in the Eleventh House have reacted to the prior life evolutionary impulse by rabidly defending the traditions of the past. These individuals have feared being different; have feared experimentation, new visions, new models, and new ways of doing things. Instead of disengaging and detaching from the past, these people have manifested a fixated death grip upon the past - a totally Saturnian reaction. The first segment of people manifested a Uranian response to this prior evolutionary intent. The second segment of people manifested both Uranian and Saturnian responses. This last group is Saturnian. Yet, even people who respond in this way will feel different because they will sense that 'time' is passing them by. These people are social dinosaurs. Individual and collective life is always growing, always in a state of becoming, of evolving. It is exactly this obvious process that these people fear because almost any change, any departure from tradition, is perceived as undermining or threatening the old order and stability of the way it used to be.

These individuals use the old order as a panacea to correct the perceived ills of the moment, and to project into the future 'the way' that it should be. Rather than allowing themselves to develop a new vision to apply to a changing world, they project an old, tired vision upon the future as the cure for the problems of today. This orientation reflects the fact that these individuals are inwardly suppressing, in a desperate way, the inner impulses to 'shed skins' from their own prior lives and the patterns of identity association that are based on them. They too will form social bonds or friendships with others of like mind. As individuals, and as a group, they can develop objectivity and detachment through the isolation of their subculture within the context of society. These individuals, and the subgroup, are different when compared to others who do not respond to their sociological ideas and identities. Differing or interacting combinations of these distinct ways of responding to the Eleventh House or Aquarius archetypes give rise to all the possible subcultures within a society. In a negative expression of the Eleventh House archetype, one group or a combination of groups may attempt to influence, control, or eliminate another group for reasons of security and power. This effort reflects the egocentric desire for separateness and can promote narrow-mindedness and attachment rather than objectivity and detachment. An individual can react to another person in the same way for the same reasons. Positively expressed, group and individual differences will be tolerated, accepted and encouraged. Combinations of positive and negative reactions occur when the extreme fringe groups, whether ultra-liberal or ultraconservative, are perceived to threaten the stability and security of the entire group.

Clues found in the birth chart indicate which way an Eleventh House Pluto individual is likely to gravitate regarding group identification. If the weight of the whole chart suggests

conformity and emphasis upon tradition, the individual will probably identify with the mainstream of society. If the chart suggests nonconformity, the individual will be likely to have few friends, and no particular group association; he or she may possibly be a group of one. In addition, we also need to consider the evolutionary condition of the individual. Those in the herd state will belong to more independent-minded groups. Spiritual state individuals will associate with spiritual groups. Linking evolutionary condition to the energy balance of the chart, i.e. introverted, conformity and so forth, will give a fairly good understanding of which subgroups within a society the individual will feel a kinship with. Some examples to illustrate this point would be: an introverted / spiritual person would probably withdraw from any group interaction; an introverted / conformity type would be a silent follower of the mainstream peer group; an extroverted / individuated type may be a leader for a splinter group, and so forth.

Pluto's sign will give us additional clues. For example, a person with Pluto in Virgo may feel intensely shy and intimidated by social groups. He or she may feel critical of the group he or she is connected with; and the group may be critical of him or her. This individual may succeed in finding another group that reflects his or her own ideas, and from the bunker of that group may hurl critical hand grenades at all other groups that are different. As an example, many people who belong to the punk rock group prevalent in society today have Pluto in Virgo. As a group, and as individuals, they tend to react in the way described.

In whatever condition we find Eleventh House Pluto individuals, all have had the evolutionary need to develop objectivity and detachment, to sever attachments that are preventing further growth, and to form group bondings with like-minded souls. In general, all have needed to deflect the impact of other groups or individuals in order to deepen the awareness of their own individuality. All have needed to link their individual purpose to a socialised purpose, a group purpose, and a socialised reason for being. Depending on evolutionary development and karmic dynamics, some Eleventh House Pluto individuals have had, and will have, the capacity to lead a group of people or an entire nation. Pluto's natural magnetism can attract others who perceive that the Eleventh House Pluto person had and has something powerful to offer.

Many of these people, based on prior development, possess an inherent ability to understand group needs, and to uncover the basics of group dynamics in order to understand all the individual roles and functions that constitute a group. Those who have leadership capacity and are 'future-oriented' can develop comprehensive social visions as to how a group of people or a society should change in order to progress and grow. They will experiment, try new ideas, and adjust as necessary. In certain cases, they will experiment with new ideas but then resist changing the blueprint even in the face of intense confrontation, thus bringing about their own downfall, or the downfall of their ideas. Others may attempt to affix old visions upon new situations. Such a leader may attract followers for a time, but because the ideas are old, a downfall is usually guaranteed. On another level, Pluto's natural repulsion can also create total isolation for

some individuals with Pluto in the Eleventh House by an entire group or subgroup. We must look to the total nature of the individual's karmic signature and background in order to determine the evolutionary and karmic necessity for this situation.

The polarity point is the Fifth House. The evolutionary intent is one wherein the individual must learn how to take charge of his or her own destiny. These people must learn how to implement their ideas about themselves, that which they see as possible for their lives, the goals they want to accomplish, and the ideas pertaining to future possibilities. One of the most common symptoms that individuals with Pluto in the Eleventh House experience is thinking about the possibilities pertaining to their future which go unacted upon. Thus, the current evolutionary intent is teaching these people to translate these ideas into action through taking charge of their own destiny and shaping it along the lines that these thoughts are suggesting to them. In order to accomplish this, they must learn to minimise their security needs and patterns of depending on others to tell them that it is okay to do whatever it is that they want to do. They must also learn not to wait around until everyone else acts first, and not to wait for others to support their ideas regarding strategies for themselves and others.

Those who have been repelled by others or society, who have been forced to stand on the sidelines, must learn to develop their own individual purpose and link it to a socially relevant need. They cannot remain standing on the sidelines, hurling stones and insults at a system that is not behaving according to their desires. In general, these individuals must learn that their power lies in the fact that they are different, and that it is okay to be different. By learning how to act and implement, they can become effective leaders in any area in which they are evolutionarily and karmically destined to play. All individuals with Pluto in the Eleventh House have the inherent power to act as instruments of innovative and creative change in whatever area of life they choose. Even the rabid defenders of the past can exert a positive influence as stabilising agents if changes are happening too quickly or are obviously off-course.

All of these individuals must learn how to detach, objectify, and sever their most cherished visions as to how things should be, when those ideas or visions are not appropriate to the situation at hand. Through environmental challenges or confrontations they must learn to objectify and impersonally change what must be changed. The potential trap is to remain detached in stoic defiance against those who do not agree with them - not to change.

All of these individuals can experience emotional shocks, disappointments, leavings and rejections through friendships. Having the rug pulled out from under their feet in this way occurs to enforce the lesson of taking charge of their own destinies. The severing of dependencies on others cannot help but to enforce this lesson. In addition, this kind of event will enforce the lesson as to what really constitutes a friend and what does not. In general, these people will only have, or be allowed, a few close friends at any one time in this life. In certain cycles, they may experience a total lack of friends. By learning these

lessons, Eleventh House Pluto individuals can play a variety of socially meaningful roles. Their natural inventiveness and creativity can shine. The resulting metamorphosis will produce self-confident individuals who possess the power to understand objectively who and what they are, why they are the way that they are, and how best to actualise their own creative purpose within the context of a social need. In this understanding, these individuals can assume socially relevant and meaningful roles, roles that have the power and potential to transform the existing barriers that are restricting further growth and evolution in the area of life to which they have applied themselves. In the same way, these individuals can promote this understanding in other people, even in whole nations.

Common characteristics of those with Pluto in the Eleventh House include: behaviour ranging from being extremely anti-social to following the crowd to rabidly defending tradition; an intrinsic feeling of being different; obsessive and compulsive thought patterns; being innovative, unique, creative, a good friend; cycles of utter detachment within cycles of intense focus upon themselves; potential for sudden and erratic behaviour; being iconoclastic; being hard to really know or define correctly, aloof.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°32') 007 | 812
- 2) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°38') 812 | 11
- 3) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°16') 812 | 007
- 4) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°39') 6 | 6
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♄ Pluto** - (0°48') 6 | 11
- 6) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♁ North-Node** - (0°22') 11 | 1
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°04') 5 | 5
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°56') 5 | 6
- 9) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°52') 5 | 6
- 10) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (2°56' S) 5 | 5
- 11) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♂ Uranus** - (5°59' S) 6 | 6
- 12) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (0°22' S) 11 | 11
- 13) ► **Uranus ♂ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (10°40' A) 6 | 6
- 14) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (6°33' A) 5 | 11
- 15) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ☿ Mercury** - (3°03' A) 12 | 6
- 16) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♂ Uranus** - (2°56' S) 12 | 6
- 17) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (0°18' A) 11 | 5
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (9°29' A) 5 | 11
- 19) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (0°40' S) 11 | 5
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°24' S) 1 | 11
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (0°02' S) 1 | 11
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♂ Uranus** - (3°47' A) 8 | 6
- 23) ► **Pluto ♄ Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (0°09' A) 11 | 1
- 24) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♄ Pluto** - (4°20' S) 8 | 11
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (6°43' A) 8 | 12
- 26) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♁ North-Node** - (6°42' A) 5 | 1
- 27) ► **Ascendant ASC Quincunx ☿ Mercury** - (1°35' A) 1 | 6

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°32') 007 | 812

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition the Ascendant shows that you try to become personally involved in the affairs of the people you know. Not content with casual encounters or impersonal

communication, you seek to be absorbed by others so they will turn to you for sympathetic understanding. Subconsciously, you need someone to need you at all times. You are trying to transfer the parental loyalty of your childhood to people with whom you can become intimately identified. This seems to be the only way you can conserve the emotional security you are accustomed to.

You have a wide circle of friends who think highly of you because of your generous and kindly disposition. Nevertheless, you find it difficult to form individual, binding relationships, because you are never really sure you can fulfill the responsibilities they entail. To avoid this problem, you circulate freely among a number of people you feel comfortable with, who appreciate the favors you do for them. You want to be loved, and you constantly dwell on this fact. Although you adapt fairly well to changes in a relationship between yourself and another person, you secretly worry that you've failed to make a sufficient contribution to sustain the relationship.

Because you function well in a social environment, public relations would be a comfortable field for you. You hate being alone, so any professional interest should involve personal contact with the public. You may have some difficulty in achieving your material goals, however. Your sometimes fickle behavior gives your superiors the impression that you are unstable and therefore unreliable. It is important that you learn to stand alone and secure in your independence. You persist in the hope that everything you desire will some day be realized.

(Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Descendant suggests that there is a very strong need for relationship and all the emotional, familial and domestic security it might provide. A need for relationships which will provide some measure of nurture, containment, protection and dependency. Whatever the real nature of a particular relationship - child-parent, employer-employee, or that between two lovers, those with the Moon Descendant somehow or other find themselves in a parent-child relationship, with them to be found at either end of the spectrum.

People with this placement often find, maybe several years into a relationship, that they have 'married' someone who closely resembles their mother or are re-enacting the relationship they had with her or would like to have had.

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with this combination.

People with Moon conjunct Descendant are often very nurturant in relationship, and, indeed, in all one-to-one encounters, though, as Howard Sasportas says of Moon in the

7th, it may be 'over-sensitive or over-adaptive' to the needs of the partner. This placement is indicative of the formation of very strong bonds with women. People with this placement who are in therapy, for example, usually feel more comfortable with women therapists.

The placement can also be found in those who meet others through providing some sort of lunar skills; such skills might range from cooking and catering to working in security, or even such things as furniture restoration: those who provide some kind of service which involves caring or providing some kind of protection.

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a

tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

2) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°38') ♋12 | ♎11

(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.

3) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ☽ **South-Node** - (0°16') 8 12 | 007

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a difficult aspect because circumstances in the natives' lives make it hard for them to synchronize their activities with current trends. In other words, the natives are plagued with bad timing due to their own circumstantially imposed inability to be in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing in the right way. Thus they are constantly forced to draw upon their own personal resources. They cannot depend upon the co-operation of others. They are emotionally alone against the world. This isolation leads to depression and a negative emotional outlook which further alienates others. ('Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry, and you cry alone.') Natives are capable of disciplined, well-planned, concentrated effort. Their ingenuity in making the most of meager resources brings solid accomplishments and a strength of character which meets adversity with courage and determination. According to some writers on the subject, this is a karmic condition, created by previous misuse of wealth, position, and popularity.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect is karmic in nature. This, as the square, can give passive intolerance of another's opinions. Part of the karma can concern home life or can be connected with the public, mother, or women in general. It gives a stronger development of the sign thus located.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect indicates sudden emotional difficulties or 'emotionally low' profile in the life of this individual. Possible difficulties relating to 'women' or 'mother-figure' are consistent and constant for this individual. They often display seriousness without actual depression. Learning to overcome and build a stronger emotionalism is achieved in this life. Circulatory problems or difficulties with the digestive system are quite common for these individuals. These people have a subconscious fear about the general public; and often they may have difficulty coping with large crowds.

(Donna van Toen)

Often the tendency it towards griping rather than growing.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In an opposition of the Moon to the Node, we have a possibility of insincere contacts, according to whether the Moon is on the right or left side of the horoscope. If it is on the right, there will be numerous contacts, but they may be inappropriate; that is to say, they may impede instead of assisting the native. Many cannot live without contacts, and are constantly hopping from one relationship to another. If the Moon is on the left, or I-side, the contacts will certainly be fewer. Then it is important to try to come out of one's shell, because the Ascending Node is on the right and its ascent takes place via the 'You'. In each opposition, one should make use of the sphere of life represented by the house occupied by the Ascending Node. This will cost effort, because the Descending Node, which, of course, is conjunct the Moon, responds by encouraging a strongly reflex, almost mechanical form of behavior. The natives is repeatedly entangled in contacts of the same type as before, yet never realizes it.

Moon square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, sensitiveness, an inclination towards estrangements.
Estrangements, separations.

4) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ⚡ **Uranus** - (1°39') ♁6 | ♁6

(Haydn Paul)

With this opposition, you are likely to experience conflicts in your social relationships. The problem area will be in how you express yourself in communicating with others, and those inner attitudes which condition that style of communication.

Whilst you will have considerable mental vitality, the difficulty will be in directing this into productive channels. The tendency will be towards an erratic inner activity; the nature of

your beliefs, ideals and thought-patterns will be changeable; and the attractions of new stimulation will often tempt you away from completing existing projects. The challenge of the new redirects your energy and interests; and so your commitments and responsibilities may feel like restrictive liabilities.

Despite this erratic pattern of mind, you tend to insist that whatever you say and think is valid, even though only a short time ago you were vehemently declaring an entirely opposite attitude, idea or belief. Obviously, this can lead to interpersonal conflict, as most people prefer dealing with relatively stable and consistent individuals, as it helps to develop trust and continuity. Yet if others challenge you by repeating past statements that you have made and are now contradicting, you tend to take offence, often attempting to deny that you ever did say that. Essentially, your reaction is often to deny all prior expressions of your self, refusing to take any responsibility for them. Having experienced this aspect of your nature, many people will begin to draw away from maintaining a relationship with you, because you seem unreliable and difficult to believe. This in a peculiar way reinforces a tendency in you to see yourself as 'unique and misunderstood, which you often use to justify a rejection of social compromise; and you never admit in any circumstances that you are wrong. You appear to project the belief that you 'know it all', and probably succeed more in deluding yourself that you do than in persuading others of your expert knowledge.

Underlying these more negative styles of expression is a personality which experiences inner confusion and insecurity, yet attempts to hide this by a superficial image of intellectual superiority. Emotionally, there is likely to be immaturity and lack of ease with that level of your nature, and you are unlikely to touch others easily with the warmth of your personality. This lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to the more intangible 'feeling' aspect of human contact often leads to a tactless and blunt expression, where your ignorance of diplomacy can have negative consequences.

How can you resolve or moderate these challenges within your relationships? The first important step is to acknowledge their presence, to admit that you often are this way. The fact that you may deny them to yourself does not mean that others do not see them clearly. Often, others do see such problem areas, whilst the individual is apparently blind to their existence. They are personal delusions. Being willing to work with people, learning to compromise, and participating as an intellectual equal, will help to moderate these oppositional tendencies. It is a new sense of personal identity that you should attempt to develop, one founded upon the real you, and not the socially projected assertive one that others may react against. It will involve an acceptance of your inner vulnerability, dissolving that peculiar egotistical construction, and ceasing your attempts to impress people. By stopping that process, you may begin to find your centre, resolve certain conflicts, and redirect the flow of the aspect energy towards personal renewal. Certainly, that inner erratic agitation could be more harmonised and adjusted, thus reducing that build-up of nervous tension from which you suffer.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have enormous intellectual vitality as well as a genius for incurring the wrath of others. You assume that your opinions are the only valid ones, and you resent it when others challenge them. You have been so accustomed to having your own way that you refuse to compromise, even though peace may be assured if you do. You freely accuse others of error even when the evidence supports them. Unless you can modify this 'know-it-all' attitude, you will alienate yourself from many of your closest associates.

The startling thing is that you should know better than to challenge others, because you see the truth so clearly. No-one can ever really deceive you, so what are you worried about? In fact, you aren't really sure of your competence and need to reassure yourself through conflict with others. But if you don't concede when you are wrong, you may never know where you are failing.

Compromise is your key to success. Science, education, social service, philosophy and psychology are fields in which you can discover who you really are. The contributions you make in these fields will convince you that meeting others halfway guarantees success and establishes your credentials as a true friend to everyone.

You must control your extremely emotional nature and your rejection of facts before you can successfully enter a romantic partnership. You insist that your lover tell you the truth, but then you complain bitterly about it. Strangely, you can be extremely tactless when you 'tell it like it is'.

Your nervous system is probably frayed from the endless abuse of anxiety and irritability. Learn to control your temper and stop while you are ahead. When your nerves are short-circuited, you are the loser.

Mercury square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as this type tries to put thoughts into words or tries to make contacts, the urge to be independent and separate almost infallibly interferes. Sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away. The person with this aspect is the cause of why others react in this way. What is more, the person is so restless and impatient that usually others have no time to listen. This is true of all the Mercury / Uranus aspects but especially of the discordant ones. Other people express themselves far too slowly for this type so, losing patience with what others are trying to say, this type bursts in with some comment of his or her own. This is a major impediment to good social relations.

Because this type tends to alienate people and yet remains very active and creative mentally, he or she may start weaving unrealistic notions about self and others. To be sure, this person is unable to test the truth of these notions, yet he or she clings to them fanatically. Uranus always encourages people to do their own thing; therefore, with Uranian conflicts, natives experience as much loneliness as with Saturnine conflicts but are less inclined to brood - given their restless inner world, they have no time to sit still all day. Of course, the risk of suffering from overwrought nerves is that much greater, but usually the strain this type is under goes unnoticed unless he or she actually has a breakdown.

There is likely to be a keen interest in borderline subjects such as unorthodox scientific theories, astrology, innovative techniques or social renewal, and this type can invest a good deal of energy in them.

5) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°48') ♁6 | ☿11

(Haydn Paul)

You should have a powerful, penetrating and incisive mind, which is attracted towards delving deeply behind appearances. Whether these are social facades or intellectual theories or philosophies, your innate curiosity will enable you to look beneath the surface. As you tend to see your mind as a resource which you can utilise, you often collect many fragments of information on your searches, which you attempt to collate together into a workable source.

You feel 'at home' in your mind, enjoying applying it to a multitude of challenges and problems, confident in your ability to resolve them or make some kind of sense out of them. Following your natural investigative ability, you have an inner process occurring whereby you attempt to extract meaning from your studies and experience, hidden meanings that are mostly relevant only to yourself, although some may be of value to a wider audience too. There is a purist streak in your mind which prompts you to take quite an impersonal attitude to people and events, especially attaching a high value to 'truth' over the social games that people play; your directness is likely to stimulate reactions from others.

As usual with the Pluto energy, there will be an unknowable depth and dimension to your mind, with a tendency towards powerfully expressed extremism and assertiveness as you proceed to manifest your objectives. Your ability to concentrate your willpower and sustain it for as long as necessary will aid you in achieving your dreams. Your beliefs and opinions will tend to be fixed; and you will be difficult to shake from any position that you have decided to take, preferring a vigorous expression of your standpoint against any opponents. As you hate to be seen to have a weaker or fallacious argument, you tend to be well-prepared and confident upon any theme that you may be challenged

upon; otherwise you have already prepared some way to evade a confrontation if you feel that you could be defeated. There may be a tendency to hold a grudge against any who have opposed you, or who stand in your way; and you will remember them, waiting for a suitable time to settle the scores.

Unnecessary social problems and suffering for people will draw out a sense of aggrieved anger in you, as will social and political hypocrisy. You will tend to respond to these feelings by becoming more involved in reorientating your energies into channels which directly oppose those who appear to be creating or amplifying such problems. You feel that you can contribute towards changing things for the better; and this can lead you towards involvement with radical politics. The nature of your political views will depend on your personal analysis of causes; but in extreme cases may tend towards anarchism. Any tactics of subversion will appeal to the Pluto energy, as will the emphasis upon change and transformation. If the social emphasis of Pluto dominates, then much of your life will be directed by the theme of transformation, social and political.

You will tend to be demanding in your personal relationships, expecting a high quality and strength from any partner. But even though you may attempt to force him or her to submit to you psychologically, it will be much better for you if you fail, for a good relationship needs equality and mutual respect. You often tend to use your persuasive power to influence others to agree with you; but you have to learn more tolerance and a broader understanding of the freedom and rights of others to hold their own views. Ideally your long-term partner should be similar to you in outlook, motivation and interests, because you may tend to turn the relationship into a form of intellectual power struggle, which would probably turn it sour before long if you did not have these in common. The obsessive tone of Pluto may cause some difficulties, both in your mental preoccupations, and in your relationship, especially if you are unaware of this aspect to yourself, which can easily turn you towards being excessively self-centred if unmoderated. The positive side of a relationship is that it can break down such tendencies, and open up the awareness of 'the other'; certainly you should learn to appreciate any relationship as bringing a more expansive quality into your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Pluto shows that your mind is deep, penetrating, and inclined to extremes. You interpret your experiences like a detective reconstructing a crime, looking for hidden meaning in obscure detail. You evaluate matters subjectively, and your psychic sense often reveals clues that are hidden from less sensitive observers. Curious almost to a fault, you go to extremes in gathering the information you need to solve your problems.

You have a genius for asserting yourself persuasively whenever it seems the only way to accomplish something. You are fearless in pursuing your objective, and others admire your determination and persistence. Once your mind is made up, you don't change it

unless the evidence is overwhelming. But because you defend your views so vehemently, people may find your attitude offensive.

You are fascinated by the mysterious and the occult. With your quick observation of details and understanding of their value, you could succeed as an analyst or investigator. Such fields as crime detection, chemistry, research, pathology, or surgery would enable you to apply your skills and potentials constructively. You could become an explorer or a financial analyst and advisor.

You should moderate your anarchistic inclination. Even when you are not actively vindictive toward those who defy you, you nevertheless think revenge. Social injustices are a particular irritant to you, and you could vent your hidden anger by directing your talents toward correcting them. You know how to dramatize situations to gain the attention of people in power so that changes can be made. You could easily become the spokesman for those who lack the courage to speak for themselves. Perhaps politics would give you the leverage to accomplish many worthwhile objectives for yourself and others.

In personal relationships, you are demanding and sometimes extremely intolerant of weaknesses. Although you seek out those who will submit to you, then you are contemptuous of them for doing so. This is the paradox of this planetary combination, and accounts for the difficulty others have in relating to you. The fact is, you admire strength and respect authority, so you challenge others to demonstrate these qualities. Ideally, your mate should be strong and be able to take a position with you so that you could contribute to each other's development and objectives. Sharing goals and motivation would produce a permanent bond between you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need to make contacts, to communicate, to reflect and analyze, and an ability to give factual descriptions (Mercury) is greatly intensified by Pluto. Not only do these people have a compulsive need to get in touch with people, but they may be dogmatic when talking to them. The unconscious power of Pluto builds up such a charge that they impress others as being forcible, and the effect of words is often greater than they can foresee and may create problems within the circle of acquaintances.

Thinking is concentrated too. If they want to know something, they set themselves to research it thoroughly. The same intensity is seen in the way they regard and analyze facts, although here the unconscious power of Pluto may have a distorting effect. Once they make some discovery or form some opinion, they fail to examine it further in the light of reality. It forms their reality, and any facts and figures they gather are intended to support it. They present ideas trenchantly, and can be obstinate and inclined to use their reasoning to 'disprove' every counter-argument.

The forcefulness and intensity of this conjunction can lead to quarrels and differences of opinion. These people hold their ground against all-comers, and actually meet with a great deal of opposition. A sharp tongue is dreaded: they never shrink from confrontations or their consequences. Because of great powers of penetration (Pluto), they often put their finger on an opponent's weak point.

This is an outstanding combination for research work, especially in unexplored fields or in fields which have long been taboo; all Pluto's aspects have something defiant about them. These natives cannot tolerate being balked, and will not stop until they have bulldozed a road to any matter in which they are interested. With Pluto aspecting Mercury, they persevere until they completely understand (or completely demolish) some topic.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Pluto can be called the symbol of the collective unconscious in the chart - Jung's definition of the intuitive history of the species since time began; that part of ourselves which transmits knowledge over generations; that part of ourselves which combines instincts with conscious development - then this aspect can understandably be a powerful one.

In everyday activities, the person with this aspects doesn't always know what he is talking about, for the words come out before he knows what he is saying. If he uses this energy constructively, he has the beginnings of a great writer, a great social commentator. The childhood experience with the family may be an overwhelming one in terms of communication; words are controlled, or words are used to control others. the power parent is the most controlling influence, unless the aspects indicate otherwise.

For example, when a child is born into a mother-dominated household and Mercury conjuncts Pluto, it can indicate that the father attempts to stay in control, but from a passive controlling point. Passive control can be called the tyranny of the weak, and, if this is the case, the conjunction will have strong or hard aspects to the Sun or Saturn. If so, the child will attempt to control from a passive point as well. The child with this conjunction is controlled and manipulated by his parents, and his investigation of new ideas may be suppressed. When the child becomes an adult, this energy will place limits on relationships because his conversation may not be spontaneous. Manipulation via words can be used in career; copy editors often have this aspect.

6) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ☿ **North-Node** - (0°22') ☾11 | ♀1

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates good timing in social contacts and in forming relationships favorable for money, romance, partnerships, marriage, and friendship. Through an

innate ability to be in the right place at the right time, the natives attract those things necessary for happiness. According to some authorities, this ability represents the good karma coming from friendliness and generosity in the past. On the negative side, this aspect can lead to a frivolous involvement with every passing pleasure, so that time is wasted on useless social activity.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Love-union. Cordiality and a warm heart, an agreeable and pleasant behaviour towards others, a general love of humanity. Lovers, love-unions.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides the person excellent ability to express love emotions and appropriate charm. The good things in life have a tendency to come by them quite easily. In social or public activities they do not suffocate but properly mingle and distribute their magnetism. In spite of this, they may not necessarily have a good time from within, but they will show a smile on the face. What they are doing is a part of their destined duty to keep the surroundings happy and lively. Awareness of considerable frustration and deprived sex life from their previous incarnation subconsciously forces them to be withdrawn in stages from this enjoyable game of life. Marriage relationships often are successful for them, at least from the surface end of it.

(Donna van Toen)

Generally this person expresses his or her growth potential in a charming, easy-to-take way. Sociability aids growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction encourages the native to make many friends and to be very obliging. With Venus, a person will want to enjoy the good things of life and will avoid hard work if at all possible. Artistic gifts are often present. However, Venus can be a hindrance to the Ascending Point, because this demands conscious effort on the individual's part. Although the planet promotes the feminine aspect of love, upward progress is often impeded.

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.

7) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°04') 135 | 135

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct Saturn shows that you are fortunate in being able to use your energy constructively. The normal desire to assert yourself on impulse is balanced by realization of the consequences of such an action. This quality of restraint can mean great accomplishments for you because you don't waste energy on unproductive efforts. Your sense of economy and efficiency are characteristics of success; you know how to use your talents purposefully for specific objectives.. You are realistic in applying good judgement before taking any action.

Your early training enabled you to take on major responsibilities without difficulty. Knowing your limitations, you rarely go beyond them. You are prudent and yet fearless, cautious and yet aggressive, hard-working and yet able to accomplish a great deal with economy of effort. Although you are a complex person, you use the most simplistic approach in solving problems. You represent the ideal in terms of a balance between aggression and self-control.

You are never indifferent to the feelings of others, but can become angry when others try to interfere with you. Frustration brings out the most dangerous kind of energy in you. You are not accustomed to having your plans challenged, and can launch vicious attacks against your adversaries, even resorting to physical violence. Other factors in your chart may indicate whether you would go to this extreme, but the potential for it exists in this planetary combination. Many professional pursuits are possible with this combination. Especially suitable are occupations requiring physical endurance and stamina, such as archaeology, exploration, geographic surveys, and forestry service. In the industrial field, research and development seem appropriate. Military service would be another means of expression for your controlled energy.

In your romantic pursuits, you easily play the roles of both prey and predator. You carefully evaluate the partner's line of least resistance in order to decide which techniques you will use. The remark 'pursued until you caught the pursuer' is descriptive of your method.

It is very important not to become chilled when indulging in physical activities. Cool off gradually and avoid cold liquids to prevent cramps. Use as little salt as possible when not doing strenuous physical work.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A Mars / Saturn conjunction gives problems with our expenditure of energy. The enthusiasm, fervor, energy and executive ability of Mars are restricted by the tenacity and confining action of Saturn. At best, this produces well-thought-out activities, but generally speaking there are difficulties to overcome. Saturn tends to hold us back whenever we feel the urge to make our presence felt (Mars); and yet Saturn itself promotes a form of ambition born of the desire for greater security. So, on the one hand, there is the fear of being too forward which may express itself in a withdrawn or passive attitude, and, on the other hand and by way of overcompensation, there is possibly a determination to prove ourselves or to outshine everyone else come what may. In the second case, the assertiveness is great, but the motivation is really an enormous vulnerability.

Strange as it may seem, both forms of expression can be found in one person, and stop-go is characteristic of many with this conjunction. Sometimes they are busy moving mountains; at other times, a fire lit beneath their chairs would hardly rouse them.

Mars has much to do with resilience, and, when it is conjunct Saturn, mental and physical resilience are not always very strong.

Usually, with this conjunction, we pass through one or more difficult periods during life, when we are hampered by internal or external causes and are tied hand and foot by (for example) too much responsibility, too heavy a work load or mental pressures of some kind. But the conjunction of the two planets also supplies the strength to break these shackles. Saturn can apply the energy of Mars to a certain goal or project with great concentration for a very long time - which is the other, very profitable, side of the coin with this conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle is affected by the influence of the individual's father. Mars indicates the ability to act out the energy of the Sun. The conjunction indicates that the actions may be limited or restricted because of something the father does while the individual's personality is forming (age 0-3). This influence inhibits the person's ability to react constructively and to feel confident about the action he takes. The conjunction usually has some effect on the sex drive.

Saturn says 'I take seriously', and conjunct Mars means 'I take my actions seriously'. This can serve to inhibit or restrict any action taken; it can indicate harsh action, for Saturn symbolizes the concept of law in each individual, causing this person to act out (Mars) the law (Saturn). This energy is sometimes used for law enforcement and can indicate a person who will enjoy a career that involves enforcing the law. This energy can create a sure-footed, slow-moving individual who moves cautiously in life; or an

extremely hard individual who becomes an enforcer of the law regardless of the circumstances. It is wise to consider the other aspects to this conjunction for it will give a broader picture of how the personality will operate.

In a personal sense, the conjunction can indicate a serious outlook regarding sexual expression. It can limit sexuality, cause one to avoid sexuality, indicate symptoms of frigidity in both the male and female, make one afraid of sexual expression, or cause one to attempt to force sexual standards on others. The Mars-Saturn conjunction indicates that the father inhibited the individual's sexual concepts or perhaps his early sexual expression in some manner. What he did is an unknown factor, but he did something. Other aspects to the conjunction may tell more about what happened.

It seems that this type of individual is rarely chemically attracted to another. The sexual difficulties cause guilt, and then the conscious mind decides to have a sexual relationship because the prospective lover will be 'good for me'. Or, because the individual is so rarely physically attracted to another, when the chemistry does happen he jumps into bed without going through the normal courtship period. Then the guilt begins because he feels he responded too quickly. This individual can respond sexually to the right person but he finds few people appealing.

The father may have had his own guilt about his sex drive; the father may have had a harsh attitude as the small child explored his body as all small children do. The rest of the chart will help tell the story. The pressure of the aspect can be relieved when this person investigates the relationship between sexual expression and universal law. Sex is not unhealthy; only people are.

(Charles Carter)

A very powerful and in some cases dangerous combination. If other influences agree, there may be a distinct danger of unusual physical suffering. It occurs in the nativities of several victims of violence. All inharmonious combinations of these planets appear to point this way. In one case (conj. in Virgo in 2nd) there was great suffering from eczematous gout with chronic irritation. In two more instances there were severe burns, illustrating the marked tendency of this combination to cause injury to the skin, said by some to be ruled by Saturn as the significator of the limits of the body. Blows, cuts and stabs sometimes occur, often as the result of falls.

Although this configuration must be regarded as of serious import, it is necessary to judge it carefully, and to give full weight to possible counteracting influences.

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°56') ♃5 | ♁6

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction can pose several difficulties: in choice of actions, where you may struggle to establish what your real aims are; in making that final decision to attempt to achieve them, and in ensuring that sufficient and persistent effort is then made to guarantee success. An unintegrated Neptune can dissolve that focused will, making decisive clarity difficult to maintain. Additionally, you tend to avoid accepting the consequences of your choices, and there can be a refusal to acknowledge responsibility when such actions lead to failure or negative results.

Part of this derives from lack of prior consideration and a willingness to sometimes jump into action on impulse alone; yet this is often used as a spur to be decisive. 'I didn't know it would turn out like that...' is used as a defensive excuse, and is probably true because possible repercussions were not evaluated. Yet continuing with such an approach is essentially avoiding personal responsibility. You may realise eventually that most actions you take on impulse go awry in some respect, rarely fulfilling your initial intention.

This issue related to choice and action is one which needs clarification and resolving. You may find that it is beneficial to pause before acting on impulse, and sensible to slow down and take time to consider the likely results of your decision. This may then show you alternative routes to take, or may even dissuade you from taking action at all. As Mars will influence you to be more dynamically assertive, you need to take into account your effects on other people too, especially any family and those closest to you. This may then modify your more self-centred tendencies and ensure that through insensitivity you do not then create unnecessary pain for anyone.

You can be quite attractive to others, as the Mars-Neptune energies combine to create a potentially dynamic glamour, yet this apparent combination of action and sensitivity can often be superficial when the Mars characteristics are dominating the more subtle Neptune ones, which is more often the situation. Neptunian qualities come through disguised as a flexibility of personality, a set of masks and images that you almost automatically assume in your relations with people and in social or work environments. You recognise that these lead to some inner confusion, especially in respect of decision-making; but they are also usable for self-projection. You quite enjoy playing with these masks and feeling that your real intentions are hidden within a secret persona; you do not really like others to know you too well.

This leads to the attraction of acting behind images, and there is often a dramatic side to your nature, perhaps through some creative expression or even theatre work, where imagination can flourish in an evocative situation and you can be hidden behind the mask, performing a role. Certainly you will develop a favourite image of yourself which is projected out for others to see you through. Some have affinities with medicine and healing abilities; even here, you may hide behind the image of nurse, doctor, consultant or psychic healer. Alternatively, your dreams and desires about yourself could be unrealistic; and whilst you aspire to great status and achievement, your lack of will or application and your impracticality defeat you. Ultimately, your image of self-elevation

may only exist within your imagination.

Steps can be taken to improve matters though. Feeling able to release your blocked imagination into daily life is important, because whilst initially such a move may be glamorous and ineffective, you can learn to direct it towards deliberate intentions, and so use it as a powerful energy to achieve your aims. Techniques of creative visualisation are recommended to take advantage of this process of mental imagination, and can help to re-create your life. Future planning can help you to gain greater control too, so that there is less opportunity for something unconsidered to destroy your intention. And working hard to actually achieve viable skills is another way of helping yourself; if you do not do this, that unintegrated Neptune will serve only to dissolve those dreams instead of helping to fulfil them.

In intimate relationships, more awareness will probably be needed. A combination of impulsive Mars and the self-deluding tendency of Neptune may conspire to show you the pain of disappointing illusions in love. Mars can encourage you into sudden passionate affairs, caught within the glammers of a new lover, but when you are directed by purely unconscious motivations the likelihood is that suffering will result, as a prompt to make you more aware the next time. Be wary of any personal tendencies toward self-deception and deceiving others or being deceived; these may be likely, and can be associated with the sphere of the conjunction's natal house. Try to remain honest and frank, as communication is vital in relationships, and you have a tendency both to be emotionally vulnerable and to have unusual emotional needs, so the quality of your intimate relationships should ideally be high.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have the planet Mars conjunct Neptune, indicating some conflict between your impulses to act and your willingness to accept responsibility for the results of your actions. You may not deliberately avoid the consequences, but it is often difficult for you to clearly see the burden of guilt. Your imagination is sometimes blocked because you are unable to plan ahead well enough, and you allow chance to determine the results. Almost everything you do on impulse will prove disappointing. Before you act, you must realistically weigh the energy you are investing against the probable effects. You are inclined to ignore reality and the feelings of others when you assert yourself.

People are drawn by your magnetic appeal. You easily take on characteristics that will please others and not appear threatening to them. The theatre and related fields are especially suited to your active imagination and great creative potential. With your acting talent, you can also successfully 'play the role' in many professional activities. To gain acceptance in your field of interest, you may have to resort to subterfuge. However, honestly developed skills must soon replace the act, if you expect to retain your position. If other factors of your chart indicate caution, reserve, and responsibility, medicine may be the best field for your sensitive nature.

Be extremely careful in your romantic relationships. What may seem to be true love could turn out to be merely an escapade for you or your partner. Such a disappointment would be very painful. It is easy for you to become entrapped in an alliance that would be embarrassing if it were revealed. Don't deceive others, or you risk being deceived by them too. Any contacts you make must be made honestly.

Be wary of medication unless a physician advises it. Good hygiene is essential, for you are more susceptible to infection than others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the desire for self-preservation, executive ability and energy (Mars) conjuncts a need to blur the borders and thus to refine, to idealize or to make things fluid (Neptune), very divergent and apparently conflicting elements may be expected. The background of the signs plays an important role in this, however.

If Mars has few or no dignities, Neptune may drain the energy of Mars, leaving less resilience, less self-assertion, and less pugnacity than one would normally expect. Even if Mars is well-fortified, Neptune will still undermine, and the Martian influence will be rather impersonal and idealistic, yet will work in such a way that we can throw glamor around ourselves and we appeal to others as very lovable. For film stars and models, this aspect is ideal. Incompatible as the two factors may seem, they do interact. That is to say, Neptune transforms the manifestation of Mars: either the energy is reduced, or else the attitude is relatively free from Martian egotism and so indefinite that others read into it what they will.

The conjunction also makes us a trifle woolly-minded but idealistic. We want to help humanity and can work hard for a social cause. We regard Martian energy as something to be used for the group rather than for personal ends: the collective within us takes precedence over the individual. Therefore a Mars / Neptune conjunction can cause a certain amount of trouble with relationships. Neptune is a planet capable of producing glamorous, shimmering illusions, whereas Mars gives a need for down-to-earth activity. Therefore we can be very romantic, but are liable to deception by an internal dream-world, which we may also project on the things we see around us. A plus point here is that, for the professional artist, this is a fine aspect which enhances his or her powers of expression.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars symbolizes the action principle; Neptune adds fantasy, illusion or delusion to any facet of the action principle. In one sense, this conjunction can indicate inspired action; it conveys creative activity. It may also indicate a person who doesn't know what he's doing.

Since Mars rules sexuality, the Neptune influence indicates one full of fantasy and delusion; and that fantasy can manifest in myriad ways. It can indicate the person who must have a spiritual and inspired sexual relationship; it may reflect the person who wants to live out all his sexual fantasies. To determine whether or not the conjunction suggests those who may have unprofitable or strange sexual relationships, one must check the other aspects in the chart to see if sex is viewed as something abnormal. If so, the conjunction will support that abnormality; if not, the conjunction will reflect a person who may be at least an interesting sex partner. Sexual dysfunctions will be indicated by other aspects to Mars, Moon or Venus. If the Sun is afflicted, the person may have an unhealthy self-image and therefore take sexual action that reflects his self-image.

This particular conjunction must be interpreted according to the additional aspects to it, for the energy will syncretize all the planets involved. If the individual develops a sense of self-worth and becomes trained in metaphysical principles, the energy can be indicative of brilliance.

(Charles Carter)

This is a very potent feature in any chart. The temperament is often fond of romance, colourful things, painting, ritual, music, dancing, and similar expressions of the emotions. There may be vanity and much self-approbation, with lofty aspirations which tend beyond the possible and desirable. The enthusiasms are not always wise or well-controlled. There may be an analytic tendency, a desire to plumb the depths, or there may be a soaring ambition, but the native seldom seeks ordinary or merely routine things.

With respect to externalities, things ruled by the house wherein the conjunction falls are likely to present intricate and important problems; and perhaps ill-will and cunning will be aimed at the native from those directions. Sometimes there may be great apparent success and power in regard to the matters denoted by the houseposition and rulerships, but often this proves illusory or is marred by treachery. Bitter disappointment and disillusionment may follow on bright beginnings. As a typical example, in the 5th house, still-born children may occur.

9) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°52') 135 | 6

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an

ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamourise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father,

especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

10) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (2°56' S) 135 | 135

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Mars gives you a sense of power in asserting your will. You don't feel that you have to compromise in your dealings with anyone. Since you project your will forcefully and with undeniable intensity, your presence may unintentionally threaten less hardy individuals. You are ambitious to be recognized, not so much for your achievements, but simply for yourself. But this may antagonize others, who will resent your assumption of superiority without having any achievements to justify it. It is difficult to determine whether you are driven by egocentricity or merely by having energy to spare. In any case, you respond quickly to competition and use every skill at your command to win. Because you find status quo conditions intolerable and apathy unforgivable, you stimulate people to take action when they might have indolently failed to do anything. Your considerable physical strength sustains you in expressing your boundless enthusiasm.

You have enormous creative ability and can excel in any leadership capacity. The kind of work you do isn't as important as the manner in which you accomplish your objectives. Intolerant of insubordination, you react violently to criticism. You tend to be uncompromising with people whose opinions differ from yours, and you are blunt in reprimanding them for it. You feel that anyone who expresses a different opinion is making a direct, personal attack on your credibility.

Your temperament is suitable for competitive occupations in which hazard and danger are commonplace. Sports, racing, exploration, military service, working with machinery, or hunting would provide good means for creative expression, as would more intellectual pursuits, such as medicine, surgery, law, or police work.

Your insistence on asserting your own desires with no consideration for others is a distinct liability. In evaluating the facts before taking action, you often disregard common sense, which makes it necessary to repeat the work later. You are inefficient in managing your energies and waste a lot of effort in unrewarding enterprises. A trusted adviser could help you plan your tactical moves, serve as your spokesperson in disputes, and restrain you from destructive impulsive action.

Your powerful libido urges you to violence when your desires are not satisfied. Not only that, but you are insensitive to the feelings of others; you must learn to make adjustments for those whose feelings are not as intense as your own. Because you react impulsively when you are angered, the chance of physically hurting yourself is increased. You waste large amounts of energy in fruitless effort that could be utilized constructively. Being hyperactive, you need sufficient rest to preserve your health.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates the presence of an energy that is 'masculine' in essence, being highly vitalised, vigorous, forceful and assertive. The application and exploitation of your powerful will becomes a major impulse that demands expression, often resulting in a

more self-centred level of preoccupation, focused on satisfying your desires and ambitions.

You may have an aggressive, combative temperament, which can respond quickly to any hint of a threat or potentially competitive situations, seeing these as an opportunity to display your force and innate abilities and talents. You will feel a need to prove yourself to the world through achieving, or at least rise to a higher social profile than the majority. You may tend to assume attitudes of superiority, which is often derived from a sense of self-confidence, and inwardly you hold a self-image as a leader in some capacity. An urge to battle lies near the surface of your personality, and you can approach life as if it is a challenge, almost provoking encounters by 'throwing down the gauntlet' as a testing of your strength and power.

To some, you may seem overly assertive, and your presence may threaten them by its forceful vibration. You may acquire several adversaries in the course of your journey through life, especially as you are liable to be insensitive to others' feelings. This may occur particularly within your employment or business life, where you are likely to contact other powerful individuals. You intensely enjoy applying your will-power, and may need to pay extra attention to your relationship manner and style of expression, as this could become a source of contention and downfall if it is misapplied. A liability to anger quickly may need some control too, or words spoken in haste may ruin relationships or friendships.

You react against limitations and restrictions, and find adherence to the status quo or repetitive routines anathema to your volatile spirit. You love action, and the adrenaline rush of physical or dangerous sports and activities is highly appealing. Your enthusiasms can be spontaneous and impulsive, and you prefer to leave space in your lifestyle for sudden decisions and changes of direction which can renew vitality and add a touch of freshness when life becomes jaded and familiar. You may be attracted to share this love of life and excess energy with others, stimulating them to break free of their self-imposed ruts and shake off their apathy. Some may not appreciate your endeavours though, and you may need to recognise when your efforts will fall on stony ground.

There is an opinionated streak in your character that can take offence if anyone challenges your attitudes, values, thoughts or beliefs, and you take this as a personal attack, rather than a sharing of differing points of view. You can adopt an attitude of 'I'm right, and you're wrong' in such encounters, and refuse to consider alternative perceptions; this can be a restriction of your openness to life's many wonders and infinite variety of perceptions.

In relationships, you do not easily compromise, as you tend to be self-centred and concerned about reaching for your desires; this could become a problem unless it is carefully modified, or you have an extremely passive and supportive partner. A strong sexual drive and inflamed passions are likely factors in your relationships, and you may

be especially attracted to sudden love affairs, particularly if that theme of 'conquest' is paramount in your nature.

While you are likely to possess considerable creative abilities, you may have difficulties in focusing these constructively and consistently, and despite your high level of activity you may waste energy that could be more positively applied. Part of this is due to an impulsiveness that prefers action to forethought and planning, and this tendency may need tempering by better managements of your resources and less haste in charging towards your objectives. Listen to the advice of others, or take professional suggestions; you may not always know best.

Your focus is power through action, and the main areas that this can be released through are the conjunction house, and the houses ruled by both Sun and Mars in your chart. Look at these, as they may offer additional opportunities for a successful use of your talents and energies, especially when you begin to handle them with greater self-understanding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two active planets join forces here, signifying a ready identification of the self (Sun) with ambition, executive ability and leadership (Mars). Often the individual is rather pugnacious, competitive and fond of sport. Such a fiery combination as the Sun and Mars can make for great liveliness and enthusiasm. There is a capacity for hard work and the native's sights are set on solid achievement - also on the honors that go with it.

Mars is inflammable and, when conjunct the Sun, can give a very volatile personality. The native is excitable and subject to bursts of enthusiasm; sometimes being shorttempered and aggressive into the bargain. Because Mars is uncompromising, the individual is one of those go-getting, turbulent people who display scant consideration for others and are intent on making the most of their own opportunities. The person with a Sun / Mars conjunction pulls no punches and is not easily thwarted. But, though quick to flare up, he or she is not usually one to bear a grudge.

The Sun conjunct Mars frequently opens up opportunities in sport, but the native also treats everyday life as something of a sporting event. Excellent outlets are sports such as boxing, fencing, wrestling, or sports that require explosions of energy. Frequently there is a fondness for high-risk sports and for sports demanding courage and speed. The Sun conjunct Mars can warn of violence, but only when there are insufficient outlets for the enormous amounts of energy generated by this aspect.

People with this conjunction know where they stand and are not afraid to make their position clear. Others may be apprehensive of them because they seldom mince words. The native is more forceful than he or she realizes, and unintentional and unwanted ruptures with others can occur. So restraint is advisable, especially as there is a

tendency to act before thinking.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect should be read in the context of other aspects that involve the Sun-Mars conjunction. Mars heats up everything that it touches, so it tends to give energy and spontaneity. When Mars conjuncts the Sun, the personality is acted out; it can be volatile; it can be quick to act and react. When reading this aspect it's important to remember in what sign the conjunction takes place in order to evaluate how the energy will express. Mars adds intensity to the Sun so there is a stronger vitality than without the presence of Mars. Well aspected conjunctions of Sun and Mars give added energy, but, when other planets are involved, how those aspects affect the Sun must be considered.

(Charles Carter)

I do not think that this can be differentiated from the trine and sextile (q.v.), except that it usually denotes some danger of physical injury or disease - usually the former. It makes the native tremendously hard-working, and he / she may toil on the verge of break-down year after year. On the whole it is beneficial, unless the conjunction itself receives other important bad aspects, in which case it will bring some of the deleterious effects of the bad aspects into the life.

11) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (5°59' S) ♁6 | ♁6

(Haydn Paul)

With the harmonious aspects, Uranus tends to work well with Mercury, as both are associated with the mind and intellect, and it is upon that level that their influence and qualities are displayed.

You are likely to have an alert, clever mind which finds great enrichment in pursuing any aspect of human life and knowledge that you are curious about. You are probably articulate and literate too. You have a natural questioning and searching attitude, always looking to increase your personal storehouse of knowledge, and attempting to derive a sense of connectedness synthesising that information into more holistic patterns.

Your immediate response to the world is one of mental exploration, rather than emotional flowing reaction. The world is perceived as an inextinguishable source of fascination, overflowing with a myriad of stimulating facts, theories and beliefs. New horizons beckon, and there seems to be scope to investigate the unusual and the different ways of living on this multi-hued planet. With so much to delve into, so many different paths that you can walk, the problem is that of choice. Where do you start? There is the fear that by choosing Route 1, you could then miss that fascinating experience down Route 66. This could be one of your weaknesses - that you lack the

discipline of perseverance, and that your mind may like to flit from one intriguing subject to another that suddenly attracts your attention. Inner continuity may need to be developed, both to improve your ability to concentrate, and to make the best use of your talent for acquiring knowledge in daily life. Or is it just stored on that mental level, unconnected to real living?

You have little patience with ignorance, your own or that of anyone else. You have a compulsion to find out, and will feel restless until you have made some progress. Your mind will store those themes as 'little fascinations', subjects that have picqued your curiosity; and eventually you will have to take steps to satisfy it. You can be a little intolerant with others who have less exploratory minds, and with those who are deceitful in their interpersonal relationships. Certainly you will be best suited to a partner who can complement your searches, and who can stimulate your mind, because for you, that is the essential level of contact. Friendships will develop with others who have affinity interests; and over time you are likely to develop a wide variety of acquaintances as your interests and areas of exploration expand. Unfortunately though, you may find that you also drop older contacts due to your fascination with treading new paths, and thus losing interest in old spheres of enquiry.

You have a preference for looking towards the future, optimistic about new discoveries, even if you are studying past history. You may need to balance an emphasis towards preferring fact, and a more scientific rational approach, with the more intuitive interpretative approaches to life, between the objective and the subjective styles of analysis. The influence of Mercury will be biased towards the former, whereas Uranus will tip towards a more universal, intuitive attitude of inner knowing. It is not what you know, but how you use it in life, which is the key.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Uranus, you are bright, articulate, curious, intuitive, and mentally courageous. You are excited by everything you observe, and fascinated by anything different or unusual. Your mind races eagerly as you seek answers to your questions, because you cannot tolerate the darkness of ignorance.

As a child, you were interested in what made your moving toys operate, and your parents probably never had to worry about keeping you occupied. Your creativity developed early, and you even devised new subjects to explore that further captured your interest in all things.

Truth is an important factor in your life. Consequently, science, philosophy, psychology, and human behavior are fields in which you could succeed, since they deal with seeking answers to problems. In industrial research and development, your inventive ability could be applied with a reasonable guarantee of success. Technical writing might also serve as an avenue of expression for you.

To hold your continued interests, the partner you select must have a similar temperament, or you will be bored. You tend to form platonic relationships with your associates, based on mutual interests. You will quickly sever a relationship with someone who violates the truth in dealing with you.

Futuristic in attitude, you rarely look back at what might have been. You prefer to look forward to what will be, if you have any say in it. The possibilities for your selfexpression are limitless, except for the lack of continuity that this combination often creates. If you can learn to isolate yourself and resolve one problem at a time, you will overcome the only liability of this conjunction.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The swift perceptions of Uranus plus Mercury's powers of expression with tongue and pen can combine to produce the most original ideas and concepts, although they will probably need knocking into a more viable shape. Mental ingenuity is fantastic, but the native is extremely restless and fickle. Uranus being capricious, impulsive and unpredictable may mean that thinking is nervy and tense, so that one jumps from one idea to another - and from one social contact to another, too.

This person is fond of novelty, and homes in on whatever is fresh and unusual. Others can find his or her flow of ideas stimulating, but if they do not keep up with it this individual becomes very impatient.

The disjointedness of Uranus shows itself in conversation. This type is liable to omit significant points; also, he or she may have a sharp tongue, and be apt to make clever and sometimes hurtful remarks. Often, he or she says the most unexpected things; the trouble is, as soon as they occur, he or she blurts them out without regard to the consequences.

Uranus and Mercury both have to do with the nervous system, and their conjunction places a heavy strain on it because there is an inability to relax. The brain is continually active. This can give creative ideas, but can also be exhausting and cause irritability and snappishness.

Some form of technical interest is quite common with this aspect, especially where new ground is being broken or the barriers of distance are being overcome (for instance, in air travel, radar and electronics). Although this type is quick to grasp the essentials of a subject, the mind is often too restless for prolonged concentration. Therefore, he or she may be short of academic qualifications - but definitely not lacking in intelligence.

(Betty Lundsted)

The person born with this conjunction is exposed to an early family atmosphere that includes mental chaos; no-one says anything that makes sense, words are used in all kinds of strange ways, and the child responds to the stimuli. As a result, when these children are admitted to the school system, they are not interested in learning thought patterns or the rituals involved in thorough work habits. As adults, they seem to be erratic and undisciplined.

Communication is unusual. Personal relationships may be difficult because conversation may be erratic or impulsive. In the creative sense, Mercury represents the possible concepts of consciousness. It represents a part of the wisdom-learning process. If Mercury asks the questions and Uranus represents the heights of expanded consciousness, the conjunction combines these energies, and the creative possibilities are enhanced.

If the energy is not properly channeled or trained, it may not operate constructively. When it isn't, the adult may be highly erratic, eccentric or nervous. The combination can create such a quick mentality that the individual appears to be 'flaky'. When this aspect is set off by transit, the individual needs to become involved in some personal creative endeavor so that the energy can be brought into focus. Painting, writing, making pottery or stained glass, or similar activities help the creative energy channel itself.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful, self-willed combination, varying from the wayward and stubborn type to the enlightened and talented. Generally speaking, the influence is not exceedingly marked, because the two planets are not dissimilar; but the will-power of Uranus is added to the intellect of Mercury, and there is a more colorful, dramatic, forceful mentality. It is independent, sensitive, proud, and sometimes secretive; but these effects are much modified by the sign occupied. The native almost always lives his own life and resents interference very fiercely.

In undeveloped characters, the influence is not good, and there is often little to show for it except pride and touchiness. Sometimes there is considerable eccentricity and conceit, and talent that cannot be properly utilised because of the native's self-will and lack of adaptability. It is common in the charts of astrologers.

12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°22' S) ☾11 | ☾11

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus to Jupiter indicates that you are benevolent, kind, sympathetic, and generous. But you go to extremes in expressing these qualities and are indulgent with people even when they don't deserve it. Brutality and vulgarity are intolerable to you. You have a good sense of humor, although you have your contemplative moments,

and you usually conduct yourself with decorum. In the presence of adversity, you are especially optimistic and always hopeful that the situation will turn out for the best. Selfindulgent in acquiring material comforts, you prefer a life of ease that allows you to participate in all the pleasurable social activities that you love.

Domestic conditions in your childhood may not have been abundant in material comforts, but probably you were not deprived of anything truly essential. Love, kindness, and understanding between you and your parents established the foundation for your continued growth and development.

You are suited to occupations in which your effusive manner can be expressed, such as public relations, travel, working with young people as a teacher or guidance counsellor, or directing social activities. Through your work in a welfare organization or foundation, you could bring joy and hope to people who are disadvantaged by social, economic, or physical problems. Your talents might also be applied in rehabilitative therapy through crafts and other avocational pursuits.

Your breezy disposition and warm nature make you popular with almost everybody. You are too easy-going, though, and some individuals may try to take advantage of you. However, you are rarely embittered by such negative encounters. You seek and are sought after by people who are also self-assured and who expect to succeed. You respond to honesty and gravitate toward persons with that quality. But you react negatively to those who make sincere gestures toward others only if they have some ulterior motive. You don't waste time on people who waste their time. Any accomplishment, either material or personal, makes you glow with happiness. Difficult stress contact from Saturn to this planetary pair may make it burdensome to gain this happiness, but you would still be inclined to it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here, expansive, ameliorating Jupiter joins forces with Venus, the promoter of balance and harmony. It is generally assumed that this should make us lovable, friendly and jolly, and therefore well-liked and popular. We appreciate good companionship, and certainly know how to enjoy life.

In love and friendship, we can shed a lot of warmth, but the desire to spread our wings (given by Jupiter) may mean that we do not stay faithful to one partner.

We are quite prepared to set the ball rolling socially, and we like to immerse ourselves with others in anything that happens to fascinate us, including philosophical subjects (Jupiter). However, Venus is a rather lazy planet and, in this conjunction, can make us rather half-hearted or self-indulgent when it comes to Jovian interests such as study, travel and philosophical reasoning. Enjoyment, comfort and elegant idleness are liable to have the edge on serious effort. Self-discipline is not the strong point of this conjunction.

Venus also represents the need for material security. Its conjunction with Jupiter intensifies this need, and a fair amount of effort will be expended satisfying it. Generally, we look for a position where we can prosper and wind up with plenty of money in the bank.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother brings an exciting, open and straightforward influence to this child's concept of expectancy. This influence can be somewhat moderated by the signs in which the conjunction takes place, and the aspect should be read with the signs in mind. Other aspects can mitigate this interpretation, for the energy will not be free to operate until the mitigating aspect is rechanneled.

The conjunction aspect is helpful for it indicates the capacity to relate to what is wanted, to pursue what is wanted, and if the aspect is unafflicted the energy can indicate a gogetter. If other aspects inhibit this one, or if the chart is undeveloped, the aspect can indicate a person who is merely self-exuberant or selfish.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and the inharmonious elements may result from this configuration, according to the sign involved and the remainder of the nativity. Grace of expression, deep philosophic insight, idealism and literary tendencies are among the good expressions.

This conjunction is sometimes rather sybaritic and amorous, but may be present in the charts of people capable of sternness. It also has a lighter social side. It seems to tend to popularity, but, in itself, appeals to the less thoughtful and serious elements of the population - one may become a *matinée* idol or the object of flapper-adoration. It certainly tends to make men popular with women, and it would be an excellent feature in the nativity of one who desired to do business with that sex, or to found a religion which might appeal to them. Teachers with this position have indeed been criticised rightly or wrongly for allowing themselves to become objects of adulation from ladies with more heart than discrimination.

I have heard it said that good aspects between Venus and Jupiter are of use only to lazy people, but the lists I have made (including Mussolini) disprove any connection between it and indolence.

13) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Neptune** - (10°40' A) ♁6 | ♁6

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction came within a nine degree orb in November 1988, was exact in February, August and October 1993, and stayed in orb until 1998; the last time before that was 1821-3. These children will have a strong degree of identification with the collective mind and group consciousness, which in some cases could revert back to fervent nationalist affinities in countries that have a powerful controlling religious, racial, political and social structures. Yet in most cases it is unlikely that this will result in the emergence of charismatic demagogues as in recent examples of the manipulation of the masses.

There will be a directing sense of social responsibility, and an awareness of participating in a social community, which will be expressed in positive ways for the betterment of all. The merged energies of this conjunction will inspire concepts of brotherhood, which will reject the ideals of Uranus and Neptune, as a form of revolutionary mysticism emerging from an acute mental and emotional sensitivity connected to an intuitive imaginative faculty.

Personal freedoms and rights will have a high priority, and there will be a new perception of 'leadership' being formed, which can dissolve those old patterns of a powerful leader and hundreds of following 'sheep'. There is a distrust of leaders, based on an intuitive perception of their real motivations and characteristics, which will also develop into a new understanding of authority and power in society. Those born under this aspects will be willing to 'fight' for the maintenance of personal freedoms and rights if they are under threat by the decisions of social leaders. A new balance of power between the people and the state will begin to form, and a new politics should rise into view, reflecting this increase in individual rights and power. Generally, this should be a period of spiritual and scientific development, where breakthroughs occur in the exploration of nature and mind.

Changes that became inevitable by 1994 will have to be more fully achieved and realised by this new generation, imbued with a more conscious spirit of human unity and solidarity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune shows that you are aware of your obligations to the social structure to which you belong, and that you identify closely with its mass consciousness. You are keenly observant of the deception that the leaders often use to gain and maintain complete control of the people, and this disturbs you deeply. You recognize that this pattern can lead to loss of personal freedom unless steps are taken to eliminate the offenders. Since you belong to a generation that will not tolerate abuses of authority and power, you realize that freedom can be lost if not protected against political erosion.

When the conjunction occurred in 1821-3, among the important achievements were the

invention of an ingenious process for waterproofing fabric and the development of cement, which later played a large role in the industrial revolution. These physical phenomena - cement and waterproof fabric - exactly parallel the strong foundations of the courageous individuals who have this aspects and the process they use to protect themselves and their rights.

You respond to people who need your understanding of their social predicament, whether it is a personal problem or one they share with others. Although you know that you can do little by yourself, the combined effort of those sharing your concern can be a powerful force against social injustice. Working together, you can restore order and freedom where there was chaos and privation.

(Betty Lundsted)

It seems that the conjunction of these planets would make for some interesting life experiences - the concept of individuality or humanity is brought together with that of creative expression. These are the times when important changes in attitude and / or consciousness take place.

When this aspect occurred in the early 1820s, it brought the world Mary Baker Eddy, Dostoevski, Clara Barton, Louis Pasteur and Johann Strauss. If this conjunction also involves a personal configuration, a personal kind of creativity emerges - for example, Clara Barton had this conjunction also conjunct her natal sun.

(Charles Carter)

This potent aspect occurs again and again in the charts of the great. It stands midway between the harmonious and inharmonious contacts, and produces the great savant or prophet, such as Pasteur and Ruskin, and people of remarkable but more doubtful repute, such as Nell Gwyn and Caesar Borgia. Dr. A. R. Wallace exemplifies the spiritualist tendencies of the aspect.

It seems on the whole to be self-willed, but frequently extremely able, and rarely to be lightly disregarded. One would expect eccentricity, but on the whole good intentions and kindness, Neptune softening Uranus, as it softens Mars.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change.

Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

14) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (6°33' A) ♀5 | ♄11

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests that most of your problems and challenges will arise in the area of interpersonal relationships, often created or stimulated by your own unconscious expression of this energy, which requires a deeper understanding and inner adjustment to be achieved before you can consistently benefit from its power.

Your temperament can be assertive, aggressive and extremist, tending to use your powerful will like a sledgehammer to achieve objectives. You prefer to force situations so that you are ready to take the advantage before anyone else can, or will act through impulse without fully considering the consequences of following your desires and aims. To others, your will and personality can seem a little overbearing, provocative and dominating, especially as you always prefer to be in control of all situations, and hate to feel unsure of your ground or realise there is nothing you can do to influence circumstances in your favour. This is why you desire to be in a position of authority, calling the tune and writing the rules, yet are so rebellious when roles are reversed; you then use your influence to be subversive and manipulate others to resist authority.

You will feel a desire to change the world into your image, reflecting the way that you think it should be. As virtually everyone else is attempting the same in small or large ways, inevitably you may experience conflict with others who do not agree with your panacea for the world's ills. If you attempt to dictate to people, by forceful expression, you may easily fail to get the right kind of support and co-operation, especially if it is made clear that you intend to be the kingpin and final arbiter. The problem with dominating and forceful personalities is that usually they insist on having their own way, and are rarely, if ever, wrong. This usually ends in relationship conflict which leads to their more creative supporters quitting, leaving behind 'mere followers' who remain with the 'leader' in sycophantic acquiescence.

Without proper awareness and understanding, these tendencies can become negatively expressed, eventually to your detriment. Yet equally they can become extremely positive qualities to be used in socially creative ways once excess selfinterest is transcended, and you move towards the higher solar path of your individuality rather than just satisfying lower egoic needs and desires. You will need to undergo a period of self-regeneration, to acknowledge the needs of others to be themselves, not as mere adjuncts to your dictates, but people equally able and right to assert themselves. More harmonious and successful relationships are possible, especially when your need for

self-assertion diminishes through self-understanding and confidence in your own worth. This can involve learning to be self-reliant in achieving your own aims, rather than having to manipulate others into unconsciously aiding your private intentions. Inner changes leading to a less aggressive attitude and less suspicion in working with others, more co-operation to achieve mutual goals, and a degree of compromise in your attitudes, will certainly bring more benefit to you and others. Gaining an understanding of the elements present in your psychology which desire for you to become an authority and leader can help to bring about an inner adjustment, and an ability to work with others can then emerge.

15) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♀ **Mercury** - (3°03' A) ♁ 12 | ♊ 6

(Haydn Paul)

With the opposition, friction between Moon and Mercury results in emotions, instincts, and feelings pulling in one direction, and rationality, logic, and conscious mind moving in an opposite direction. This inner disharmony is then reflected through projection onto the external world, influencing your relationships. While this inner division remains unresolved, relationship conflicts will persist. Decision-making can prove difficult, and you may rely on others deciding for you, as you cannot determine which path to follow, whether to choose instincts, emotions, or rationality. Inner unity, when both messages coincide, is a rare experience for you.

This situation can stultify actions and choices, distorting perceptions and judgement. Confusion often results, with regular changes of mind or heart which disturb and disrupt relationships. Sometimes attempting to break through an impasse may force you to act impulsively and instinctively with variable results. Equally, responses can be emotionally biased, devoid of rational evaluation or common sense. Alternatively, Mercury can dominate, with an extremely cold perception which succeeds mainly in temporarily denying any emotional feeling at all; choices from that perspective can fail once feelings wake up again and decide to react against the current situation which Mercury has brought about!

As a consequence of private confusion, you are often irritated by social life; and inner friction evokes external friction by provoking arguments. You can be insensitive and offensive to others, unaware of a lack of tact, sensitivity, and diplomacy, although you are quick to rise to others who criticize you personally. Like everyone else, there are times (many, many times) when you will be 'wrong' in life, as no-one is infallible. You may need to learn how to admit mistakes, however.

Intimate relationships and partnerships need greater awareness, concessions, and compromises for them to continue satisfactorily. Otherwise, emotional friction and damage are likely as conflicts intensify through clashes of attitude and values. Family life can generate considerable agitation and worry, exacerbating inner confusion, unless you

can resolve innate conflicts. Nervous emotional excitement can be activated; and this can have negative health consequences. Compulsive talking can occur as a compensation for effective relationship, although what is often noticeable is that this lacks depth and content. Increasingly imbalanced, unconscious emotional patterns can distort inner messages and life perceptions, diminishing your ability for clear thinking and clear communication.

What is required is self-understanding and integration between your emotional and rational nature. Clarity and awareness is needed regarding these lunar patterns of emotional need, dependency, and the reliance of security and stability. With the Mercury influence, rationality and objectivity are required to help rebalance inner disharmony. The challenge is to integrate these two opposing messages. Until some progress is made, self-expression can be restricted and distorted. Favouring either planet creates conflict; honouring each planet is the route to wholeness, and the key to resolving this psychological imbalance.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Mercury shows that you have difficulty bringing your emotions into balance with your reasoning; there is distortion between your feelings and your intellectual processes. You react to personal and social situations in a confused way, which produces problems in your relationships. Your responses are sometimes so emotional that it is impossible for people to make adequate compromises with you. At other times, you evaluate a situation involving others with such cold logic that they doubt you have any feeling for them at all. You offend without knowing it, and then wonder why people seem to be alienated from you. This lack of integration between feeling and thinking can be corrected if you will make it a point not to make any decisions until the other persons involved can express their opinions. If you truly care, you will examine the facts they present and try to meet them halfway. This is a more tactful way to act, and will result in more mature judgement. You tend to jump to conclusions impulsively, but if you can make concessions when this urge erupts, you will like yourself more. Also, the people you deal with will be far more comfortable in your company.

You can see from the foregoing that it is extremely important for you to work out this imbalance. If you can learn to be more compromising, your professional endeavors will be much more pleasant, whether you work with individuals or with the public at large. By admitting it when you are wrong, you will earn the close fellowship of those you work with. Try not to take criticism too personally. When people challenge you or question your opinion, take it as an opportunity to correct any misunderstanding of what you mean. As Alexander Pope said, 'to err is human; to forgive, divine'.

Differences of opinion with your mate may cause you some distress in your domestic affairs. You are easily irritated and argue at the slightest provocation. Perhaps you are an impulse buyer who runs up bills for useless items. You worry excessively about family

matters that don't deserve so much attention. Stifle the inclination to tell others the details of your private and domestic affairs. Most people have an adequate share of their own troubles. If you want to report the news, get a job with your local newspaper. Don't jeopardize your standing in the neighborhood by circulating stories, even if they are true.

16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♅ **Uranus** - (2°56' S) ♄ 12 | ♀ 6

(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.

17) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°18' A) ☾ 11 | ♄ 5

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition to Saturn, you are inclined to regard your experiences as being almost useless. With this aspect, you will always be challenged by competitors until you realize how important you really are. You must stop underestimating your self-worth. Remind yourself continually that you can match your competitors, and don't give others more credit than they deserve. If you will examine your good qualities carefully, you will see that they compare very favorably to those of others. Stop hiding the truth from yourself. Perhaps when you were very young, you were led to believe that you were less talented than others in every way, and you still act on that belief. You need competition to prove how capable you are; if you reject competition, you will never truly know your capabilities.

Throughout your life, you will have to make concessions to others without knowing whether or not they are worth the effort. In time, however, you will be able to judge people without having to endure the painful experience of submission. As your judgement becomes sharper, you will become very skilled in solving problems for yourself and others.

You may suffer emotional frustrations during the early years, but as you become more mature you will understand that no-one gets everything when he or she wants it. You may compensate for privations that you experience in your personal life by becoming successful in your profession. Real estate, law, insurance, designing, sales, and buying are suitable fields. All of them require responsibility, attention to detail, integrity, and honesty if you are to be proud of your accomplishments. It is advised that you work alone or at least be able to set your own pace. Working with others in an intimate atmosphere would not be advisable because you would arouse their criticism. You have talent, but your employer may refuse to recognize it in order to avoid paying you more.

Don't anticipate an early marriage unless you are prepared to make enormous concessions to keep it together. Better to postpone a binding partnership until you can be more selective in choosing a mate. If you marry for security it may last, but it will be little more than a corporate merger with little emotional satisfaction. If your upbringing was austere and you saw privation and financial difficulties in your parents' lives, there is even more reason to wait for financial independence before taking a mate.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the energy is similar to the conjunction and the square, but there is an additional feeling of compromise or loss (or both). Venus symbolizes the effect of the mother and Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual, and the images are confused. One parent may leave when the person is a child; but even if the loss of a parent doesn't occur, the person feels like a victim between the two parents who are each throwing a different vibration into his developing psyche. What is a man? What is a woman? How does one treat men and women? How does one feel about oneself and one's relationships with members of the opposite sex?

This often represents an individual who has losses in love because the psyche is programmed to lose; this individual may fall in love with someone who is unavailable or with someone who dies or who makes him intensely miserable. The parents removed the objects that the person was attached to during his formative years. The 'love object' may have been a favorite toy or a security blanket, or the affection of one or both of the parents. One parent may have been harsh to the other; one parent may have suppressed the other; the child saw the parents disliking each other in some way. So the image in the psyche carries a message that men and women are against each other - each must make the other compromise in some way.

The ability to love is harshened or lessened, and frequently authority is resented. When Saturn opposes Venus, the father is harsh with the mother because Saturn is a stronger planet than Venus. It makes the person suspicious of his own desires, unnecessarily hard on himself, willing to give up pleasure, and ready to turn away from love.

The mother didn't value herself, and this person will absorb her feelings: women have little value; love can hurt or love can be a harsh experience. This individual grows up to be very cautious about developing relationships, and it is this feeling that makes him look for the love insurance policies that are unattainable. This is the type of personality that doesn't give of itself or gives only of the material self, or one who unconsciously picks someone to love who is taken from him. It seems possible that the psyche of unconscious self of a person with this aspect may not think that he or she deserves to have a longlasting, good relationship.

It's important to understand that there are no bad aspects or awful destinies in astrology, but rather that we tend to seek what we have been programmed for even though the program is unconscious. The psyche is powerful; the power of the subconscious is far stronger than that of the conscious mind. There is no argument going on between the subconscious and the conscious. Once we are able to diagnose an unhealthy program, we can begin to change the way we use the energy and rid ourselves of the negative influence of any energy source that we call an 'aspect'.

18) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (9°29' A) ♄5 | ♅11

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition aspect tends to reflect an inner conflict in you, that of a clash between your personal desires and a possible contributing positive role in society, as represented by the opposition between the personal Mars desires and the more socially orientated Pluto.

You probably require a greater understanding of the nature of personal power, the right application of it to benefit the group rather than to satisfy purely personal aims and desires, especially as you may have the tendency to take advantage of a group's power and influence to further your own ambitions.

Your nature will express a forceful will, which can be experienced by others as aggressiveness, making them avoid too close a contact with you; in fact, you often appear to be quite unaware of your effect on people; and a greater sensitivity to the rights and reality of others is a quality that you could do well to help develop. This would help minimise any negative effect you may have on others, especially those in close relationship to you, whom you often attempt to dominate. Control in an intimate context is attractive to you; and you are likely to have an intense and powerful sexual nature, which at times can lead towards an affinity with forms of potentially violent passion and sexual undertones. You tend to link sex with power as an exaltation of personal force; and this can stimulate certain problems, although some potential partners can find the sheer physicality extremely exciting and provocative. This, plus the psychological manipulation that you attempt, can lead to stormy relations; and you are probably wiser to moderate and discipline your release of energy through a controlled awareness of its impact on others. You may observe that your flow of sexual energy can be erratic and irregular, where your passions are either 'hot' or very 'cold', and you are basically unable to regulate them according to demand or switch them on.

In your home life, you may find problems arising in the spheres of financial management, and power struggles, and on the emotional levels of relationships. You probably find that your emotions are driven by the force of passion and sexual energy, and that you have a lack of real understanding of their nature, as they tend to be swept along on the tide. Perhaps this is why you often demonstrate little awareness of the emotions of others in everyday life, as yours are often held in a state of suspended repression, like waters blocked from following their natural route by a dam wall. If the emotional level was released carefully and consistently in a healthy way, the blocked Pluto energy operating on that level could be freed, and many of your problems would begin to dissolve, leading to personal transformation. This would then adjust the level of force and suppressed violence in you, so that you would deal with your power more positively. This would lead to a clearer perception of self and others, allowing partners more personal freedom through mutual agreement and compromise, rather than your previous imposition of will. Taking such a course could develop also towards greater social involvement, using your energy in positive and creative channels, realising that if you can change from living

mainly to satisfy purely personal desires at the expense of others, then there is the potential for a self-centred violent society to change from exploitation to co-operation and mutual benefit.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars in opposition to Pluto, you have a defiant attitude toward the effects of your aggression. Lacking sufficient control of your energy, you are surprised at the response you stimulate in others. You challenge people to be on the defensive in their dealings with you. You tend to overdramatize your competitors' motives and may even raise unnecessary barriers to protect your own interest. Your actions often cannot be logically justified.

Your intense sexual nature may lead you to form strong alliances, but it may just as easily cause severe rifts in your relationships. If you use your magnetism to gain control over others, you may later find yourself the victim of another's obsession with power. The problem is to determine whether you are motivated by a lust for power and control or whether you should use your energy as a force for social responsibility. You could be spiritually dedicated to making necessary changes in your environment. However, you may encounter powerful forces with the economic advantage to frustrate you in your objectives.

Above all, it is important that you evaluate the positive and negative aspects of any proposition. Consider the values of compromise before taking action. You must carefully judge the effects you hope to achieve and be reasonably certain that you will not deny other people's rights. You will still alienate some persons as you assert yourself. Only you will know if the achievement of your goals justifies this.

You are sure to encounter problems in your personal affairs. It is almost certain there will be problems affecting your marital status if you are too demanding of your mate. Domestic turmoil could result from mismanagement of income, disputes over authority, or extreme jealousy expressed by either of you. You may have some problems concerning an inheritance or credit responsibilities.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle, or the action taken in life, works against the images coming from the unconscious. The aspect indicates that action may be forced; the individual may not be co-operative. Usually hard aspects between Mars and Pluto indicate an individual who avoids groups; who doesn't care for crowds because he feels out of control there. This can cause certain kinds of claustrophobia or ochlophobia.

Some kind of compromise has to take place between the action principle and the sensitivities from the unconscious. The unconscious motivation represents and influence

(or a sensitivity) developed in the early years that will work against constructive action. The difficulty with Mars-Pluto aspects is learning how to control anger; how not to act or react because of anger; how to diffuse the anger when one is out of control.

Before the benefits (the creative action potential) can manifest, the aspect must be understood. Anger is so intense that the individual more often implodes than explodes. This person may not even be conscious of the anger he is shoving down into his personal unconscious. Until the anger is recognised, it can't be rechanneled. Anger is usually caused by hurt feelings and / or fear. The hurts or fears can be handled intellectually; they can be reasoned out. When hurt, fear or anger appears, one can ask 'Why am I hurt? What am I afraid of?' The answers will reflect the needs of the Sun or Moon, plus the signs involved in the Mars-Pluto aspect. The next key will be the Pluto position, for it indicates an unconscious influence.

Once the anger becomes conscious it can be worked out. The power of the aspect shows management ability as well as the potential for creative group action. It's worth the work.

Mars square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects between Mars and Pluto are the most forceful and violent we can have. Everything to do with executive ability, energy, action and the like is combined and intensified. Therefore the fierceness and pugnacity of these aspects can run to extremes, in both a positive and a destructive sense. This is seen in the champion sportsman (especially in those practising pugilistic sports like boxing), but also in criminals. With the hard aspects, we are determined to get the most out of ourselves and out of life by doing something hair-raising (like stunt work), by pushing ourselves to the limit (especially in sports that are physically or mentally demanding), or by pitting ourselves against formidable opposition even without resorting to physical violence (as seen in that indefatigable exponent of passive resistance, Mahatma Gandhi). We are fascinated by challenges and fights, physical or mental (or a combination of both), and can never have enough of them. Too many of them weary us, but we seem unable to ignore them.

We are always eager to prove ourselves; and this makes us opponents to reckon with in politics, sport, etc.. With the energy of the tense aspects, we fight hard, provoke controversy, and seem to enjoy throwing ourselves into the fray. The danger with these aspects is that we can be too hard on ourselves and others, to the point of cruelty. However, if the rest of the chart indicates gentler tendencies, we confine ourselves to holding our own. The more drastic the situation, the grimmer and more purposeful we

become. The ability to work under great strain is outstanding.

Obstinacy, energy, craving for power, and desire to succeed are great, and can make us impervious to what others want and think. We go our own way in spite of everything. But obduracy can bring us into risky situations, so we do need to be careful.

19) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°40' S) ☾ 11 | ♄ 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.

20) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°24' S) ♀1 | ♀11

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Venus to the Ascendant shows that you strive to maintain harmonious relations with everyone you contact. You are inclined to make substantial concessions if it seems to be the only way to resolve a situation. A peacemaker by nature, you often try to smooth out the difficulties people have in reaching an amicable relationship. When you have a difference of opinion with someone, you tend to give that person the benefit of the doubt. You feel that if that person is wrong, he will eventually realize it. You don't push your views on others, preferring to find some basis for compromise.

You know what you want out of life, and you express that conviction freely. Not being a deceitful person, you consider it best to disclose that you intend to do whatever is necessary to realize your goals. Because you are somewhat timid, however, people don't really expect that you will go to great lengths to satisfy your desires. Above all, you want security in your later years, and your plans are geared to that objective.

In your career, you try to do everything that is expected of you, but you should refrain from becoming too familiar with your co-workers or superiors. You are too easy-going and indulgent for your own good, and this encourages others to try to take advantage of you.

Basically an honorable person, you prefer to operate within the law at all times. You dread the thought of becoming involved in an uncomfortable legal situation that would disturb the general harmony of your life. But be alert to the danger of becoming implicated in the legal problems of close associates, which could prove costly to you. There are times when giving others the benefit of the doubt can be a liability. On the

whole, however, your relations with people are compatible, and any problems that develop can be settled to your mutual satisfaction through compromise.

Venus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Venus and the Ascendant, people find us well-balanced, and friendly, and we play an important part in keeping the peace and healing rifts. Social contacts appeal to us, and we like events that are bright and entertaining; so much so that we tend to ignore the serious side of life. We are adroit at working on people's emotions.

Although every Venus / Ascendant aspect is potentially creative and artistic, the harmonious aspects discourage industry, and Venus tends to produce a superficial approach. Sloth, self-indulgence and a liking for luxury are as much a part of the picture with the harmonious aspects as they are with the conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a trine or sextile from Venus to the Ascendant easily attain their affectional needs, for their persona manifests traits similar to that which they appreciate in general.

21) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°02' S) ♎1 | ♎11

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Jupiter to the Ascendant shows that you are enthusiastic in everything you do and optimistic that you will succeed. You enjoy meeting people, and your cheerful outlook on life makes you popular with your many acquaintances. You stimulate those you deal with to support your endeavors, and they co-operate whenever they can. You are generous with your possessions and always ready to lend a helping hand to those who need assistance. On many subjects, you can speak with authority because you are often as well informed as professionals in the field. You strive for excellence at all times and admire that quality in others as well.

People are generally impressed with the extent of your knowledge. With your depth of understanding, you are able to advise others in their affairs, for which they are usually grateful. You communicate well and express yourself eagerly in matters that are of great interest to you. Communications could be a rewarding medium for you; writing, public speaking, or education would be excellent outlets for your creative talents. You are also a good listener, realizing that continued growth depends on absorbing as much

additional information as possible. Although you realize that you can never know everything, you intend to be as well-informed as possible.

It is difficult for you to say 'no' when someone asks for help. But you occasionally try to do more than you should, so try to relax more frequently. You think of rest only as a last alternative to the many interests that hold your attention. In your eagerness to serve the needs of others, you tend to burn the candle at both ends.

You will always succeed in a partnership enterprise because you make such a heavy investment to assure its success. You don't shirk your responsibilities and may at times volunteer to make up for someone else's inability to do his share.

Jupiter trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Ascendant have much the same effects as the conjunction. We radiate cheerfulness, optimism and cordiality, and cultivate a wide circle of acquaintances. When Jupiter, with its gift for improving and remedying, is in easy relationship with the Ascendant, we like to be helpful to others - not in a subservient way, but out of simple kindness. 'People are entitled to be themselves' is our motto. Love of freedom and the need to be able to develop freely are two of our prominent characteristics.

Although, even with the easy aspects, we have a tendency to lecture and moralize, we generally manage to do it in a manner that others can accept without being offended. We enjoy propagating ideals and a vision of the future, and like talking about the things that enthuse us - particularly those that widen our horizons, either literally by travel, or metaphorically by immersion in philosophical or general human concerns.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with the sextile or trine relate to others by using a similar energy to that of the Ascendant. They tend to open up (Jupiter) in a manner complementary to the persona they have put forth.

22) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ☿ **Uranus** - (3°47' A) ♃8 | ☿6

(Robert Hand)

With this aspect, you want to be independent and to find a lifestyle and life work that are unique and yours alone. While you are young, others will consider your interests quite

unusual, especially for someone your age. You may be particularly interested in a technical or scientific field, and in fact when you are an adult you may choose a career in such a field. This aspect may also indicate an interest in the occult or in offbeat philosophies. You do not feel obligated or held back by tradition. You seek to carve your own niche in life, and in the course of doing so, you may come up with some rather original and even daring ideas. At some time in your life, you may even make a totally new discovery.

You may prefer to be alone much of the time, not because you can't get along with people, but because you prefer to be free to program your own time. Other people may keep you from doing this, so that you feel you cannot accomplish what you need to.

You are likely to identify yourself as being different from others, because you feel that if you are just like everyone else, you are less of a person. Everyone follows some kind of pattern in order to feel unique, and yours is simply to be different.

You are capable of working with others as long as you feel that you share common goals. In fact, you can work very hard for a belief in something higher than yourself, usually a belief that is radical or unusual.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives exceptional talent in the native's chosen profession and in capturing the support of people in prominent positions. Friends help further his professional advancement. When combined with other favorable influences, this configuration signifies a successful political career.

It also helps the natives create their own distinctive domestic environment. They often entertain friends at home. One or both of the parents may be unusual.

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.

23) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Sextile** ♁ **North-Node** - (0°09' A) ☿11 | ♆1

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the ability to exert a transforming influence on social trends, customs, events, and institutions. There is a penetrating awareness of the motivating forces behind social institutions and cultural attitudes. For someone involved in politics, this is a favorable aspect to have. The natives know how to manipulate the hopes and fears of their societies. Whether this skill is used selfishly or altruistically depends on the rest of the horoscope.

(Donna van Toen)

Here there's ability to make tremendous efforts towards growth and ability to perform very difficult tasks by using all available discipline. Yet opportunities for growth may not be taken, and these abilities may lie dormant. Often the person participates in group or mass goal achievement to the detriment of personal growth.

Pluto trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The urge to seek contacts or associations with many people, the wish to become a public figure or to exercise an influence upon other people. The beginning of new associations which may possibly be important with regard to one's future.

(Bernice Grebner)

Even the good aspects to Pluto can be separative, but the separation is for the good of the nodal axis growth, and this can be interpreted by sign and house. It denotes force and depth. There can be great success in the occult and in delving into the mysteries of life after death. Here, too, is the person who has a great awareness of the rejuvenating

power of sex; one who can deal with the beauty of sex in a positive way.

24) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♅ Pluto** - (4°20' S) ♈8 | ♄11

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you will have to make a special effort to get along with people. You must make it clear that you not try to fulfill your goals in life at their expense, and that you will not allow them to take advantage of you either. A very ambitious person, in youth you probably picture yourself as being quite important when you are older. This can be a very constructive attitude, but it will be difficult to achieve your ambition unless you are able to get along with others, to give them a constructive part in your goals. Also it is very important that you play the game of life honorably and adhere to high ethical standards. You don't need to worry that doing so will be dull, because whatever you get involved in, you make it exciting and powerful.

You have a strong desire to bring about change in your world, and you may want to be a reformer and rebuild. However, you should not try to get power simply for its own sake. You have to use the energies of Pluto for a purpose higher than yourself. It is perfectly permissible to be personally rewarded by your work - you do not have to be totally self-denying - but personal gain should not be your principal motivation.

A born psychologist, you should be able to gain great insight into human behavior. But again, you must not use this knowledge for personal gain or to manipulate others. Eventually you may choose a profession that will use this knowledge.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the desire to transform existing conditions can cause conflict with employers, immediate superiors, parents and families, constituted government authority, or landlords.

When the natives are at odds with their employers it is probably because they feel they know a better way of doing the job or because they want more power in the decision-making process. When their revolutionary tendencies are directed against the government and social institutions, they can incur official disfavor.

If they are in positions of domestic or professional authority, they may display autocratic or dictatorial traits, which will usually cause disharmony.

Pluto square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven are particularly powerful in their effects. Friendly though we may otherwise be, there is something about us that warns others off trying to take advantage of us. Whenever we give vent to irritation, we should bear in mind that the Plutonian energy we radiate will make us sound much harder than we suppose, and that we can really upset people or drive them into such a tight corner that they feel compelled to strike back.

With the disharmonious aspects, we have an enormous need to prove ourselves and to keep a grip on ourselves and our surroundings come what may. If we are not careful, we shall turn into slave drivers. Obviously, this will lead to power struggles, especially over social and business status. The tense aspects make us pugnacious and we are likely, sooner or later, to attack the things that displease us. Once again, caution is advisable. Pluto always goes hand in hand with tremendous intensity; and, in the hard aspects, it is difficult to adjust this intensity to the desired effect. Consequently, it may prove to be destructive rather than constructive.

Inquisitiveness is well-developed, but we do not always know how to control it. Thus we can catch someone on the hop with a completely tactless question, and surprise him into blurting out the answer. But, very often, this method leads to confrontations, although, with Pluto / Midheaven conflicts, we generally ferret out what we want to know. Also, it is quite common for us to use knowledge indiscreetly or at the wrong moment; and, given certain other indications in the horoscope, we could divert knowledge to bad ends by being manipulative.

When we begin any task, it is with complete dedication - maybe too much dedication. We might even undermine our efforts by an all-or-nothing attitude. Others do not always understand this lack of give-and-take, even when we are obviously being well-intentioned, because they simply cannot see why we should get so het up about things.

Nevertheless, we have great perseverance combined with enormous energy and love of action - all flowing from a need for power and recognition. If we learned to channel energy a little better, we could relaly move mountains. Then it would take an exceptional opponent to stop us.

25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☽ **Moon** - (6°43' A) ♏8 | ♎12

(Robert Hand)

You become so attached emotionally to objects as well as people that you tend to think of them almost as part of yourself. This will make you a very caring and loving person in relationships, especially as you get older, but you may try to be overprotective and possessive also. Don't try to limit the freedom of those you love, because you could drive

them away. While you are young, you probably enjoy taking care of pets and even wild animals that need help.

You like to be surrounded by familiar objects that remind you of the past, which is very important to you. Also you may enjoy owning old things, which could mean that later in life you will collect antiques. Certainly you would prefer a home that has some sense of the past, that seems tied to a tradition. Objects and buildings that are shiny and new do not attract you as much.

When you are older, owning and taking care of land may be very important, because it makes you feel that you have roots, which you need very much. You may be interested in gardening or farming.

This aspect could mean that you tend to collect objects simply for the sake of having things around you. This habit could clutter up your life in more ways than one. Taking care of a lot of extra things could control your life and limit your freedom of movement. It could also distract you from doing things that will help you grow. You need to learn as soon as possible that real security does not come from having material possessions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration favors professional success through the ability to deal with the public and to adapt to the emotional reactions of people in positions of authority, as well as with all who affect the natives' careers.

The security engendered by this aspect creates the opportunity of establishing a secure, harmonious domestic situation. This is further facilitated through emotional sensitivity toward the home and family members.

Moon trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious Moon / MC aspects, the person is very sensitive to the part played by others in his or her life, and especially to attitudes and feelings directed toward him or her. Usually, however, he or she gets on well with people and gives the impression of being calm and collected. Because the search for peace and safety (Moon) does not create conflicts in the outside world, he or she naturally tends to feel at ease. So this person is quick to lend a hand in situations that are emotionally difficult, and to do whatever can be done for people. In essence, he or she wants to fit in socially.

Changeability is not so marked as in the conjunction. Any Moon / MC aspect will indicate

some desire for change and variety, but with the harmonious ones this is less of an obsession and the person is more prepared to wait for the right moment. As already mentioned, this individual is often very supportive. In addition, because the Moon stands for the female principle, the person can also benefit from feminine support on more than one occasion.

26) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (6°42' A) ♃5 | ♎1

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This trine to the Sun includes a sextile of the South Node to the Sun. Interpretation of the aspect must take that factor into consideration.

This aspect has almost the same meaning as Sun sextile North Node, except that a different house is emphasized. However, these natives are more intellectually directed.

There will be dramatic creativity, expressed within the bounds of the traditional social customs and patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides good popularity, personal elevation and execution of proper ego for that individual. Circumstantial assistance in getting recognized in the world is noticed. Strong foundation and establishment of identity is done by the help of the 'father-figure' in life. Success in the public life or even in politics is seen. During your recent life, you have been well recognized for your assistance to others. As a result, in this life repayment is done to you to get somewhere, no matter where you start in life. Optimistic attitudes and open goals are quite common for them.

(Donna Van Toen)

A motivation to grow. A search for growth that involves seeking out people who'll encourage physical, creative or emotional development. A need to progress socially, monetarily or creatively stimulates the desire to grow.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptation, preference for associations and for team-work, the search for intellectual contacts. Physical associations, intellectual cooperation, union with the husband. Shared experiences. Relationship with the public. Sun square or opposition North Node: A disharmonious attitude towards living or working together with others. The termination of associations.

27) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ♄ **Mercury** - (1°35' A) ♎1 | ♊6

(Robert Pelletier)

Mercury inconjunct the Ascendant shows that you try hard to understand the people with whom you are involved. If you have to confront them in a challenging situation, you make a supreme effort to give them the benefit of the doubt. You tend to submit without resistance, assuming that others know more about themselves than you do. More often than not, however, your evaluation and conclusions about people are right, which may make them uncomfortable.

Wanting to win approbation as a sensible person with good reasoning ability, you are crushed when people don't take you seriously and dismiss you with a wave of the hand. You are serious about your continued development and growth. A 'jack-of-alltrades' and master of most of them, you are a good learner and an equally good teacher. You never stop learning, and you strive for excellence in everything you do. Although you may work efficiently, you may talk too much on the job and annoy those working closest to you. You despise being constantly asked what you are doing and why. But you love it when someone needs your help in learning how to do something. You don't know yourself as well as you know others. You worry over matters that can't be changed, and if someone tries to draw you into a discussion of your shortcomings, you quickly divert the conversation to other topics. Your friends admire you for your talents, and your superiors realize that you have a sharp intellect. There are few questions you can't answer, even though you may not have received a higher education. You like to indulge in nostalgic memories of days past, remembering them with good feelings. Keenly aware of the power of money, you have planned carefully for security in your later years. Pension plans and regular savings are as important to you as earning a living now.

You should take frequent restful vacations to slow down and relax. You are easily keyed up by the pressure of your daily concerns, so you should get away from them periodically.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty of the inconjunct is beyond our control, and it gnaws at us whenever we make contact with the people around us. We are not good at expressing ourselves, and we tend to say things at the wrong moment. This causes trouble, and the reactions of others can make us wonder why we are the way we are. The reason is that our approach (the Ascendant) is so completely different from the way in which we naturally think about things and would like to speak of them to others (Mercury) that we become hesitant and nervous. The stress of the inconjunct is felt in the thought-life, and we find it hard to relax. Quite often, owing to an inner compulsion to think and communicate, we become very proficient at thinking and communicating. But first we have to get down to the root of our unrest.

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